

# Lacy Moebius Cowl – a graceful design by Cat Bordhi



**Thousands of people have made this cowl as their first Moebius.** I designed and first taught this design many years ago on Vickie Howell's *Knitty Gritty DIY* show. More recently, I included it when I filmed my Craftsy class—a comprehensive, interactive, and hand-holding journey into the pleasures of Moebius knitting.

## **A Craftsy viewer described my class:**

“Cat is that quirky, fun and inventive teacher that you loved in high school. The one that made you want to come to class and do your best. And you always listened to everything spoken in class, lest you miss even a bit of wonderful information. Cat is full of tips and tricks, and the skills she teaches in this class take you far beyond Moebius knitting.”

**Yarn:** HiKoo® SimpliCria (100% Super Baby Alpaca, 25 g/ 95 yds), 2 balls, sample in color 251

**Needles:** size 10 (6 mm) circular, 40” or 47” length

**Notions:** tapestry needle, lots of stitch markers

**Gauge:** 12 sts = 4” (10 cm)

**Finished size:** 27” circumference, 10” width

**My tutorial will teach you the Moebius Cast-On (MCO):**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVnTdaZF2V4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVnTdaZF2V4)

**Or let me take you all the way with my Craftsy class:**

[www.craftsy.com/ext/CatBordhi\\_5186\\_H](http://www.craftsy.com/ext/CatBordhi_5186_H)

(This link discounts the price from \$29.95 to \$14.95.)

## **Cast on and complete the first round**

*You can increase the circumference of this graceful cowl by adding multiples of 8 stitches or make it wider by working extra rounds—thus you can use any weight yarn. Just be sure your fabric is loose enough to let the lace open up.*

MCO 80 sts (a total of 160). Check that there is only one crossing of needle and cable. Place a marker on the right needle. Knit the first stitch—the slip knot. The next 79 stitches will alternate between being mounted with front leg first (traditional mount) and back leg first. Rather than focusing on this, notice how the MCO has formed triangles: the cable is the base of each triangle and the triangle's sides are made by the yarn going up and over the needle.

Simply insert your needle through the middle of the next triangle, pull the yarn through, and slip that triangle off the left needle. Seeing the stitches as triangles lets you ignore the stitch mount.

When the marker appears on the cable *beneath* your needle, you will have completed 80 stitches, which is the first ring of knitting (there are 2 rings, or coils of cable, in 1 Moebius round). Now all stitches appear mounted “normally” with front leg first, and purl bumps looking at you. If you find this confusing, my Craftsy class will clear it up!

Continue knitting until the marker reappears *between* your needles, signaling that you have completed both rings of the first round—so the first round is done.

Count to be sure you have 160 sts (2 rings of 80 sts each). If not, knit 1 more round (2 rings) and increase or decrease as needed so the total is 160. Then continue with instructions.

### **Begin the diagonal lace pattern**

*Place a marker every 8 stitches. Be sure your end of round marker is unique, so you know when you have finished each round.*

Round 1: \*Yarn over, k6, k2tog (knit 2 stitches together), repeat from \* to end of round.

Round 2: Knit.

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 another 10 times.

### **Lace edging**

Round 1: \*(Yarn over, k1) twice, (yarn-over, k2tog) 3 times, repeat from \* to end of round—40 sts added for a total of 120.

Rounds 2 and 4: Knit.

Round 3: \*Yarn over, k2tog, repeat from \* to end of round.

Round 5: \*Yarn over, k2tog, repeat from \* to end of round.

Round 6: \*Knit into the front and back of the next stitch, k7, repeat from \* to end of round—15 stitches added for a total of 135.

Round 7: Purl

Round 8: Knit.

### **Bind off and weave in ends.**