



Fern Lace Cowl



This pretty cowl knits up quickly with just one skein of luxurious alpaca blend yarn. The Fern Lace stitch pattern takes on a swirling slant as you knit. Designed by Jami Brynildson. Fern Lace adapted from THE ULTIMATE SOURCEBOOK OF KNITTING AND CROCHET STITCHES (Reader's Digest, 2003).

Materials:

1 skein Rowan Lima (50g/109yds)
US size #10.5 – 16" circular knitting needle

Size: One size fits most, about 22" around.

Gauge: Approximately 14 sts = 4" in lace pattern.
Exact gauge is not critical, just make sure you have a nice drapery fabric.

Abbreviations:

k2tog – Knit next two stitches together
ssk – Slip one st knitwise, slip one st knitwise, knit 2 slipped sts together through back loops
yo – Yarn over. Bring yarn forward between needles and then over right needle
* – Repeat starting point

Directions:

Loosely cast on 81 stitches.
Join for working in the round and place marker.

Begin Fern Lace stitch pattern as follows:

Round 1: Knit.
Round 2: * Yo, k2, ssk, k2tog, k2, yo, k1;
repeat from * to end of round.
Round 3: Knit.
Round 4: * K2, ssk, k2tog, k2, yo, k1, yo;
repeat from * to end of round.

Repeat Rounds 1-4 until cowl measures approximately 8 - 8 1/2" from cast on edge, leaving enough yarn to bind off. Bind off loosely and weave in ends.

Wet block with *Eucalan* and lay flat to dry, slightly stretching to show off lace pattern.



Helpful Hints from the Hive:

Having trouble remembering which lace round you worked last? When you are working the plain knit rounds (1 and 3), keep an eye on the *last stitch* you work before the end of round marker. If you are knitting into a *yarnover*, your next round will start with a yarnover - work Round 2 next. If you are knitting into a *knit* stitch, your next round will start with a knit stitch - work Round 4 next.

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