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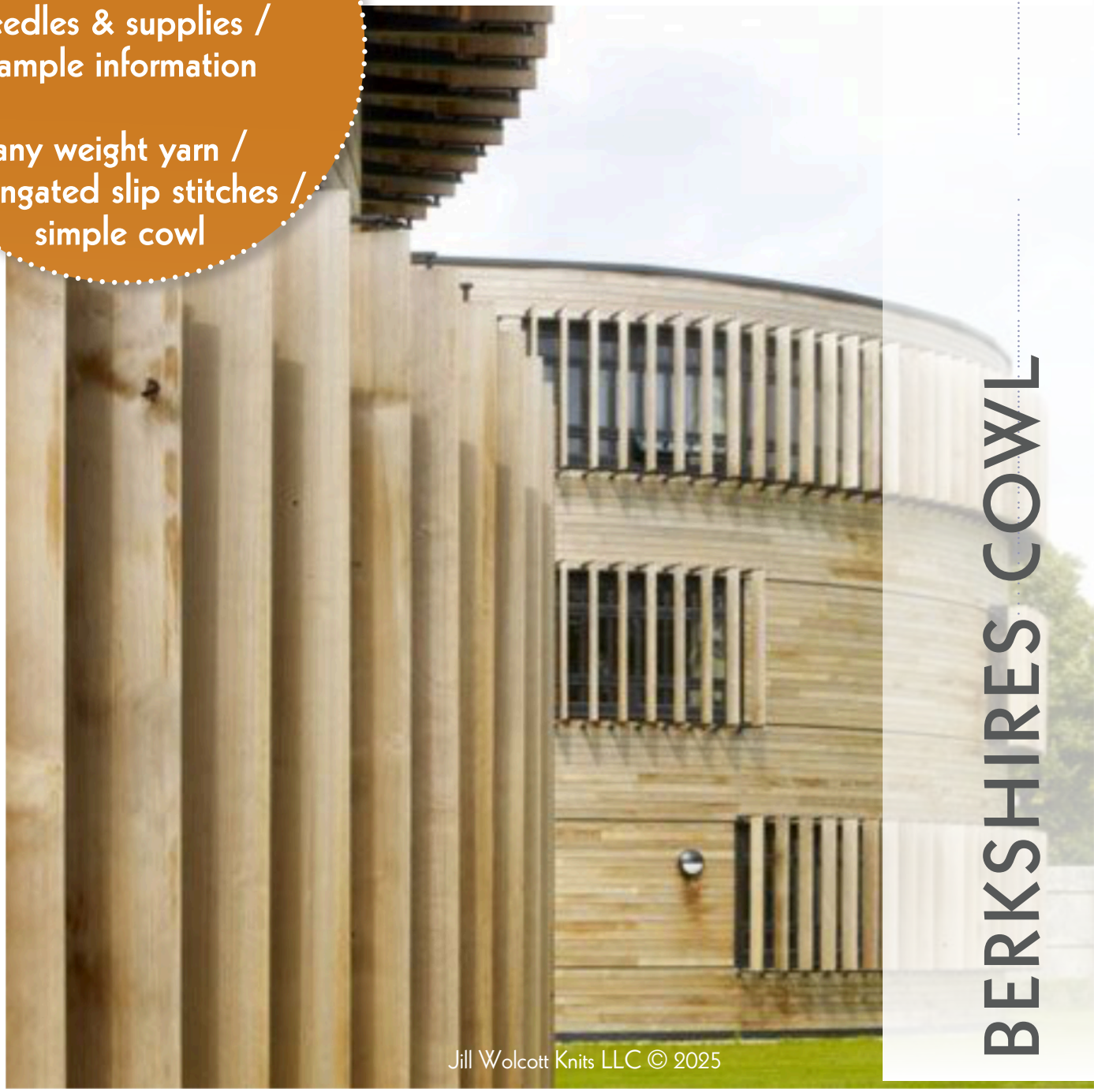

BERKSHIRES COWL

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moderate / ITR, slip stitches

jill's commentary on berkshires cowl

Introduction

I am using rows/rounds here because swatching can be done either flat or ITR.

I had a single ball of Oatmeal-colored DK yarn and lots of colorful fingering yarn which seemed the perfect pairing. I do not remember how I settled on this stitch pattern, which I kind of made up. I have since amended it to be a 4-row/round pattern from the original 6-row/round.

It was a bit of a challenge figuring out the initial transition, which I worked many times before getting it right. It is quite simple but it was the sort of thing that is a little challenging for my brain.

Pattern Name / *Pattern Tailor*

I called this pattern Berkshires Cowl after finding this photo. No idea of what I was searching for. For posterity, this is the Langley Academy Building in Slough, UK. I loved how the vertical and horizontals played with each other. This seems like a perfect place to use the Pattern Tailor format.

Notes on Techniques

K1-wrapping 2x/3x will always be into the stitches on the previous round worked in the same color as the previous three rows/rounds. The extra wraps can be worked as yarn overs or you can scoop the yarn the correct number of times (see video).

Slip stitches. The yarn is always on the WS when slipping stitches. I found a quick look at the WS to see the bars behind the slips would tell me which row to work next.

Dropping extra wraps. Slip the first YO as to purl (always slip as to purl unless specifically told otherwise), allowing the other YOs to drop off the needle. On subsequent rows/rounds you can slip the two stitches together. The following row/round is worked in the other color.

Gauge Swatch

Instructions for an ITR and flat gauge swatch are available to download.

If you do a gauge swatch, and input the requested information into the Pattern Tailor you will receive an estimate of the total yardage needed. If you do not do a swatch, you can always use ball band information, but it will not be accurate to how you knit.

I always take the unblocked gauge before I wet block so that I have an idea of what I should be getting on my needles as I knit. Everything in the pattern is based on blocked gauge.

Here's a video if you are new to taking gauge.

My Gauge

I got different blocked stitch and row/round gauges working flat and in the round. *See the table with my numbers.*

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jill's commentary, continued

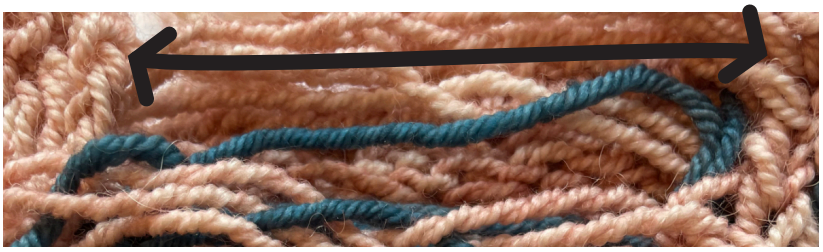
ITR Swatch Adjustment to Yarn Worked

Follow the instructions for making an ITR swatch and deducting the amount of yarn used to pull across the back. The only gauge you have to enter is for the middle-size needle.

If you do an ITR swatch, you need to get rid of the amount of yarn stretched across the back from the weight and yards / meters used.

1. *After blocking, measure the length of a representative float between the two k1-b edge stitches.*
2. *Count the total number of floats of each color.*
3. *Multiply the total number of floats for each color by the length measured in 1.*
4. *Convert that measurement into yards or meters.*
5. *Weigh your swatch.*
6. *Calculate the grams or ounces in your floats.*
7. *Subtract the combined weight for each color from the weight of the swatch..*
8. *Input the ending number for the weight of your swatch.*

1. Mine measure 4.25" / 10.8 cm



2. Floats in **C1**: 32 — Floats in **C2**: 24

3. x 4.25" = 136" — x 4.25" = 102"

   x 10.8 cm = 346 cm — x 10.8 cm = 259 cm

4. 136" / 36" = 3.75 yards — 102" / 36" = 2.875 yards

   346 cm / 100 cm = 3.5 meter — 259 cm / 100 cm = 2.6 meters

5. Swatch Weight: 18g

6. Calculate grams or ounces in floats based on yardage

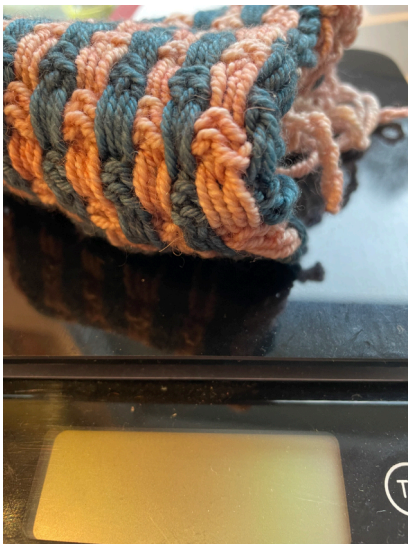
210 yards in 100g in **C1** — 164 yards in 50g in **C2**

[2.875x100)/210 = X] — [2.125x50/164 = X]

X = 1.42g — X = 0.65g

7. 18g – [1.42+0.65] = 15.93g

8. Input 15.93 grams or use ounces.



information you can use

- All charts are Action Charts: do what you see. Any stitch is what you see — a knit is a knit and a purl is a purl.
- When an instructions says to work "a total of", that includes the initial time the instruction was worked.
- Berkshires Cowl Information you entered is here.

sizes & measurements

Based on blocked gauge below.

Measurement	Sample Berkshires Cowl [ ]	Berkshires Cowl
A Circumference at middle	50" / 127 cm	[ ]
B Depth/length of Body excluding trims	6.5" / 16.5 cm	[ ]
C Depth/length of Beginning trim, excluding the cast on	0.5" / 1.27 cm	[ ]

unblocked & blocked gauge

Written Stitch Patterns for making a swatch are here, along with Action charts.

Stitch	Needle	sts to 1" or 2.54 cm	rows to 1" or 2.54 cm	sts to 4" or 10 cm	rows to 4" or 10 cm
unblocked					
Slough (flat)	US size 4(3.5m)	6	8	24	32
Slough	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Slough (ITR)	US size 4(3.5m)	6.25	9	25	36
Slough	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
blocked					
Slough (flat)	US size 4(3.5m)	6.5	7.75	26	31
Slough	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Slough (ITR)	US size 4(3.5m)	6.75	9	27	36
Slough	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

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needles & supplies

Size [ ] needles, size [ ], and size [ ]
OR sizes to obtain gauge.
Stitch markers, tapestry needle.

sample information

Size 50" / 127 cm circumference and 6.5" / 16.5 cm depth between trims.

Dos Tierras from Malabrigo, 50% Merino, 50% baby Alpaca, 100g/210 yds. (193 m) Neverland
Approximately 83g /175 yds (159 m) used in the Swatch and Sample.
Caprino from Malabrigo, 80% super fine Merino, 20% Cashmere, 50g/164 yds (159 m). Persia
Approximately 27g /89 yds (82 m) used in the Swatch and Sample.

photos

BERKSHIRES COWL

techniques, in alphabetical order

The technique instructions used in this pattern are provided as an aid in reproducing my designs. My samples are knit by a knitter, following these instructions, so I know they work.

When you encounter a new-to-you technique, I recommend practicing it using practice yarn before working it in the design. Some of my techniques seem a little tricky or fiddly, but they get great results, and will pay off for you when you can apply them to future projects.

flexible long-tail cast on
JSSBO / Jeny's surprisingly stretchy bind off
Closing the Gap in JSSBO
k1 wrapping yarn 2x/3x
k1-b
k2tog
sl1 dropping extra wrap(s)
slip
steam block
wet block
work in end

Yarn Calculator Links

Yarn Remainder Finder
Calculating Yarn Used
Use the Yarn Remainder Finder link to get to the General Yarn Calculator and the JSSBO Yarn Calculator.

abbreviations & symbols

Get more at www.JillWolcottKnits.com/abbreviations.

%	percent
BO	bind off
BOR	beginning of round
C#	color number
cm	centimeter
CO	cast on
g	gram(s)
in/"	inch(es)
ITR	in-the-round
JSSBO	Jeny's surprisingly stretchy bind off
k2tog	knit 2 together
k	knit
k1-b	knit 1 through back leg
m	meter(s)
mm	millimeter(s)
oz	ounce
p	purl
PM	place marker
rnd(s)	round(s)
RS	right side
sl	slip
st(s)	stitch(es)
yd(s)	yard(s)
x	times (in tables)

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information to be entered into the berkshires cowl *pattern tailor*

1	Yarn **C1** [ ]	
	Yarn **C2** [ ]	
2	Needle size (smallest)	[ ]
3	Needle size (middle)	[ ]
4	Needle size (largest)	[ ]
4	Blocked stitch gauge over 4"/10 cm	[ ]
5	Blocked row gauge over 4"/10 cm	[ ]
6	Total circumference at middle of cowl	[ ]
7	Total depth/length between trims	[ ]
8	Depth/length of bottom trim (this controls how many rows to work)	[ ]
9	**C1**: Yardage or meters in full skein	[ ]
10	**C1**: Ounces or grams in full skein	[ ]
11	**C2**: Yardage or meters in full skein	[ ]
12	**C2**: Ounces or grams in full skein	[ ]
13	Optional: Stitches cast on for swatch	[ ]
14	Optional: Rows worked in swatch	[ ]
15	Optional: Weight of swatch	[ ]
16	Optional: Weight **C1** used in swatch	[ ]
17	Optional: Weight **C2** used in swatch	[ ]

This is the information you will enter into the Berkshires Cowl ***Pattern Tailor*** and it will send all the relevant data to the pdf now available for download.

In the pattern, wherever you see [ ] your unique data has been filled in. The results throughout are taking into account your information, and the basic design structure. There is rounding to accommodate your chosen measurements and the stitch and row multiples.

We think we've thought of everything, but if you have questions, always email jill@jillwolcottknits.com.
Please take a screenshot or photo of where you are in the pattern as I don't have your customized version.

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