



Fishtail Braid Cowl

Materials

2 skeins (1 each of 2 colors) Misti Alpaca Best of Nature (109 yards, 100 grams per hank), or equivalent yardage of Chunky wt. Yarn, US 19, 24" circular needle, a stitch marker, & a blunt tapestry needle.

Gauge

16 st. to 4 in. in pattern

Finished Size

11 inches wide and 30 inches around

Terms

k2tog – knit two stitches together

k2tog tbl – knit two stitches together through the back loops

Pattern

With Color A (whichever color you wish to begin with), cast on 120 stitches. On the first round you will join your knitting in the round, being careful not to twist the stitches. Place marker.

Round one – *K2tog and slip the first stitch only off the needle, leaving the second stitch on the left needle. Repeat from * around to last stitch. Slip last stitch to right needle, remove marker, replace st onto left needle, k2tog and slip first st only off the needle. Replace marker.

Switch to Color B, but do not cut Color A. You will carry each color up, switching as needed.

Round two - *K2tog tbl and slip the first stitch only off the needle, leaving the second stitch on the left needle. Repeat from * around to last stitch. Slip last stitch to right needle, remove marker, replace st onto left needle, k2tog tbl and slip first st only off the needle. Replace marker.

Work Round one with Color B, then switch to Color A and work a Round two, then a Round A again. In this way you will work two rounds of each color, switching colors for 31 rounds.

Bind off in pattern – K2tog tbl and slip the first stitch off the needle – 2 x, pass the first stitch on right needle over and off. * K2tog tbl and slip the first stitch off the needle, pass the first stitch on right needle over and off. Repeat from * until 2 stitches remain. K2tog tbl and bind off last stitch. Cut yarn and pull it through last stitch.

Weave in the ends, and lightly block.

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