



Mandy Cowl

By Gina House

Fantastically soft and luxurious next to the skin - you will want to wear it all day, everyday!



What You'll Need:

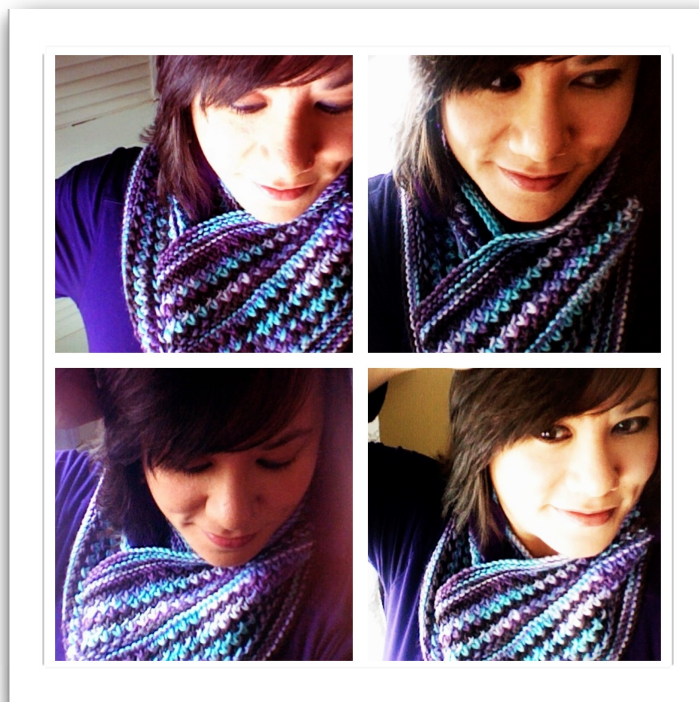
Needle: US 8 (5 mm), 20-24" (50.8 - 60.96 cm) circular needle, H crochet hook (*optional*)

Yarn: 220 yards (201 m) of a soft, single ply worsted weight merino wool yarn (*Knit Picks Preciosa in "Petal", Malabrigo Worsted or Manos del Uruguay Maxima all work nicely.*)

Notions: 2 clip stitch markers, scissors, tapestry needle, measuring tape, 1" button

Finished Dimensions: 7" (17.8 cm) tall by 16.5" (42 cm) in diameter/33" (83.8 cm) in circumference

Gauge: 4 sts and 8 rows = 1 inch (2.5 cm) in garter stitch



Directions:

Cast on **139 stitches** loosely. Being careful not to twist, join in the round and place a marker to indicate the beginning of the round.

1. Garter Ribbing: (approx. 1"/2.5 cm)

Round 1: purl

Round 2: knit

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 **three more times**. (A total of 8 rounds)

2. Body of Cowl: (approx. 5"/12.7 cm)**

Follow the **Background Lace** pattern (see **Background Lace** Chart) for **12 rounds**. (3 repeats)

Repeat Garter Ribbing **two times**. (4 rounds)

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3. Finishing Cowl: (approx. 1"/2.5 cm)

Repeat **Garter Ribbing** section, binding off the cowl purlwise to the last 5 sts. If you wish to add the optional strap/button to your cowl, skip to the **Optional Garter Strap** directions below. If not, go ahead and bind off the rest of the stitches.

Cut yarn, leaving a **4"** tail, pull through your last stitch and weave in the ends on the wrong side of the cowl. *And, yes, there IS supposed to be a line to show where the back of the hat is :D. That is the seam.*

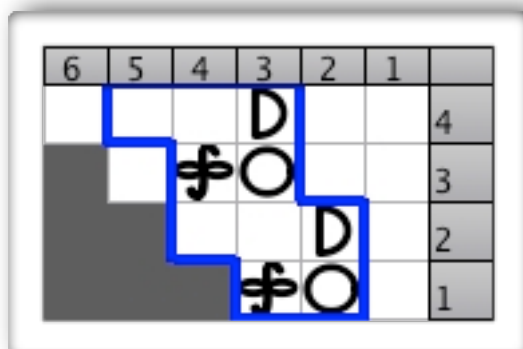
OPTIONAL GARTER STRAP:

Purl the last 5 sts (6 sts on needle). Purl every row (working back and forth) until your strap measures **9"/22.9 cm** or desired length. Bind off the 5 sts purlwise. 1 st remaining. Change to the crochet hook and chain 3 sts. Slip stitch that last stitch with the left side of the strap end. See **Figure A.1** and **A.2**. Weave in all ends.

Place the cowl around your neck with the back seam/strap section at the back of your neck on the left side. See **Figure B.1**. Fold the right side of the cowl toward the front of your neck, overlapping the left side of the cowl. See **Figure B.2**. Bring the strap firmly (*but not tightly*) to the front of your cowl - finding a desired place for the button. See **Figure B.3**. Using the other clip stitch marker (*or safety pin*), mark the place where you would like to add your button and sew the button onto the cowl. See **Figure B.4**.

****You may also wish to make the cowl TALLER (add one extra repeat of the **Garter Ribbing** and **Lace Background** pattern), but it will require more yarn...approx. 90 yards/82 m more. If you wish to make the cowl SMALLER in circumference, cast on fewer stitches...possibly 101 sts or so...or an odd number of stitches. Consult your gauge to see how many sts/inch you require.****

Lace Background Chart



Stitch Pattern Repeat Outlined in Blue

Round 1: k1, *yo, (sl1, k1, yo, pssso over 2 sts)*; repeat "...* to end

Round 2: k1, *drop yo, k2*; repeat "...* to end

Round 3: k2, *yo, (sl1, k1, yo, pssso over 2 sts)*; repeat "...* to last st, k1

Round 4: k2, *drop yo, k2*; repeat "...* to last st, k1

Repeat Rounds 1-4 for pattern.

Key	
	Drop d (RS) drop the yarn over off the needle
	Knit k (RS) Knit
	Sl1 K1 Yo Psso2 skyopssso2 (RS) Slip 1 st, knit 1 st, yo, pass the slipped st over both the knit st AND yo
	No Stitch x (RS) No Stitch
	Yarn Over yo (RS) Yarn Over

Figure A:

(L- R, top to bottom)

1. Making crochet loop
2. Finished loop
3. Garter strap
4. Button placement



Figure B:

(L- R, top to bottom)

1. Grasp excess cowl
2. Fold over to the left
3. Bring strap over
and mark with clip
4. Sew on button
and secure strap



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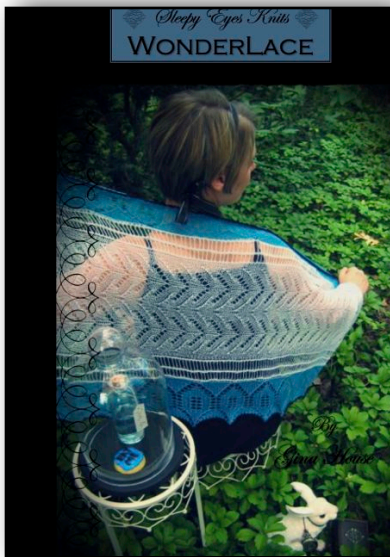
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