

K-W's 40TH ANNIVERSARY:

FACETTED COWL

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Designed to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the Kitchener-Waterloo Knitters' Guild, this cowl features faceted shapes worked in simple knit and purl stitches. Instructions are included for two sizes—adult and child—but the cowl's reversible stitch pattern is easily adjusted for additional sizes. Two different hem styles are featured, and notes are provided to help you substitute other edge patterns to personalize your project.

Choose red, like the sample—the traditional gift for a fortieth anniversary is ruby, after all—or the colour that best complements your winter wardrobe.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

- Adult: 57 cm circumference x 24.75 cm tall [22.5" x 9.75"]
- Child: 44.5 cm circumference x 18.75 cm tall [17.5" x 7.4"]

MATERIALS

- ESTELLE YARNS' *Estelle Worsted*
 - 50% acrylic, 40% wool, 10% nylon; 200 m/100 g [218 yds/3.5 oz]
 - 1 skein in Colour #Q61209, "School Uniform," for either size
- 4.0 mm [US 6] needles for working in the round (e.g. double points, 40 cm [16"] circular needle, long circular needle for working magic loop), or size needed to obtain recommended tension
- rust-proof tools for blocking (optional—samples were steam-blocked)
- tapestry needle for weaving in ends

TENSION: approximately 20 sts x 34 rows = 10 cm [4"] in faceted stitch pattern, blocked

ABBREVIATIONS

k = knit

p = purl



This child's cowl goes immediately into the faceted stitch pattern after the cast-on, and is 66 rounds (11 pattern repeats) in height.

NOTES

- Work the faceted stitch pattern from the written instructions or the chart.
- Instructions are given first for the small size. Where changes are necessary for the larger size, those instructions follow in parentheses.
- To change the size of the cowl, cast on more or fewer stitches in multiples of 10 stitches. Work to the height you desire. For example, a long, necklace-style cowl could be quite attractive with a 112 cm [44"] circumference and a 15 cm [6"] height. **Changing the size of the cowl will affect the amount of yarn needed to complete your project.**
- Double chain cast-on and bind-off methods were used for the samples. This creates reversible edges that complement the reversible nature of the faceted stitch pattern. You can find many how-to videos online to learn these techniques; links for two such tutorials follow:
 - <https://nimble-needles.com/stitches/how-to-knit-the-twisted-chain-cast-on/>
 - <https://www.10rowsaday.com/double-chain-bindoff?srsltid=AfmBOoqbw0P3zNms-2e4jbNK-y2BAE3PDzWQi3-awxLDWizwaqXhiJdm>
- Consider other options for the hems of your cowl.
 - Work k1, p1 rib at the beginning and end of your project. Use tubular cast-on and bind-off methods for a clean finish.
 - Knit 3 rounds at the beginning of your project for a rolled edge, then purl 1 round to prevent the curl continuing into the faceted stitch pattern. For the final hem, purl 1 round, then knit 3 rounds before binding off. A knitted cast-on will complement a standard bind-off for a rolled edge.



This adult cowl features 6 rounds of 5 x 5 ribbing for the top and bottom hems, and has a total of 66 rounds (11 pattern repeats) of the faceted stitch pattern.

TO MAKE COWL

CAST ON 80 (110) STITCHES, OR A MULTIPLE OF 10 STITCHES TO ACHIEVE THE CIRCUMFERENCE YOU DESIRE.

WORK 5 x 5 RIBBED HEM AS FOLLOWS.

(OPTIONAL — RIBBED HEM IS SHOWN ON THE ADULT-SIZED SAMPLE.

OR SUBSTITUTE ANOTHER HEM PATTERN, AS DESIRED — SEE NOTES.)

Rnds 1-6: * P5, k5; repeat from * to end of round.

WORK FACETED STITCH PATTERN FOR COWL AS FOLLOWS.

Rnd 1: * K5, p5; repeat from * to end of round.

Rnd 2: * P1, k5, p4; repeat from * to end of round.

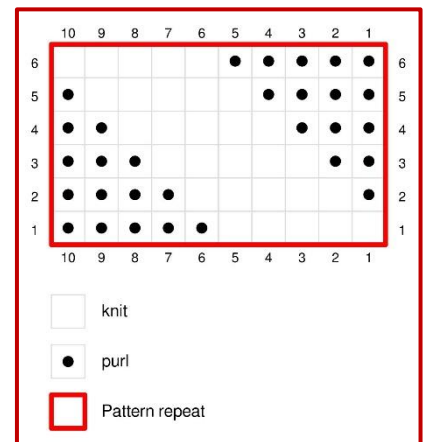
Rnd 3: * P2, k5, p3; repeat from * to end of round.

Rnd 4: * P3, k5, p2; repeat from * to end of round.

Rnd 5: * P4, k5, p1; repeat from * to end of round.

Rnd 6: * P5, k5; repeat from * to end of round.

Repeat these 6 rounds 10 times more, or until piece reaches desired height.



WORK 5 x 5 RIBBED HEM AS FOLLOWS.

(OPTIONAL — RIBBED HEM IS SHOWN ON THE ADULT-SIZED SAMPLE. OR SUBSTITUTE ANOTHER HEM PATTERN, AS DESIRED — SEE NOTES.)

Rnds 1-6: * K5, p5; repeat from * to end of round.

BIND OFF ALL STITCHES.

FINISH AS FOLLOWS.

Weave in loose ends. Block as desired.