

Penmanship Cowl

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PENMANSHIP COWL is a sophisticated and elegant lace-and-cable cowl. It's a quick and interesting knit for those brisk evenings out on the town or under a conservative coat on your chilly commute to the office.

Suitable for ADVENTUROUS BEGINNER

SKILLS USED

- Knitting in the round
- Cabling
- Decreasing
- Working from a chart

YARN

2 skeins Blue Sky Alpacas Sport Weight [100% baby alpaca] – 110 yds /50g skein – color 539 (Capri) *OR*

165 yards sport weight yarn

NEEDLES & NOTIONS

- Size 5 (3.75mm) circular needle, 16" long OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE
- stitch marker
- tapestry needle

I remember Mrs. Falsone, the 4th grade teacher who stood at the board in front the classroom and wrote in her flawless handwriting, demonstrating proper letter formation. The Penmanship Cowl evokes the perfect curlicues of her cursive writing, complete with the dots to show you where to begin and end



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FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Circumference = 18" (unstretched) Length = 6"

GAUGE

34 sts and 37 rows = 4"/10 cm over Lace and Cable (Chart B)

COWL

Cast on 156 sts. Join to work in round. Place marker for beg of round. Work Chart A two times.

Work Chart B once. Then work Chart C once.

Repeat * to *. Then work Chart B once more.

Work Chart A two times. [56 rows total]

Bind off all sts loosely. Weave in loose ends.

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Chart Key

purl

yarn-over

k2tog (knit 2 together)

ssk (slip, slip, knit)

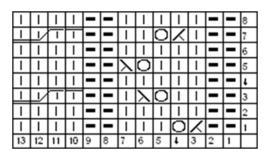
^{**}Right Cross (RC) [slip 2 sts to cable needle, hold at back of work, knit 2, knit 2 from cable needle]

PATTERN STITCHES

<u>Chart A—Cabled Rib</u> (multiple of 13 sts) RNDS 1, 2 and 4 – *P2, k2, p1, k2, p2, k4; rep from *. RND 3 – *P2, k2, p1, k2, p2, Right Cross (RC)++; rep from *.

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<u>Chart B—Lace & Cable</u> (multiple of 13 sts) RND 1 – *P2, k2tog, yo, k3, p2, k4; rep from *. RND 2 and all even rounds – *P2, k5, p2, k4; rep from *. RND 3 – *P2, k2, yo, ssk, k1, p2, RC; rep from *. RND 5 – *P2, k3, yo, ssk, p2, k4; rep from *. RND 7 – *P2, k1, k2tog, yo, k2, p2, RC; rep from *.



<u>Chart C—Lace</u> (multiple of 13 sts) RND 1 – *P2, k2tog, yo, k3, p2, k4; rep from *. RND 2 and all even rounds – *P2, k5, p2, k4; rep from *. RND 3 – *P2, k2, yo, ssk, k1, p2, k4; rep from *. RND 5 – *P2, k3, yo, ssk, p2, k4; rep from *. RND 7 – *P2, k1, k2tog, yo, k2, p2, k4; rep from *.

