

EMPOWER PEOPLE BANDANA KNIT PATTERN



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**Materials**

Any **PURPLE** DK weight yarn (approx. 225 yds / 206 m)

US 7/4.5 mm 24" / 61 cm knitting needle, circular or straight.

Tapestry needle for seaming and weaving in ends, locking marker(s)

Gauge

20 sts = 4" / 10 cm in Garter St (unblocked), knit flat.

Finished Sizes

20 (22, 24, 26, 28)" / 51 (56, 61, 66, 71) cm circumference, after seaming.

Sample size modeled is 22" / 56 cm circumference and 10" / 25.5 cm depth worn on a 12" / 30.5 cm circumference neck.

Note: the overall depth of the cowl will be determined by the circumference of the neckline worked.

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EMANCIPATE EQUITY

Pattern Notes

This purple bandana/cowl was designed to increase awareness about the need to vote in elections and demand equality for all people. I hope that you will wear it with pride when voting or marching and tell your friends and family about it as we hope to create a sea of purple! Some pets also like it. My cat and employee, Sharon From Security, adores her bandana and loves to flaunt it in front of Jean from IT (a total butthead who always takes Sharon's parking spot.) If this is confusing, you can read more about Sharon and her nemesis on my Instagram page, @casapinka. If you would like to post a photo of your cowl on social media, please use the hashtags #empowerpeople #empowerpeople2020 and #sharonfromsecuritysfriends if you are posting your pet.

This pattern is worked flat from the cast on edge to the widest point. The small cast on edge is seamed to the matching-length edge at the far end after knitting. **You may wish to clip a locking marker to the first RS row to distinguish the RS from WS** of the cowl since it is worked in Garter stitch. Blocking is not usually necessary. You may use fingering/sock weight yarn held double to get the same gauge as DK yarn.

Abbreviations/Pattern Stitches

BO	Bind off	P	Purl
Inc	Increase(s/d)	Rep	Repeat
K	Knit	RS	Right side
Kfb	Knit into front and back of the same stitch; 1 stitch inc	St(s)	Stitch(es)
		WS	Wrong side

Sizing

If you wish to wear this on your head, use the size that is 2-3" / 5 cm smaller than you would use for a hat. You will be adding a 2" / 5 cm border to the end that will increase the final circumference and remember that garter stretches. If you are not planning to wear it on your head, choose the size that is 2" / 5 cm smaller than your desired neck width for cowls, noting again that garter stitch does stretch. The cover image is the 20" / 51 cm size which makes it 22" / 56cm circumference when seamed, an average size adult cowl.

Directions

Leaving a long enough tail for seaming at the end (approx. 8" / 20 cm), cast on 10 sts using the long tail cast on method. Do not join to work in the round.

Setup Row (WS): P1, k to end.

Row 1 (RS): P1, kfb, k to end. (1 st inc)

Row 2 (WS): P1, k to end.

Please note that the last stitch of each row is not meant to be purled, as this allows it to lie flat and the first stitch of the row to be nice and tight.

Rep [Rows 1 and 2] until the neckline edge (see Schematic, page 3) measures approx. 18 (20, 22, 24, 26)" / 45.5 (51, 56, 61, 66) cm from the cast on edge, ending with a WS row. Note that you can really make a bandana for any size person (or pet) by just knitting the pattern until you are 2" short of the final length, then add the 2" seaming edge and bind off.

Create Seaming Edge

If desired, place a locking marker to denote beginning of this section.

Row 1 (RS): P1, k to end.

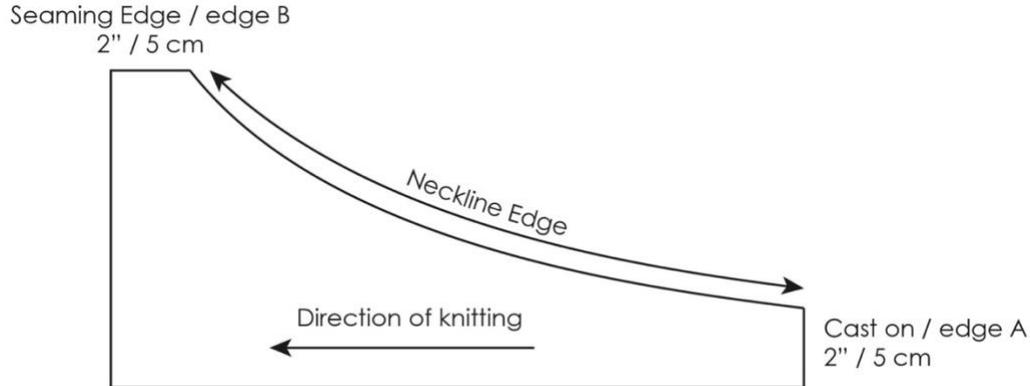
Row 2 (WS): P1, k to end.

Rep [Rows 1 and 2] until the seaming edge measures 2" / 5 cm from the locking marker, ending with a WS row.

Finishing

With RS facing, BO all sts knitwise. Sew in ends.

Seam the cast on edge (edge A) to the seaming edge (edge B).



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