

Lemmy

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Cables mix with eyelet holes in this asymmetrical piece complete with i-cords at each end, which can be woven through those holes in tons of configurations, wrapping the cozy, squishy knitwear around your neck and shoulders as you like.

Lemmy has the potential to be an instantly satisfying quick-knit wrap in mega super bulky yarn, or a longer-term-knit loop-able scarf in a finer gauge, making this pattern great for reuse over and over as your knitting moods change. It's a fun way to use a large quantity of yarn, by triple stranding it, or a fat skein of super bulky.

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You need

- ▶ bulky or super bulky weight yarn, or a finer weight to hold double or triple stranded - estimates listed below are very general approximations

(for yardage estimates only, sizes small (medium, large) are given here, with small being a smaller cowl, medium being either a wider/big cowl or narrow scarf, large being a big/wide piece or long scarf)

- bulky: 150(300, 450) yards / 140(275, 410) meters
- super bulky: 130(250, 380) yards / 120(230, 350) meters
- extra super bulky (or triple stranded bulky): 100(140, 180) yards / 90(130, 170) meters
- ▶ optional approx 20-40 yards/meters contrasting color yarn in same weight for contrasting i-cords
- ▶ circular needles sized to work with your yarn (see *gauge* notes on back page for details) - any length circular will work, 24-32 inch / 60-80 cm is recommended (you can also use long straight needles plus a pair of double points if you prefer, instead of a circular)
- ▶ a cable needle

The samples

Green: Brown Sheep *Burly Spun* super bulky weight (kiwi) - 1 skein, which is 132 yards / 121 meters; size US 13 (9mm) needles, for gauge of approx 2 sts per inch / 2.5 cm (after blocking).



Orange: Cascade Yarns *Eco+* aran weight, held triple stranded (shade 2749) - just less than 1 full skein, which is 478 yards / 437 meters; size US 19 (15mm) needles, for gauge of approx 3 sts per 2 inches / 5 cm (after blocking).

(This is approximately the same as 160 yards / 145 meters of super bulky weight yarn.)

White: Patons *Classic Wool Roving* bulky weight, held triple stranded (aran color) - a bit less than 3 full skeins, which are 120 yards / 110 meters each; size US 36 (20mm) needles, for gauge of approx 5 sts per 4 inches / 10 cm (after blocking).

(This is approximately the same as 120 yards / 110 meters total of extra super bulky weight yarn.) Note: There was just enough yarn left over to make i-cords in the same yarn, so you should be able to make the same size with the same weight and non-contrasting i-cords with 3 skeins without running out of yardage.

I-cords contrasting yarn: Brown Sheep *Lamb's Pride Bulky*, held triple stranded (charcoal heather) - a bit less than 1 skein, which is 125 yards / 114 meters, for extra long i-cords; size US 36 (20mm) needles.

Gauge

This pattern is written for any gauge, but a yarn weight in the bulky to super bulky weight range is recommended.

If you use a needle size to get a more loose gauge in your yarn, you'll get a less dense piece with more drape, like the orange sample, which is on size US 19 (15mm) needles with triple stranded aran weight yarn.

If you use needles sized to make a tighter gauge, you'll have a more dense piece without such drape, like the green sample, which is on size US 13 (9mm) needles with super bulky weight yarn.

The piece works excellently in extra super bulky at a somewhat loose gauge, as you see in the white sample which is triple stranded bulky weight yarn on size US 36 (20mm) needles.

You can choose to use a finer weight yarn for a more narrow piece, and length can be as long as you want, regardless of gauge.

Sizing

Three elements determine the size of this piece: gauge, width (out of two choices), and length (work the middle section for as many repeats as you like). We've already talked about gauge; you'll be able to get a wider width by using a larger gauge, but you can get any length using any gauge.

With a finer gauge, for a more narrow width, and a total length of approx 20-22 inches / 50-55 cm, the piece can work as a headband. Or, with a narrow width and a very long length, as a scarf which can wrap several times and tie around your neck.

Keep in mind: The size may grow significantly with blocking, as the cables pull the piece in.

Width

There are two width sizes, called smaller{wider}, which means fewer stitches{more stitches} in the width. You can work the first 38 rows to reach the smaller width, then decide if you want to keep going to the wider width or stop there.

The smaller width has 3 cables, as you see in the white and orange samples; the wider size has 5 cables across, as you see in the green sample.

Length

The length is made by repeating the middle section as many times as you want, or as many times as your yardage will allow. The pattern explains how you can decide when to stop based on your remaining yardage (in order to do this, you'll need to keep track of approx how much yardage you're using in each repeat).

You can work the middle rows anywhere from one time only (like the green sample), to many times for a longer wrap/scarf. In the white sample it was worked twice, and in the orange sample it was worked four times.

Techniques

Cables

This pattern only uses one basic 2 over 2 cable, easy even if you're new to cables. If you are already experienced with cabling without a cable needle, you can do that for this pattern (there's a tutorial on leethalknits.com), but if you've never done that before, it might be tricky to learn with a super bulky gauge.

Triple stranding as you knit

You can turn your yarn into a triple weight strand as you knit, using the same general concept used in chain plying in spinning, looping the yarn through itself to make giant chains, essentially. Head over to leethalknits.com's tutorials section to find the step-by-step photo tutorial and try it out!

I-cords

If you have double pointed needles in the same size, you can use those for the i-cords, but you can also use your circular needle.

After knitting a row, * slide the live stitches across the circular cord to the other point to knit the next i-cord row, k3, and repeat from * for the whole cord.

The pattern suggests making both i-cords approx 25 inches / 64 cm long, but you can make them any length you like. The i-cords in the orange sample are both 25 inches, as the pattern is written. The first cord in the green sample is 25 inches, and the last one was knit until the yarn ran out, which turned out to be approx 35 inches / 89 cm. The contrasting grey i-cords in the white sample are both extra long, the first measuring approx 43 inches / 109 cm, and the second approx 62 inches / 157 cm.

If you'd like to make your i-cords in a contrasting color, simply start with the first contrasting cord, then switch to your main color for first section row 1, then switch back to the contrasting cord color when beginning the second i-cord at the end.

Optional slight modification: If you'd like to make both i-cords after completing the body of the piece, either to ensure you don't run out of yardage, or because you might want to use a contrasting yarn for the cords but haven't decided for sure, or any other reason, start by casting on 3 with a provisional cast-on. Then start at first section row 1 of the pattern, and go back to the 3 provisional stitches at the end to work the i-cord out from the beginning tip.

