



Entry Level Capelets (2 Gauges & 2 Yarns)

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This capelet originally started as a pair of leg warmers. I bought two skeins of rainbow coloured Noro Iro to make a pair of leggings that would peep out from under my jeans like Hattie McDaniel's red crinolines in *Gone with the Wind*. The yarn was tres cher and, like so many of it's companions in so many stashes, it sat & waited until it's next incarnation was realized.

When ponchos hit it big 2 summers ago, I wanted one with a little less coverage and a little more somethin'. Shortly thereafter, I opened my own knitting store and started teaching new knitters. Low and behold, it was also the perfect second project for beginners looking to move beyond the scarf. Since then I've reinterpreted it in an assortment of yarns to suit different sized wallets, from Lang Tosca & Manos Wool to Diakeito Diajudy.

Skill Level: Beginner

Skills needed to execute this pattern:

- >> long tail cast on
- >> knit
- >> purl
- >> cast off

- >> decrease
- >> knit on circular needles
- >> follow basic pattern instructions

Part One: Striped Capelet

Ingredients

- >>2[2, 3] skeins of Noro Iro [75% Wool, 25% Silk; 120m per 100g skein]
- >>10mm/60cm circular needles
- >>Small tapestry needle
- >>1 stitch marker

Size

- S[M, L]
- shown in size M
- best fit: bust minus 2 inches (ex. Someone with a 38" bust would fit a M/36" circumference at top)

Finished Measurements

- Circumference at top (sits on shoulders): 32 [36, 40]"
- Circumference at bottom : 44[48, 52]"
- Length: 14.5[15.5, 16.5]"

Gauge

- >>9sts & 15 rows = 4"/10cm

Method

- >>Using long tail method, cast on 82(90, 98) stitches on 10mm/60cm circular needles and join, making sure not to twist the stitches
- Place stitch marker at the join to mark the beginning & end of each round
- >>P 1 round.
- >>Knit for 8.5(9, 9.5)" from cast on edge, ending at the marker
- >>*K3, K2 tog; repeat from * until end of round (you reach the stitch marker). Mark this row with a scrap of yarn or a safety pin for reference when measuring later.
- >>Knit for 3.5(4, 4.5)" more (total 13 inches from cast on edge)
- >>*K3, K2 tog; repeat from * until end of round
- >>Knit until you have at least 96(108, 120)" of yarn left. Cast off loosely pwise.

Finishing

- >>Weave in ends with a darning needle.
- >>Press lightly with steam iron with a tea towel covering the garment
- >>Alternately, if you want to stretch the garment a little wash in Eucalan and lay flat to dry on a towel

Part Two: Variegated Capelet



Ingredients

- >>2[2, 3] skeins of Manos del Uruguay Wool [100% wool]
- >>8mm/60cm circular needles
- >>Small tapestry needle
- >>1 stitch marker

Possible Yarn Substitute

- >>Lang Tosca [55% New Wool, 45% Acrylic; 92 m per 50 gram ball]

Size

- S[M, L]
- shown in size S
- best fit: bust minus 2 inches (ex. Someone with a 38" bust would fit a M/36" circumference at top)

Finished Measurements

- Circumference at top (sits on shoulders): 32 [36, 40]"
- Circumference at bottom : 44[48, 52]"
- Length: 14.5[15.5, 16.5]"

Gauge

- >>11sts & x rows = 4"/10cm

Method

- >>Using long tail method, cast on 120(130, 140) stitches on 8mm/60cm circular needles and join, making sure not to twist the stitches.
- >>Place stitch marker at the join to mark the beginning & end of each round.
- >>P 1 round
- >>K 1 round
- >>P 1 round
- >>Knit for 8(8.5, 9)" from cast on edge, ending at the marker
- >>*K3, K2 tog; repeat from * until end of round. Mark this row with a scrap of yarn or a safety pin for reference when measuring later
- >>Knit for 3.5(4, 4.5)" more (total 13 inches from cast on edge)
- >>*K3, K2 tog; repeat from * until end of round
- >>Knit until you have at least 96(108, 120)" of yarn left

- >>P 1 round
- >>Cast off loosely kwise

Finishing

- >>Weave in ends with a darning needle.
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