



Braided Cable Hug

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Materials:

- 1 skein *Cascade Eco Wool* (250 g/478 yds)
- 2 skeins *Roman Kidsilk Haze* (25g/229 yds)
- US size #11 – 24" circular needle
- US size #9 – 24" circular needle
- Cable needle or large dpn
- Darning needle

Gauge: 3 ½ stitches = 1" in stockinette stitch;
12-rows Braided Cable = approx 3.5" after blocking.

Finished size: Approx. 33" at neck opening, 51-52" at bottom edge and 15-16" tall after blocking.

Directions:

Using larger needle and one strand of each yarn held together, cast on 60 stitches.

Begin Braided Cable stitch pattern.

Row 1 (RS): K18, (p2, k18) 2x, p2.

Row 2: (K2, p18) 3x

Row 3: C12B, k6 (p2, C12B, k6) 2x, p2

Rows 4-8: Work even, k the k's and p the p's.

Row 9: K6, C12F, (p2, k6, C12F) 2x, p2.

Rows 10-12: Work even.

Work Rows 1-12 for a total of 14 times (approx 48-49"). Then work Rows 1-11 for a total of 1 time. Piece should measure approx. 52". Loosely bind off all sts in pattern on the WS. With RS facing, graft the ends together using a darning needle, taking special care to match up cables and maintain a neat RS fabric.

With the RS facing and larger needle, pick up and knit 136 sts along the non-cabled edge of the hug. (You should be picking up approx 3 sts for every 4 rows.) Place marker and join for working in the round. Work K2, P2 ribbing for 5 rounds. Change to smaller needles and continue ribbing for 3 more rounds (ribbing should measure approx. 2 ¼"). Then decrease by working K2, p2tog ribbing to end of round. Loosely bind off all sts in pattern. Use a darning needle to weave in ends. Wet block and lay flat to dry.



Helpful Notes:

Row 3 starts with a cable cross on the edge; keep the working yarn to front of sts on cable needle. The hug can be made smaller or larger by decreasing or increasing the number of times you work the Braided Cable pattern; adjust the number of stitches you pick up for the ribbed neck opening accordingly by multiple of 4 sts.

Abbreviations:

C12B- Sl 6 sts to cable needle and hold to back of work, k 6 sts, then k 6 sts from cn;

C12F- Sl 6 sts to cn and hold to front of work, k 6 sts, then k 6 sts from cn;

k- knit; **p-** purl; **p2tog-** purl two sts together;

RS- right side; **sl-** slip as if to purl; **st(s)-** stitch(es);

WS- wrong side.

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