

DANISTRY DESIGNS

ABACUS COWL



About

There are a lot of ways to do bobbles. I was struggling with getting them just right on another design when I decided to look up some tutorials on YouTube. Maybe I was just not using the right bobble method for what I wanted. In the process I found a tutorial that used 2 rows to create the bobble and the knitter in the video used two different colors of yarn to help make the stitches obvious. The result was a bobble centered on a two-row stripe like a bead on an abacus. What was intended to be instructional inspired whimsy and I dug into my stash to use up some partial balls leftover from other projects. The yarns are not the same fiber content or even the same weight. The silk in the Gloss DK yarn makes the stripes and bobbles shine against the deep squishy warmth of City Tweed's alpaca. This snug cowl can be *counted* on for cozy, casual wear. Yes, I just shamelessly made that terrible joke.

Details

Needles

US size 8 (5.0 mm), 24" (60 cm) circular needle or size needed to obtain gauge

Yarn

Main Color: Knit Picks City Tweed (Aran weight; 55% Merino, 25% Superfine alpaca, 20% Donegal tweed; 164 yd/150 m, 3.53 oz/100 g). 1 ball in Brocade.

Contrasting Color: Knit Picks Gloss DK (DK weight; 70% Merino, 30% Silk; 123 yd/112 m, 1.76 oz/50 g). 1 ball in Velveteen.

Gauge

4" (10 cm) =

15 sts/26 rows in Bobble stitch pattern

Yardage

50 yd (46 m) City Tweed

75 yd (69 m) Gloss DK

Finished Measurements

Approximately 24" (61 cm) circumference and 6.5" (16.5 cm) tall

Stitch Abbreviations

K - knit

P - purl

Sl - slip stitch

Pssso - pass slipped stitch over

Wyib - with yarn in back

K2tog - knit two together

YO - yarnover

M7 - make 7 sts in 1*

MB - make bobble*

FB - finish bobble*

CO - cast on

Rep - repeat

St(s) - stitch(es)

BO - bind off

MC - main color

CC - contrasting color

*Read the bobble instructions below!

Stitches

2 Row Bobble

Rnd 1 (M7): In the next stitch [K1, YO] x 3, K1, creating 7 sts where there was 1.

Rnd 2 (MB): K7, turn, Sl1, P6, turn, Sl1, K 6. These sts will be decreased on the next round working with the new color.

Finishing (FB): When you come to the 7 bobble sts, sl4 sts to the right needle and pass one over as if you were binding off. Sl1 back to the left needle and pass second st on the left needle over it. Sl1 back to the right needle. You are always slipping the same st and decreasing over it. Continue passing sts over the center st until it is the only st left in the CC. Sl it to the right needle wyib and continue knitting in MC.

The video referenced below is not identical to these instructions because he is making a bobble with purls, but it may help illustrate the technique.

Jogless Stripes

Rnd 1: Knit one round in the new color.

Rnd 2: For the first stitch, pick up the stitch from the round below (in the old color) and knit it together with the first stitch of the round.

Resources

Two Row Bobble:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Jg3D-gi4s8>

Jogless Stripes:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_PjA0IR0MOU&t=1s

Pattern

All stitches are slipped purlwise.

In CC, CO 90 sts using Longtail CO. Join for working in the round, being careful not to twist, noting start of round.

Rnds 1-6 (CC): [K3, P2] around. (90 sts)

Rnds 7-10 (MC): K around.

Rnd 11 (CC): [K2, M7, K7] x 9. (144 sts)

Rnd 12 (CC): [K2, MB, K7] x9.

Rnd 13 (MC): [K2, FB, K7] x9. (90 sts)

Rnds 14-15 (MC): K around.

Rnds 16-17 (CC): K around.

Rnds 18-20 (MC): K around.

Rnd 21 (CC): [K7, M7, K2] x 9. (144 sts)

Rnd 22 (CC): [K7, MB, K2] x9.

Rnd 23 (MC): [K7, FB, K2] x9. (90 sts)

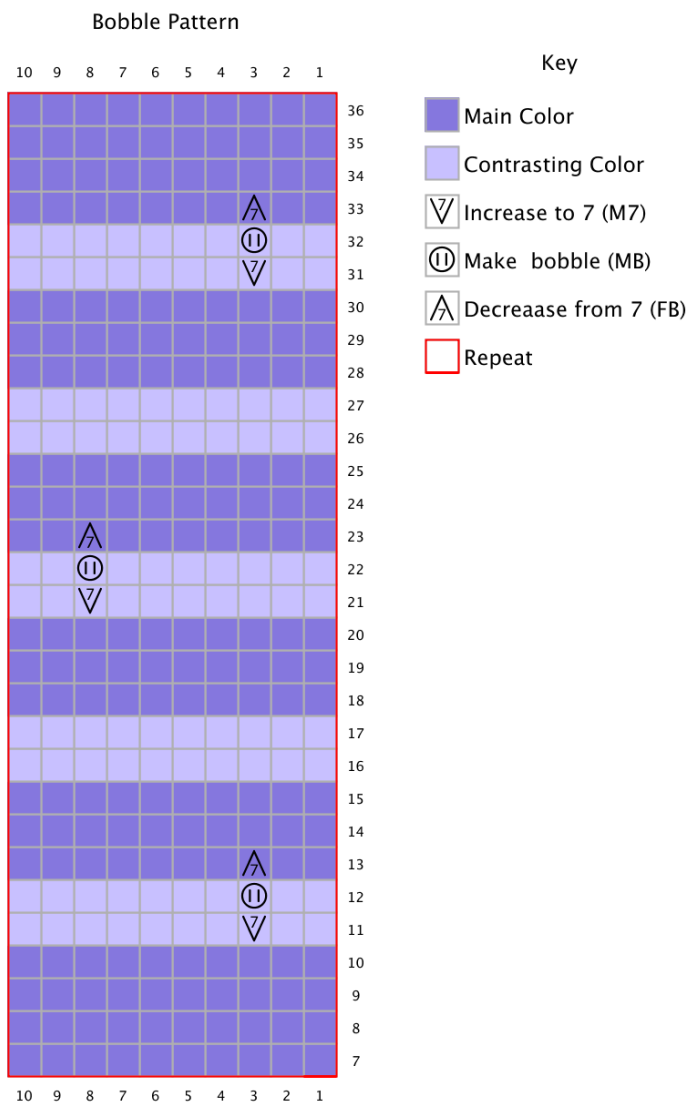
Rnds 24-30: Rep Rnds 14-20.

Rnd 31: Rep Rnd 11. (144 sts)

Rnds 32-33: Rep Rnds 12-13. (90 sts)

Rnds 34-36 (MC): K around.

Rnds 37-42: Rep Rnds 1-6.



Bind Off and Finishing

Bind off **loosely** in pattern and weave in ends. Wash and block to specified dimensions. You may have to push the bobbles out a little.

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Dutch and Jaqobis are the two Felines in Charge who currently run Danisty Designs and manage the creative talent of their housemate, Leslie Dunne, who has been knitting for 14 years (that's 11 years longer than they've been alive!) Currently, all three reside in North Carolina where they enjoy playing with yarn, fiddling with needles, and squishing works in progress. Leslie's additional tasks include doing all of the actual work. The cats are really bad typists so they ask that you please contact Leslie at leslie@danisty.com with questions and comments.