

# PARIS PONCHO

Imagine strolling the Left Bank in this elegant little poncho, knit from a soft, drapey bit of luxury.

1000 yards sport weight yarn (suggested yarn Sugar Shack 100% alpaca)  
Size 6 needle.  
Gauge 16 stitches = 4 inches in stockinette

Cast on 112 stitches

NOTE: after first row, slip the first stitch of each row, in the manner otherwise required for that stitch - do not twist the first stitch. The resulting edge is smooth and neat and makes seaming later a breeze.

Work 4 rows in seed stitch (K1, P1 across the first row, P1, K1 on second row. Repeat these two rows). Begin pattern:

Set up Row (right side). Work 28 stitches in seed stitch, PM, K 56, PM, P3, PM, K 8, PM, P3, PM, Seed stitch for remaining 14 stitches.

Row 1 (wrong side). Work 14 seed stitch, SM, K3, SM, P8, SM, K3, SM, P56, SM, Seed stitch for remainder of the row.

Row 2 (right side). Work 28 stitches in seed stitch, PM, K 56, PM, P3, PM, K 8, PM, P3, PM, Seed stitch for remaining 14 stitches.

Repeat these two rows two more times (7 rows total), ending after a wrong side row.

Row 8. CABLE ROW: Work across 87 stitches as established - you should have work the first column of 3 purl stitches and have the 8 stitch column ahead of you - C4F: Slip the next 4 stitches onto a cable needle and hold in front, knit 4, knit 4 from the cable needle - continue in pattern to the end of the row.

Repeat Rows 1 - 8 until piece measures at least 60" long, work 4 rows in seed stitch and bind off.

Fold in half the long way, both halves measuring 30" (or half your total length. Using mattress stitch, sew a seam up one side, from the cast on/bound off edges toward the center fold, leaving an opening about 12". The seam should end between your shoulder and neck.

This pattern is easily adapted to other weights of yarn. Do a gauge swatch to determine how many stitches per inch (SPI) you get with the yarn and needles of your choice. Multiply the SPI x 30 (the approximate width of the finished garment). This gives you the total number of stitches to cast on. Maintain the cable at 8 stitches, but adjust the seed stitch borders and the stockinette sections to add up to the number of cast on stitches.

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