

I really wanted us to use up some leftover yarn, so the pattern is written regardless of your knitting tension. That's why you start at the tip.

You knit back and forth until you have a piece about 45 cm wide. Then you join the cowl by casting on stitches for the neck and finally knitting in the round until the desired length of neck. Alternatively, you can bind off when you run out of yarn. The chart is read frosts right to left on the right side, and frosts left to right on the wrong side. Start your knitting by following the written pattern, and as you get the hang of it you can put the pattern away and just knit. You can, of course, take a peek at the chart every now and again just to check on your chestnuts. The chart shows only one section.

Fade:

If you want to use leftover yarn to create a fade, do as follows: Start with light yarn. Knit until round 7. Change one strand to a little darker. Knit to round 1 again, change the other thread. Continue like this and switch to a slightly darker thread on round 1 and round 7.

Abbreviations:

ssk = slip, slip, knit slipped stitches twisted together

k2tog = knit 2 together

k3tog = slip 1 sts, k2tog, p1sso

5x = Knit 1, YO, knit 1, YO, knit 1 in the same stitch (= 1 chestnut)

7x = knit 1, YO, knit 1 twisted stitch, YO, knit 1, YO, knit 1 in the same stitch (= 1 chestnut and 2 side stitches)

ws = wrong side

rs = right side

Here's a quick video to show how to start up:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=agt5YwLOFXY&t=52s>

Pattern:

Cast on 5 stitches with 1 thread HS angel and 1 thread HS silk mohair (or your preferred yarn) using needle size 4. Turn to start on the right side.

Round 1 rs	p2, 5x , p2 = 9 sts, turn
Round 2 ws	k2, p5, k2, turn
Round 3 rs	p2, k5, p2, turn
Round 4 ws	k2, p5, k2, turn
Round 5 rs	p2, ssk , k1, k2tog , p2 = 7 sts, turn
Round 6 ws	k2, p3, k2, turn
Round 7 rs	7x , p1, k3tog , p1, 7x = 17 sts, turn
Round 8 ws	k2, p5, (k3, p5,) k2, turn
Round 9 rs	p2, k5, (p3, k5,) p2, turn
Round 10 ws	k2, p5, (k3, p5,) k2, turn
Round 11 rs	p2, ssk , k1, k2tog , (p3, ssk , k1, k2tog ,) p2 = 13 sts, turn
Round 12 ws	k2, p3, (k3, p3,) k2, turn
Round 13 rs	7x , p1, k3tog , (p1, 5x , p1, k3tog ,) p1, 7x = 25 sts, turn

Repeat rounds 8 to 13, knitting (...) one extra time for each repeat.

Continue knitting by adding 1 chestnut to each side of your work until the cowl measures about 45 cm in width (or your desired width). On round 9 on the chart, cast on 31 stitches at the end of the round and join the work together to continue knitting in the round. P2 and add a stitch marker to mark beginning of round. Start knitting following the chart on round 10.

If your knitting tension is different, cast on stitches until you have added about 12 – 15 cm in the neck. Your total number of stitches should be dividable by 8 + 7 extra stitches.

Neck:

Continue knitting in the round according to the chart until you have 5 - 6 rows of chestnuts after joining for the neck (Approx. 12 - 15 cm). Finish after round 5 or 11. Knit 3 rounds stockinette stitch. Bind off, and you have a rolling edge.

I would love to see your finished cowl on Instagram!

Tag #chestnutcowl and @hettestrikk if you want. Good luck!

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