



SILKEN LACE COWL

MATERIALS:

YARN: This is a great project for that lovely skein of yarn you bought on impulse and couldn't think of a pattern for it. I used 393 yards of Hamilton Yarns' Sister Silk, but this pattern would work with anything your imagination will allow. Even the lace pattern and cables are not so complex that a multicolored yarn would cause them to be lost. I hope you experiment and see what you like. You could also make this larger or smaller in length and in width, by knitting more or fewer rows, or by adding or deleting pattern repeats in the gull lace or cable sections.

NEEDLES/GAUGE: I used 4.0 mm (U.S. 6), but find the needles and yarn to create the fabric that makes you happy.

ABBREVIATIONS:

K – knit

P- purl

pm – place marker

k1tbl – knit one through back loop

k2tog – knit 2 together

RC: Right cross cable: slip first 3 sts onto a cable needle, hold in back of work, knit next 3 sts, knit 3 stitches from cable needle

LC – Left cross cable: slip first 3 sts onto a cable needle, hold in front of work, knit next 3 sts, knit 3 sts from cable needle

ssk-slip, slip, knit.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Cast on 86 stitches.

Edging: K4 rows (garter st)

CABLE PATTERN

R1(setup row): k3, pm, p1, k1tbl, p1, k6, p1, k1tbl, p1, pm,(first 15 sts);

(k1tbl, k6)8 times, pm (56 center stitches)

p1, k1tbl, p1, k6, p1, k1tbl, p1, pm k3 (last 15 sts)

R2 and all even rows hereafter: k the first and last three sts for garter st border; knit the knits and purl the purls for the stitches in between.

R3 k the first and last three sts for garter st border; knit the knits and purl the purls for the stitches in between.

R5 (CABLE CROSSING ROW) k3, sm, p1, k1tbl, p1, LC, p1, k1tbl, p1, sm; (k1tbl, LC) 4 times; (k1tbl, RC) 4 times; sm, p1, k1tbl, p1, RC, p1, k1tbl, p1, sm, k3

Rs 6-8 k the first and last three sts for garter st border; knit the knits and purl the purls for the stitches in between.

R9 NOTE: First and last 15 sts of scarf: maintain Cable Pattern as established. For the middle 56 sts, from this point forward, knit the Gull Lace pattern (see below).

GULL LACE PATTERN:

R1 (k1, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, k1)8 times

Rs 2 and 4 p 56

R3 (k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk) 8 times

Continue in patterns as established until you are ready to finish. For a cowl, leave enough yarn at the end to kitchener the last row to the first. Or, if you would like to knit a scarf, a more elegant finish would be to save enough yarn to knit the first 12 rows in reverse (including the garter st edging) and bind off loosely.

HAPPY KNITTING!!!