

Ambient Cave Cowl



Many people think of caves as being cold but most caves in the UK have an ambient temperature of 11C or 52F. This cowl has been designed to utilise those numbers. The pattern is an 11 stitch repeat and is cast on over 52 stitches; it is also 11 stitches high. I think that the pattern looks like hills with little caves peaking out



This cowl is super quick to knit so would make an ideal last minute gift or if there is a sudden cold blast and you want something to keep your neck warm. It is knitted back and forth and not in the round but could be easily converted to 'in the round' if you wish. The cowl can be buttoned (like the blue one) to fasten at the front or you can use pop studs or magnetic studs to fasten the cowl at the back if you choose (like the grey version).

Materials

- For Blue version: 60g super chunky / super bulky- Wendy Serenity Chunky was used
- For Grey version: 64g - 2 strands of chunky / bulky yarn held together – Hayfield chunky with Wool was used and produces a slightly more dense fabric
- Needles: 9mm (US13) or size to obtain gauge – straights or circulars as maximum number of stitches on needles is 52.
- 2 buttons or 2 pop studs (snaps) or 2 magnetic clasps or you could use a shawl pin
- Large eye needle for weaving in the ends

Gauge

For blue 5 stitches over 5cm (2"). For grey 4.5 stitches over 5cm (2") in stocking stitch
Row gauge is less important

Abbreviations

slp1 Slip one stitch purlwise with the yarn at the front
k Knit
p Purl
yo Yarn over
ktbl Knit through the back loop
SSKPO Slip stitch knitwise, slip stitch knitwise, knit these 2 together through the back, pass stitch back onto left needle, pass 2nd stitch over stitch just moved then slip stitch back onto right needle – 1 stitch made from 3
P2tog Purl 2 stitches together

Measurements

Design finished sizes (after very minimal blocking)

Blue: 50cm by 14cm (20" x 5.5")

Grey: 55cm by 13cm (21.5" x 5")

But these may stretch slightly with wear so you could drop a needle size if your yarn is very soft or lofty.

The Written Pattern

Buttonholes are added at the end of chart rows 4 and 10 but please leave them out if you are planning on using pop studs or another means of closing the cowl. Or you could even sew the ends closed and pull the cowl over your head to wear it.

Cast on 52 stitches using your preferred cast on but try to keep it loose

Knit 3 rows of stocking stitch starting with a knit row – slip the first stitch purlwise with the yarn at the front and knit the last stitch through the back of the loop to make a neat edge

Lace pattern begins – Chart begins

Row 1 (RS) - Sl1p, p1, k1, p1, *p1, yo, k3, SSKPO, k3, yo, p1*: repeat from * another 3 times (4 times in total), p1, k1, p1, ktbl

Row 2 (WS) – Sl1p, p1, k1, p1, *k1, p9, k1*: repeat from * another 3 times (4 times in total), p1, k1, p1, Ktbl

Row 3 - Sl1p, p1, k1, p1, *p1, k1, yo, k2, SSKPO, k2, yo, k1, p1*: repeat from * another 3 times, p1, k1, p1, ktbl

Button Hole Row - Row 4 – Sl1p, p1, k1, p1, *k1, p9, k1*: repeat from * another 3 times, p1, yo, p2tog, ktbl

Row 5 - Sl1p, p1, k1, p1, *p1, k2, yo, k1, SSKPO, k1, yo, k2, p1*: repeat from * another 3 times, p1, k1, p1, ktbl

Row 6 - Sl1p, p1, k1, p1, *k1, p9, k1*: repeat from * another 3 times, p1, k1, p1, ktbl

Row 7 - Sl1p, p1, k1, p1, *p1, k3, yo, SSKPO, yo, k3, p1*: repeat from * another 3 times, p1, k1, p1, ktbl

Row 8 - Sl1p, p1, k1, p1, *k1, p9, k1*: repeat from * another 3 times, p1, k1, p1, ktbl

Row 9- Sl1p, p1, k1, p1, *p1, yo, k3, SSKPO, k3, yo, p1*: repeat from * another 3 times, p1, k1, p1, ktbl

Button Hole Row - Row 10 – Sl1p, p1, k1, p1, *k1, p9, k1*: repeat from * another 3 times, p1, yo, p2tog, ktbl

Row 11 - Sl1p, p1, k1, p1, *p1, k1, yo, k2, SSKPO, k2, yo, k1, p1*: repeat from * another 3 times, p1, k1, p1, ktbl

Starting with a knit row, knit 3 or 6 rows of stocking stitch - slip the first stitch purlwise with the yarn at the front and knit the last stitch through the back of the loop to make a neat edge

Cast off loosely and weave in ends

Wash and lightly block if you wish but it can be worn without blocking, then sew on the buttons or closings and wear to face the coldest weather

The Charted Pattern

Edge					Repeat										Edge				
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					11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1				

Symbol	Abbreviation	Meaning
	s1pw	Slip 1 purlwise with yarn in front
*	P	Purl
	K	Knit
O	YO	Yarn over
#	SSKPO	Slip 1 knitwise, slip 1 knitwise, knit these 2 together, place stitch onto left needle, pass 2nd stitch over stitch just made, pass stitch back onto right needle – 3 stitches become 1
<	ktb	Knit through the back loop
^	P2tog	Purl 2 stitches together to make one stitch



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