

WOMBAT

a men-capable banana-shaped shawl

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This pattern is for advanced knitters, because of some details are not extra described.

You should master border stitches and the picking up of stitches from an edge.

Material

ca. 280 g Lana Grossa Superbingo, Color 15
(100% Merino, yardage 55m(60 yds) per 50g)
or another yarn with the same yardage.

Circular needle 8 mm (US 11) min. 100cm/40 inches

Size upon completion

ca. 200 x 38 cm (about 78 x 15 inches)
after gently blocking

Abbreviations

SSK = slip, slip, knit the 2 slipped stitches together
(left leaning decrease)

Chain stitch (border stitch) = slip the last stitch of every row with yarn in front, than knit this stitch (the first in the following row).

Short instructions

Part 1

Cast on loosely 20 stitches. On one side the border stitches will be done as chain stitches (this will be the outer edge) and on the other side the border stitches will be done as little pearls (or nodules) to pick up the stitches for part 2.

The 18 stitches between the border stitches will be knitted as follows:

knit 1 row; purl 1 row; knit 1 row

Repeat these 3 rows for making 3-rows-lateral-ribs.

In this manner please work 84 ribs (a totally of 252 rows).

Now bind off loosely 19 stitches and pay attention that the last stitch is on the nodules edge.

From this edge pick up and knit 127 stitches. (= a total of 128 st). Turn work.

Next row: Knit all stitches through back loop. Turn work.

Part 2

Purl 64 stitches (here is the middle of work). p 1; p2tog; p 2; turn work.

Next row: Slip the first stitch; k 4; ssk; k 2; turn work.

Next row: Slip the first stitch; k 6; ssk; k 2; turn work.

Next row: Slip the first stitch; p 8; p2tog; p 2; turn work.

Please work part 2 in this manner to build 3-rows-lateral-ribs here too.

The decreases take place with the two stitches before and after the gap! Please notice to make the decreases in knitted rows as **ssk** and in purled rows as **p2tog**!



After the last decrease only one stitch on each side is left, but this is to do as usual.

Next row: Purl all stitches.

Next row: Bind off **loosely** all stitches until 1 stitch is left.

Now pick up 22 stitches from the close-by edge (the cast-on edge respectively the bind-off edge of part 1). Please notice that the rib building is corresponding to pattern!

To make a pointed corner, you must work the border stitches as in part 1 on the lower edge as chain stitches. The decreases will only be worked at the inner edge as follows:

Backward rows: Slip the last stitch with yarn in front.

Forward rows: For the decrease knit this stitch with the following stitch together through back loop.

Do the decreases in every forward row until 2 stitches left. Knit these 2 stitches together, cut yarn, pull it through the loop and sew it in.

Now rejoin the yarn on the other side and work the second pointed corner as before.

If you think that this method is too circuitous for you, you naturally can work the pointed corners at the beginning of part 1 by making increases at one side and decreases at the other.

I've knitted the pointed corners belated, because I was displeased about the appearance of the "cropped" corners.

The completed Wombat now must be damped and blocked softly, so that the texture of the pattern is preserved after drying.

