

Knitting Pattern

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Pattern is in US Terminology

Skill Level:

Beginner-Intermediate

Experience in knitting in the round and simple cables is recommended.

Introduction:

This cowl complements my other pattern, the Riverbend Beanie. They can be worn together for a matching look. It is worn close to the neck and sits just on top of your chest. At the top of the cowl, there is a drawstring closure, to cinch the top loosely around the neck. This also serves as the main feature of the cowl.

If you prefer yours longer just add more rows from the **Cable Repeats**. This pattern involves knitting simple cables, in the round, and is worked in 2 sections.

- Cable Repeats
- Drawstring Closure

Red Heart Unforgettable yarn was used for this pattern. It is a roving, single ply, worsted/medium (4) weight yarn. This yarn makes a soft and very stretchy Riverbend Drawstring Cowl.

Size:

Fits most Teens and Adults.

Finished Sizing:

- 5" - 6" [12.5cm – 15cm] tall; unstretched
- 12" [30.5cm] in diameter; unstretched

Gauge:

4" (10cm) square with 6 cable repeats by 24 sts

Materials:

- 1 ball of Red Heart Unforgettable (3.5oz [100g], 279yd [256m]).
I used the colorway, Sugarcane.
- Pattern needs at least 115yd [105m]

Suggested other Single Ply, Worsted/Medium #4 weight, Acrylic yarn:

Katia Polaris 100g [236m] per ball

Loops and Threads Colors 200g [464m] per ball

Scheepjes Wanderlust 100g [232m] per ball

- US 9 [5.5mm] Circular Knitting needles on a 28" cord or size needed to obtain gauge
- A cable needle [Optional if you usually use one]
- US 10 [6.0mm] Crochet hook for the drawstring cord. You may choose to knit an i-Cord instead
- A stitch marker
- A yarn needle to weave in ends
- A pair of Scissors to cut yarn with

Abbreviations:

- **k** : knit stitch
- **p** : purl stitch
- **st(s)**: stitch(es)
- **c4b**: slip next 2 stitches onto cable needle and move to the back of work. Knit next 2 stitches from left needle. Knit the stitches from cable needle.
- **ch(s)**: crochet chain(s)

Instructions:

Cast on 150 stitches using a Stretchy Cast-On method and join in the round. Click [here](#) to view a video tutorial on Stretchy Cast-On.

Place stitch marker to mark the beginning of a row. (or cast on 151 stitches for seamless joining in the round, also known as the invisible joining, by passing the extra stitch over the first stitch. Click [here](#) to view a video tutorial on how to do this)

Cable Repeats

Rows 1 -3: (k4, p2) around 25 times until the end of row. Slip marker. (150 sts)

Row 4 (cable row): (c4b, p2) around 25 times until the end of row. Slip marker. (150 sts)

Repeat **Rows 1 through 4** until cowl is approximately 5" to 6" [12.5cm – 15cm] tall, measured from the bottom edge.

Add more **Cable Repeats** as necessary but be sure to stop after **Row 4**, i.e. a **cable row**.

Bind off using a Stretchy Bind-Off method. Click [here](#) to view a video tutorial on this method. I used method #1.

Leaving a tail of about 7" [18cm], cut yarn and weave in ends.

Drawstring Closure

For the drawstring cord, crochet 105 ch(s) with 3 strands of the yarn held together.

To achieve this with just 1 skein of yarn, click [here](#) to view a video tutorial. Leave about 4" [10cm] of tail on each end to leave on as tassels.

Your cord should be about 40" [101.5cm] long including the tails.

** Be sure to watch your tension and don't crochet the chains too tightly or loosely.

Using a large crochet hook or a yarn needle, weave the cord in and out between the cables, about 1" [2.5cm] down from the top of the cowl, to form the drawstring closure.

Congratulations! You are done. I would love to see your Riverbend Drawstring cowl on Social Media, so please don't forget to tag me @yarnit.droppedastitch and #yarnitdroppedastitch.

Thank you.

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