

Loopsie

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Yarn:	Tools:	Gauge:
1 skein hand-dyed Prism Euroflax Linen (100% linen, 270 yards, sport weight)	#7 needles, straight or circular (we used a 16" Chiaogoo lace circular needle)	Approx. 4 sts = 1 inch

For this airy, year-round cowl, we take the knitter's most dreaded "oopsie" - the dropped stitch - and turn it into an intentional design element using luxe, hand-dyed linen yarn.

Version 1: Wider, shorter cowl (shown in blues):

With #7 needle, cast on 55 stitches.

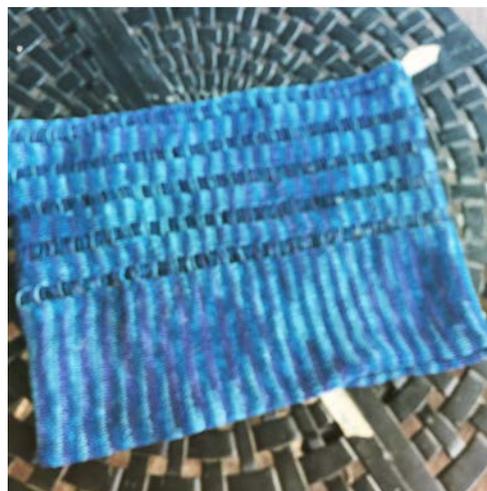
Work in stockinette (*knit a row on the right side, purl a row on the wrong side*) until piece measures 30" from beginning.

Next row (right side): Knit 5 sts, *drop next stitch - yes, just slide it off the needle, YO, Knit 4 sts* 4 times, drop next stitch, knit to end of row. You have dropped 5 stitches. Just leave them alone until after you seam your cowl together, below.
Purl next row.

Knit a row, purl a row 4 more times, ending on wrong side.

Next row (right side): Bind off.

Seam or crochet the ends of your scarf together to form a cowl. Now unravel the 5 dropped stitches - this is the fun part!
(over for Version 2)



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Version 2: Skinnier, longer cowl with wider dropped stitch spans (shown in neutrals and coral):

With #7 needle, cast on 25 stitches.

Work in stockinette (*knit a row on the right side, purl a row on the wrong side*) until piece measures 72" from beginning.

Next row (right side): *Knit 5 sts, drop next stitch (just slide it off the needle), YO* 3 times, knit to end of row. You have dropped 3 stitches. Just leave them alone until after you seam your cowl together, below.

Next row: Purl 6 sts, drop next stitch, YO, Purl 5 sts (includes YO from previous row, kind of a weird stitch), drop next stitch, YO, Purl 5 sts, drop next stitch, YO, Purl to end of row (6 sts). You have dropped 3 more stitches.

Knit a row, purl a row 4 more times, ending with a wrong side (purl) row.

Next row (right side): Bind off.

Seam or crochet the ends of your cowl together. Lastly, unravel the 6 dropped stitches - this is the fun part!

