

# Krewe

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Inspired by colorful beaded necklaces, Krewe is created with slipped and twisted stitches, then finished off by dropping full columns of stitches. It's less airy than normal dropped stitch patterns, because of the density of the slipped stitches, but it's still light enough for a spring or summer night accessory.

Since it starts as a rectangle, before it's joined into a cowl loop, you can easily make your Krewe as a scarf or a big wrap if you prefer. And while it's great for using up lots of colors, you can go for a different look by sticking with the same two colors/yarns throughout, or by using more neutral shades - whatever you like!

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## You need

- ▶ DK weight yarn in 1 solid main color and 1 or more contrasting (variegated or self-striping will work); yardage estimates are for a cowl sized as the sample - use more or less yardage, and/or a different yarn weight, for a larger or smaller piece
- approx 135 yards / 125 meters main color
- approx 145 yards / 135 meters total contrasting
- sample is in Infinite Twist *Helix*, Dovecote main color, and approx 24 yards / 22 meters each of 6 contrasting colors: Sunflower, Nancypants, Marigold, Sakura, Meringue, and Ebi
- ▶ size US 4 / 3.5mm needles, or sized to match yarn
- ▶ yarn needle for seaming cowl

A sturdy, plied type of yarn is highly recommended, not a delicate and/or single ply yarn type - if using a yarn that may break, felt, or pill very easily, dropping the stitches will be much more difficult, and the dropped stitch strands in your finished piece may not look as nice after some wear.

## Gauge

Gauge for the sample is 6 sts per inch / 2.5 cm in stockinette; adjust gauge to change width (see last page). Gauge should be not extra loose or tight, just a good standard/recommended gauge for your yarn.

## Construction

This piece is made with dropped stitches - all stitches are dropped at the end, so while you're knitting it, the piece will be dense as you see here. **The striped columns** (always 2 rows each color) between the oval columns will be dropped when it's done.

This piece below is with 3 pattern repeats across, almost 3 full pattern repeats completed - each repeat (both across and up) makes one large and one small oval.



Stitches next to the dropped columns are knit/purled through the back loops so that they stay tight after the stitches are dropped.

Brackets show pattern repeats (rows 1-24) completed; arrow shows width while working, with 3 repeats across.