

Free Pattern of the Month - February 2003

A Wimple

This month's Free Pattern is a Wimple, or Head Over. It's basically a tube that fits over your head, and sits in soft folds around the neck to keep out cold drafts. It's made long enough to go up over your hair and the back of your head to serve as both scarf and hat. I much prefer this handy little thingy to a hat that flattens my hair and/or a scarf that will end up on the ground because I just can't seem to keep one on. It is also great for barn chores - no loose ends to end up in a horse's mouth...



The yarn is called Cork by Rowan in color 038 - Bug. Two skeins will do for the average neck, but if you have a long neck you'd better buy three.

Each skein is 120 yards and is classified as a chunky yarn (looks more like worsted to me, but I don't work for the yarn company...) The content is 90% Merino wool/10% Nylon. The yarn is quite cushy and soft.

My gauge is 26 sts = 8" with a US #11 needle.

The idea for the stitch pattern comes from Bonnie Marie Burns over at ChicKnits.com who knit a fab scarf in response to the infamous Staples ad. I knit the scarf and liked the yarn and pattern so much that this wimple was born.

Cast on 102 stitches, loosely, and work garter stitch for 2 ridges and then start the pattern:

Round 1 - * Knit 2, Purl 4 * Repeating from * to * around.

Round 2 - Knit even.

Repeat these two rounds (7) times.

Decrease on a Purl round like this: * Knit 2, Purl2tog, Purl 2 * Repeating from * to * around.

Next round is plain Knit, and then resume the pattern with one less Purl stitch -

Round 1 - * Knit 2, Purl 3 * Repeating from * to * around.

Round 2 - Knit even.

Repeat these two rounds (5) times and then decrease again -

Round 1 - * Knit 2, Purl2tog, Purl 1 * Repeating from * to * around.

Knit the next round even and then work the pattern again -

Round 1 - * Knit 2, Purl 2 * Repeating from * to * around

Round 2 - Knit even.

Keep going until you run out of yarn or until it's long enough to fit, work 2 more ridges in Garter, and then bind off, in Purl, on the Right Side. Done!

Below is a close-up of the pattern stitch.



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