

A cowl for  
cold weather &  
warm public  
transportation.

# flurries cowl

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**flurries cowl. the story.** Living in Chicago has taught me a lot about cold weather wear, and it's only December. Bundling up is essential, but sometimes you overheat. This cowl is designed to combat woeful winter predicaments. A double set of buttons lets you button it loose or tight, allowing you to keep warm or stay cool and comfortable.

**yarn.** Approximately 100 grams sport weight.

**yarn shown.** Becoming Art Agave Sport  
(80% merino, 10% cashmere, 10% nylon; 250 yards per 100 grams)  
Color shown: Gypsy Love.

**needles.** US 4 (3.5mm) 16" circular &  
US 8 (5mm) 16" circular.

**gauge.** 6 sts per inch, smaller needle.  
Stockinette stitch.

**finished size.** 8" tall  
21" in diameter (stockinette)  
29" in diameter (brioche/garter)  
20" in diameter (second buttons).

**notions.** 1 stitch marker, 8 buttons, & a darning needle

**skill level.** Adventurous beginner.  
Basic knowledge of knitting in the round and mild lace required.

**abbreviations.** CO/BO: cast on/bind off  
k: knit  
k2tog: knit 2 together  
p: purl  
pm: place marker  
rnd: round  
sl: slip purlwise  
slm: slip marker  
st(s): stitch(es)  
yo: yarn over

# flurries cowl instructions.

**cast on.** Using smaller needle, CO 120 sts, pm,  
and join together for knitting in the round.

**stockinette.** K all sts until piece measures 3.5" from CO edge.

**increases.** Switch to larger needle.  
Next round: remove marker, (k12, yo) 10x,  
Using backwards loop method,  
CO 5 sts at end of round.

## \* important! buttonholes!

Work buttonholes on 1st, 4th, and 7th repeat of brioche (row 4).  
Work 1 buttonhole last 5 sts as follows:  
k1, k2tog, yo, k2.

**bricoche.** From this point forward, the cowl is knit flat (back and forth).  
Row 1 (WS): sl1, k4, pm, \*(yo, sl1, k1), repeat from \* to end of row.  
Row 2 (RS): \*(k1, k2tog), repeat from \* to m, slm, k5  
Row 3: sl1, k4, slm, k1, \*(yo, sl1, k1), repeat from \* to last st, k1.  
Row 4: k2, \*(k2tog, k1), repeat from \* to 1 st before m, k1, slm, k5.  
Repeat rows 1-4 of brioche 8x, working buttonholes on indicated above.

## \* tip! sizing!

If you want to add some height to the cowl, work additional rows of the brioche section.  
Add new buttonholes with every 3rd repeat.

**garter.** Remove marker on first row.  
Row 1 (WS): sl1, k to end.  
Row 2 (RS): k all sts.  
Repeat rows 1-2 4x, working buttonhole on last repeat of row 2.  
Next row: sl1, k to end.

**finishing.** Bind off using a loose, but firm, bind off.  
Sew 4 buttons onto cowl at edge, and 4 buttons 9" from edge.  
Weave in ends.  
Block using desired method, gently stretching the cowl.