



BATWING PONCHO

A MOREHOUSE ORIGINAL

- SIZES:** adult or child; length from neck to wrist: 22" (20"); length from shoulder down to tip in middle 18" (16")
- YARN:** 4 skeins of Morehouse Merino 2-Ply (sport weight, 225 yards per skein)
- NEEDLES:** circular needle #24 or longer, #5, #6 or #7 (size to obtain gauge)
- GAUGE:** as knit 4½ stitches = 1 inch over garter stitch pattern; will stretch to 4 stitches = 1 inch after washing/blocking; 10 rows = 1 inch; will stretch to about 8 rows = 1 inch after washing/blocking

BatWing Poncho is knit in 2 pieces, starting at the wrist and knitting towards neck, then the 2 pieces are sewn together. Entire BatWing Poncho is knit back and forth in garter stitch pattern (knit each row), except for ribbed border at the wrist. Circular needle will accommodate number of stitches more comfortably as you begin to increase towards middle of Poncho.

Cast on 38 (34) stitches. Use an elastic cast-on method, such as long-tail cast-on, and cast on loosely. Work 10 (8) rows in 1x1 rib pattern (*knit 1 stitch, purl 1 stitch; repeat from * to end of row). Then start pattern.

PATTERN:

*Knit first stitch twice (knit stitch, but don't drop stitch off left-hand needle, knit into same stitch again, this time through the back of the stitch), knit to end of row. Repeat this row until you have 50 stitches.

Next: knit row to last 2 stitches, knit those 2 stitches together. Work this row a total of 8 times = 42 stitches. Knit 2 rows.

Start increases again: *knit first stitch twice, knit to end of row. Repeat from * until you have 70 (68) stitches.

Next: knit row to last 2 stitches, knit those 2 stitches together. Work this row a total of 8 times = 62 (60) stitches. Knit 2 rows.

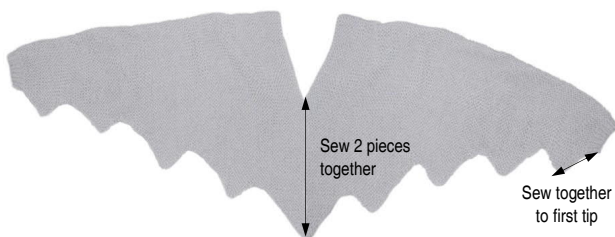
And increase again: *knit first stitch twice, knit to end of row. Repeat from * until you have 94 (88) stitches.

Next: knit row to last 2 stitches, knit those 2 stitches together. Work this row a total of 8 times = 86 (80) stitches. Knit 2 rows.

Increase again: *knit first stitch twice, knit to end of row. Repeat from * until you have 118 (108) stitches.

Next: knit row to last 2 stitches, knit those 2 stitches together. Work this row a total of 8 times = 110 (100) stitches. Knit 2 rows.

And final increases: *knit first stitch twice, knit to end of row. Repeat from * until you have 144 (128) stitches. Bind off in next row. Bind off very, very loosely (bind-off row should be as elastic and stretchable as knit rows).



FINISHING: before sewing Poncho together, soak pieces in warm water for a few minutes. Squeeze out as much water as possible and lay flat to dry, stretching both pieces to maximum length and width. When completely dry, sew middles together. Beginning at each tip, sew towards neck leaving 11" (10") opening in middle. Sew borders at wrist together, then sew to first tip—leaving remaining tips open.

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