

Lowell Cowl

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Classic Elite Yarns

The Yarn

Silky Alpaca Lace

70% Alpaca,
30% Silk

Silky Alpaca Lace is a beautiful blend of fibers, spun into a gossamer yarn that knits into amazing lightweight pieces.

The alpaca in this yarn provides warmth and a soft halo; the silk adds a subtle sheen to the knitted stitches. Worked in lace with larger needles, Silky Alpaca Lace makes lovely, light-as-air shawls, garments and accessories.

The Pattern

Skill Level: Easy

SIZES: One size

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: 12" tall and 44" circumference

YARN:

Silky Alpaca Lace by **Classic Elite**
(70% alpaca, 30% silk; 50 gram ball = approx 440 yards)

Version one (browns)

Color A: 2 balls 2416 French Vanilla

Color B: 2 balls 2406 Blithe

Version two (greys)

Color A: 2 balls 2403 Cloud Grey

Color B: 2 balls 2424 Slate

NEEDLES AND OTHER MATERIALS:

Circular knitting needle (24") in size US 7 (4.5 mm) **or size to obtain gauge.**

Stitch marker

GAUGE: 18 sts and 36 rows = 4" in Garter St; 20 sts and 36 rows = 4" in Mistake Rib, slightly stretched, with yarn doubled. **Take time to save time, check your gauge.**



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ABBREVIATIONS:

approx: approximately
beg: begin(ing)
BO: bind off
CO: cast on
k: knit
meas: measure(s)
p: purl
pc: piece
rep: repeat
rnd(s): round(s)
st(s): stitch(es)

PATTERN STITCHES:

Mistake Rib:

(multiple of 4 sts; 2 rnd rep)

Rnd 1: *K2, p2; rep from *.

Rnd 2: K1, *p2, k2; rep from * to last 3 sts, p2, k1.

Rep rnds 1 and 2 for Mistake Rib.

Circular Garter Stitch (Gtr St):

Rnd 1: Knit.

Rnd 2: Purl.

Rep rnds 1 and 2 for Gtr St.



NOTE:

For a taller cowl, work Gtr St section until cowl meas approx 4" shorter than desired height (you may require more yarn).

COWL

With two strands of Color A held together, CO 220 sts. Place marker for beg-of-rnd and join to beg working in-the-rnd, being careful not to twist sts. **Begin Mistake Rib** and work until pc meas approx 4" (unstretched) from beg. **Switch to Gtr St:** with one strand of Color A and one strand of Color B held together, work Gtr St for approx 4". **Switch to Mistake Rib:** with two strands of Color B held together. Work Mistake Rib for approx 4". BO loosely in Mistake Rib patt.

FINISHING

Block pc to measurements.

From The Designer

I always tell my customers that you can never have enough cowls. If you live in a cold climate like I do, you probably have 175 days worth of wearing cowls. My goal is to have a different cowl for each of those days. Not only are they warm but they can also be worn as a fashion statement. And since I travel around New York City my color scheme is neutral. It has to go with black.

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