



The Afterthought Neckline Poncho (Original design...and the simplified version)
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This poncho is knit from side to side starting with 4 stitches and increasing at the start of each row. Once you have reached the halfway point you will establish the neckline placement (Original) on scrap yarn or (Simplified) bind off and cast on... and then decrease on to finish the rest of the poncho. The neckline is then finished in the round.

Gauge

3.5 st = 1" before blocking

Materials & Tools

32" circular needle US 10.5 (or size needed to get gauge)

24" circular needle US 10.5 for neckline edging

Manos Del Uruguay Serpentina 4 hanks - or - 560 yards of a bulky weight yarn

Scrap yarn (for original design)

Stitch marker

Finished Measurement

After blocking 30" square

Instructions

Cast on 4 stitches and knit one row

Increase row: k2, yo, knit to end

Repeat increase row to 140 stitches

***** You now have the option of working the original afterthought neckline design (original) or a more simplified bind-off neckline design (simplified). Please make sure you follow the instructions specified for your neckline of choice.**

Original design

Next row (afterthought neckline placement): k1, k2tog, yo, k47, drop main yarn and work with waste yarn on next 35 stitches marking the first stitch worked with a safety pin: knit 35, turn and purl these 35, turn knit 35, drop and cut waste yarn, slip Left needle back thru these 35 stitches, pick up main yarn and knit to end.

Decrease row: k1, k2tog, yo, k2tog, knit to end

Repeat decrease row to 4 stitches. Bind off 4 stitches

Original neckline

Orient the poncho so that the right side is facing you and marked first waste yarn stitch is on the

bottom right hand side of that section. Using the 24" needle, and working from right to left in the main yarn stitches directly below the marked first stitch of the waste yarn section, insert the tip under the right leg and weave over the left leg of each stitch until all 35 are on the needle).

Rotate the poncho 180 degrees clockwise, and repeat this in the main yarn stitches on the other

side of the waste yarn section (70 stitches total). Pick out the waste yarn leaving the main yarn stitches on the needle. (Begin at the marked stitch and after first row is picked out remaining waste yarn should be able to be frogged.) Joining the main yarn, knit the first 35 stitches, pick up one stitch for each corner of the neck opening (+ 2 stitches), knit 35 to end and pick up one stitch for each corner of the neck opening (+2 more stitches, 74 total) and join to work in the round,

knit 5 rounds. Bind off very loosely.

Simplified design

knit one row

neckline row: k1, k2tog, yo, knit 47, then loosely bind off center 35 stitches knit to end.

k1, k2tog, yo, knit 47, then loosely cable cast on 35 stitches and knit to the end.

Decrease row: k1, k2tog, yo, k2tog, knit to the end.

Repeat decrease row to 4 stitches. Bind off 4 stitches.

Simplified Neckline

With the 24" needle and main yarn, right side facing you, pick up and knit 74 stitches(35 from the bind off, 35 from the cast on and 2 from each corner). Join to work in the round, place a marker and knit 5 rounds. Bind off very loosely.

Weave in ends. We recommend you soak and block your finished garment to encourage the yarn to relax which will result in a larger garment.