

cowl neck poncho

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I designed this pattern to use one skein of lace weight yarn. I wanted something light and with a bit of a frill, to wear over a singlet or dress as a cute accessory and also to add a layer when it is a little cool.



Sizing:

This poncho is written in one size (which should fit chest measurements 80cm – 97cm). To make the poncho larger, measure the distance from your neck to the outer curve of your shoulder and ensure that your increase section is knit to measure this number – note that making the poncho larger at this point may require adding a second skein of yarn, depending on how long you would like your finished garment to be.

Materials:

Yarn: one skein of Passioned Flower Tendril Lace (60% Australian Alpaca, 20% Australian Merino and 20% nylon), 100 grams = 477 metres/512 yards.

Needles: circular needles in sizes 4mm, 5mm and 6mm. I used an interchangeable set with a 50cm length cord (beginning by using the magic loop method and then in the round).

a tip for knitting in the round – only change the right needle tip when increasing needle sizes, that way the stitches will move easily from the left hand needle

Abbreviations/Techniques:

K1 = knit one

M1 = make one (using the backwards loop cast on)

M1L = make 1 left - pick up the horizontal bar between the stitches from front to back, knit through back leg



Cowl Neck

With 4mm needles cast on 110 stitches using the long tail cast on.

Join in the round, being careful not to twist the stitches.

Place a marker to indicate the beginning of the round and place another marker at the half way point (55 stitches).

Knit in the round for 15 rows.

Change to size 5mm needles

Knit in the round for 25 rows

Shoulder increases

Row 1: K1, M1, K to one stitch before marker, M1, K1, Slip marker, K1, M1, K to one stitch before marker, M1, K1

Row 2: Knit

Repeat these two rows a total of 20 times.

Note: For a larger poncho, measure the distance from your neck to the outer curve of your shoulder and ensure that your increase section is knit to measure this number.

Poncho body

Change to size 6mm needles

At this stage weigh how much yarn you have left, knit 3 rounds and weigh your yarn again. Multiply the amount of grams used over three rounds by 6 (this is approximately how much yarn you should reserve for the frill edge). For example – after knitting 3 rounds I used 2 grams of yarn, $6 \times 2 = 12$ grams. This will make sure you have enough yarn for the frill edge and bind off, while also making your poncho as long as possible using one skein.

Knit until your ball weighs your calculated gram amount.

Frill edge

Row 1: [K1, M1L] repeat for the entire row

Row 2: Knit

Repeats Row 2 twice more.

Bind off loosely, weave in ends and block.

