

# Ithacowl

I started this project in Ithaca, New York (hence the name).

**Yarn weight:** Worsted

**Gauge:** 38.5 stitches = 4 inches in mistake rib

**Needle size:** US 7 / 4.5 mm

**Sizes available:** one size

I didn't originally give a gauge in the pattern, because I think it can be adapted for a lot of different yarns and needle sizes. The information above is just for reference. My finished version is 22.5" in circumference, but you can block it to be narrower or wider, too. You can make it a little wider than you would make a hat to give it a drape-y look, or even bigger to hang around your neck, or narrower to stand up more.

1. Choose yarn. This yarn is 220 yards, and a quarter alpaca, so it has some drape and fuzz. If you want drape and no fuzz, go with something that has some silk or something slinky in it. Find a 16" circular needle that goes with your yarn.

2. I don't think gauge is very important in this project. Use a long-tail cast-on to cast on some multiple of 4 stitches. I cast on 108 stitches. Cast on more or less based on your own experience with hats and gauge.

3. Join into a circle. Don't twist. Though actually, I think this would also work as a moebius cowl, so if you want that, twist.

4. Place marker at beginning of round. (I found it helpful to place markers every 10 stitches until the pattern was established. If doing so, make sure the marker that identifies the beginning of the round is different than the others.)

5. Mistake rib:

**Round 1:** \*K2, p2; repeat from \*

**Round 2:** K1 \*p2, k2; repeat from \*, end k1

By the way, I found it helpful to think of the pattern as a column of knits and a column of purls, each bordered with columns of alternating knits and purls. This is what gives the stitch such a raised and sunken surface, unlike regular ribbing.

6. Keep repeating these two rounds until you run out of yarn.

7. Bind off with [Elizabeth Zimmerman's Sewn Bind-Off](http://www.knitty.com/ISSUESummer06/FEATsum06TT.html) [<http://www.knitty.com/ISSUESummer06/FEATsum06TT.html>].

8. No need to block. Wear dramatically.

