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## Diffuser Cowl



A tapered cowl, knitted in the round with an i-cord cast-on and picot edge.

## Measurements:

Circumference: $76 \mathrm{~cm}(30$ '") max,
tapering to $60 \mathrm{~cm}\left(24^{\prime \prime}\right) \mathrm{min}$
Length: 40 cm (16")

## Materials:

## ZAUBERPERLEN by Schoppel-Wolle

$1 \times 17642422$ Tulipmania
( $100 \mathrm{~g}=400 \mathrm{~m}, 100 \%$ virgin wool)
3.5 mm circular knitting needle ( 60 cm )

Stitch markers.
Tension: 25 sts $\times 34$ rows $=10 \mathrm{~cm}\left(4^{\prime \prime}\right)$


## Diffuser Cowl instructions:

Begin by working an i-cord cast on with 3.5 mm circular and the darkest of the 7 Zauberperlen: cast on 3 sts for the i-cord, then slip these 3 sts back onto the left needle, *knit into the front and back of the first st, knit the next 2 sts and slip 3 sts back*, rep from * to * without turning your work. Each time you repeat you are accumulating one more st. Repeat until you have 183 sts in total. Now leave the 3 sts of the i-cord on a holder, draw the yarn around these sts ready to work (180 sts). Join to work in the round, place a marker for beginning of round. Begin working in stocking stitch (knit all rounds).
Colour sequence: continue knitting with the first colour for 2 rounds, then introduce the next shade in the sequence and work 2 rounds. Now alternate, knitting 2 rows at a time of 2 colours, only changing to the next shade when a ball is used up. After working 17 rounds, begin decreasing to shape the sides: Dec round 18: k16, k2tog, *place marker, k16, k2tog, rep from * to end of round. You have decreased 10 sts and 10 markers are in place, including the one for the beginning of the round. Decrease 10 sts every 18 rounds: on the next dec round k2tog before each marker: *work to 2 sts before the marker, k2tog, slip marker, rep from * to end of round.
Continue working in this way until you have completed 4 rounds of decreases $=140$ sts.
Now finish knitting the rest of the cowl without further shaping, work in stocking stitch and maintain the gradient striping until you are on the last of the 7 colours.
Work 2 rounds, then begin the picot hem:
Picot round: *k2tog, yarn over, rep from * to end of round. Knit 4 more rounds and then cast off loosely: * insert the right needle through the back loops of the first 2 stitches and knit them together, pass this st back onto the left-hand needle and repeat from * until all stitches have been bound off. Fold the hem along the picot edge and slip stitch in place neatly on the inside.
Graft the ends of the i-cord together. Sew in ends. Block if desired, cover with a damp cloth and gently press the edges.


