



# Basics

## Your notes, my tips!

Here you can write your own notes during knitting.

I also write my hot tips and notes here to ease your work!

Note: This project is knit with four (4) strands of mohair held together.

## ABOUT PATTERN

Serpent Balaclava is a soft and fluffy head accessory for the cold months. The cute design frames the neck and face with ruffles which makes it a unique addition to any outfit.

Level of difficulty: Advanced beginner

## SIZES

One Size

## SUGGESTED YARN

100 g Pearl Mohair, MAJO GARN,  
210 m = 25 g

Yarn category/ Lace: 0

## GAUGE

20 sts x 25 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 in] in  
stockinette stitch

## SUGGESTED NEEDLES

3 mm [US 2.5] / 40 & 60 cm [16 & 24 in]  
circular needles  
4 mm [US 6] / 40 & 60 cm [16 & 24 in]  
circular needles

## ADDITIONAL

- A stitch marker
- Tapestry needle
- Row counter (I.e. Free app called 'Minimalist Stitch Counter')

## WORKFLOW

Serpent Balaclava is knit from top down on circular needles.

You will start by working the top of the hood flat in stockinette stitch.

Then, you will pick up and knit stitches from the sides of the top and continue knitting flat in "U-shape" until your hood reaches the correct length.

After this, new stitches are casted under the chin. The work is joined in the round and the neck is worked in 1:1 rib (k1, p1) and finished with a ruffled edge.

To finish, new stitches are picked up around the face and a ruffled edge is worked similar to the neck.

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## TECHNIQUES

Long tail cast on  
Backwards loop cast on  
Pick up and knit  
Yarn over increase  
Yarn over bind off  
Stockinette in flat (knit on the RS, purl on the WS)  
Stockinette in the round (knit all stitches)  
1x1 rib (k1, p1)

## HELPFUL LINKS

[Long tail cast on](#)  
[Backwards loop cast on](#)  
[Pick up and knit stitches](#)  
[Yarnover increase](#)  
[Yarnover bind off](#)

## ABBREVIATIONS

k = knit  
p = purl  
st(s) = stitch(es)  
yo = yarn over  
tbl = through back loop  
RS = right side  
WS = wrong side



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## TOP

Cast on 20 sts on 4 mm [US 6] / 40 cm [16 in] circular needles using the long tail cast on method.

Starting with a WS row (=purl all sts) work back and forth in stockinette stitch (k on the RS, p on the WS) for a total of 29 rows. Your last row is a WS row.

Your top now measures approximately 12 cm [4.5 in] from the cast on.

Break the yarn.

## BODY

With RS facing and using your right hand needle, pick up and knit 24 sts along the edge, towards your left hand needle. (24 sts is equivalent to skipping every 7th stitch)

Knit all 20 sts from your left hand needle.

Now, using your right hand needle, pick up and knit 25 sts from the opposite edge, towards the face.

You now have 69 sts on your needles.

Continue knitting back and forth in stockinette for a total of 53 rows. You can change to a longer cable after a few rows, if you prefer.

For row 54 (RS) change to a 3mm [US 2.5] / 40 cm [16 in] circular needles and knit across one row.

Don't break the yarn as your next step continues from here.

The vertical sides now measure approx. 21.5cm [8.5in] from the pick up edge.

Try on the hood to make sure you are happy with the height. Knit a couple of rows less or more if you prefer.

## NECK

Cast on 5 new sts as an extension to the previous row, using the backwards loop method.

You now have a total of 74 sts on your needles.

Join to work in the round. Place a stitch marker to indicate the beginning of the round between the first and the last sts.

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Knit in 1x1 rib (k1, p1) until the rib measures approx. 9cm [3.5in].

Don't break the yarn as the next step continues form here.

**RUFFLES (Neck)**

Change to 3 mm [US 2.5] / 60 cm [24 in] circular needles during the first round.

Round 1: K all sts

Round 2: \*K1, yo\* repeat form \* to \* until end of round

Round 3: \*K1, k1tbl\* repeat from \* to \* until end of round

Bind off using the yarn over bind off method.

**RUFFLES (Face)**

With your 3 mm [US 2.5] / 60 cm [24 in] circular needles, pick up and knit every 3 out of 4 sts along the vertical edges, 17 sts for the top edge and 5 sts for the bottom edge.

Make sure you end up with an even number of stitches.

Place a marker to indicate the beginning of the round.

Rounds 1 - 2: \*K1, p1\* repeat fom \* to \* until end of round

Round 3: \*K1, yo\* repeat from \* to \* until end of round

Round 4: \*K1, k1tbl\* repeat from \* to \* until end of round

Bind off using the yarn over bind off method

Weave in all ends.