

Romanov Cowl

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This dressy cowl gives any outfit an air of Russian royalty. The stitch pattern may seem complex at first, but don't give up. After a few rows the repetitive pattern makes a lot of sense and is easy to repeat. The pattern is knit by alternating the colors every two rows. The cowl is knit in one piece by picking up and knitting stitches along the sides of the finished rectangular cowl shape. Try out different color schemes to make it dressy or quirky! Use thicker yarn and fewer pattern repetitions for a quick, 2-hour project. Requires several intermediate skills: slipping stitches, picking up and knitting, and basic lace techniques.

Yarn Suggestions:

Color 1: Cascade 220 in White – 1 skein (220yds) (this will be the contrast color)

Color 2: Cascade 220 in Shamrock – 1 skein (220yds) (this will be the background color)

Needle suggestions:

16" Size 5-7 circular needles

Pattern:

CO 51 sts, slide stitches to the end of circular needles so that your knitting begins from the beginning of the cast-on. The first row establishes the contrasting color pattern.

Row 1 (WS): With Color 1, k1, p1, *sl 5 wyib, p1; rep from *, end k1

Row 2: With Color 2, k

Row 3: With Color 2, k1, p to last st, k1

Row 4: With Color 1, k1, sl 3 wyib, *insert needle under loose strand from Row 1, k next st and bring completed st out under the loose strand to catch strand behind st; sl 5 wyib; rep from * to last 5 sts, end knit next st under loose strand, sl 3 wyib, k1

Row 5: With Color 1, k1, sl 3 wyib, *p1, sl 5 wyib; rep from * to last 5 sts, end p1, sl 3 wyib, k1

Row 6: Rep Row 2

Row 7: Rep Row 3

Row 8: With Color 1, k1, *knit next st under loose strand of Row 5, sl 5 wyib; rep from * to last 2 sts, end knit next st under loose strand, k1



Repeat pattern until cowl is 2 feet long.

On one side, pick up and knit 110 stitches in color 1.

Knit in 1x1 Rib Stitch until lining is slightly shorter than the width of the cowl. Fold the lining into the cowl, making sure to cover the wrong side of the work. With the natural curl of the stockinette exterior of the cowl, the edges of the pattern should slightly roll into the inside of the cowl. (See Picture Below) The piece should be approximately 7"x24".



On one short edge of the work, pick up and knit 30 stitches. Knit in 1x1 rib until ribbing is 2" long. BO.

On the other short edge of the work, pick up and knit 30 stitches.

Knit in 1x1 rib until ribbing is 1" long.

Knit 6 stitches of ribbing, K2tog, YO. Knit 5 stitches of ribbing, K2tog, YO. Knit 6 stitches of ribbing, K2tog, YO. Knit 7 sts.

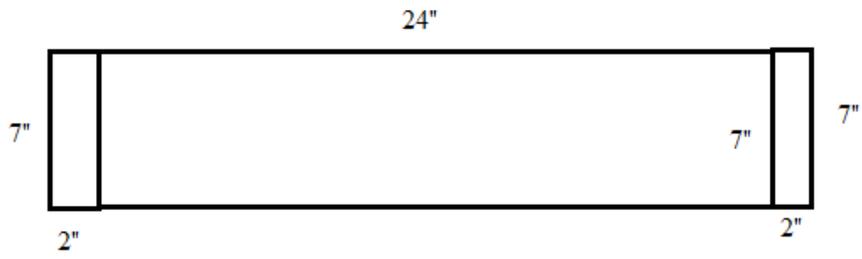
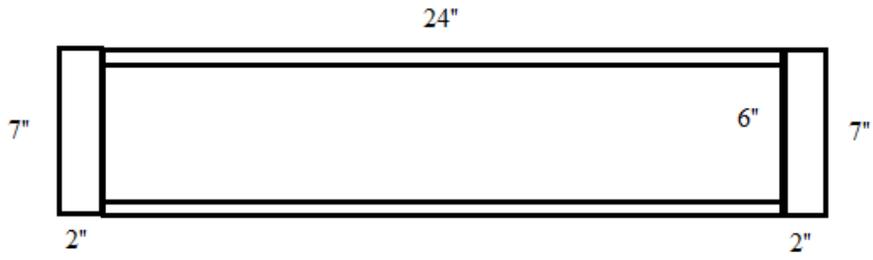
Knit until ribbing is 2" long. BO.

Block according to schematic and sew 3 buttons on to the ribbed band without YOs.



(Ignore the 4 buttonholes in this picture.)

Inside



Outside