

Rae's Transformational Wrap

Knit as a circle, this "wrap" has armholes to hold it in place, and can be "transformed" and worn in a wide variety of ways to keep you cozy and gorgeous!

Requirements:

- * Size: Small-Medium (32"-36") Medium to Large (36"-42") Extra Large (42"-46")
- * Yarn: Sample done in Rowan Colourscape Chunky; Small-Medium: 400-480 metres; Medium-Large: 480-640 metres; Extra Large: 640-800 metres
- * Needles: 6.5 mm 12" circular needles, 7 mm (5 double pointed & 24"-32" circular) needles
- * Notions: 7 stitch markers (6 of one colour, 1 of a different colour)
- * Gauge: 14 st x 24 rows in stocking stitch over 10 cm on 7 mm needles before blocking (approximately 12 st x 21 rows after blocking)

Stitches:

Knit in the round. All rounds are done from the right side of your work.

M1 – make 1 stitch. Pick up loop between last and next stitch, and knit in the back of this loop.

1x1 ribbing: (Knit 1, Purl 1) repeat across round.

Pattern instructions:

Cast on 7 stitches on 7mm dpn needles and distribute over three dpns. Join yarn to knit being careful not to twist your work when joining

First round: knit in front and back of each stitch (increase to 14 stitches)

Second round: Knit

Third round: *knit 2, M1, pm*, repeat to end (*Ensure that you are able to distinguish the beginning section of your work, by placing a different type of marker at that point*)

Fourth round: Knit

Fifth round: *knit 3, M1* repeat to end (slip marker to right hand needle after each M1)

Sixth round: Knit

Continue in this manner, you will be doing the increases in each odd-numbered round and knitting each even-number round. Redistribute over four dpns as work expands. Change to the circular needle when it will fit your work (after approximately 12 to 14 rounds).

Continue until the circle diameter measures: Small:15"-17"; Medium: 17"-20"; Extra Large: 20"- 24". Finish with an even-numbered round.

This measurement equals the width you want to have across your upper back. You can take this measurement with zero ease, as you can block to a greater width after you finish.

Make armholes:

As per the diagram (page 3) you can see that the armholes will cut across the middle of two sections, and you will have an equal number of stitches cast off in each section.

You will be on an increase round, and begin by knitting your first section with an M1 at the end. Then figure out the placement of the armhole in the next two sections:

- 1) take the number of stitches that you now have in each section and multiply by 2: (eg. For the Small size, $23 \times 2 = 46$);
- 2) Subtract number of stitches for the armhole $46 - 26 = 20$ (As a guideline cast off the following number of stitches: Small: 26-28; Medium-Large: 28-30; Extra Large: 32-34.) Adjust if you want a larger or smaller armhole.
- 3) Divide the result by 2 ($20 \div 2 = 10$).

Knit the number of stitches that you have calculated (in the example it would be 10); then cast off stitches for the armhole. Knit to the end of that section, and M1. (sections 2 and 3) Knit the fourth section, M1.

In the fifth and sixth section repeat what you did for sections 2 and 3 (in asterix).

Knit section seven, M1.

Next round: Knit section one; knit to cast-off edge in section 2; cast on same number of stitches that you cast off **PLUS** one stitch. Knit to next cast-off edge and repeat instructions for cast-on. Knit to your beginning point. You will be on an increase round.

Continue knitting as before with an increase round, and a plain knit round. Knit until the measurement from the middle front of the article to your edge is equal to half the measurement across your bust (measured from armhole to armhole), and add approximately two inches for overlap at the front.

Edging:

When you have reached your front measurement, finish with a non increase round. Change to 1x1 rib pattern (k1, p1) and do ribbing for 3 rounds. (Note: you'll need an even number of stitches for ribbing; increase or decrease as required to get the number you need.) Cast off LOOSELY in rib on a WS round. (This is a suggested edging. Other ideas are to do an I-cord edging, your favorite lace edging, a ruffled edging,be creative!)

Armhole finishing:

With 6.5 mm circular needle pick up and knit number of cast-off and cast-on stitches, plus an extra 8 stitches spread over the ends. Do 1 x 1 rib (k1, p1) for three rounds and cast off in rib. Do both sleeves the same.

Finishing.

Sew in yarn ends. Block. (Dampen garment, and then pin out to dimensions you have calculated. (Guidelines: Small: 39-40"; Medium-Large: 40"-42"; Extra Large: 42"-44"))

Diagram 1

