

Spring Wrapture

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I've spent years searching for the perfect wrap. I've knit scarves and shawls, cowls and hoods and still couldn't find the perfect cozy accessory that would warm my head, neck or shoulders. Scarves couldn't adapt well to covering my ears. Hats were just...hats. Cowls left my poor shoulders shivering.

Shawls came the closest meeting my demands, but no matter how I twisted them, they always seemed to end up slipping off my shoulders into a puddle at my feet.



What I needed was a shawl that would not slither off of my body; a cowl that do more than warm my neck, a hat that was much more than just a hat. I looked at some of the infinity shawl patters I found, but I really didn't need fancy, twisted stuff to tangle around me. I wanted a basic round reversible wrap match that perfect one bouncing about in my head.

So I finally designed my own.



You can wear this wrap around your shoulders, doubled around your neck, twisted to cover your neck and head, snuggled around your dog or however else you see fit. The key is – it's versatile, reversible and warm.



YARN: Jojoland Melody (4 skeins)

NEEDLES: size 2, 36" circular needles

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: 55" around, after blocking

GAUGE (in pattern stitch): 50 stitches = 8.75"; 20 rows = 1.5" (1"=5.7 stitches wide; 1"= 13.3 rows)

PATTERN:

Begin Picot Edging:

Using long tail method, cast on 313 stitches loosely. Carefully join in the round, making sure that your work is not twisted. Place stitch marker to indicate beginning of row.

Knit 5 rows.

Row 6: K1,* YO, K2Tog; repeat from *

Rows 7-11: Knit all stitches

Pattern repeat: Moss Stitch

Row 12: *K, P; repeat from *to end of row

Row 13: *P, K; repeat from * to end of row

Repeat rows 12-13 until Moss Stitch section measures about 10" (I repeated the pair of rows 70 times)

Begin Second Picot Edging:

Knit 5 rows.

Row 6: K1, *YO, K2Tog; repeat from *

Rows 7-11: Knit all stitches

Row 12: Cast off very loosely. Cut yarn leaving a very long tail (you will use this to bind down your picot edging)

FINISHING

Fold over picot edging at the YO, K2Tog row, knit side out – this should create the picot edge. Match the last stitch knit with the corresponding stitch on the first row of the final Picot Edging knit stitches.

Using a tapestry needle threaded with the tail of the yarn, sew the bound off edge of the knitting to the first row of the final Picot Edging, matching stitch for stitch all of the way around the edge of the work.

Make sure your sewing does not show through on the opposite side. When all stitches are bound, weave in end.

Repeat finishing with a fresh length of yarn on the opposite (beginning) edge of the work.

Weave in any loose ends. Wet block wrap to 55" around (I blocked the wrap around the backs of two chairs).

Wrap yourself!