

SIMPLE SUMMER LACE COWL



I work in offices that like their air conditioning. The end result is that I end up freezing while it's nice and sunny outside. I normally end up throwing on a scarf or sweater, but they can often be too much and too bulky for the summer weather.

This simple summer cowl was designed to be light weight, airy and cozy, with a little bit of slouch. The angora adds warmth and softness without dragging you down, so that you won't overheat (or look ridiculous) if you forget to take the cowl off before leaving the office.

Materials:

Needles: 16" US 7 (4.5 mm) circular

Other Materials: tapestry needle, stitch marker

Yarn: less than one skein of Fleece Artist's Peter Rabbit (a gorgeous angora blend).

Gauge: 22 stitches x 31 rows = 4"x4" square

Sizing: Any sock, sport, or worsted weight yarn would work as well – just adjust the number of pattern repeats as needed. For example, with a worsted weight yarn I'd suggest going down by two repeats, for a total of 8 repeats or 96 stitches.

I've used standard abbreviations. If you don't know one, they are easy to find online (with videos and diagrams and explained much better than I'd be able to).

Set up & Edging:

Cast on 120 stitches (12 stitches per repeat x 10 repeats) plus one extra stitch using long tail cast on. This will create a slouchy cowl. For a more fitter version, cast on 108 stitches (12 stitches per repeat x 9 repeats).

Row 1: Transfer last stitch to working (or left hand) needle, k2tog to join being careful not to twist stitches. Place stitch marker behind this first stitch. Knit to end of row. On this first row, you can knit the working yarn and the tail from the cast on together for the first 5-10 stitches. This will save you from having to weave this end in during finishing.

Row 2: purl

Row 3: knit

Row 4: purl



Lace Pattern:

This is a basic 12 stitch repeat, simple and soothing once you get it set up.

Row 1: *ssk, k4, yo, k2tog, k1, yo, k3* repeat until end

Row 2: knit

Repeat rows 1 & 2 until work measures 7.5" (the cast on edge will be a little 'wavy' because of the pattern, so any measurement won't be exact. Don't worry about it.). As always, consider measurements to be more of a suggestion. I wanted this cowl to be slightly 'slouchy', so I've knit it a little longer. If that's not your thing, then feel free to adjust it!

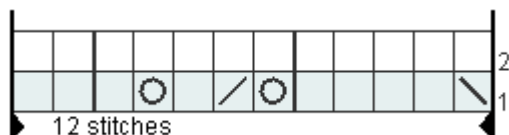
End with Row 1.

I've also charted the lace pattern. The chart reads from Right to Left (i.e. the way that the stitches will be oriented as you're working the pattern on circular needles).



Key

	ssk/p2tog-b
	k2tog/p2tog
	yo
	k1/p1



Finishing:

Row 1: purl

Row 2: knit

Row 3: purl

Row 4: cast off

Weave in ends. Block lightly if desired.

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