



# AUNT MAGGIE COWL

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I had the chance to meet and take a class with Maggie Casey. She shared tons of wisdom during our chats but her #1 piece of advice for spinners is to “use your handspun.” From this inspiration, I designed this pattern to encourage new spinners to knit with their handspun and experienced spinners to dig deep and knit with some of their early handspun. To that end, this pattern is written for a variety of yarn weights, from Sport to Bulky. I knit the samples using some of my earliest handspun (pink) and some of my most recent (gray).

Although this pattern was designed with hand spinners in mind, I have done the math so this pretty little cowl can be worked in just about any yarn - handspun or commercial. The stitch pattern is unique and interesting but not difficult.

# AUNT MAGGIE

## Finished Measurements

Width: Approx. 7.5 in. (19 cm)

Circumference: 30 in. (76.5 cm)

## Yarn

Handspun or commercial yarn that meets the yarn amount minimums as follows:

Bulky: At least 150 yards (137.5 Meters)

Worsted: At least 185 yards (169 Meters)

DK: At least 210 yards (192 Meters)

Sport: At least 255 yards (233 Meters)

## Gauge

Bulky: 13.5 sts/22 rounds = 4 inches/10cm in stockinette stitch

Worsted: 17 sts/26 rounds = 4 inches/10cm in stockinette stitch

DK: 20 sts/30 rounds = 4 inches/10cm in stockinette stitch

Sport: 23.5 sts/32 rounds = 4 inches/10cm in stockinette stitch

## Needles

24-inch circular knitting needle, size US 10/6 mm, US 8/5 mm, US 6/4 mm, or US 4/3.5 mm depending on yarn weight selection

## Notions

1 Stitch Marker

Yarn Needle

## NOTES



- A smooth worsted preparation, minimum halo, non-novelty yarn will show off the stitch pattern more clearly.
- This pattern is written for a variety of yarn weights, yarn requirements and applicable instructions are listed as you'd typically see garment size instructions. Instructions written for *Bulky* (*Worsted*, *DK*, *Sport*) weight yarns.
- Yarn requirements listed in minimum yardages to knit a 7.5 high cowl. If you have more, feel free to continue working in pattern until you reach the last 10 yards of yarn to allow for finishing.



## ➤ DIRECTIONS

### Instructions

(Additional details on the p2tog wyib st are listed on the last page.)

With circular needle in size US 10/6 mm (US 8/5 mm, US 6/4 mm, US 4/3.5 mm), cast on 100 (127, 151, 172) sts.

Place marker to indicate beginning of round and join to work in the round, being careful not to twist.

Rnd 1: Purl.

Rnds 2 and 3: Knit.

Rnd 4: \*Slip 1 purlwise wyif, p2tog wyib, rep from\* to last st, p1.

Rnd 5: K1, \*K tbl, k2, rep from\* to the end of the round.

Rnds 6 and 7: Knit.

Rnd 8: P1, \*Slip 1 purlwise wyif, p2tog wyib, rep from\* to end.

Rnd 9: \*K2, k tbl, rep from\* to the last stitch, k1.

Rep rnds 2 - 9 until the piece measures approx. 7 ins from the CO edge, or until 10 yds of yarn remain. Try to end after rnd 3 or rnd 7 before moving on to finishing.

Last round: Purl.

### Finishing

BO knitwise.

Weave in ends.

Block.



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## ➤ ABBREVIATIONS

BO – bind off  
cm – centimeter  
CO – cast on  
in(s). – inch(es)  
k – knit

mm – millimeter  
p – purl  
p2tog – purl 2 together  
rep – repeat  
sl – slip

sm – slip marker  
st(s) – stitch(es)  
tbl – through back loop  
yd(s) – yard(s)  
yo – yarn over

## ➤ STITCHES

### **P2tog wyib**

Move yarn to the back of work, insert right needle to start the p2tog, bring the yarn over the right needle, from back to front, and complete the p2tog. This simultaneously creates a reverse, or back-to-front, yo while completing the p2tog. The stitch count remains unchanged throughout the pattern. (Video tutorial: <https://youtu.be/BG1VdloPdss>)



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## ➤ ABOUT MY SAMPLES

### **Pink Bulky**

Wraps per inch: 7

Spun: True beginner thick and thin, worsted draft that is both under spun and over spun. 2 ply, both under plied and over plied in spots

Yardage used: 150 (137.5 Meters)

Fiber: Mixed fiber homemade batt; 4.5 ounces

### **Gray Worsted**

Wraps per inch: 10

Spun: A modified worsted draft to create an airier single. chain-plied

Yardage used: 185 (169 Meters)

Fiber: 2 Gray Alpaca Roving bumps; 4 ounces each

### **DK**

Wraps per inch: 12

Spun: Thin single spun worsted, Traditional 3-ply, consistently over plied for that accidental rosey feel

Yardage used: 210 (192 Meters)

Fiber: Dyeabolical Yarns, Hand-dyed Superwash Merino Top; color: Red; 4 ounces

### **Sport**

Wraps per inch: 15

Spun: Thin singles, spun worsted. Chain plied to maintain color sequence

Yardage used: 255 (233 Meters)

Fiber: Frabjous Fiber, Hand-dyed tri-color BFL Top; color: Blue Lagoon; 4 ounces

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