

Ikaty Cowl

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MEASUREMENTS

Circumference: 18"

Length: 8.5" (or whatever length desired)

GAUGE

26 sts and 36 rows = 4" in st st.

YARN

VORTEX YARNS Labyrinth (superwash merino 80%, bamboo 20%; 436 yards/100 grams) color way Nigella, 1 skein. (This will make 2 cowls, one for you and one for a friend! That's unless you decide to make it much longer. You can also use whatever is left to make a headband, shown in the first photo.)

NEEDLES

One 16" circular needle size US 2 (2.75 mm) or size to achieve gauge. NOTE: it is important to not only achieve the correct gauge, but that the colors repeat every approximately 117 (+/- 4 stitches), for the colors to swirl and form ikat/tie-dye like patterns. When working your gauge swatch also count the number of stitches between when one of the color starts, and then reoccurs (I picked the lavender color!) If the color consistently occurs too soon (less than 117sts, colors moving to the right), go down a needle size, if it consistently occurs too late (more than 117sts, colors moving to the left), go up a needle size.

NOTIONS: Stitch marker

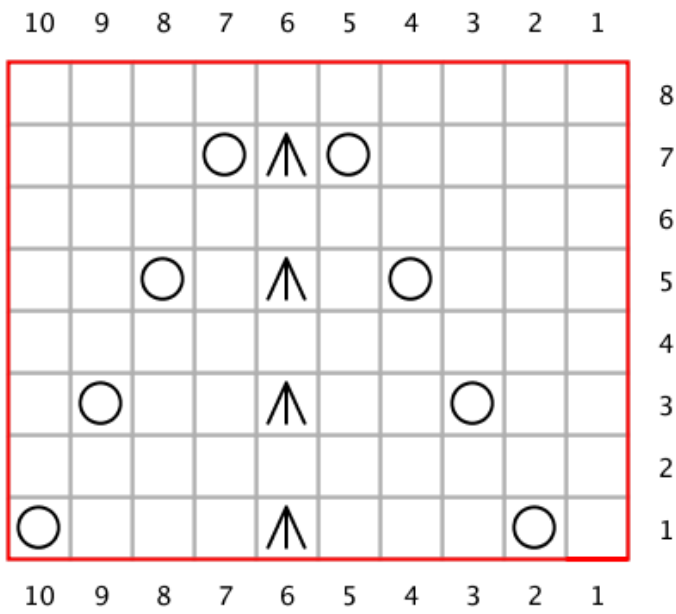
DIRECTIONS

Cast on 117 sts. Taking care not to twist sts on needle, join round by slipping the first stitch cast on to the right needle, and pass the last stitch over this stitch. (116 sts remain). Place marker, and working in the round, work K2, P2 ribbing for 10 rounds, or until desired width of ribbing. Next row knit, increasing one st across round - 117 sts total. Continue working st st (knit all the rounds) until the piece measures 7", or 1.25" short of your desired length. You can finish by either repeating the 10 rounds of K2, P2 ribbing, or working the lace pattern. If you wish to finish with the ribbing pattern you must decrease 1 st in the first round for a total of 116 sts. If you decided to finish with the lace pattern then work 1 more round of knit sts, increasing 3 sts evenly across the round for a total of 120 sts. *Lace finish only: purl 3 rounds.* Bind off loosely. The headband is worked the same as the cowl, just not as long.



IKATY COWL LACE PATTERN

Key



knit



yo



sl2, k1, p2sso



work 12 times across round