

## Gradient Cowl



### MATERIALS

Purl Soho's Yarn for Gradient Cowl kit comes in 4 beautiful color combinations. They are called...

Grapefruit (shown above), Forest Floor, Moon, Rainstorm

Each Yarn for Gradient Cowl kit includes...

- 5 skeins of Purl Soho's Line Weight, 100% merino wool

You will also need...

- A US #7, 24-inch circular needle

### GAUGE

5 stitches = 1 inch in seed stitch

### SIZE

Finished dimensions: approximately 12 inches wide by 58 inches in circumference

### PATTERN NOTES

For the sake of writing an intelligible pattern, I've assigned each color in each kit a letter. If you're using your own combination of yarns, arrange them in a pleasing order and name them letters A-E.

#### GRAPEFRUIT

- A: Super Pink 1120
- B: Pink Grapefruit 1200
- C: Ballet Pink 1110
- D: Heirloom White 1000
- E: Yellow Yellow 1320

#### RAINSTORM

- A: Timeless Navy 1580
- B: Steel Blue 1560
- C: Ice Blue 1530
- D: Artemesia Green 1480
- E: Heirloom White 1000

#### FOREST FLOOR

- A: Moody Green 1460
- B: Black Green 1462
- C: Green Turquoise 1470
- E: Lichen Green 1476
- F: Heirloom White 2000

#### MOON

- A: Soft Black 2000

B: Toasted Charcoal 2040  
C: Storm Gray 2055  
D: Oyster Gray 2080  
E: Heirloom White 1000

For stripes that use two strands of the same color, you can either roll the skein into two equal-size balls and pull from both balls at once, or you can pull one strand from the inside of the ball and one strand from the outside. If you don't have a swift and ball winder to wind a center-pull ball, never fear, you can do it by hand! Check the pattern for a link to instructions on winding a center-pull ball by hand.

## BEGIN

### STRIPE 1

Using 2 strands of color A (see Pattern Note, above), cast on 60 stitches.

Row 1: Slip 1 with yarn in front, \*p1, k1, repeat from \* to last stitch, p1.  
Row 2: Slip 1 with yarn in back, \*k1, p1, repeat from \* to last stitch, k1.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until piece measures 3 ¼ inches from the cast on edge, ending with Row 2.

### STRIPE 2

Cut one strand of color A and join 1 strand of color B.

### NOTES

- To avoid having lots of ends to weave in, you can knit the tails in as you work. Here's how: When you join in a new yarn, simply work the first 4 to 6 stitches of the row with both the working yarns and the tails. Continue the row with the working yarns only.

- When you work the first row of a new stripe, knit the first stitch instead of slipping it.

Using colors A and B and starting with Row 1, repeat Rows 1 and 2 for 3 ¼ inches, ending with Row 2.

Cut color A and join 1 more strand of color B.

Using this new yarn combo and starting with Row 1, repeat Rows 1 and 2 for 3 ¼ inches, ending with Row 2.

## REMAINING STRIPES

Continuing in the pattern as established, start with Stripe 4 and work the remaining stripes, as follows...

Stripe 1: 2 strands color A  
Stripe 2: 1 strand color A, 1 strand color B  
Stripe 3: 2 strands color B  
Stripe 4: 1 strand color B, 1 strand color C  
Stripe 5: 2 strands color C  
Stripe 6: 1 strand color C, 1 strand color D  
Stripe 7: 2 strands color D  
Stripe 8: 1 strand color D, 1 strand color E  
Stripe 9: 2 strands color E

Now repeat the stripe sequence in reverse order:

Stripe 10: Repeat stripe 9  
Stripe 11: Repeat stripe 8  
Stripe 12: Repeat stripe 7  
Stripe 13: Repeat stripe 6  
Stripe 14: Repeat stripe 5  
Stripe 15: Repeat stripe 4  
Stripe 16: Repeat stripe 3  
Stripe 17: Repeat stripe 2  
Stripe 18: Repeat stripe 1

Bind off loosely in pattern. Cut the yarns, leaving a tail about 20 inches long.

## FINISH

Thread the tail onto a tapestry needle. Being careful to not twist the cowl (unless you want to!), sew the two ends together with a whipstitch, inserting the needle right under each cast-on or bind-off stitch.

Weave in any remaining ends. Block as desired. And enjoy your Gradient Cowl!

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