

# Penny's Bandana Cowl



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## Materials:

Any yarn weight

Any size needle comfortable for knitting in the round (DPNs or circular)

Yarn needle

Stitch markers

## Abbreviations:

k – knit

p – purl

sl - slip

m - marker

m1R - make one right

m1L - make one left

Twin St K - twin stitch knit

Twin St P - twin stitch purl

m1pL - make one purl left (which is like a  
m1R, but you purl it instead of knit)

## Step 1 - Swatch

Choose your yarn and needles. Knit a swatch for a fabric that you'd like. Block your swatch and write down how many stitches have been knit across 4".

## Step 2 - Measure Your Familiar and Do A Little Math

Using a measuring tape, you will need to measure the comfortable circumference around your familiar's neck. This number will vary widely among different sized animals. If your familiar wears a collar, you can measure the size of the collar. (For example, Penny's comfortable neck circumference over her collar and neck fluff is about 16".)

Once you have that number, determine how many stitches to cast on. This number should be an even number.



**To determine how many stitches to cast on, follow the math below:**

If your familiar's neck circumference is a multiple of 4 (4, 8, 12, 16, etc), multiply your 4" stitch number to get total cast on stitches.

*(Example: You have 10 stitches on your 4" swatch and your familiar's neck is 12". 12" divided by 4" is 3.  $10 \times 3 = 30$  stitches to cast on.)*

If your familiar's neck circumference is not a multiple of 4, get out your calculator. Divide your stitches for 4" by 4 to get the number of stitches per inch. Multiply this number by the measurement of your familiar's neck circumference.

*(Example: You have 10 stitches on your 4" swatch and your familiar's neck is 15". 10 stitches divided by 4 is 2.5. Multiply  $2.5 \times 15" = 37.5$ . Round up to 38 for an even number of cast on stitches.)*

**A - Cast on number = \_\_\_\_\_**

**B - Cast on number divided by 2 = \_\_\_\_\_**

**C - Cast on number divided by 4 (or closest even number) = \_\_\_\_\_**

**D - Cast on number divided by 8 (or closest even number) = \_\_\_\_\_**

*Example:*

*For Penny's comfortable neck circumference of 16" using US 1 - 2.25 mm circulars with fingering weight yarn, I would cast on 104 stitches for my gauge.*

*A = 104*

*B = 52*

*C = 26*

*D = 13 = either 12 or 14*

### Step 3 - Cast On and Knit Collar

Cast on **A** \_\_\_ stitches.

Knit garter stitch for about 1".

Round 1: Knit round

Round 2: Purl round

Repeat.

Knit stockinette stitch for desired collar width minus about 1".

Round 1: Knit round

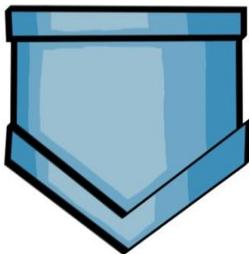
Repeat.

*(This bandana cowl will finish with a 1" garter border around the total stitches at the end of the pattern.)*

### Step 4 - Create Center Stitch

Knit **B** \_\_\_\_\_ stitches. Place marker. m1R. Place marker. Knit the rest of the round.

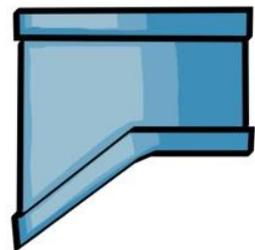
### Step 5 - Set Up Short Row Shaping



#### Option A - Across Half of the Stitches

Round 1: k to m, sl m, k1, sl m, k **C** \_\_\_\_\_ stitches, twin st k, turn

Round 2: p to m, sl m, p1, sl m, p **C** \_\_\_\_\_ stitches, twin st p, turn

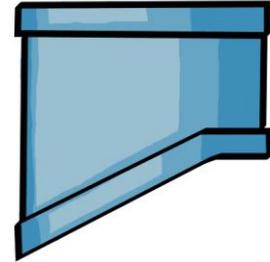




### Option B - Across Three-Quarters of the Stitches

Round 1: k to m, sl m, k1, sl m, k until **D** \_\_\_\_\_ stitches before the start of the round, twin st k, turn

Round 2: p to m, sl m, p1, sl m, p until **D** \_\_\_\_\_ stitches before the start of the round, twin st p, turn



### Step 6 - Short Row Shaping



#### Option 1 - Big Triangle:

Round 3: k to m, sl m, k1, sl m, k to 1 stitch before twin st k from previous round, twin st k, turn

Round 4: p to m, sl m, p1, sl m, p to 1 stitch before twin st p from previous round, twin st p, turn

Repeat 3-4 until every stitch on either side of the middle stitch has been worked

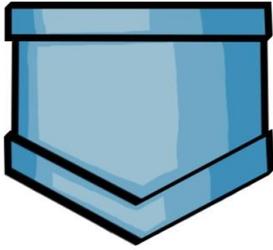


#### Option 2 - Medium Triangle:

Round 3: k to m, sl m, k1, sl m, k to 2 stitches before twin st k from previous round, twin st k, turn

Round 4: p to m, sl m, p1, sl m, p to 2 stitches before twin st p from previous round, twin st p, turn

Repeat 3-4 until every other stitch on either side of the middle stitch has been worked.

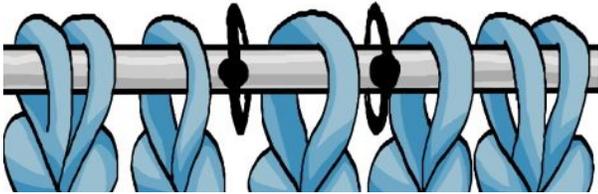


### Option 3 - Small Triangle:

Round 3: k to m, sl m, k1, sl m, k to 3 stitches before twin st k from previous round, twin st k, turn

Round 4: p to m, sl m, p1, sl m, p to 3 stitches before twin st p from previous round, twin st p, turn

Repeat 3-4 until every third stitch on either side of the middle stitch has been worked.



Ideally, you will end with a twin stitch on either side of the middle stitch. If there is a normal knit stitch on either side of the middle stitch, you can add these two rows for a sharper point:

RS (knit side): k to m, sl m, k1, sl m, m1L, turn  
WS (purl side): sl m, p1, sl m, m1pL

### Step 7 - Re-establish Round

Turn the work so that the right side is facing you.

K to m, sl m, k1, sl m, k to the beginning of the round **knitting each twin st individually**.

K to m **knitting each twin st individually**, sl m, k1, sl m, k to end of round.

### Step 8 - Garter Border

Round 1: k to m, m1R, sl m, k1, sl m, m1L, k to end of round

Round 2: p to m, sl m, p, sl m, p to end of round

Repeat until border is about 1"

Cast off loosely.