Sara's Fairisle Cowl

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I love knitting cowls. I love gifting knits. So it only stands to reason that I would love gifting cowls.

This cowl was designed on the fly for my good friend, Sara. It is hand-knit (she is crafty), uses up leftover sock yarn (she is practical), and the subtle variegations in color between the greens and golds are gorgeous (as is she).

This is also a great fair-isle project for beginners since it is basically just a big swatch.

Materials:

Yarn: Main Color: 130 yds Dream in Color Smooshy "Spring Tickle"

Contrast: 75 yds Miss Babs Yummy Superwash Sock "Sunflower"

Needles: US size 2 circular 40", used magic loop technique

(Alternatively you could use a shorter circular or double-pointed needles)

Stitch marker

Tapestry needle for weaving in ends

Gauge: not really crucial, about 16 sts and 20 rows over 2"

Abbreviations:

CC: contrasting color

K: knit

MC: main color

P: purl

PM: place marker

rnd: round

Pattern:

Cast on 144 loosely (or other multiple of 8 to fit gauge).

PM and join.

K 17 rnds MC, K 2 rnds CC, K 5 rnds MC.

Work Rnds 1 and 2 of Chart A:

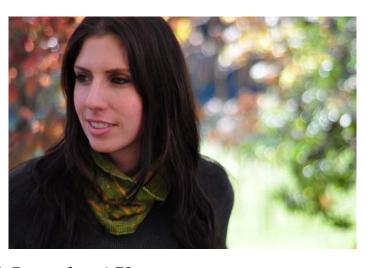
Rnd 1: *K2 in CC, K2 in MC, P2, K2 in MC. Repeat from * 18x.

Rnd 2: same as Rnd 1.

K 5 rnds MC, K2 rnds CC, K 5 rnds MC.

Work Rnds 1-5 of Chart B:

Rnd 1, 3, and 5: *K1 in MC, K1 in CC. Repeat from * 72x.



Rnds 2 and 4: *K1 in CC, K1 in MC. Repeat from * 72x.

K 5 rnds MC, K2 rnds CC, K 5 rnds MC.

Work rnds 1-5 of Chart B as previous.

K 5 rnds MC, K2 rnds CC, K 5 rnds MC.

Work rnds 1 and 2 of Chart A as previous.

K 5 rnds MC, K 2 rnds CC, K 17 rnds MC.

Bind off loosely.

Block and weave in ends.

Fairisle Charts:

Chart A

Knit - Purl CC

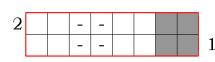
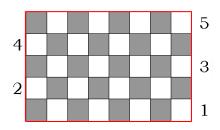
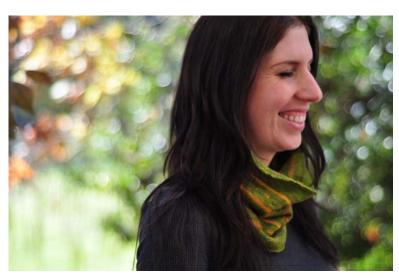


Chart B





^{*}Model pictured is unfortunately not Sara. Special thanks to future sister-in-law for standing in.

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