

Lacy Moebius Cowl

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This cowl is beautiful in any yarn if the gauge is relaxed enough to drape a bit. Use any multiple of 8 stitches to alter circumference; the number of rounds determines width. If this is your first Moebius, watch my video tutorial:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVnTda7F2V4>

Yarn: Fleece Artist 4-ply cashmere (100% cashmere, 50 g/ 170 m), 1 skein

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

Abbreviations

K2tog - knit 2 stitches together

MCO - Moebius Cast-On (see books or video)

P1f&b - purl into front and back of same stitch

Yo - yarn over

Casting on and completing first round

MCO 80 sts (total of 160).

Check that there is only one crossing of ndl and cable.

Place marker on right ndl. Knit first st (the slip knot).

The next 79 stitches will alternate between being mounted with front leg first (as you are probably used to) and back leg first. Knit into the leg that comes first.

When the marker appears on the cable *beneath* your ndl, you have completed 80 sts, and the first ring of knitting (there are 2 rings in a Moebius round, so this is half the round). Now all sts will appear mounted "normally" with front leg first.

Continue knitting until the marker reappears *in between* your ndls, signaling that you have completed both rings of the first rnd. The first rnd is complete.



Check for correct stitch count

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

Begin diagonal lace pattern

Place a marker every 8 sts. Be sure your end of rnd marker is easy to distinguish from all the others.

Rnd 1: Repeat [yo, k6, k2tog] to end of rnd.

Rnd 2: Knit.

Repeat rnds 1 and 2 another 10 times.

Lace edging

Rnd 1: Repeat ([yo, k1] 2 times, repeat [yo, k2tog] 3 times) to end of rnd—32 sts added (2 for every 8 sts).

Rnds 2, 4, & 6: Knit.

Rnd 3: *Yo, k2tog, repeat from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 5: *Yo, k2tog, repeat from * to end of rnd.

Garter edge

Rnd 1: Repeat [p1f&b, p3] to end of rnd.

Rnd 2: Knit. Bind off loosely.