

Cascade Covington
2 n 1 Capelet



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2-in-1 Capelet/Neckwarmer

Wear this garment one way and it is a shoulder hugging capelet. Turn it around and wrap it an extra turn and it becomes a close-fitting cuddly neckwarmer. Either way the wonderfully soft and colorful yarn is a treat to the senses – touch and sight. Simple short rows create a curved base to which a simple mesh ruffle is attached. Knits up quickly and very easily. You will love the way the color plays out.

Materials: 2 skeins of Cascade **Covington**; size 11 needles, or size required to obtain gauge, 26 markers.

Gauge: 5 sts/2 inches in garter stitch.

Sizes: One size should fit most women. If you want to experiment with making it bigger or smaller, change stitch count in multiples of 6.

Glossary:

PM – Place marker

W&T – pull yarn forward as if to purl next st, slip next st on left needle purlwise, wrap yarn around st and to back as if to knit, slip st back to left needle., turn to work back the other way without completing row.

YO – yarn over

Directions:

Cast on 85 sts.

Row 1: K3, PM 13 times, knit to end of row.

Row 2: K3, PM 13 times, knit to end of row, slipping markers as you finish row.

Row 3: Knit to 14th marker (1st marker after center gap), remove marker, W&T next st.

Repeat row 3, knitting 3 additional sts on each row until all stitches have been knit and are on one needle with no markers in place. This means working 2 more rows after all markers have been removed. (Since this part of the garment is in garter stitch and the yarn is so nubbly and multi-colored, I don't worry about picking up the wraps and knitting them together with the stitch. I just knit right past them as if they aren't even there. It takes a very well-trained eye to spot them). You now have a slim curved arc of fabric. Knit 2 more rows and bind off, but do NOT cut yarn, use last stitch as first st of those you will now pick up.

You will now pick up a bunch of sts across the short ends of the arc and the original cast on sts as follows:

Start with the loop on needle as st 1, YO, pick up and knit a st in the short end next to the loop, YO, continue to pick up and knit a stitch in each of the cast on sts but with a YO after each one, ending with 2 more sts in the opposite short end again with YOs between. You should have 177 sts, but close is fine. I think mine had 175 and I will never spot where the missed st falls. If you have somewhere between 173 and 183, call it good and start your ruffle.

Ruffle:

Row 1: Purl.

Row 2. K1, *YO, K2tog, rep from * to end of row.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until ruffle is about 5 inches deep.

Knit 2 more rows.

Picot Bind off: *Bind off 3 sts, do not insert needle into next st just wrap yarn around right needle and loop st over it as if you are knitting the st (this is also the equivalent of a chain 1 in crochet), repeat 2 more times so there is a 3-st chain on the right needle after the bound off sts. Repeat from * to end of row, ending with 2 or 3 sts bound off.

Tie off last stitch and weave in ends. Sew a button on the left edge just above the ruffle. The holes in the ruffle will provide the buttonhole.

Wearing the garment 2 ways:

To wear the 2-in-1 as a capelet, simply drape it around your shoulder with the long part in the middle of your back and button it in the front.

To wear the 2-in-1 as a neckwarmer, start with the long part in the middle of the front, bring the ends around to the back of your neck, cross one over the other, pull ends around to the front and button them in the middle of you neck.