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SIMPLE EYE-CATCHING PONCHO

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EASY RECTANGULAR PONCHO THAT IS EFFORTLESS TO WEAR AND TO KNIT. LIGHT AND SURPRISINGLY WARM DUE TO THE HIGH CASHMERE CONTENT IN HHF CASHMERE MERINO. ADD A BOLD TEXTURE ON THE SHOULDERS USING A BRIGHT CONTRASTING COLOUR OF FEATHER YARN. THIS PATTERN IS SUITABLE EVEN FOR COMPLETE BEGINNERS! WITH A GENEROUS AMOUNT OF EASE, THIS GARMENT WILL FIT A VARIETY OF BODY SHAPES.



PATTERN NOTES

Whether you are using commercially dyed yarn or lovely hand-dyed skeins, please keep in mind that colours might bleed. None of the examples shown bled, but I always knit up a sample and wash it as you would your finished item to be sure. Please use common sense, reds and crazy pinks tend to bleed the most, any red/white combo is probably not a good idea (we separate laundry, right?). To minimise bleeding, gently soak the swatch and finished item in cold water with a mild detergent or wool wash. The gentler you wash your project the better it will look over time.

OVERVIEW

YARN	6 skeins Hedgehog Fibres Cashmere Merino, 50g/300m. Pictured in Crystal. 1 skein Hedgehog Fibres Feather, 100g/620m. Pictured in Kid You Not.
NEEDLE	6.5mm, circular needle would be better due to the width, but the garment is worked flat.
GAUGE	15 sts and 26 rows = 10cm in garter stitch, holding two strands of Cashmere Merino together.
DIMENSIONS	103cm width and 47cm deep from cast on edge.
TOOLS	Blunt tapestry needle, stitch holder or waste yarn.
SKILLS REQUIRED	Casting on, casting off, Kitchener stitch/grafting or three needle bind off.
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INSTRUCTIONS

Front:

Cast on 150 stitches with 6.5mm needle using 2 strands of Cashmere Merino held together. Knit in garter stitch (knit all stitches on both sides until you have 41 ridges (82 rows) or approx. 32cm.

Break one strand of Cashmere Merino and join in Feather. Knit in garter stitch (knit all stitches on both sides until you have 18 ridges (36 rows) or approx. 15cm.

Knit across first 60 stitches and put them onto a stitch holder or waste yarn. Cast off next 30 stitches. Knit across the last 60 stitches and also put these on a stitch holder or waste yarn.

Back:

Cast on 150 stitches with 6.5mm needle using 2 strands of Cashmere Merino held together. Knit in garter stitch (knit all stitches on both sides until you have 41 ridges (82 rows) or approx. 32cm.

Break one strand of Cashmere Merino and join in Feather. Knit in garter stitch (knit all stitches on both sides until you have 21 ridges (42 rows) or approx. 17cm.

Knit across first 60 stitches and put them onto a stitch holder or waste yarn. Cast off next 30 stitches. Knit across the last 60 stitches and also put these on a stitch holder or waste yarn.

Assemble:

Line up the live stitches from both front and back and working from the outside towards the neck opening either Kitchener/graft them together, or try a three needle bind off https://www.interweave.com/article/knitting/finessing-the-three-needle-bind-off/?utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=kd-alo-fb-181012-Technique-Finesse3NeedleBO

Try your new poncho on and if the neckline is too loose then sew it in a little bit more.

Finishing:

Weave in your ends, block lightly to smooth out stitches.

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