

INTO THE HOODS BALACLAVA

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Into the Hoods was our Fall '25 mystery knit-a-long that offered a whopping six hooded patterns in one knitting adventure! And now, the mystery is revealed!

This pattern is the Balaclava version, it includes instructions to knit it in a single color or in two colors. This is a versatile accessory that does double duty. Wear it as a cozy cowl around your neck, or flip it up to cover your nose and mouth when the wind really bites.

Into The Hoods Balaclava is worked from the top down. It starts with a rectangle that uses an i-cord cast-on and my signature Lola's Pick Up Line technique. The body of the hood flows off of this base towards the neck. Then you join into the round and knit a tube that becomes a cowl AND a face covering. The optional casing and drawstring let you cinch it up around your face, keeping the cold out and the warmth in.

Check out the Dickey and Scarf versions of Into the Hoods, too!

Want to see more pics?

<http://www.nelkindesigns.com/IntoTheHoodsBalaclava>

MATERIALS

One-Color

Approx. 460 yards [421 meters] of DK, Worsted, or Aran weight yarn

Two-Color

MC- Approx. 300 yards [274 meters] of DK, Worsted, or Aran weight yarn

CC- Approx. 260 yards [238 meters] of same weight yarn as your MC
(see page 2 for yarn ideas!)

- **Ndl A-** Two US Size 8 [5 mm] double pointed needles, or one size larger than needed to obtain gauge
- **Ndl B-** US Size 7 [4.5 mm] 36 inch [91 cm] or longer circular needle, or size needed to obtain gauge
- **Ndl C-** US Size 6 [4 mm] 16 or 20 inch [41 or 51 cm] circular needle, or one size smaller than needed to obtain gauge

- Length of stitch saver at least 30 inches [76 cm] long (or spare circular needle cord)
- Stitch markers
- Optional- Digital Scale, 5 mm crochet hook

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Depth of Hood at Top (without casing)- approx. 8 inches [20 cm]

Height of Hood- approx. 10 inches [25 cm]

Height of Cowl Neck (easily adjustable)- approx. 11 inches [28 cm]

Circumference of Cowl Neck- approx. 18.5 inches [47 cm]

GAUGE

18 stitches and 26 rows = 4 inches [10 cm] in Stockinette stitch, lightly blocked on **ndl B** (see notes)

PLEASE READ!

Into The Hoods was Fall 2025's annual Mystery Knit-a-long! The mystery has been revealed and this pattern is for the 1 and 2 color Balaclava versions. There is a link to an extensive video playlist on page 3. I have noted in the pattern which clue each step in the pattern relates to so that if you have questions/need support you know which video to watch. The video tutorials are all time stamped so you can jump right to the section you want to review! Easy!

CHOOSING YOUR YARN

The Into The Hoods pre-clue video (linked in the playlist) will give you LOTS of ideas for yarns that you can use to knit Into The Hoods! You can also peruse everyone's projects on Ravelry to get ideas.

These are yarns Laura used to knit her Hoods in... they all came from stash and LYS visits.

One-Color

Harrisville, Nightshades; Insomnia

Two-Color

MC- Farmer's Daughter Fibers, Pishkun DK; Evergreen

CC- Spincycle, Dream State; Deep Bump

Choosing Color:

- Your **MC** and **CC** should contrast with each other at all times. You may use solid, variegated, gradient, OR speckled skeins for your **MC** and **CC** as long as they contrast with each other.
- I chose for my **MC** to be solid and my **CC** to be the party, but this can easily be switched!
- If both the **MC** and **CC** are highly variegated or speckled, you are going to lose some of the contrast, so it is a good idea to keep one of them mel-low!
- Dyed in the Wool yarns (like Spincycle, Junction Fiber Mill, Feederbrook Farms, Yarn Hero, Ewetopia, your own Handspun) will work really well as your **CC**.

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Working Your Gauge Swatch

- With **MC**, cast on 24 sts using **ndl B**.
If you know you knit loosely, then go down a needle size.
If you knit tightly, go up!
- Knit RS rows and purl WS rows for at least 3 inches [8 cm].
- Bind off, but DO NOT CUT YARN (unless you have tons).
- Soak your swatch in warm water for 5 minutes, if not longer. You can use a little wool wash if you want, but it's not necessary.
- Take your swatch out of its bath and squeeze out all the water in a towel.
- Lay out your swatch flat. Smooth out the swatch, but DO NOT pin it.
- Let dry completely. Then, bat it about a bit so the stitches chillax.
- Measure your stitch gauge. You want to do this over multiple inches, making sure you keep away from the edges to get an accurate stitch count.
This is why you are casting on 6 more stitches than called for.
- If you get between 17.5 and 18.5 sts/4 inches [10 cm], I wouldn't re-swatch, but if the margin of error is bigger than that... I would!
You can also measure your row gauge, BUT in this project the stitch gauge is more important, so don't get too worried about it!
- If you want to work up a color swatch with your yarns to see how they play, work a swatch as so:
Row 1 (RS): With **MC**, k1, sl1wyif, knit to last 2 sts, sl1wyif, k1.
Row 2 (WS): With **MC**, sl1wyif, k1, sl1wyif, purl to last 3 sts, sl1wyif, k1, sl1wyif.
Row 3: With **CC**, k1, sl1wyif, knit to last 2 sts, sl1wyif, k1.
Row 4: With **CC**, sl1wyif, k1, sl1wyif, knit to last 3 sts, sl1wyif, k1, sl1wyif.

Abbreviations

- Bush- Into one stitch, [k1, yo] twice, k1 [4 sts inc]
- CC- contrast color
- con't- continue
- dec- decreased
- k- knit
- k2tog- knit 2 sts together [1 st dec]
- inc- increase
- lh- left hand
- MC- main color
- ndl(s)- needle(s)
- p- purl
- p1b- purl 1 below
- p2tog- purl 2 sts together [1 st dec]
- p2togtbl- purl 2 sts together through the back loop [1 st dec]
- pm- place marker
- rep- repeat
- rh- right hand
- rnd(s)- round(s)
- RS- right side
- sl- slip st purlwise (unless otherwise stated)
- slm- slip marker
- ssk- slip next 2 sts, one by one, as if to knit; insert tip of lh ndl from left to right into the fronts of these 2 slipped sts and knit them together [1 st dec]
- st(s)- stitch(es)
- tog- together
- WS- wrong side
- wyib- with yarn in back
- wyif- with yarn in front
- yo- yarnover [1 st increased]



VIDEO PLAYLIST FOR INTO THE HOODS:

www.nelkindesigns.com/IntoTheHoods_Playlist

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Top of Hood One-Color (aka Clue 1)

I-CORD CAST ON

With **ndl A** provisionally cast on 3 sts onto a piece of stitch saver.

Setup Row 1 (RS): K3, slide sts to other end of ndl. DO NOT TURN WORK.

I-Cord Row (RS): Wrap yarn around stitch saver, k3. Slide sts to other end of ndl.
DO NOT TURN WORK.

Work the I-Cord Row twenty-seven times more.

You will have 28 wraps around the stitch saver.

Count the “yarn bars” across the stitch saver if you lose track of your row count.

Final Row (WS): Turn work, p1, sl1wyib, p1, slide these 3 live sts onto the other end of the stitch saver. Slide 28 wraps from stitch saver onto **ndl B**. This will be up to the slip knot from the provisional cast on. You will have 3 sts from each end of I-Cord on stitch saver, as well as the slip knot. Slide your held sts so the I-Cord is at the middle of the length of the stitch saver.

TOP [67 Rows]

Setup Row (WS): K5, pm, knit to the last 5 sts, pm, k5. [28 sts]

Slip markers on all consecutive rows, they are not written into the pattern, just breadcrumbs to help you with the edge sts!

Row 1 (RS): Wrap yarn around stitch saver, [k1, p1] twice, knit to the last 5 sts, k1, [p1, k1] twice.

Row 2 (WS): Wrap yarn around stitch saver, p1, [k1, p1] twice, knit to the last 5 sts, [p1, k1] twice, p1.

Repeat **Rows 1 and 2** twenty-nine times more.

You will have 30 wraps on your stitch saver on each edge.

Final Row 1 (RS): Wrap yarn around stitch saver, [k1, p1] twice, k1, ssk, knit to the last 7 sts, k2tog, k1, [p1, k1] twice. [2 sts dec; 26 sts]

Final Row 2 (WS): Wrap yarn around stitch saver, p1, [k1, p1] twice, knit to the last 5 sts, [p1, k1] twice, p1.

Final Row 3: Wrap yarn around stitch saver, [k1, p1] twice, knit to the last 4 sts, [p1, k1] twice.

Final Row 4: Same as **Final Row 2**.

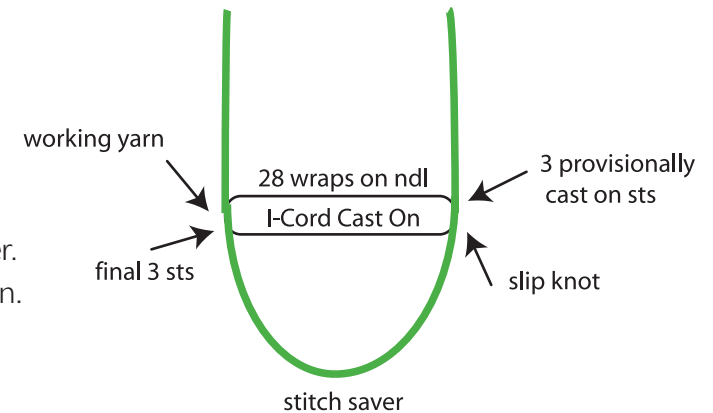
Final Row 5: Same as **Final Row 1**. [2 sts dec; 24 sts]

Final Row 6: Same as **Final Row 2**.

You will have 33 wraps on your stitch saver, as well as the 3 cast on sts and 3 held sts from the I-Cord cast on.

Cut yarn leaving a 6 inch [15 cm] tail.

With RS facing that will look like this:



Hood One-Color (aka Clue 2)

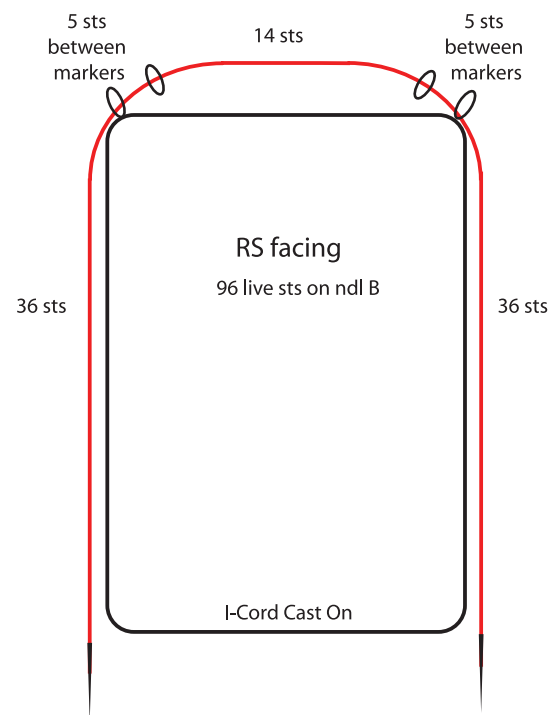
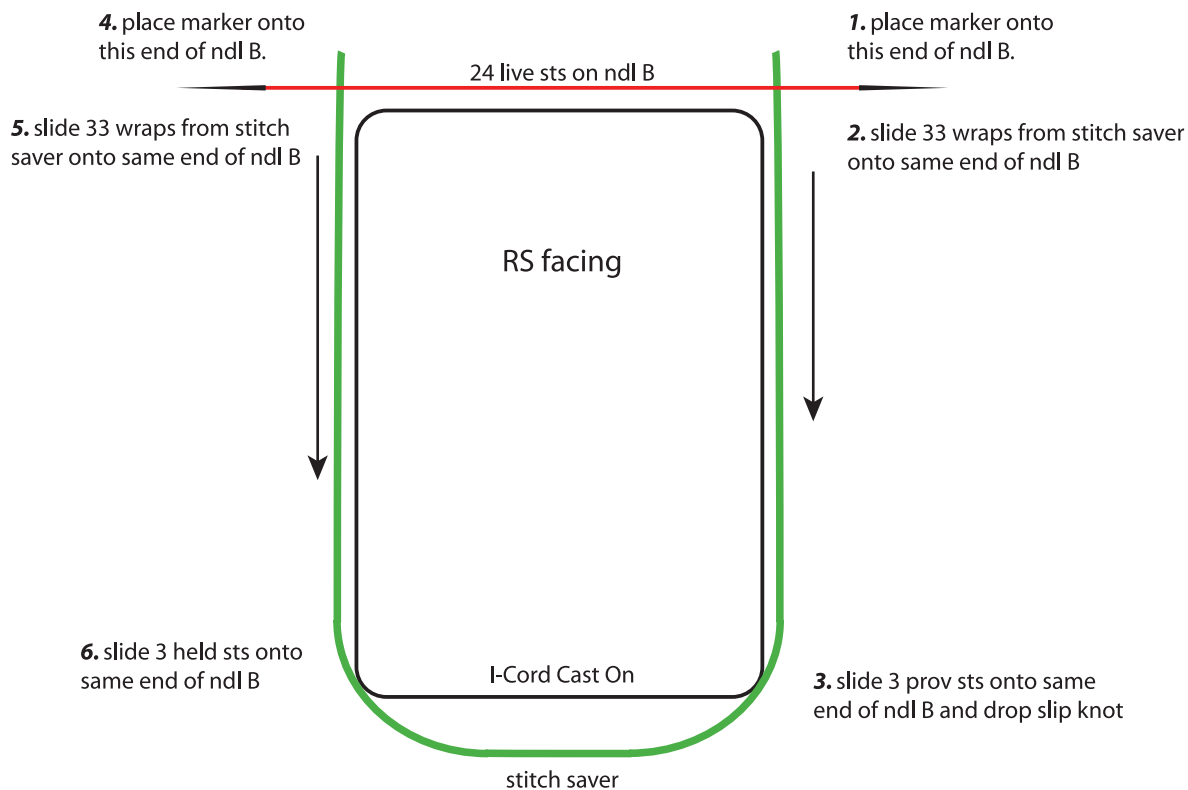
With RS facing, place marker onto **ndl B** (step 1), slide 33 wraps on right edge onto tip of **ndl B** starting at the last wrap worked and moving towards the cast on (step 2).

When you reach the 3 provisionally cast on sts, slide those onto the needle, dropping the slip knot (from the start of the provisional cast on) (step 3).

Then place a marker onto the other end of **ndl B** (step 4) and slide the 33 wraps on the left edge onto it (step 5).

When you reach the 3 held I-Cord sts, slide those onto **ndl B** as well (step 6). [96 sts on ndl]

Set stitch saver aside.



Hood One-Color Con't (aka Clue 2) [67 Rows]

Setup Row (WS): With WS facing, attach yarn, sl1wyif, k1, sl1wyif, purl to first marker, slm, p1, [k1, p1] twice, slm, knit to 3rd marker, slm, [p1, k1] twice, p1, slm, purl to the last 3 sts, sl1wyif, k1, sl1wyif.

NOTES:

Slipping markers (slm) is not written into future rows, when you reach markers slip them and continue on. They are just breadcrumbs to help you stay on the trail!

In this section the I-Cord at the edge is kept flexible by working a stitch with a double wrap at the beginning and end of every WS row. This extra wrap DOES NOT count as a stitch and is dropped when it is reached on RS rows.

Row 1 (RS): K1, sl1wyif, k1, knit to first marker, [k1, p1] twice, knit to third marker, k1, [p1, k1] twice, knit to the last 3 sts, k1, sl1wyif, k1.

Row 2 (WS): Sl1wyif, k1 wrapping yarn twice, sl1wyif, purl to first marker, p1, [k1, p1] twice, knit to third marker, [p1, k1] twice, p1, purl to the last 3 sts, sl1wyif, k1 wrapping yarn twice, sl1wyif.

Repeat **Rows 1 and 2** nineteen times more. On **Row 3** and all odd-number rows, drop the extra wrap created at the beginning and end of the WS rows.

Row 41: K1, sl1wyif, k2, ssk, knit to first marker, [k1, p1] twice, knit to third marker, k1, [p1, k1] twice, knit to the last 6 sts, k2tog, k2, sl1wyif, k1.
[2 sts dec; 94 sts]

Row 42: Same as **Row 2**.

Row 43: Same as **Row 1**.

Row 44: Same as **Row 2**.

Repeat **Rows 41 - 44** five times more. [84 sts rem]

Row 65: Same as **Row 1**.

Row 66: Sl1wyif, k1, sl1wyif, purl to first marker, p1, [k1, p1] twice, knit to third marker, [p1, k1] twice, p1, purl to the last 3 sts, sl1wyif, k1, sl1wyif.

DO NOT CUT YOUR YARN.

Cowl Neck One-Color (aka Clues 3 and 4)

Setup Rnd 1 (RS): With RS facing, with **ndl C**, cable cast on 5 sts onto lh ndl, knit to end of row removing markers as you reach them.
DO NOT TURN WORK. Join into round by slipping first st on lh ndl onto rh ndl and then pass 2nd to last st on rh ndl over the slipped st, k24, place marker for end of rnd. [88 sts; 4 sts inc]

Set **ndl B** aside.

Rnd 1: Knit around.

Rnd 2: [K2, p2] around.

Rep **Rnds 1 and 2** until your work measures 5 inches [13 cm].

Rnd 1: Knit around.

Rnd 2: [K1, p1b] around.

Rep **Rnds 1 and 2** until the cowl neck measures 11 inches [28 cm] or until it is the desired length.

Final Rnd: Knit around.

Bind off with a semi-elastic bind off of your choice and **ndl B**.
I used the Icelandic bind off.

Go onto **Finishing**.

Top of Hood Two-Color (aka Clue 1)

Note: You will need a 40 inch [102 cm] piece of **MC** when you set up to work the hood (page 8).

Reserve this length before you cast on.

I-CORD CAST ON

With **ndl A** and **MC** provisionally cast on 3 sts onto a piece of stitch saver.

Setup Row 1 (RS): K3, slide sts to other end of ndl. DO NOT TURN WORK.

I-Cord Row (RS): Wrap yarn around stitch saver, k3. Slide sts to other end of ndl.

DO NOT TURN WORK.

Work the I-Cord Row twenty-six times more. You will have 27 wraps around the stitch saver.

Count the “yarn bars” across the stitch saver if you lose track of your row count.

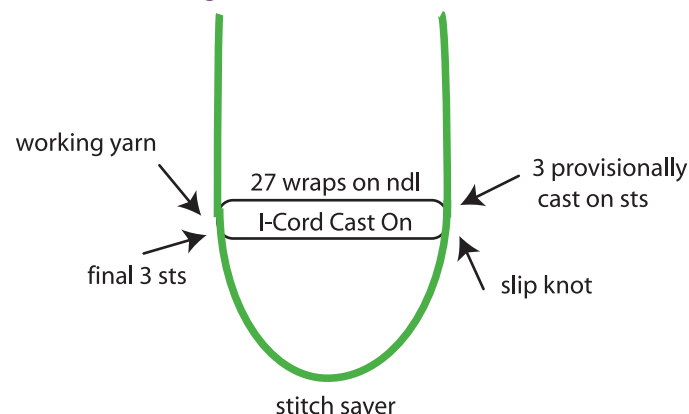
Final Row (WS): Turn work, p1, sl1wyib, p1, slide these 3 live sts onto the other end of the stitch saver.

Slide 27 wraps from stitch saver onto **ndl B**.

This will be up to the slip knot from the provisional cast on. You will have 3 sts from each end of I-Cord on stitch saver, as well as the slip knot.

Slide your held sts so the I-Cord is at the middle of the length of the stitch saver. [See diagram]

With RS facing that will look like this:



TOP [77 Rows]

Setup Row 1 (WS): Knit. [27 sts]

Setup Row 2 (RS): Wrap yarn around stitch saver, knit across.

Setup Row 3 (WS): Wrap yarn around stitch saver, k3, purl to last 3 sts, k3.

Note: As you change colors at the beginning of every RS row, lay the yarn you just worked with OVER the yarn you are about to start working with. This will hide it in the edge.

Attach **CC**.

Row 1 (RS): With **CC**, wrap yarn around stitch saver, knit across.

Row 2 (WS): With **CC**, wrap yarn around stitch saver, knit across.

Row 3: With **MC**, wrap yarn around stitch saver, knit across.

Row 4: With **MC**, wrap yarn around stitch saver, k3, purl to last 3 sts, k3.

Row 5: With **CC**, wrap yarn around stitch saver, k5, [Bush, k7] twice, Bush, k5. [12 sts inc; 39 sts]

Row 6: Same as **Row 2**.

Row 7: With **MC**, wrap yarn around stitch saver, k4, [k2tog, k3, ssk, k5] twice, k2tog, k3, ssk, k4. [6 sts dec; 33 sts]

Row 8: With **MC**, wrap yarn around stitch saver, k3, p1, [p2togtbl, sl1wyif, p2tog, p5] twice, p2togtbl, sl1wyif, p2tog, p1, k3. [6 sts dec; 27 sts]

Rows 9 - 16: Repeat **Rows 1 - 4** twice.

Row 17: With **CC**, wrap yarn around stitch saver, k9, Bush, k7, Bush, k9. [8 sts inc; 35 sts]

Row 18: Same as **Row 2**.

Row 19: With **MC**, wrap yarn around stitch saver, k8, k2tog, k3, ssk, k5, k2tog, k3, ssk, k8. [4 sts dec; 31 sts]

Row 20: With **MC**, wrap yarn around stitch saver, k3, p5, p2togtbl, sl1wyif, p2tog, p5, p2togtbl, sl1wyif, p2tog, p5, k3. [4 sts dec; 27 sts]

Rows 21 - 24: Same as **Rows 1 - 4**.

Repeat **Rows 1 - 24** twice more.

Work **Rows 1 and 2** once more.

You will have 38 wraps on each side on your stitch saver, as well as the 3 cast on sts and 3 held sts from the I-Cord cast on.

CUT **CC** YARN leaving a 6 inch [15 cm] tail. DO NOT CUT **MC** YARN.

Hood Two-Color (aka Clue 2)

With RS facing, starting at the left edge going towards the I-Cord cast on, slide 38 wraps on stitch saver onto **ndl B** (step 1). When you reach the 3 held I-Cord sts, slide those onto **ndl B** (step 2). Turn work, and with WS facing, **ndl B** and spare length of **MC**, sl1wyif, k1, sl1wyif, k38. Cut yarn, leaving a 6 inch tail [15 cm] (step 3).

Your **ndl B** will now be in a weird place!

Con't with WS facing, slip next 27 live sts purlwise onto your rh ndl (step 4).

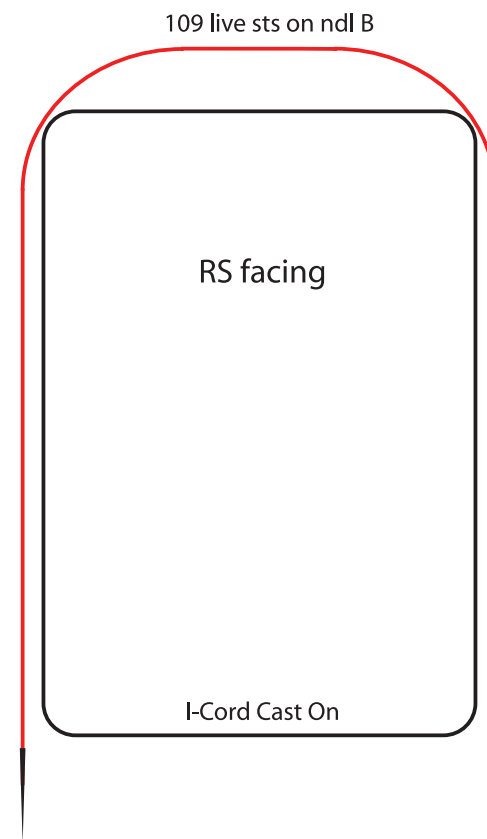
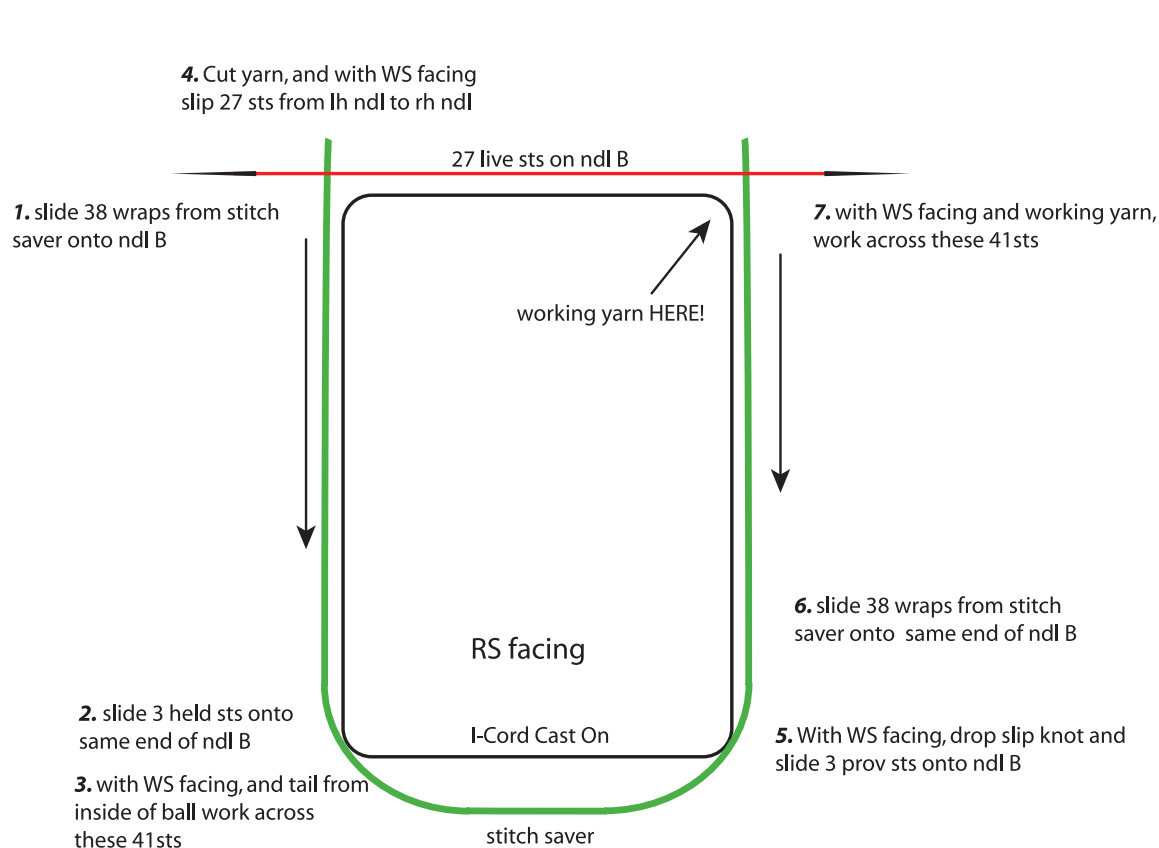
Then with the opposite end of **ndl B**, drop the slip knot and slide the 3 provisionally cast on sts onto ndl (step 5).

Then slide final 38 wraps on stitch saver onto same tip of **ndl B** (step 6).

Your ndl tips will be at the working yarn.

Con't with **ndl B**, and attached **MC**, and with WS facing, k38, sl1wyif, k1, sl1wyif (step 7). [109 sts]

DO NOT CUT YARN. Set stitch saver aside.



Hood Two-Color Con't (aka Clue 2) [73 Rows]

NOTE: In this section the I-Cord at the edge is kept flexible by working a stitch with a double wrap at the beginning and end of every WS row. This extra wrap DOES NOT count as a stitch and is dropped when it is reached on RS rows.

Setup Row 1 (RS): With **MC**, k1, sl1wyif, k1, k36, ssk, k27, k2tog, knit to the last 3 sts, k1, sl1wyif, k1. [2 sts dec; 107 sts rem]

Setup Row 2 (WS): With **MC**, sl1wyif, k1 wrapping yarn twice, sl1wyif, purl to last 3 sts, sl1wyif, k1 wrapping yarn twice, sl1wyif.

STRAIGHT SECTION [48 Rows]

Attach **CC**.

Row 1 (RS): With **CC**, k1, sl1wyif, k11, [Bush, k7] eleven times, k4, sl1wyif, k1. [44 sts inc; 151 sts]

Row 2 (WS): With **CC**, sl1wyif, k1 wrapping yarn twice, sl1wyif, knit to last 3 sts, sl1wyif, k1 wrapping yarn twice, sl1wyif.

Row 3: With **MC**, k1, sl1wyif, k10, [k2tog, k3, ssk, k5] eleven times, k5, sl1wyif, k1. [22 sts dec; 129 sts rem]

Row 4: With **MC**, sl1wyif, k1 wrapping yarn twice, sl1wyif, p9, [p2togtbl, sl1wyif, p2tog, p5] eleven times, p4, sl1wyif, k1 wrapping yarn twice, sl1wyif. [22 sts dec; 107 sts rem]

Row 5: With **CC**, k1, sl1wyif, knit to last 2 sts, sl1wyif, k1.

Row 6: Same as **Row 2**.

Row 7: With **MC**, k1, sl1wyif, knit to last 2 sts, sl1wyif, k1.

Row 8: With **MC**, sl1wyif, k1 wrapping yarn twice, sl1wyif, purl to the last 3 sts, sl1wyif, k1 wrapping yarn twice, sl1wyif.

Rows 9 - 12: Same as **Rows 5 - 8**.

Row 13: With **CC**, k1, sl1wyif, k7, [Bush, k7] twelve times, sl1wyif, k1. [48 sts inc; 155 sts]

Row 14: Same as **Row 2**.

Row 15: With **MC**, k1, sl1wyif, k6, [k2tog, k3, ssk, k5] twelve times, k1, sl1wyif, k1. [24 sts dec; 131 sts rem]

Row 16: With **MC**, sl1wyif, k1 wrapping yarn twice, sl1wyif, p5, [p2togtbl, sl1wyif, p2tog, p5] twelve times, sl1wyif, k1 wrapping yarn twice, sl1wyif. [24 sts dec; 107 sts rem]

Rows 17 - 24: Repeat **Rows 5 - 8** twice more.

Repeat **Rows 1 - 24** once more.

Hood Two-Color Con't (aka Clue 2) [73 Rows]

DECREASE SECTION [22 Rows]

Row 1 (RS): With **CC**, k1, sl1wyif, k1, ssk, k8, [Bush, k7] eleven times, k1, k2tog, k1, sl1wyif, k1. [42 sts inc; 149 sts]

Row 2 (WS): With **CC**, sl1wyif, k1 wrapping yarn twice, sl1wyif, knit to last 3 sts, sl1wyif, k1 wrapping yarn twice, sl1wyif.

Row 3: With **MC**, k1, sl1wyif, k2, ssk, k5, [k2tog, k3, ssk, k5] eleven times, k2tog, k2, sl1wyif, k1. [24 sts dec; 125 sts rem]

Row 4: With **MC**, sl1wyif, k1 wrapping yarn twice, sl1wyif, p7, [p2togtbl, sl1wyif, p2tog, p5] eleven times, p2, sl1wyif, k1 wrapping yarn twice, sl1wyif. [22 sts dec; 103 sts rem]

Row 5: With **CC**, k1, sl1wyif, k2, ssk, knit to last 6 sts, k2tog, k2, sl1wyif, k1. [2 sts dec; 101 sts rem]

Row 6: Same as **Row 2**.

Row 7: With **MC**, k1, sl1wyif, k2, ssk, knit to last 6 sts, k2tog, k2, sl1wyif, k1. [2 sts dec; 99 sts rem]

Row 8: With **MC**, sl1wyif, k1 wrapping yarn twice, sl1wyif, purl to the last 3 sts, sl1wyif, k1 wrapping yarn twice, sl1wyif.

Rows 9 - 12: Same as **Rows 5 - 8**. [4 sts dec; 95 sts rem]

Row 13: With **CC**, k1, sl1wyif, k2, ssk, k5, [Bush, k7] nine times, Bush, k5, k2tog, k2, sl1wyif, k1. [38 sts inc; 133 sts]

Row 14: Same as **Row 2**.

Row 15: With **MC**, k1, sl1wyif, k2, ssk, k3, [k2tog, k3, ssk, k5] nine times, k2tog, k3, ssk, k3, k2tog, k2, sl1wyif, k1. [22 sts dec; 111 sts rem]

Row 16: With **MC**, sl1wyif, k1 wrapping yarn twice, sl1wyif, p5, [p2togtbl, sl1wyif, p2tog, p5] ten times, sl1wyif, k1 wrapping yarn twice, sl1wyif. [20 sts dec; 91 sts rem]

Rows 17 - 20: Same as **Rows 5 - 8**. [4 sts dec; 87 sts rem]

Row 21: Same as **Row 5**. [2 sts dec; 85 sts rem]

Row 22: With **CC**, sl1wyif, k1, sl1wyif, knit to last 3 sts, sl1wyif, k1, sl1wyif.

DO NOT CUT YOUR YARNS.

Cowl Neck Two-Color (aka Clues 3 and 4) [84 Rnds]

Setup Rnd 1 (RS): With RS facing, with **ndl C**, [cable cast on 1 with **CC**, cable cast on 1 with **MC**] three times. Then con't with **ndl C** and **MC**, k10, ssk, knit to last 6 sts, k2tog, k4.

DO NOT TURN WORK. Join into round by slipping first st on lh ndl onto rh ndl and then pass 2nd to last st on rh ndl over the slipped st, place marker for end of rnd. [88 sts; 3 sts inc]

Setup Rnd 2: With **MC**, *k2, p2; rep from * around.

Note: As you work with **MC** and **CC** in the rest of the pattern, at the end of every round lay the color you are not working with OVER the yarn you are working with. This will catch it and carry it up until you work with it again.

Ribbing Rnd 1: With **CC**, knit around.

Ribbing Rnd 2: With **CC**, lift right leg of st below st on lh ndl onto ndl, knit it together with the first st, k1, p2, *k2, p2; rep from * around.

Ribbing Rnd 3: With **MC**, knit around.

Ribbing Rnd 4: With **MC**, lift right leg of st below st on lh ndl onto ndl, knit it together with the first st, k1, p2, *k2, p2; rep from * around.

Repeat **Rnds 1 - 4** eight times more.

Con't with **ndl C**.

Rnd 1: With **MC**, knit around.

Rnd 2: With **MC**, [k1, p1b] around.

Rnd 3: With **CC**, knit around.

Rnd 4: With **CC**, [k1, p1b] around.

Repeat **Rnds 1 - 4** ten times more. Repeat **Rnds 1 and 2** once more.

The Cowl Neck should measure at least 11 inches [28 cm] but you can continue to work it until it is the desired length.

Note: If you are trying to get the most out of your yarn, you will need at least 2 grams of MC left for the bind off.

Bind off with a semi-elastic bind off of your choice and **ndl B**. I used my Icelandic bind off.

Go onto **Finishing**.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends and block. You can roll up a towel and place inside the hood to avoid a crease, or just lay flat to try and steam any crease out afterwards if there is one. I blocked mine this way and did not have to do any steaming!

When your fabric is dry, trim your ends.

Optional: You may want to single crochet a chain at the join of the hood and the neck to close any gap from joining the hood into the round. You might want to add an I-Cord Casing to cinch it up! If you do, you'll need approx. 50 yards [46 meters] of yarn.

OPTIONAL I-CORD CASING

Casing [12 Rows]

Setup Row 1 (RS): With RS facing, **MC** or **CC**, and **ndl C**, starting at the transition of the hood to the cowl, pick up and knit through the back loop approx. 95 sts along the outer edge of the hood.

Setup Row 2 (WS): K2, purl to the last 2 sts, k2.

Row 1 (RS): Knit.

Row 2 (WS): K2, purl to the last 2 sts, k2.

Rep **Rows 1 and 2** three times more.

Work **Row 1** once more.

Final Row (WS): Purl.

DO NOT CUT YARN!

Attach Casing with a Crochet Bind Off

Moving up the right edge of the hood as you work, with a crochet hook that is a similar size to your **ndl C**, and from the RS of the hood, reach through the loop of the picked up stitch and insert the hook into the first live casing st purlwise, then yarnover and pull the new st through to the outside of the hood. Repeat once more; 2 sts on hook. Pull the new st through the first st on the hook. [1 st rem]

Repeat around the edge of the hood, binding off all casing sts.

Make an I-Cord

Knit an I-Cord with **ndl A** or an I-Cord Tool at least 10 inches [25 cm] longer than the casing.

Pull the I-Cord through the casing with a safety pin or other threading device.

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MEET LAURA



Laura Nelkin is a prolific and innovative knitwear designer and pattern maker. She is known for her complex but accessible designs that challenge knitters to think about their stitches in a new way. Taking inspiration from her home in the gorges Fingerlakes Region of Upstate New York, Laura loves incorporating elements into her designs that reference the landscape around her.

Laura has an extensive line of self-published patterns, knitting clubs, kits, knit-a-longs, in person workshops and online classes through YouTube. Her patterns are challenging yet accessible thanks in large part to extensive video tutorials.

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