

# PLUMETTES

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stitchnerd: Malabrigo Mecha on 7mm

**Needle:** circular in the size you need to get gauge - probably 7mm - closest US size is 10½ (length - max. 80cm/30" long). If the needle cable is not too long, you'll get a nice flow as you knit; if it's longer, you'll have to keep adjusting - blog link for what to do: <http://stitchnerd.blogspot.be/2011/01/tip-too-few-stitches-for-your-circular.html>

**Yarn:** Malabrigo Mecha (or similar) - it's listed as bulky, but if you are substituting be sure to check and use one with a similar yardage - Mecha has 120m/135yds per 100g.

I used 2 skeins to make a nice deep cowl that gives options for wear.

You could make a shorter cowl with less yardage.

**Single loop:** the cowl is tapered.

Approx. size = 60 cm/24" around x 45cm x 17" tall

You can find more *yarn ideas* and *projects* linked to the pattern page on **ravelry**.

**Gauge:** approx. 14st. per 10cm/4" in stockinette. To swatch you need to cast on at least 20 stitches, so that you can measure in the middle section.

*Gauge isn't really critical, but if your knitting is much tighter you may need to add extra repeats (add 11 stitches to the cast-on for each extra repeat).*

**Tip:** I recommend you try on your cowl about half way through Section 3 (when you have about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of your yarn left), if it's looser than you'd like, you can work an extra round of decreases before working the last  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

**Yarn management:** the pattern recommends using fractions of your yarn for the various sections. If you have a set of scales you can weigh your yarn if you like; if not, just estimate. I used two full skeins, so I used half of one skein for each of the  $\frac{1}{4}$ 's, and then the second skein for the final  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; but again, it's not critical that the fractions are exact.

## **Abbreviations:**

k = knit  
p = purl  
yo = yarn over needle (creates one new stitch)  
ssk = slip 2 stitches (separately, knitwise) and then knit together through the back loops  
k2tog = knit 2 together  
p2tog = purl 2 together

**Notes:**

Join the stitches in the round after you have worked the very first round. Place a marker for the start of the round and be sure not to twist as you join.

*You can place a marker for each repeat if you like, but once you've done a couple of rounds you'll probably find you can see the stitches and don't need the markers.*

**Cast on 88 stitches using cable cast-on.**

Link: <http://stitchnerd.blogspot.be/2011/10/cable-cast-on.html>

**1st section: (use approx.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of your yarn)**

Round 1.1: \*k2tog, yo, [k1, yo] x 3, ssk, p4, repeat from \* (13 sts in each repeat)

Round 1.2: \*k9, p4, repeat from \* (13 sts in each repeat)

Round 1.3: \*k2tog, k5, ssk, p4 repeat from \* (11 sts in each repeat)

Round 1.4: \*k7, p4, repeat from \* (11 sts in each repeat)

Repeat these 4 rows until you are ready to decrease.

**1st decrease round:** You can decrease on any round, just **replace the p4 by [p2, p2tog] for one round**. After you have worked the decrease round, continue with the next round in the sequence for Section 2, e.g. if you worked your decreases on a Round 1.2, then continue from Round 2.3.

**Section 2: (use approx.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of your yarn)**

Round 2.1: \*k2tog, yo, [k1, yo] x 3, ssk, p3, repeat from \* (12 sts in each repeat)

Round 2.2: \*k9, p3, repeat from \* (12 sts in each repeat)

Round 2.3: \*k2tog, k5, ssk, p3 repeat from \* (10 sts in each repeat)

Round 2.4: \*k7, p3, repeat from \* (10 sts in each repeat)

**2nd decrease round:** work in the same way as for 1st decrease round, but this time replace the **p3 by [p1, p2tog]**. then continue with section 3 (again, from the appropriate round).

**Section 3: (use approx.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of your yarn)**

Round 3.1: \*k2tog, yo, [k1, yo] x 3, ssk, p2, repeat from \* (11 sts in each repeat)

Round 3.2: \*k9, p2, repeat from \* (11 sts in each repeat)

Round 3.3: \*k2tog, k5, ssk, p2 repeat from \* (9 sts in each repeat)

Round 3.4: \*k7, p2, repeat from \* (9 sts in each repeat)

Continue until you have just enough yarn left to bind off after a Round 3.3.

Bind off by knitting the stitches together through the back loops.

Link: <http://stitchnerd.blogspot.be/2011/10/relaxing-relatively-stretchy-bind-off.html>

Block lightly if needed.