

Maurice

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This cowl is a quick and easy(ish) knit, but with three different versions, each in three sizes, a couple different color options, plus any-gauge and color modification options, this one simple cowl can be made over and over for completely different results!

Use two colors throughout the whole piece, or incorporate a new color each time you start a new section. The narrow and long loop cowls in two sections are both symmetrical, with a curved shape; the wide cowl is worked in three asymmetrical sections.

While the piece is constructed in the round, it is worked entirely in short rows, all knit stitches for a garter stitch fabric.

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You need

- ▶ aran weight yarn in two or more colors
- estimates for small{medium, large}
- narrow cowl: approx 120{150, 180} yards / 110{140, 165} meters total
- wide cowl: approx 160{195, 230} yards / 150{180, 210} meters total
- long loop: approx 240{285, 330} yards / 220{260, 300} meters total
- ▶ size US 10 1/2 / 6.5 mm circular needles, or size to get gauge
- for narrow/wide cowls, 16 inch / 40 cm
- for long loop, 24-40 inch / 60-100 cm
- ▶ 3 stitch markers (different colors/types)

The samples

(1) Cascade *Soft Spun* (MC is Dark Teal, CC1 is Gray, CC2 is Orange) - medium size narrow cowl.

(2) Malabrigo *Merino Worsted* (MC is Loro Barranquero variegated) and Knitted Wit *Super Wash Merino Aran* (CC's are Prussian Blue) - small size narrow cowl.

(3) Malabrigo *Twist* (MC is Velvet Grapes) and Alpaca with a Twist *Highlander* (CC's are North Sea) - small size wide cowl.

(4) Thick+thin bulky handspun yarn (MC) and Noro *Chirimen DK* weight (CC's are self-striping color 2) - large size wide cowl.

(5) Austermann *Natura* (MC is Silver, CC1 is Olive, CC2 is Burgundy) - small size long loop.



Gauge

3.25 sts and 7 rows per inch / 2.5 cm, in garter stitch (13 sts per 4 inches / 10 cm).

Your two yarns can be different weights, as long as they balance out to be the correct gauge when worked in 2x2 garter stitch stripes. You can use yarns ranging from heavy worsted to light-ish bulky, paired with the right size needles to get gauge, lighter yarns making for lighter weight cowls, thicker yarns making heavier cowls.

There are notes included for modifying the pattern to use any weight yarn, for any gauge (a finer weight will need more yardage!); there are also notes for working with different color combinations.