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Hood Scarf - Purl Soho

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Our [Season Alpaca](#) is 100% of the most exquisite alpaca we could find on the planet. And our new free Hood Scarf pattern, designed by Lili Tobias, is an elegant, versatile design that uses each feature of Season Alpaca to its best. It's a true knitting pleasure! Here's why...



It's incredibly soft. 100% super baby alpaca, [Season Alpaca](#)'s grade of fiber is the most prized for softness. "Baby" refers not to the age of the animal it comes from, but to the fineness of its fiber, and "super" means that the fiber has been further sorted for quality, putting you in softest-alpaca-you-can-find-anywhere territory!



Season Alpaca has an astonishingly elegant drape. What is drape anyway? “Drape” refers to the suppleness of your finished piece. A lot of drape means the fabric can’t stand up on its own. Instead, it puddles and flows around you. This is characteristic of alpaca, but the smoothness and body of Season Alpaca’s spin adds a whole new level of beauty to its drape.



It is lively. Sometimes other alpaca yarns can feel a bit listless, but Season Alpaca's multi-strand structure (eight plied strands that are plied strands themselves) means it is full of body, with a subtle luster that naturally comes from fine alpaca fiber. It is responsive in your hands and brings joy from cast on to bind off!



To make your own Hood Scarf, you begin with a basic 2×2 ribbed scarf and knit the length of one side. You increase toward the hood and then shape it with easy wrap-and-turn short rows, keeping in the groove of the ribbing as you go. Next, you travel back the way you came, decreasing and then finishing with another straight length of ribbing. In the end, you have an accessory that functions as a scarf but also offers head cover for blustery wind and snow.





You will love having this incredibly soft fiber brushing your cheek in hood mode or draped around your neck when it's scarf time. And Season Alpaca's stitch definition means the simple ribbing and beautiful hood shaping have a clarity that is truly lovely. Hood up or down, you will love being wrapped in the world's best alpaca!



Designed for Purl Soho by [Lili Tobias](#). Lili spends most of her time knitting, listening to music, or doing both at the same time. She also happens to be our wonderful Customer Service Coordinator!

Share your progress and connect with the community by tagging your pics with #PurlSoho, #PurlSohoBusyHands, #PurlSohoHoodScarf, and #PurlSohoSeasonAlpaca. We can't wait to see what you make!

Materials



- 4 (5) skeins of Purl Soho's Season Alpaca, 100% super baby alpaca. Each skein is 218 yards/ 100 grams; approximately 775 (905) total yards required. We used True Turquoise for one version and River Pink for the other.
- US 4 (3.5 mm), 24-inch circular needles
- A stitch marker

GAUGE

42 stitches and 29 rows = 4 inches in 2 x 2 ribbing, unstretched

SIZES

Adult X-Small/Small (Adult Medium/Large)

To fit head circumference of 18–22 (22–26) inches

- Finished Length of Scarf at Neck Edge: 74 (79½) inches
- Finished Depth from Top of Hood to Neck Edge: 11½ (13¼) inches
- Finished Width of Scarf: 5¾ inches

SAMPLES: We knit the True Turquoise sample in the Adult X-Small/Small size and the River Pink sample in the Adult Medium/Large size.

NOTES

SLIP STITCHES

Slip all slipped stitches purlwise.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

MAKE 1 RIGHT + LEFT

Make 1 Right: Use left needle to pick up strand (or “bar”) between last stitch and next stitch, from back to front. Knit into front leg. [1 stitch increased]

Make 1 Left: Use left needle to pick up strand between last stitch and next stitch, from front to back. Knit into back leg. [1 stitch increased]

For more help with these increases, visit our [Make 1 Right \(M1R\) + Make 1 Left \(M1L\) tutorial](#).

MAKE 1 RIGHT + LEFT PURLWISE

m1R purlwise (make one right purlwise, worked on the wrong side): With the left needle, pick up the horizontal strand between the last stitch you knit and the one you’re about to knit, bringing the needle from back to front, then purl through front loop of the strand.

m1L purlwise (make one left purlwise, worked on the wrong side): With the left needle, pick up the horizontal strand between the last stitch you knit and the one you’re about to knit, bringing the needle from front to back, then purl through back loop of the strand.

For more help with these increases, please visit our [Make 1 Purlwise Tutorial](#).

SHORT-ROW SHAPING: WRP-T (WRAP AND TURN)

On the right side: Keeping yarn in back, slip next stitch purlwise from left needle to right needle. Bring yarn to front. Return slipped stitch to left needle. Bring yarn to back. Turn work so wrong side is facing you.

On the wrong side: Keeping yarn in front, slip next stitch purlwise from left needle to right needle. Bring yarn to back. Return slipped stitch to left needle. Bring yarn to front. Turn work so right side is facing you.

For a step-by-step video and photo tutorial of how to work this technique, please visit our [Short Rows: Wrap + Turn Tutorial](#).

PATTERN

RIGHT SCARF

Using a basic [Long Tail Cast On](#), cast on 60 stitches.

Row 1 (wrong side): Slip 1 with yarn in front (wyif, see Notes), *p2, k2, repeat from * to last 3 stitches, p3.

Row 2 (right side): Slip 1 with yarn in back (wyib), *k2, p2, repeat from * to last 3 stitches, k3.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until piece measures 28½ inches from cast-on edge, ending with a right-side row.

HOOD

INCREASE

Set-Up Row (wrong side): Slip 1 wyif, [p2, k2] 5 times, place marker (pm), *p2, k2, repeat from * to last 3 stitches, p3.

Increase Row 1 (right side): Slip 1 wyib, *k2, p2, repeat from * to 2 stitches before marker, k2, make 1 right purlwise (see Notes), slip marker (sm), **p2, k2, repeat from ** to last stitch, k1. [1 stitch increased]

Increase Row 2 (wrong side): Slip 1 wyif, *p2, k2, repeat from * to marker, sm, make 1 left knitwise (see Notes), k1, **p2, k2, repeat from ** to last 3 stitches, p3. [1 stitch increased]

Increase Row 3: Slip 1 wyib, *k2, p2, repeat from * to marker, make 1 right knitwise (see Notes), sm, **p2, k2, repeat from ** to last stitch, k1. [1 stitch increased]

Increase Row 4: Slip 1 wyif, *p2, k2, repeat from * to marker, sm, make 1 left purlwise (see Notes), p1, **k2, p2, repeat from ** to last stitch, p1. [1 stitch increased]

Repeat Increase Rows 1–4 fourteen (19) more times. [120 (140) stitches]

SHAPE HOOD

Short Row 1 (right side): Slip 1 wyib, [k2, p2] 9 (11) times, wrp-t (see Notes).

Short Row 2 (wrong side): [K2, p2] 4 (5) times, k2, wrp-t.

Short Row 3: *P2, k2, repeat from * to 2 stitches before wrapped stitch, p2, knit wrapped stitch with its wrap, k1, p2, k2, p2, wrp-t.

Short Row 4: *K2, p2, repeat from * to 2 stitches before wrapped stitch, k2, purl wrapped stitch with its wrap, p1, k2, wrp-t.

Repeat Short Rows 3 and 4 three (4) more times, then repeat Short Row 3 one more time.

Short Row 5 (wrong side): *K2, p2, repeat from * to 2 stitches before wrapped stitch, k2, purl wrapped stitch with its wrap, p2.

Short Row 6 (right side): Slip 1 wyib, *k2, p2, repeat from * to wrapped stitch, knit wrapped stitch with its wrap, k1, p2, wrp-t.

Short Row 7: *K2, p2, repeat from * to last stitch, p1.

Repeat Short Rows 6 and 7 four (5) more times.

Next Row (right side): Slip 1 wyib, *k2, p2, repeat from * to wrapped stitch, knit wrapped stitch with its wrap, k1, sm, [p2, k2] to last stitch, k1.

Next Row (wrong side): Slip 1 wyif, *p2, k2, repeat from * to last 3 stitches, slipping marker as you come to it, p3.

Short Row 8 (right side): Slip 1 wyib, *k2, p2, repeat from * to 2 stitches before marker, wrp-t.

Short Row 9 (wrong side): *K2, p2, repeat from * to last stitch, p1.

Short Row 10: Slip 1 wyib, *k2, p2, repeat from * to 4 stitches before wrapped stitch, wrp-t.

Repeat Short Rows 9 and 10 three (4) more times.

Short Row 11 (wrong side): *K2, p2, repeat from * to last 5 stitches, k2, wrp-t.

Short Row 12 (right side): *P2, k2, repeat from * to 10 stitches before wrapped stitch, p2, wrp-t.

Short Row 13: *K2, p2, repeat from * to 6 stitches before wrapped stitch, k2, wrp-t.

Repeat Short Rows 12 and 13 three (4) more times, then repeat Short Row 12 one more time.

Short Row 14 (wrong side): *K2, p2, repeat from * to last stitch, purling all wrapped stitches with their wraps, p1.

Next Row (right side): Slip 1 wyib, *k2, p2, repeat from * to last 3 stitches, knitting all wrapped stitches with their wraps and slipping marker when you come to it, k3.

DECREASE

Set-Up Row (wrong side): Slip 1 wyif, *p2, k2, repeat from * to 4 stitches before marker, p2, k1, pm, k1, remove old marker, **p2, k2, repeat from ** to last 3 stitches, p3.

Decrease Row 1 (right side): Slip 1 wyib, *k2, p2, repeat from * to 3 stitches before marker, k1, slip slip purl (ssp), sm, p1, **k2, p2, repeat from ** to last 3 stitches, k3. [1 stitch decreased]

Decrease Row 2 (wrong side): Slip 1 wyif, *p2, k2, repeat from * to 3 stitches before marker, p2, k1, sm, slip slip knit (ssk), **k2, p2, repeat from ** to last stitch, p1. [1 stitch decreased]

Decrease Row 3: Slip 1 wyib, *k2, p2, repeat from * to 5 stitches before marker, k2, p1, ssp, sm, p1, **k2, p2, repeat from ** to last 3 stitches, k3. [1 stitch decreased]

Decrease Row 4: Slip 1 wyif, *p2, k2, repeat from * to 3 stitches before marker, p2, k1, sm, ssk, **p2, k2, repeat from ** to last 3 stitches, p3. [1 stitch decreased]

Repeat Decrease Rows 1–4 fourteen (19) more times, removing the stitch marker on your last row. [60 stitches remain]

LEFT SCARF

Row 1 (right side): Slip 1 wyib, *k2, p2, repeat from * to last 3 stitches, k3.

Row 2 (wrong side): Slip 1 wyif, *p2, k2, repeat from * to last 3 stitches, p3.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until Scarf measures 28½ inches from final Decrease Row, ending with a wrong-side row.

Bind off loosely, in pattern.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends, and gently wet block.



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