

# BAM BAM BOW

## English



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BAM BAM BOW is a small, soft bow scarf knitted in cashmere. The shape and functionality of the bow is inspired by a particular type of scarf that I remember from my childhood in the 70s and 80s.

The stitches for the BAM BAM BOW are cast on with Judy's magic cast on. They are cast on at the middle of the bow (at the neck), and each part is knitted from the middle of the bow. First, the stitches are worked back and forth until half of the length is reached. Here, the stitches are divided into two parts which are worked separately to shape the opening which is used to join the bow. After this, the two parts are joined again, and the tip of the bow is worked. The other half of the bow is worked in the same way.

## Sizes

Size: child (adult)

Length: 69 (77) cm

Width: 13,5 (13,5) cm

## Needles

Circular needle 2.5 mm

An additional circular needle for Judy's magic cast on

Some scrap yarn in a contrasting color to use as a stitch holder

A darning needle

A double pointed needle 2.5 mm to use as a stitch holder



## Gauge

32 sts × 58 rows in garter stitch on a 2.5 mm needle =  
10 × 10 cm

## Materials

*Version 1 (page 1):*

50 (50) g Cardiff Cashmere Classic in color 638  
(100 % cashmere; 112 m/25 g)

*Version 2 (page 5, left):*

50 (50) g Cardiff Cashmere Classic in color 501  
(100 % cashmere; 112 m/25 g)

*Version 3 (page 2, left):*

50 (50) g Cardiff Cashmere Classic in color 579  
(100 % cashmere; 112 m/25 g)

*Version 4 (page 2, right):*

50 (50) g Gepard Cashmere Klassik in color 164  
(100 % pure cashmere; 105 m/25 g)

***The entire 50 g are used in size ADULT.***

*Yarn substitutes*

50 (50) g Anina by Filcolana

(100 % superwash merino wool; 210 m/50 g)

50 (50) g Cashmere Premium by Lang Yarn

(100 % cashmere; 115 m/25 g)



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## Abbreviations

**k** = knit

**p** = purl

**RS** = right side

**WS** = wrong side

**st(s)** = stitch(es)

**tog** = together

**ssk** = slip 1 stitch knit-wise, slip the next stitch knit-wise as well (one at a time). Slip the 2 stitches back onto the left needle and knit them together through the back loops

**wyif** = with yarn in front

**sl** = slip stitch(es) purl-wise

**double dec (double decrease)** = slip 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together, pass the loose stitch over the stitches that were knit together

## Judy's magic cast on

Cast on 2 stitches on 2 circular needles in the same size. Place the 2 needles parallel with one needle at the top and one needle at the bottom.

- Make sure that the yarn is long enough to be able to cast on the required number of stitches.
- Place the yarn over the top needle so that the tail is pointing towards you.
- Cross the yarn so that the working yarn connected to the ball is crossed in front of the tail.
- Now hold the yarn over the index finger and thumb of your left hand so that the working yarn connected to the ball lies over the thumb while the tail is held over the index finger. Hold both threads between the palm and the fingers of your left hand. (This is the starting position.)

The steps above result in the first stitch.

You are now ready to cast on. The rule is the following: The thread around the index finger is always wrapped around the bottom needle, while the thread around the thumb is always wrapped around the top needle. Cast on stitches as follows:

1. Wrap the thread on the index finger under the bottom needle.
2. Then, wrap the thread on the index finger over the bottom needle and in between the two needles.
3. Go back to the starting position.
4. Wrap the thread on the thumb in between the two needles from the bottom up.
5. Then, wrap the thread on the thumb over the top needle.
6. Go back to the starting position.

Repeat step 1-6 until you reach the required number of stitches.

Finally, lock the yarn by wrapping the thread on the index finger (the tail) in front of the thread connected to the ball so that the two threads are crossed. Now, hold the thread connected to the ball firmly and turn the needles around so that the needle at the bottom when casting on is now at the top. You can now start working the stitches on the needle that was at the bottom when casting on.

*On my YouTube channel, you can see how I work Judy's magic cast on.*

## Judy's Magic Cast-on



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## Cast on

Using Judy's magic cast on, cast on 43 sts on a 2.5 mm circular needle, resulting in 43 sts on each needle.

Work across the 43 sts from the needle at the top (the first half of the bow) while the remaining 43 sts are on hold on the needle at the bottom (the second half of the bow).

## First half of the bow

Row 1 (RS): Knit to end of row.

Row 2 (WS): Sl2 wyif, knit to the last 2 sts on the needle, sl2 wyif.

*Place a marker on the RS of the work to easily identify the RS and WS of the work.*

Repeat row 1-2 until the work measures 16,5 (20,5) cm.  
End with row 2 which is a WS row.

Thread the darning needle with the scrap yarn. This needle is now used to put half of the stitches on hold on the scrap yarn. Proceed as follows:

Hold the darning needle and the end of the circular needle with no stitches parallel with the darning needle in the back. This means that the stitches you move to the circular needle are placed in front of the work, and the stitches you move to the darning needle are placed behind the work.

Distribute the stitches as follows (RS):

Move 2 sts onto the circular needle, \*move 1 st onto the darning needle, move 1 st onto the circular needle\*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 3 sts, move 1 st onto the darning needle, move 2 sts onto the circular needle.

*On my YouTube channel, you can see how I divide the work, work the opening and then join the stitches again.*

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There are now 23 sts on the circular needle and 20 sts on the scrap yarn.

Work back and forth across the 23 sts on the circular needle as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit to end of row.

Row 2 (WS): Sl2 wyif, purl to the last 2 sts on the needle, sl2 wyif.

Repeat row 1-2 until the work measures 6 cm from the place where the work was divided.

End with row 2 which is a WS row.

Put the 23 sts on hold on a 2.5 mm double pointed needle.

Do not break the yarn.

From the WS of the work, move the 20 sts from the scrap yarn onto a 2.5 mm circular needle.

*(The WS of the two pieces shaping the hole are facing each other.)*

Join new yarn and work back and forth as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit to end of row.

Row 2 (WS): Sl2 wyif, purl to the last 2 sts on the needle, sl2 wyif.

Repeat row 1-2 until the work measures 6 cm from the place where the work was divided.

End with row 2 which is a WS row.

Break the yarn.

Now, hold the 2 needles parallel with the double pointed needle with 23 sts in the front and the circular needle with 20 sts in the back. Join the 2 sets of sts on the opposite end of the circular needle as follows (RS):

Move 2 sts from the front needle to the circular needle, \*move 1 st from the back needle onto the circular needle, move 1 st from the front needle onto the circular needle\*, repeat from \* to \* until 2 sts remain on the front needle and 1 st remains on the back needle, move 1 st from the back needle onto the circular needle, move 2 sts from the front needle onto the circular needle.

There are now a total of 43 sts on the needle.

Proceed as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit to end of row.

Row 2 (WS): Sl2 wyif, knit to the last 2 sts on the needle, sl2 wyif.

Repeat row 1-2 until the work measures 5 cm from the place where the work was joined.

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Decrease along the edges as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K2, k2tog, k to the last 4 sts on the needle, ssk, k2.

Row 2 (WS): Sl2 wyif, knit to the last 2 sts on the needle, sl2 wyif.

Repeat row 1-2 until 7 sts remain on the needle.

Proceed as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K2, double dec, k2.

Row 2 (WS): Sl2 wyif, k1, sl2 wyif.

Row 3: K1, double dec, k1.

Break the yarn and pull the tail through the 3 remaining sts on the needle.

Weave in all ends.

## Second half of the bow

Work the second half of the bow across the 43 sts on hold.

Work one row from the WS as follows: Sl2 wyif, knit to the last 2 sts on the needle, sl2 wyif.

Finish the bow by following the instructions on page 4 (“**First half of the bow**”) since the second half is worked identically.

## Finishing

Weave in all ends.

