

CASHMERE MOEBIUS COWL

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This Moebius cowl can be worn many ways - draped over the head, circling the neck, or even around your hips! I designed it for the Knitty Gritty TV show because it is simple, yet displays several magical elements of the Moebius: that a diagonal becomes a chevron, and that plain knitting creates a "two-lane road" of stockinette and reverse stockinette. Try it and you'll see! On Knitty Gritty (see www.knittygritty.com - probably to first air in 2006), I will demonstrate the steps in making the cowl, as well as how to knit a small Moebius bag.



From now on all stitches will appear mounted "normally" with the front leg first. The next stitch is formed by the double sides of the slip knot as it loops down around the cable below. Knit this stitch as if the double sides are one strand. Continue knitting until the marker reappears *in between* your needles, signaling that you have completed your first round.

Be clear about this before continuing -

Each time the marker appears *in between* your needles (*not* on the cable below) you are at the end of a round.

Begin diagonal lace pattern

*Yo, k6, k2tog. Repeat from * to end of round. Knit one round. Repeat last two rounds 10 more times.

Lace edging

Round 1: *[Yo, k1] 2 times, [yo, k2tog] 3 times. Repeat from * to end of round.

Rounds 2, 4, & 6: Knit.

Round 3: *Yo, k2tog, repeat from * to end of round.

Round 5: *Yo, k2tog, repeat from * to end of round.

Garter edge

Round 1: *P1f&b, p3. Repeat from * to end of round.

Round 2: Knit. Bind off loosely.

Blocking

The cashmere cowl will self-block as you wear it. With wear, the yarn will bloom to produce a lovely halo.



Note: This pattern is a gift to my readers, and you will need the basic Moebius-knitting instructions found in either *A Treasury of Magical Knitting* or *A Second Treasury of Magical Knitting*. Follow instructions for the Moebius Cast-

On (MCO), paying careful attention to directions for counting MCO stitches and working the first round.

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, stitch marker

Gauge: 12 sts = 4" (10 cm)

Finished size: 27" circumference, 10" width

Moebius cast-on (MCO)

MCO 80 sts (see books for instructions). Before continuing, check to be certain there is only one crossing of needle and cable. Place a marker on right needle. Knit the first stitch, which is the slip knot. The next 79 stitches will alternate between being mounted with the front leg first (as you are probably used to) and the back leg first. Knit into the leg that comes first. When the marker appears *beneath* your needles on the cable below, you have completed the 79 stitches.

Abbreviations

K2tog - knit 2 stitches together

P1f&b - purl once into the front and once into the back of the same stitch (an increase)

Yo - yarn over

