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## LUXE SILK VELVET COWL

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We love this voluminous and luxe silk cowl. For our sample, we have paired highly coveted silk velvet on one side, with a tonally-matching raw silk noil on the other. The cowl is generous and luxurious, wrapping twice around to make a cozy, winter neck accessory. A perfect quick yet fancy handmade gift for a loved one, or a treat for yourself! Purchase one of our kits, or feel free to experiment with different fabrics—maybe a cozy wool or a soft french terry paired with some silky lawns? Whatever you choose, your Luxe Cowl will be a warm hug during cooler weather.

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**MEASURES:** 59" in circumference by 13"

**MATERIALS:**

1 x **Luxe Silk Velvet Cowl Kit** (includes 60" x 14" piece silk velvet, 60" x 14" piece silk noil, and thread.)

OR:

Two coordinating fabrics, each measuring 60" x 14".  
(The silks used are 45" wide fabrics, so they are made with 60" cuts of fabric cut into 14" strips.)

Thread

**TOOLS REQUIRED:**

- Pins
- Hand Sewing Needle
- Scissors
- Sewing Machine (optional)
- Iron



**TIPS FOR SEWING WITH VELVET**

**Baste seams before machine sewing.** Velvet shifts erratically under the presser foot. Before you machine sew seams, hand-sew a basting stitch to hold fabric in place and save a lot of headache!

A **basting stitch** is a long running stitch that is not secured, so that it can be easily removed after the seam is sewn.

**Careful with the iron.** Irons may leave marks in the pile. Use a press cloth (scrap cloth between the iron and your velvet), more steam and less pressure. To get rid of marks, spritz water on finished cowl and toss in dryer for a few minutes to fluff up the pile.

**PATTERN**

**CUT**

(If you have purchased a *Luxe Silk Velvet Cowl* kit, both fabrics should already be cut to size and you may skip this step.) Cut main fabric piece to a rectangle measuring 60" x 14". Repeat for lining fabric piece.

**PIN**

Place the two fabrics right sides together. Pin along the two long sides.

**BASTE**

*\*Note: If you would like to hand sew your entire cowl, you don't need to baste, just hand sew a permanent seam 1/2" from raw edge. You may also skip basting if you are not using velvet fabric.*

Using hand-sewing needle and thread, baste together along one long side about 5/8" from the raw edge. Repeat for second long side.

**SEW**

Using a 1/2" seam allowance, seam along one long side. Repeat for second long side, making a tube. Remove basting stitches. If necessary, trim the raw ends of the tube to be straight and even.

Using a medium iron setting with steam, lightly press seams to one side. Turn your tube right side out. From the silk noil side, press flat.

At one open end of the tube, turn raw edges under 1/2" and press. Bring the other edge of the scarf around, twisting it a half turn so the opposite fabrics are next to each other, and insert this raw end into the turned under opening.

Pin through all the layers and topstitch the ends together.

*If you are having trouble here lining everything up, or want an even neater finish, you may choose to hand sew this seam.*



You're finished, enjoy your new luxurious cowl!