

IRISH MOSS COWL

CIRCULAR KNITTING (AKA: IN THE ROUND)

Multiple: 4 sts x 4 rnds

Gauge is important, be sure to make a gauge swatch with the yarn you intend to use. Once you know how many stitches per inch you get, you can then calculate the amount of stitches you'll need to cast on to achieve your desired circumference if you prefer something different from below.

This can be made as a snood, a neck warmer, a shoulder warmer, or a longer cowl (pretty much anything you want). The **48" cowl** (with or without a twisted join) seems to be the go-to gift as it's been more popular amongst family and friends. However, the **snood** is a close second in popularity.

ABBREVIATIONS

PM	Place Marker(s)	k.....	knit
itr.....	in the round	p.....	purl
st(s)	stitch(es)	rnd(s)	round(s)
tog.....	together		

NEEDLES & YARN

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For the **Lion Brand, Landscapes**, I used **US 10.5** circular needles and casted on as follows:

Gauge: 18 stitches and 23 rows = 4 inches in Stockinette

- 24" circumference - cast on 100 sts [1 – 3 skeins]
- 36" circumference - cast on 150 sts [1 – 2 skeins]
- 48" circumference - cast on 200 sts [2 – 3 skeins]

OTHER SUPPLIES

Locking stitch markers (bulb safety pins)	Darning needle
Pen & note pad	Scissors

DIRECTIONS

Cast on the desired number of stitches to achieve one of the circumferences listed above.

Place markers while casting on, then join itr being careful not to twist (PM every 10 or 20 sts to help prevent losing your place, use a different color marker to indicate where the round joins).

Start **Irish Moss Pattern** and knit in pattern until desired width is achieved. Bind off with a stretchy bind off, I used *Jeny's Super Stretchy Bind Off*, or use a larger needle to bind off with.

*See Möbius cast-on for a "twisted join"; search Google or instructions can be found in the book **Cast On/Bind Off** by **Leslie Ann Bestor**

IRISH MOSS PATTERN

Rounds 1 & 2: *k1, p1; rep from * to end.

Rounds 3 & 4: *p1, k1; rep from * to end.

VARIATIONS

For the **Madeline Tosh, Vintage Neck Warmer** I used **US 7** circular needles and casted on **120 sts for 24"** circumference; **67 rnds for 8"** wide. [1 skein] {Gauge: 5 sts/in or 20 sts/4"}

For the **Lion Brand, Hometown Neck Warmer** I used **US 13** circular needles and casted on **70 sts for 24"** circumference; **37 rnds for about 6-7"** wide. [2 skeins; it really needed 2.5 - 3 skeins] {Gauge: 3 sts/in or 11.66/4"}

For the **Dream in Color, Classy with Cashmere Neck Warmer** I used **US 7** circular needles and casted on **110 sts for 22"** circumference; **68 rnds for 8"** wide. [1 skein] {Gauge: 5 sts/in or 20 sts/4"}

For the **Madeline Tosh, Vintage and Pashmina Snood** I used **US 10.5** circular needles and casted on **110 sts for 27.5"** circumference; **148 rnds for 27.5"** wide. [2.5 skeins Vintage; 1.5 skeins Pashmina stranded together] {Gauge: 4 sts/in or 16 sts/4"}

For the **Lion Brand, Comfy Cotton Blend** I used **US 7** circular needles and casted on **250 sts for 50"** circumference; **60 rnds for 8-9"** wide. [1 cake] {Gauge: 5 sts/in or 20 sts/4"}

For the **Lion Brand, Comfy Cotton Blend** I used **US 7** circular needles and casted on **240 sts for 48"** circumference; **60 rnds for 8-9"** wide. [1 cake] {Gauge: 5 sts/in or 20 sts/4"}

For the **Madeline Tosh, ASAP** I used **US 13** circular needles and casted on **150 sts for 50"** circumference; **32 rnds for 7"** wide. [1.5 – 2 skeins] {Gauge: 3 sts/in or 12 sts/4"}