



Roomy Balaclava

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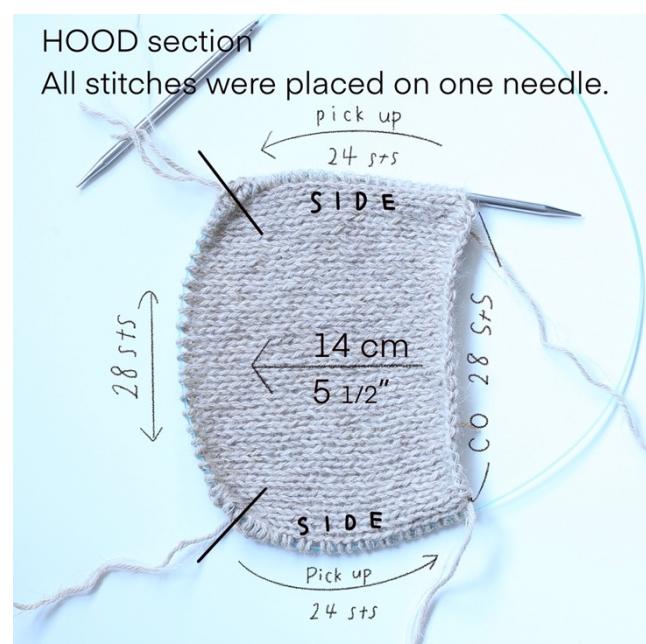
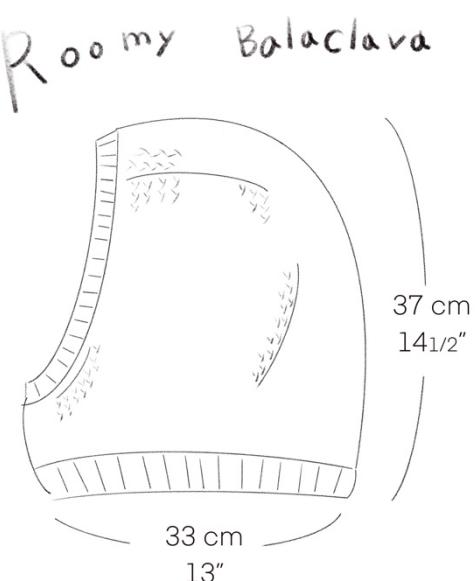
The Roomy Balaclava is a loose-fitting hood that is easy to combine with fashion. Knitted with two yarns of wool and mohair, it protects the face and ears from the cold wind. It is worked from top-down. Knit the top square, picking up stitches from each side to form the hood. The neck is formed with increases and decreases, then the back and front are knitted separately before joining.

Size	One size
Needles	Circular needles: 5.5 mm [US 9] (60 cm [24"]) and 4 mm [US 6] (60 cm [24"])
Gauge	15 stitches x 21 rows = 10 x 10cm [4" x 4"] in stockinette stitch on 5.5 mm [US 9] needle (after wet blocking)
Yarn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knitting for Olive Merino (250 meters [273 yards] / 50 grams) = 40 grams held together with Garn studio Drops Brushed Alpaca Silk (140 meters [153 yards] / 25 grams) = 30 grams Worsted held together with Lace weight (mohair) / Approximately 200 [219 yards] meters each.
Notions	Stitch markers, stitch holders or waste yarn and tapestry needle

Abbreviations		
BO Bind Off	p purl	p tbl Purl through back loop
CO Cast On	PM Place marker	
k knit	k tbl Knit through back loop	Rnd Round
K2tog Knit 2 stitches together		RS Right side
K2togtbl Knit 2 stitches together through the back loop	sl1 wyib	Slip stitch with yarn in back.
M Marker	sl1 wyif	Slip stitch with yarn in front.
M1L With your left needle, pick up the bar from front to back and knit through the back loop. Left leaning increase in k.	st(s) stitch(es)	
	SM Slip marker	
	WS Wrong side	
M1R With your left needle, pick up the bar from back to front and knit. Right leaning increase in k.		

Technique Tutorials * You can also search YouTube and other websites for tutorials that are easy for you to understand.

Italian Bind-Off <https://youtu.be/nX1Fkf5n7v8>



DIRECTION

TOP

CO 28 sts on 5.5 mm [US 9] a needle using the Longtail cast on method.

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch until back measures approx. 14 cm [5 ½"] from the cast on edge. Ending with a WS row. Break yarn and place the stitches on a stitch holder or on scrap yarn.

HOOD

Pick up 24 sts on each side of top from RS side, then put all knit sts on needle. You have 76 sts on your needle. Next row is a RS row.

Set-up rnd (RS): k23, k2tog tbl, PM, k26, PM, k2tog, k23 (2 sts decrease) 74 sts.

Continue working in stockinette stitch while increasing as follows:

ROW 1 (WS): P all sts.

ROW 2 (RS): K to M, M1R, SM, K26, SM, M1L, K to end of row. (2 sts increase)

Repeat Rows 1-2 for a total of 6 times. 86 sts.

Continue working in stockinette stitch until the measures approx. 14cm [5 ½"] from the sts picked up on the side. Ending with a WS row.

NECK

Shape the neck continue working in stockinette stitch while increasing and decreasing as follows:

Row 1 (RS): k3, M1L, k to until 2 sts before M, K2tog, SM, k to M, SM, SSK, k to last 3 sts of the round, M1R, k3 (=2 sts increase and 2 sts decrease)

Row 2 (WS): p all sts.

Row 3 (RS): k all sts.

Row 4 (WS): p all sts.

Repeat Rows 1-4 for a total of 6 times. Remove all Ms.

Jaw section join to round (RS): k to end of row, CO 10 sts (using Backwards loop cast on method), PM (BOR), join to round, k to M. 96 sts.

Continue working in stockinette stitch until the measures approx. 5 cm [2"] from the sts picked up on the jaw or your desired length.

Switch to 4 mm [US 6] circular needle and work 4 rounds in rib (k1, p1).

Bind off in patterns or using the Italian/tubular bind off method.

Front rib edge

Pick up and knit 142 sts with a 4 mm [US 6] needle along the front opening. PM before the first stitch.

TIP! This is designed with a wide front opening, but if you want to make the front opening a little narrower, pick up sts in approximately 2 sts for every 3 sts/rows or approximately 4 sts for every 5 sts/rows (approximately 100 - 120 sts).

1 x 1 Rib	Double Knitting method
Work 4 rounds in 1 x 1 Rib (k1, p1). Bind-Off in patterns or using the Italian/tubular bind off method.	Rnd 1: (k1, sl1 wyif) *, () *repeat to M Rnd 2: (sl1 wyib, p1) *, () *repeat to M Repeat 1-2 rnds one more time. Using the Italian Bind-Off method.

Finishing: Weave in all ends and wet block to the measurements.



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Thank you!

Happy knitting!