A simple and effortless knit. Perfect for gift-giving or just spoiling yourself.

The Basketweave Stitch is an easy two row repeat you can practically knit in your sleep.

Knit on large needles and Aran weight yarn, you get a super stretchy, squishy, thick and warm fabric.

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Supplies

(1) Entire Skein of “With Love” by Red Heart (Pictured in Eggshell)
OR Approx. 370 yds of Aran weight yarn
Size US #11 (8mm) 24” Circulars OR Extra long Straight Needles
Size US #15 (10mm) 24” Circulars OR Extra long Straight Needles
Blocking mat & T-pins
Tapestry Needle
“G” OR “H” Crochet Hook for seaming cowl

Abbreviations & Stitches Used

(In the order they appear in pattern)

mm - Millimeter
CO - Cast On
WS - Wrong Side
RS - Right Side
wyib - With yarn in BACK
K - Knit
tbl - Through back loop
wyif - With yarn in FRONT
P - Purl
SSK - Slip, slip, knit
pso - Pass stitch over
K2tog - Knit 2 together
approx. - Approximately
yrds - Yards
Whip Stitch
Slip Stitch

Gauge

10 rows & 15 stitches in Basketweave Stitch = 4” X 4”

Blocking Dimensions - Before seaming

12” Wide X 66” Long

Finished Cowl Dimensions - Seamed

11” Wide X 29” Long (Approx. 60” Circumference)
Using size US #11 (8mm) needles, CO 51.

WS (Set Up Row)  Purl

Begin knitting with Size US #15 needles.

RS (Row 1)  Slip first stitch knitwise wyib, slip second stitch purlwise wyib, [skip next stitch on needle, K next stitch tbl (do not drop stitch off of needle), K the skipped stitch, drop both stitches off of needle] to one stitch from the end of row, K last stitch tbl.

(Row 2)  Slip first stitch purlwise wyif, slip second stitch purlwise wyif, [skip next stitch on needle, P next stitch (do not drop stitch off of needle), P the skipped stitch, drop both stitches off of needle] to one stitch from the end of row, P last stitch.

Repeat row 1 & 2 until your work measures at least 54” (This stitch grows considerably in length when blocked.) Finish on a WS row.

Bind Off:  (Switch back to size US #11 needles.)  SSK, [K, pso] until the last 2 stitches, K2tog, pso. Break yarn, leaving approx. 3 yrds length and pull through last stitch.

Block cowl to dimensions (page 2) before seaming. Allow to completely dry.

Seam Cowl:
Fold cowl in half RS facing so the cast on and bind off edges are in line. Pin the 2 edges together if desired for even seaming. Using bind off tail, attach the two edges using the Whip Stitch with a Tapestry Needle or using a size “G” or “H” Crochet Hook, Slip Stitch through both layers to join.

Finishing: Be sure your cowl is the proper length before weaving in your ends.

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### Helpful Notes

1. When working the two repeat rows, be sure to continue slipping the first 2 stitches of each row as written. This will allow the cowl to “curl” over in the correct direction so it will lay nice and flat.

2. The Basketweave Stitch is not fun to have to un-knit. The twists in the stitches make it a bit confusing to pick up again. If you find yourself easily distracted while knitting repeat patterns, add a Safety Line to your RS row every so often as you knit. Moving it up after a ways. This way, if you make a mistake you can simply unzip your stitches back to your safety line, place the live stitches back onto your needle and return to your knitting.

3. A Safety Line can be a length of slippery yarn or dental floss that you simply pass through your row of live stitches using a Tapestry needle. Or, you could use a very small sized (#1 or #2) long circular needle.