

# CHRISTMASTIDE COWL



Have yourself a merry little Christmas,  
let your heart be light.  
From now on,  
our troubles will be out of sight.

Have yourself a merry little Christmas,  
make the Yule-tide gay.  
From now on,  
our troubles will be miles away.

Here we are as in olden days,  
happy golden days of yore.  
Faithful friends who are dear to us,  
gather near to us once more.

Through the years we all will be together,  
if the fates allow.  
Hang a shining star upon the highest bough,  
and have yourself a merry little Christmas now.



## YARN

10 x 20g of fingering weight yarn. You can use mini skeins as I did, or leftover yarns if you prefer. 20g is approximately 85 metres (92 yards).

For the sample, I used 2 mini skein gradient sets from Elderflower Stitches. The shades are 'Pointe Shoes' and 'After The Rain'

You will have a little left over from each of your 20g skeins. The most I used was 17g but I would recommend you have 20g of each of your chosen yarns.

## GAUGE

26 stitches and 36 rows to 4 inches (10 cm), washed and blocked measurement in stocking stitch.

## FINISHED DIMENSIONS

24 inches (61 cm) in circumference and 25 inches (63 cm) long.

## NOTIONS

3.25 mm 16 inch (40 cm) circular needle.

3.75 mm needle for binding off.

One stitch marker.

Cable needle.

Tapestry needle.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**k** - knit.

**p** - purl.

**yo** - yarn over.

**ssk** - slip a stitch knit-wise and then slip a second stitch purl-wise. Now insert the tip of the left-hand needle into the fronts of both slipped stitches, and knit them together from this position, through their back loops.

**k2tog** - knit 2 stitches together.

**pw** - purl-wise.

**s** - slip.

**psso** - pass the slipped stitch over.

**star** - k3 together but do not remove from left needle, yo, k3 together again and then remove stitches from left needle.

**cdd (central double decrease)** - slip 2 stitches at the same time knit-wise, k1, pass the 2 slipped stitches over.

**c4b** - slip 2 stitches onto cable needle and hold to back of work. Knit the next 2 stitches and then knit the 2 stitches from the cable needle.

**RC** - knit the second stitch on left needle, and then knit the first stitch, removing both from needle.

**LC** - knit into the back of the 2nd stitch on left needle, and then into the front of the first stitch and remove both from needle.



## SECTION 1

Using your first yarn choice, cast on 168 stitches.

I used the long-tail cast on method. Place a stitch marker and join for knitting in the round.

You can work from the written instructions, or the chart.

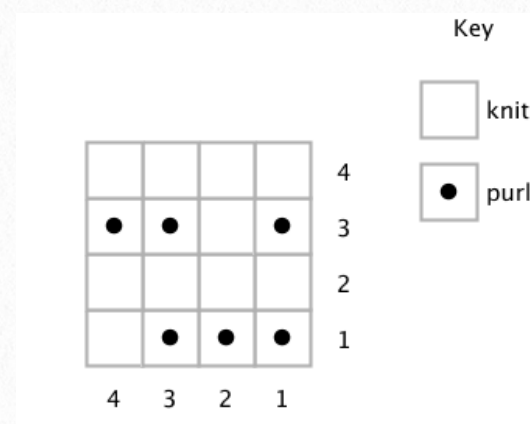
### 'Mr Beaver's Dam'

**Round 1** - (p3, k1) repeat to end of round.

**Round 2** - knit all stitches.

**Round 3** - (p1,k1, p2) repeat to end of round.

**Round 4** - knit all stitches.



Repeat the above 4 rounds, a total of 6 times (24 rounds total.)

Knit 1 further round and then cut your yarn, leaving a tail to weave in.

## SECTION 2

Using your second yarn choice, knit 2 rounds.

You can work from the written instructions, or the chart.

### 'The Christmas Tree'

**Round 1** - (k1, p1, yo, ssk, k4, k2tog, yo, p1, k1) repeat to end of round.

**Round 2** - (k1, p2, k6, p2, k1) repeat to end of round.

**Round 3** - (k1, p2, yo, ssk, k2, k2tog, yo, p2, k1) repeat to end of round.

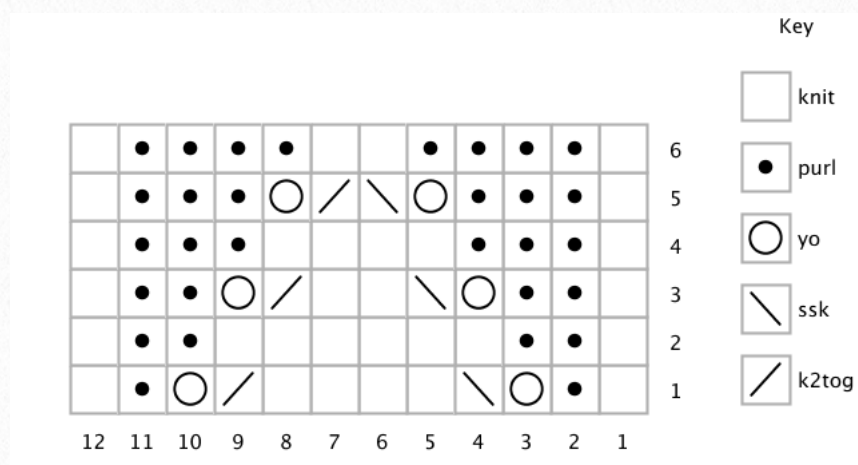
**Round 4** - (k1, p3, k4, p3, k1) repeat to end of round.

**Round 5** - (k1, p3, yo, ssk, k2tog, yo, p3, k1) repeat to end of round.

**Round 6** - (k1, p4, k2, p4, k1) repeat to end of round.

Repeat the above 6 rounds, a total of 3 times (18 rounds total.)

Knit 2 further rounds and then cut your yarn, leaving a tail to weave in.



## SECTION 3

Using your third yarn choice, knit 1 round.

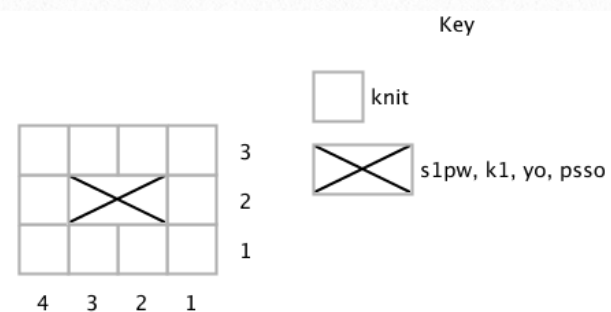
You can work from the written instructions, or the chart.

### 'Icy Windows'

**Round 1** - knit all stitches.

**Round 2** - (k1, s1pw with yarn in back, k1, yo, pssso, k1) repeat to end of round.

**Round 3** - knit all stitches.



Repeat the above 3 rounds, a total of 7 times (21 rounds total.)

Knit 1 further round and then cut your yarn, leaving a tail to weave in.

## SECTION 4

Using your fourth yarn choice, knit 2 rounds.

You can work from the written instructions, or the chart.

### 'Happy Christmas Harry'

**Round 1 (and all odd numbered rounds)** - (p1, k12, p1) repeat to end of round.

**Round 2** - (p1, ssk, k7, yo, k1, yo, k2tog, p1) repeat to end of round.

**Round 4** - (p1, ssk, k6, yo, k1, yo, k1, k2tog, p1) repeat to end of round.

**Round 6** - (p1, ssk, k5, yo, k1, yo, k2, k2tog, p1) repeat to end of round.

**Round 8** - (p1, ssk, k4, yo, k1, yo, k3, k2tog, p1) repeat to end of round.

**Round 10** - (p1, ssk, k3, yo, k1, yo, k4, k2tog, p1) repeat to end of round.

**Round 12** - (p1, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k7, k2tog, p1) repeat to end of round.

**Round 14** - (p1, ssk, k1, yo, k1, yo, k6, k2tog, p1) repeat to end of round.

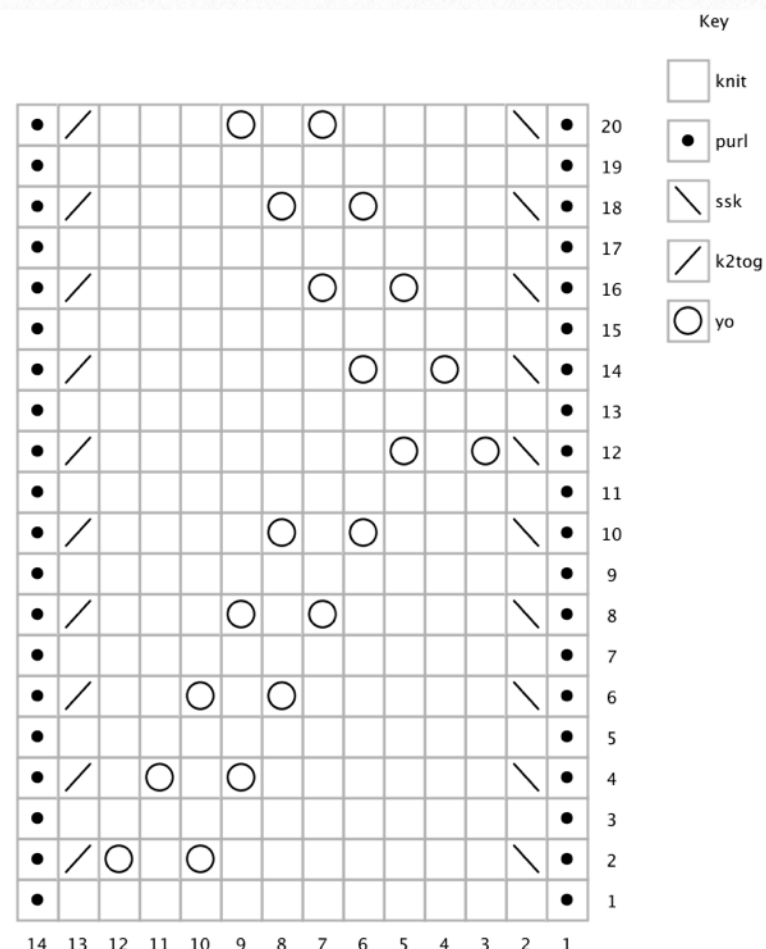
**Round 16** - (p1, ssk, k2, yo, k1, yo, k5, k2tog, p1) repeat to end of round.

**Round 18** - as round 10.

**Round 20** - as round 8.

Work the above 20 rounds, once.

Knit 2 further rounds and then cut your yarn, leaving a tail to weave in.



## SECTION 5

Using your fifth yarn choice, knit 1 round.

You can work from the written instructions, or the chart.

### ‘The More It Snows’

**Round 1** - knit all stitches.

**Round 2** - (k1, p3, k8) repeat to end of round.

**Round 3** - (k1, star, k8) repeat to end of round.

**Rounds 4 and 5** - knit all stitches.

**Round 6** - (k7, p3, k2) repeat to end of round.

**Round 7** - (k7, star, k2) repeat to end of round.

**Round 8** - knit all stitches.

Repeat the above 8 rounds, twice. Then work rounds 1 to 4, once more (20 rounds total.)

Knit 1 further round and then cut your yarn, leaving a tail to weave in.

