

## Cowgirl Poncho



Sample knitted in colorway Mallard

Supplies: One Cat Mountain Fiber Arts Fusion 800 Skein in Fingering Weight. 3.75 mm/US Size 5 circular needle, 90cm/36inch or longer. One short straight or double pointed needle in the same size, for the 3-needle bind off.

Your 800 yard skein comes with 8 different yarns. You may choose to knit the yarns in whatever order you wish, though many people want to know what order I used when knitting the sample. Below are the eight yarns included in the skein, in the order in which they were used in the poncho, with brief descriptions to help you identify them.

### Fusion 800 Yarns & Descriptions:

- 1) 60% Superwash Merino Wool/30% Bamboo/10%Nylon - Lighter color, soft sheen, crisp texture
- 2) 70% Superwash Merino Wool/20%Nylon/5%Stellina - Sparkly
- 3) 80% Kid Mohair/20% Nylon -Fuzzy kid mohair, no sparkle
- 4) 50% Merino Wool/50% Silk - Dark in color, sheen, very soft
- 5) 50% Merino Wool/50% Tencel - Lighter color, soft sheen, crisp texture
- 6) 86% Kid Mohair/14% Nylon - Soft Boucle
- 7) 100% Superwash Merino Wool - Soft, dark in color
- 8) 85% Superwash Merino Wool/15% NEP - Tweed

Please note that #1 and #5 look very similar and are difficult to tell apart. For the purposes of this pattern, they are interchangeable.

The finished garment measures 38 inches wide (from the fold), and 16 inches in length. The neck opening is 15 inches wide.

Gauge – Approximately 6 stitches (in garter stitch) per inch.

Gauge is not critical, but if you have a very different gauge you may run out of yarn using the pattern as written.

### Instructions:

With Yarn #1, Loosely cast on 290 stitches using long tail cast on, or your favorite cast on method.

Row 1: Knit all stitches

Row 2: Knit all stitches

Row 3: \*Knit 1, Yarn Over 2 Times\*\* Repeat from \* to \*\* to the end of the row, Knit 1

Row 4: Knit all stitches, dropping the Yarn Over loops from the previous row.

Row 5: Purl all stitches

Row 6: Knit all stitches

Cut yarn, leaving approximately 10 inches for later use as fringe (or leave 6 inches if you do not plan to have fringe on your poncho). Choose your next yarn

Repeat Rows 1 through 6 for each yarn in the above list twice.

Final Row, using Yarn #8 – Knit one row.

Lay the piece flat and carefully fold it in half while still on the needle, being careful not to twist it. Align the tips of your circular needle along side one another, and using 3-needle bind off, bind off 85 stitches from both ends of the circular needle at once, creating a seam across the shoulder of the poncho. Bind off remaining stitches for the neck.

Please note that the above is how many stitches were bound off for the sample. You may choose to bind off more or less to make a larger or smaller neck hole! After binding off the desired number of stitches, secure the end.

You may weave in your ends, or add fringe. On the sample garment, 4 strands of fringe 10 inches in length were added to each stripe, and were secured at the solid ridge portion of the stripe.

Block by soaking in water with a drop of shampoo or wool wash, then roll in a towel and pin out on a flat surface. Wear and look beautiful!

