

Muscari - a gorgeous poncho



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A gorgeous poncho that keeps your back and wrists warm. Simple to knit and with very little finishing work at the end.

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Materials

1 strand of each yarn held together Indiecita and Saga by Filcolana:
300 (350) 400 g of Indiecita in color 402 (Medium grey)
and 200 (200) 200 g of Saga in color 952 (Medium grey)
4,5 mm circular needle (60 cm and 100 cm long)
Markers or loops of scrap yarn

Sizes

XS/ S (M/L) XL/XXL

Measurements

Total length from neck to hem, mid back:
52 (58) 64 cm

Gauge

19 sts and 26 rows in stockinette stitch on 4,5 mm needle and one strand of each yarn held together = 10 x 10 cm.

Special abbreviations

M1: Make 1 (increase). Lift the bar between the stitches onto the left needle and knit into the back of it.
Selvedge stitch: Slip the first stitch purlwise with the yarn in front. Knit the last stitch of every row.

Turns: Short rows are worked at the neck. At every turn a few more stitches are worked, and the hole from the previous turn is closed by picking up the chain between stitches from the hole and knitting or purling the picked up stitch together with the next stitch on the needle through the back loop.



Ridge pattern worked back and forth

Row 1 (WS): Knit

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: Knit

Repeat Row 1 - 3 (6 rows = 2 ridges, 1 in stockinette stitch and 1 in reverse stockinette)

Ridge pattern in the round

Round 1 - 3: Purl

Round 4 - 6: Knit

Repeat these 3 rounds (6 rounds = 2 ridges, 1 in stockinette stitch and 1 in reverse stockinette)

Directions for knitting

The poncho is worked from the neck down. First the collar is worked back and forth in the ridge pattern with buttonholes. Then the work is joined in the round and increases are worked in 4 places (as in a raglan) until the work has the desired length. Finally cuffs are added.

Poncho

Cast on 90 (96) 104 sts on a 4,5 mm, 60 cm long circular needle. Work back and forth in the ridge pattern (the 1st ridge is worked in reverse stockinette as seen from the RS)

Work a buttonhole at the beginning of the row on the 11th row and again on the 23rd row (WS): Selvedge st, k1, bind off 4 sts. Work to end of row.

Next row: Cast on 4 new stitches over where the 4 sts were bound off (5 sts is also an option, then the last st is placed back on the left needle and knit together with the next stitch. This eliminates the elongation of the stitch at this side of the buttonhole).

Work a total of 33 rows in the ridge pattern, ending on a WS row. (There are a total of 11 ridges, ending on a reverse stockinette ridge). On the next row (RS): Bind off 6 sts at the end that does not have the buttonholes. Join work in the round and continue in stockinette stitch (= 84 (90) 98sts on the needle)

Place 4 markers: Place the first marker at the beginning of the round, knit 16 (18) 20 sts (left shoulder), place the second marker, knit 24 (25) 27 sts (back), place the third marker, knit 16 (18) 20 sts (right shoulder) and place the fourth marker, knit the final 28 (29) 31 sts (front).

Continue in stockinette stitch, while working increases at each marker: Knit 1, M1 (this increase is worked one stitch from the beginning of the round marker), *knit to 1 sts before the next marker, M1, k1, slip marker, k1, M1*; repeat from * to * at the third and fourth marker, knit until 1 st from the beginning of the round, M1, k1. (= 8 sts have been increased). Work these increases every other round.

Work short rows to raise the neck of the poncho:

1st short row (RS): Work increases at the markers and knit to 7 (8) 8 sts after the 3rd marker of the round. Turn.

2nd short row: Purl to 7 (8) 8 sts after the 2nd marker of the round. Turn.

3rd short row (RS): Work increases at the markers and knit to 7 (8) 8 sts past the last turn on the RS. Turn.

4th short row (WS): Purl to 7 (8) 8 sts past the last turn on the WS. Turn.

Continue as established above until a total of 3 turns have been made on either side.

Continue in the round, working increases every other round another 6 (7) 8 times. Then increase every 4th row until the work measures 49 (55) 61 cm midt back, measured from below the collar. Work 9 rows in the ridge pattern.

Place markers for the "sleeves" at the center between the 1st and 2nd marker of the round and again between the 3rd and 4th marker. Count 24 (26) 28 sts out on either side of each of these markers (= the cuff sts). Bind off all other sts purl-wise, but leave the 48 (52) 56 sts for each cuff on the needle. Break the yarn.

Cuffs

Work back and forth in the ridge pattern across the 48 (52) 56 sts, starting with a WS row. Cast on 1 new st at the beginning of the first 2 rows.

Work a total of 23 rows in the ridge pattern, then bind off purl-wise from the RS. Work the second cuff the same way as the first.

Finishing

Sew the cuff seams using mattress stitch. Weave in all ends. Sew the buttons to the collar across from the buttonholes.

Lightly steam the poncho, being careful not to flatten the ridge pattern on cuffs and collar.

Or gently wash the poncho in lukewarm soapy water. Gently rinse, then squeeze all excess water out. Lay it on a flat surface to dry.