

Rhinebeck or Bust Capelet

The question was innocent enough: “What’s everyone knitting for Rhinebeck?” Knitting? For Rhinebeck? Of course—why did I think of that? It’s a fiber festival, after all. But what to knit, especially for an outdoor festival in the northeast in mid-October, when temperatures can range from the 30s to the 80s...sometimes all in the same day?

After some thought, some swatching, and a lot of trial and error, I came up with a capelet, hat, and wrister set that should serve me in cool afternoons at the fairgrounds or cold nights out with the girls.





Size: Adult (knit to fit)*

Finished Measurements:*

Length: 20"

Bottom circumference: 118"

Materials:

Three Irish Girls Carys BFL – 4 skeins*

Size US9 circular needle

Tapestry needle

Waste yarn

Gauge: 16 sts = 4" in garter stitch

*This is more of a recipe than a pattern. The capelet is knit from the top down and is intended to be customized to the wearer. Therefore, the measurements for the finished capelet and the number of skeins used are only a guide.

Since I only had a limited amount of time before Rhinebeck (and plenty of other things I wanted to knit), I needed something that was easy and quick. It also had to be an item that would be warm but not too warm, and which would be easy to wear and to remove. So I decided on a lacy capelet knit with worsted weight yarn...and couldn't find one! Out came my stitch guides...

Open Honeycomb Stitch

(Modified from Barbara Walker's *A Treasury of Knitting Patterns*, p. 152)

Round 1 (RS) – Purl

Round 2 – Knit

Round 3 – *YO, k2tog tbl, rep from * to end of round

Round 4 – Knit

Instructions

Cast on 86** stitches. Place marker (PM) and join in a round, being careful not to twist.

**The number of cast on stitches can be increased or decreased for a better fit, or to knit for a child, as desired, as long as an even number of stitches is used.

Round 1 – Knit

Round 2 – Purl

Round 3 – Knit

Set up for raglan increases:

Round 4 – p15, PM, p1, PM, p11, PM, p1, PM, p30, PM, p1, PM, p11, PM, p1, PM, p15 (the markers indicate where raglan increases will be done)

Round 5 – *Knit to marker, YO, slip marker (SM), k1, SM, YO, rep from * to end of round (note: do NOT YO at the marker indicating the end of the round)

Round 6 – Purl around, slipping markers as you reach them

Repeat rounds 5 & 6 for 2”, ending with a knit row

Begin lace pattern

Round 1 – Purl

Round 2 – Knit, continuing raglan increases as above

Round 3 – *YO, K2tog tbl, rep from * to end of round (note: stitch markers will need to be moved to allow for the K2tog tbl; ensure one stitch center on the raglan increase lines stays between the markers)

Round 4 – Rep round 2

Continue lace pattern with increases until capelet is at desired width and drape – it can be as loose or as snug as you like, as long as it fits over your bust and upper arms with enough room to move. Place the stitches on waste yarn as needed to try on for fit.

Once at desired width, continue lace pattern as given in the beginning of the pattern, without raglan increases (removing markers for increases as you come to them) until 2” from desired length (end with round 4 of the lace pattern).

Knit in garter stitch, beginning with a purl row, for 2”. Bind off loosely and weave in ends.