BOKO-BOKO COWL
ボコボコ - bumpy

Inspired by several of my previous designs, this cowl comes as a representation of my continuous fascination with textures. Exploration and application of it in knitwear, while making them wearable and easily transforming them into statement pieces for anyone's wardrobe. Available in 3 sizes, you can create your own but make sure to preserve the spiked texture by selecting to carry a single strand of steel fiber yarn together with the working yarn.

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SKILL LEVEL
Beginner Intermediate

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS (UNSTRETCHED)
17.5 (24.5, 35)" circumference
7.5 (7.5, 12.5)" tall

YARN
About 375 (575, 1000) yards of fingering weight yarn

Smallest Version shown in
Jill Draper Esopus (100% US grown wool), 500yds/457m per 113g/3.99oz;
1 skein in color Bone
held together with
Neighborhood Fiber Co Chromium (69% Silk Noil, 31% Stainless Steel) 413 yards per 28g/1oz;
1 skein in color Charles Centre

Largest Version shown in
Jill Draper Esopus (100% US grown wool), 500yds/457m per 113g/3.99oz;
2 skeins in color Graphite

NEEDLE
US 4 (3.5 mm) circular, 24" long
OR USE NEEDLE TO OBTAIN GAUGE

GAUGE
1 pattern repeat (42 sts wide and 28 rnds tall) measures 3.5" wide and 2.5" long (unblocked and unstretched)

NOTIONS
Crochet hook size D/3.25mm
Stitch markers
Tapestry needle
Row counter (optional)

NOTES
This cowl is worked in the round. The stitch pattern is a repeat of 42 sts and 28 rounds. We recommend placing markers between each 42-st repeat for ease of working, with a different colored marker for the beginning of the round.

Choose natural fiber yarns that have a tighter twist to help preserve the 3-D texture while wearing. You can choose to use a different weight of yarn for this accessory. Heavier (dk, worsted) weights will produce a larger, more substantial size accessory while lighter (lace) weight will produce a smaller, more ethereal accessory.

In the smaller cowl shown, two yarns are held together throughout.

TECHNIQUES

Crochet Chain Cast On

With crochet hook, make a slip knot loop. Holding the knitting needle in your left hand, and the crochet hook in your right hand, bring the yarn behind the needle. *With the crochet hook in front of the needle, wrap the yarn over the needle and the hook, and pull loop through. 1 st has been cast on the needle. Bring the yarn back between the needle and hook and repeat from * until you have cast on the required number of stitches less one. For the final stitch, transfer the loop from the crochet hook to the needle.

Boko-Boko Stitch Pattern (multiple of 42 sts)

Rounds 1 - 13: *K1, [ssk, yo, p1] 6 times, ssk, yo, k1, [yo, k2tog, p1] 6 times, yo, k2tog; rep from * to end.

Round 14: *K1, [yo, ssk, p1] 6 times, yo, ssk, k1, [k2tog, yo, p1] 6 times, k2tog, yo; rep from * to end.

Rounds 15 - 27: *K1, [yo, k2tog, p1] 6 times, yo, k2tog, k1, [ssk, yo, p1] 6 times, ssk, yo; rep from * to end.

Round 28: *K1, [k2tog, yo, p1] 6 times, k2tog, yo, k1, [yo, ssk, p1] 6 times, yo, ssk; rep from * to end.

Repeat Rounds 1-28 for pattern.

ABBREVIATIONS

BO · bind off
CO · cast on
k · knit
k2tog · knit 2 stitches together (right leaning decrease)
m · marker
p · purl
pm · place marker
rem · remain/s/ing
rep · repeat
rnd(s) · round/s
ssk · slip, slip, knit 2 slipped sts together (left leaning decrease)
yo · yarn over

DIRECTIONS

Using the Crochet Chain method, CO 210 (294, 420) sts onto circular needle.
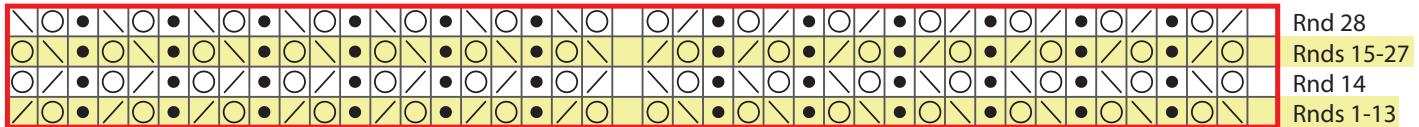Join to work in the round, pm for beginning of round.

Work Rounds 1-28 of the Boko-Boko Stitch Pattern 2 (2, 4) times (placing a marker after each 42-st repeat on the first round), then work Rounds 1-27 again.

Loosely BO all sts in the pattern of the last worked round (i.e. bind off while repeating Round 27).

FINISHING

Weave in ends. To avoid flattening the pattern, do not wash or block.

Boko-Boko Stitch

Rnd 28
Rnds 15-27
Rnd 14
Rnds 1-13

Key

☐	knit	◹	k2tog	☑	yo
☐	purl	◺	ssk	☐	pattern repeat

The chart shows the stitch pattern in a condensed form, as there are many identical rows. The highlighted rows are each worked a total of 13 times.