

# Loch Ness Knit Poncho

## **FINISHED MEASUREMENTS**

Width: approx. 50" Length: 21"

## **MATERIALS**

**Premier Yarns®** *Everyday® Plaid* (100% antipilling acrylic; 200gm/360 yds)

• #1073-12 Navy Orange Plaid – 5 balls **Needle:** US Size 9 (5.5 mm) 24" circular needle or size needed to obtain gauge

Notions: Tapestry needle

## **GAUGE**

14 sts x 28 rows = 4" in garter stitch Working evenly and consistently throughout project is more important than an exact gauge.

### **PATTERN NOTES**

Poncho is worked in 2 pieces. Then seamed along the shoulders and up along the waist.

Rather than calling for an exact gauge and a specific number of stitches, this poncho pattern adjusts to your own gauge to make planned pooling easier to start. The colors of the poncho should shift 1 stitch each row.

If using the color in the photo, for example, start your cast-on with navy, you will end your row with yellow. At the end of Row 1, you will undo 1 yellow stitch and let the extra cast-on stitches fall off your needle. Row 2 begins with that 1 yellow stitch. Row 3 will begin with 2 yellow stitches. Row 4 will begin with 3 yellow stitches, and so on, adding 1 stitch each row.

To be successful the most important thing is to have a consistent gauge throughout the poncho.

Letting your tension loosen or tighten mid project will cause the pooling pattern to change.

When you begin a new ball change balls where the yarn changes color and match the new ball to the old ball to ensure the pattern doesn't get disrupted.

### **PONCHO**

## Front/Back (make 2)

Choose a spot in the yarn with a clear color change (such as green to blue), find the 3rd time that color change happens from the end of the ball and make a slip knot. Using long tail cast on, cast on until you have reached that color change 3 more times (on the working yarn).

**Row 1:** Knit across stitches, until you have reached that same color change 3 more times, undo 1 stitch. Let remaining unused stitches fall off the needle and unrayel.

### Row 2: Knit.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures 21", watching gauge to make sure the color changes shift 1 stitch each row. Bind off.

### **FINISHING**

Working along the long edges, sew shoulder seams, sewing 20" on each side from edge toward center, leaving the center 10" open for neck.

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## project continued

Define waist by sewing small 8" seams, starting 13" from each edge, using the schematic as a guide.

Unravel unused cast-on stitches. Weave in ends.

**Abbreviations** st(s) stitch(es)





