



Interpretations

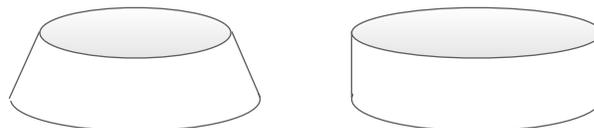
Wrap Scarf & Poncho

Fast and easy to knit, they make spectacular gifts.



There are an almost limitless number of options with this scarf or poncho. These samples were my holiday gift of choice last year and are now scattered around the globe with their happy recipients.

Evenly-spaced decreases gently shape this scarf.



This improves the drape around the neck compared to the typical tube scarf where the top collapses over the bottom.

Yarn Notes

Some samples were knit using Crystal Palace Mochi Plus. The long colorway change results in a different color each round. The gray scarf was knit with a boucle for a tone on tone look that's also lovely. Since this Tahki Rosa yarn is thick and thin, **two** rounds were knit with this main yarn instead of the one indicated below.



General Knitting Instructions

1. One round of thicker yarn is followed by several rounds of thin mohair. The number of rounds of mohair in each set decreases from 3 to 2 to 1.
2. The only time the main yarn is knit on consecutive rounds is on the cast on and bind off.
3. The 1st round of mohair is always knit through the back loop, twisting the main yarn into pretty loops.
4. K2tog decreases are spread evenly in the last round of mohair. Alternate their location in each section. Once there is only one round of mohair per set, the decreases can be worked as a k2tog tbl to combine the two steps.

Wrap Scarf Instructions

There are 8 sections of main yarn (including cast on and bind off) with 7 sections of mohair between. K2tog 4 times on the last round of mohair set.

- ▶ Cast On 130 stitches loosely with main yarn. Join to knit in the round.
- ▶ Knit 1 round with main yarn.
- ▶ Knit the first mohair section with 3 rounds. Knit the 1st round tbl and k2tog 4 times, somewhat evenly spaced in the 3rd round.
- ▶ Continue alternating 1 round of main yarn with multiple rounds of mohair. Knitting a **total** of 2 sections with 3 rounds, 3 sections with 2 rounds and 3 sections with 1 round.
- ▶ Finish up with 2 rounds of main, still twisting the 1st round by knitting the 2nd tbl then bind off with main yarn (that's 3 rounds with main yarn).

Poncho Instructions

There are 17 sections of main yarn (including cast on and bind off) with 16 sections of mohair rounds in between. The decreases are worked from the 6th mohair set on.

- ▶ Cast On 110 (120) stitches loosely with main yarn. Join to knit in the round.
- ▶ Knit 1 round with main yarn.
- ▶ Knit the first mohair section with 3 rounds, knitting the 1st round tbl.
- ▶ Continue alternating 1 round of main yarn with multiple rounds of mohair. Knitting a **total** of 3 sections with 3 rounds, 8 sections with 2 rounds and 5 sections with 1 round where the decrease and tbl rounds are combined **and at the same time**
- ▶ Decreases:
 - Starting with mohair set 6, decrease 4 stitches evenly across the last round in each set 9 times, alternating the placement in each set.
 - On the last 2 mohair sections decrease 6 (8) stitches evenly around.
- ▶ Finish up with 2 rounds of main, still twisting the 1st round by knitting the 2nd tbl then bind off remaining 62 (68) stitches loosely with main yarn. That makes 3 rounds total with the main yarn.

The mohair looks nicer after a light steaming.

Gauge

Gauge is somewhat flexible for this project. About 3 stitches per inch.

Size (Circumference)

Scarf: 64" at base and tapered, 8" wide
Poncho: Medium (Large), 48" (54") base, 30" at top, 17" long. Very stretchy and can be easily modified.

Yarn

Chunky Yarn: Yarn with either nice color changes or interesting texture. About 4.0-4.5 stitches per inch in St st.

Contrasting Yarn: 1 ball of lace weight mohair/silk, Kid Silk Haze or Kid Seta

Notions

- ▶ **Knitting needles:** long circulars 36" in US 11 or 13. For the poncho you may want 2 cord lengths 24" and 36". Crystal Palace examples knit on US 11.
- ▶ **Tapestry needle.**

Needle Tip

The only tricky part of this project is knitting the very fine mohair with large needles. If you have interchangeable needles, use a smaller tip for the other end to make it easier. This is especially helpful for larger needles. For example, a US 13 to knit onto and a size 11 tip on the left side. Try a US 10 with the 11.

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