



#538 Curling Cowl

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**Finished Size:**

about 40" around and 8" tall

Yarn:

1 skein [Valley Yarns Northfield Hand-Dyed](#) color Strawberry Rhubarb (70% Merino/20% Baby Alpaca/10% Silk, 100g/248yds)

Needles:

US size 7 (4.50mm) 40" circular needles or size needed to get desired gauge

Gauge:

About 18 sts = 4" in stockinette stitch
Exact gauge is not important.

If there's a simpler way to make a cowl, we haven't seen it! This cowl is just joined in the round and knit, knit, knit. The natural curling tendency and subtle texture of Stockinette Stitch works perfectly with hand dyed yarns that might look too busy in a more complex stitch pattern.

Directions:

Cast on enough stitches to fill up the 40" circular needle from tip to tip without straining, about 200 stitches at the given gauge. Exact stitch count is not important.

Being careful to not twist the stitches, join in the round.

Knit every round until cowl reaches desired height or until about 5 yds of yarn remain.

Bind off all sts, sew in loose ends carefully and block if desired.

Fabric will curl at the cast on and bind off edges, even after blocking, which gives the cowl its three-dimensional, tubular appearance. If a non-curling fabric is desired, work at least 1" of k1, p1 ribbing at the beginning and end of the cowl.