

Ratio Poncho

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6 mm & 7mm needles

60-80 cm cable (if using Circular Needles)

Needle to sew seam and sew in ends.

Use DK, 10ply or 12ply Yarn.

Sample worked in Fete by Skeinz

120 cm: 7 main colour and 2 balls of 2 contrasts

140 cm: 8 main colour and 2 balls of 2 contrasts

160 cm: 9 main colour and 2 balls of 2 contrasts

Total meterage of yarn if doing in one colour:

S1: 120 cm: 11 x 50 gm balls total meterage: 1140m

S2: 140 cm: 12 x 50 gm balls total meterage: 1240m

S3: 160 cm: 13 x 50 gm balls total meterage: 1350m

(Pictured)



Beginning with Main Colour and 6mm needles.

Cast on 75 (90,102) stitches with the long tail method and knit 6 rows.

Row 1: Using Contrast: Knit 50 (75, 68) sts, place stitch marker, knit to end

Row 2: Using Contrast: Knit to Marker, Purl to end.

Row 3: Using Main Colour: Knit to end

Row 4: Using Main Colour: Knit to 1 st before marker, work Wrap & Turn, OR knit to marker and do a German Short Row Double Stitch. See links below on how to do these.

Row 5: Using Main Colour: Knit to end (garter section only)

Row 6: Using Main Colour: Knit to 1 stitch before marker and knit next stitch picking up the wrap (or if doing German Short Row, work Double Stitch as one stitch), Slip marker, Purl to end.

Note: Weave colours loosely along top edge, this is the area you will sew up, so you want it nice and flat.

Repeat the 6 rows using Contrast 2 on rows 1 & 2. Continue to repeat the 6 rows alternating between Contrast 1 and Contrast 2 until work measures 120cm (140cm, 160 cm). Make sure to end with a Contrast 1 repeat, so the stripes line up with you sew up the seam.

Work 6 rows of garter in main colour to match cast on edge, bind off loosely, using the Purl 2 together, slip remaining stitch back onto left needle, and Purl 2 together again... repeat to end.

Steam the edge before you sew up the seam, so it's nice and flat. Line up the cast on edge and the bind off edge and sew up about 2/3rds of the way up making sure the stripes are lined up as you go. Mattress stitch is recommended. Weave in ends.

Collar: Using Main Colour, with right side facing, pick up and knit one stitch in each row, so 2 sts for every stripe, you want it nice and loose to roll, work 10 cm on 6 mm needles, then change to 7 mm needle working another 5 – 10 cm. Bind off loosely using the Purl 2 together bind off as above.

If you wish to work the collar flat, use removeable stitch markers to mark where your starting of the side seam will be, pick up your stitches with the right side facing and work in stocking stitch as above and then use mattress stitch and seam with the reverse stitching stitch facing.

Sew in all ends. Give it a steam and enjoy.

Variations

If you are wishing just to do colours at the front edges as pictured below, then knit your beginning and ends in mirroring reverse order. If you are right side dominant and wear the sewn shoulder seam on the right, you will be working the poncho from cast on edge which is back to front as it is worn.

Link for German Short Row Double Stitch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMxPjUTO3wI>

