Category: Accessories/Shawls/Ponchos/Capes/Wraps

Skill Level:

INTERMEDIATE

Aereo Tweed
Keyhole Poncho
Designed by Julie Gaddy

Sizes:
S/M, (L/XL)

Finished Measurements:
82 (97)” hem circumference
x 25½ (29)” long
See Note on size selection.

Materials:
• Cascade Yarns® Aereo Tweed;
  38% Merino wool,
  25% Baby Alpaca, 22% nylon,
  10% acrylic, 5% viscose;
  100 g (3.5 oz); 240 yds (220 m)
• 3 (4) skeins color #310 (Marine)
• US 10½ (6.5 mm) 16”
  and 29” circular needles
  or size to obtain gauge
• US 7 (4.5 mm)
  16” circular needle
• Yarn needle
• 5 stitch markers
Gauge:
12 sts x 19 rows = 4” (10 cm) blocked, in Stockinette Stitch on larger needle

Abbreviations:
BO = Bind off
CO = Cast on
K = Knit
P2tog = Purl 2 sts together (1 st decreased)
P = Purl
Rep = Repeat
Rnd = Round
RS = Right side
SSP = Slip two sts one at a time as to knit, slip sts back to left needle and purl them together thru back loops (1 st decreased) Note for beginning knitters: substitute P2tog if this is too fiddly. The difference will not be obvious on the RS.
St(s) = Stitch(es)
WS = Wrong side

Special Stitches:
Keyhole Cable (over 7 st panel. St count dec to 6 sts for rnds 1 and 2)
Rnd 1: P2, sl 1 purlwise wyb, k2, pass slipped st over two sts just knitted, p2. Note: st count decreases to 6 sts on this rnd.
Rnd 2: K1, p1, k2, p1, k1.
Rnd 3: P2, k1, yo, k1, p2. Note: st count increases to 7 sts on this rnd.
Rnd 4: K1, p1, k3, p1, k1.
Repeat these 4 rnds for pattern.

P1K1 Rib (even number of sts):
Rnd 1: *P1, k1*; rep between ** to end.
Repeat this rnd for pattern.

Notes: This easy poncho is knit from the bottom in the round.
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Begin Pattern:

With larger needle, cast on 248 (292) sts. Do not join; turn to work a WS row. Work in Garter Stitch, knit every row, for 5 rows ending with a WS row. Turn to work RS.

Joining rnd: *Knit 58 (69), p1, place marker (pm), work Rnd 4 of Keyhole Cable pattern (patt) over next 7 sts, pm, p1, k57 (68)*; rep instructions between ** once. Pm for end of round and join to work in the round being careful that border sts are not twisted.

Next rnd: *Knit to 1 st before m, p1, slip m (sl m), work Rnd 1 of Keyhole Cable patt, sl m, p1*; rep instructions between ** once more, k to end of rnd. Stitch count for Keyhole Cable patt between m is now 6.

Work 7 more rnds keeping sts between markers at center front and center back in Keyhole Cable patt.

Begin shaping:

Dec rnd: *K to 2 sts before marker, ssp, sl m, work next rnd of Keyhole Cable patt, sl m, p2tog*. Rep instructions between ** once then k to end of rnd (4 sts dec).

Rep dec rnd every fourth rnd 9 (12) more times, then every other rnd 32 (34) times. 80 (104) sts rem. Note: Change to shorter needle when necessary.

Change to smaller needle and work p1, k1 ribbing for 2½ in. Bind off loosely in ribbing leaving about 30” tail to sew neckband to inside of Poncho.
Finishing:

Use yarn tail from CO to sew seam in bottom border. Fold neck ribbing to WS and sew loosely to Poncho body being careful that sts do not show on RS and seam has enough stretch to go over your head.

Weave in all yarn ends and block.

Schematic: