BALACLAVA

DIFFICULTY = Intermediate

YARN = 2 balls of **PURE CASHMERE** col. n. 5 and a ball of **KID SILK NUANCE** col. 48 H.Couture Line by Laines du Nord (beige version); 1 PURE CASHMERE col. n. 15 and 1 KID SILK NUANCE col. 38 H.Couture Line by Laines du Nord (brown version)
CIRCULAR NEEDLES = size 4.5 mm (60 cm and 40 cm cables)
OTHERS = darning needle, safety pin or stitch holder, scissors, tape measure.



SAMPLE

10 x 10 cm = 21 stitches and 33 rows in false fisherman's rib stitch, using size 4.5 mm needles.

It is very important to check your gauge and measure the tension correctly to achieve the same results and measurements as the pattern. If the gauge is different, try adjusting the needle size up or down by half a size until you get the correct measurement.

POINTS USED

False fisherman's rib stitch:multiple of 3 Stitches.

- **RS: k2**, **k1-b**
- **WS: knit**

k1-b: Knit 1 into the stitch below the next stitch on the left needle.

Sl1p (slip 1 purl-wise): slip 1 stitch from left to right knitting needle purl-wise.

Edge stitch: on both RS and WS, slip first stitch purl-wise, knit last stitch.

ABBREVIATIONS

RS = right side of the work
WS = wrong side of the work
r = row(s)
st(s) = stitch(es)
k = knit
rep = repeat from * to *
p = purl
incr = increase (knit the stitch twice, once like usual and second time through back loop, at last drop it from left needle)
decr = decrease (work 2 stitches together)

MEASURES

SINGLE SIZE = color of choice

Circumference of balaclava head: 54-56 cm. Length: 32 cm

PROCEDURE

CENTER SECTION:

Using circular needles size 4 mm and Pure Cashmere yarn and Kid Silk Nuance yarn (double yarn), cast-on 31 stitches.

Row 1 (WS) sl1p, knit

Row 2 (RS) sl1p, *k2, k1-b * rep 9 times, k3

Rep row 1 and row 2, 27 times

Cut the yarn and leave the 31 stitches

HOOD:

Pick up the stitches on both sides of central section and join them with the stitches you have left, as follow:

On right side of work, pick up 27 stitches along the right side picking up one loop of edge stitch, insert the 31 stitches you have left, pick up 27 stitches along the left side picking up one loop of edge stitch.

Side row 1 (WS): sl1p, knit

Side row 2 (RS): sl1p, *k2, k1-b * rep 27 times, k3

Rep row 1 and row 2, 28 times

HOOD SHAPING:

Row 57 (WS): sl1p, knit

Row 58 (RS): **sl1p**, ***1 decr, k1-b, k2, k1-b, k2, k1-b***, rep 10 times, **1 decr, k1 (there are 75 stitches)**

Row 59 (WS): sl1p, knit

Row 60 (RS): **sl1p, k1**, ***k1-b, 1 decr, k1-b, k2, k1-b, k1*,** rep 9 times, **k1 (there are 66 stitches)**

Row 61 (WS): sl1p, knit

Row **62** (RS): **sl1p, k1**, ***k1-b, k1, k1-b, 1 decr, k1-b, k1*,** rep 9 times, **k1(there are 57 stitches)**

Row 61 (WS): sl1p, knit

Row **62** (RS): **sl1p, *k1, k1-b *,** rep 27 times, **k2**

Work rows 61 and 62 twice

COLLAR SHAPING:

At the end of row 66 (RS), cast-on 29 sts and join at corresponding right side, continue working in the round.

Place one stitch marker.

Work in the round, always on right side of the work. The first stitch after the stich marker is the edge stitch on right side of the hood.

Row 67: purl

Row 68: k1-b, *k1, k1-b *, rep 28 times, *k2, k1-b* rep 9 times, k2

Rep the rows 67 and 68 twice

Row 73: purl

Row 74: k1-b, k1, *k1-b, k1, k1-b, 1 incr, k1-b, k1* rep 9 times, k1-b, *k2, k1-b* rep 9 times, k2

Row 75: purl

Row 76: k1-b, k1, *k1-b, 1 incr, k1-b, k2, k1-b, k1* rep 9 times, k1-b, *k2, k1-b* rep 9 times, k2

Row 77: purl

Row 78: k1-b, *1 incr, k1-b, k2, k1-b, k2, k1-b* rep 10 times, k1-b, *k2, k1-b* rep 9 times, k2

Row 79: purl

Row 80: *k1-b, k2* rep across the entire row

Rep the row 79 and the row 80, 10 times

Bind off all sts

For a slightly longer neck, repeat rows 79 and 80 as desired.

FINISHING OF FACE OPENING

There are two different versions

Work a 6-stitch APPLIED I-CORD

1. Using size 4.5 mm short circular needles, pick up approx. 124 stitches along the face opening.
2. Cast on 6 stitches (there are 130 stitches on the needle),
3. Knit 6 stitches once.
4. Slip these 6 stitches from right to left needle, with yarn in back,
5. Knit 5 stitches, 1 decrease (slip the 6th stitch from left to right needle, with yarn in back, then knit one stitch and pass the 6th stitch over the last worked stitch)
6. Rep the rows D and E until there are 6 stitches on the needle
7. Using the darning needle, bind off

DOUBLE BAND - RIBS 2x2
Using size 4.5 mm short circular needles, pick-up approx. 124 stitches along the face

opening. Stitch count must be a multiple of 4. Work in rib 2x2 (k2 x p2). When rib measures 10 cm, inc all p2 sections to p3. Bind off. Fold in half and tie off on wrong side of work. Sew loosely.

Hide the ends.

Wash and iron.

PATTERN DESCRIPTION

Work the center section flat using circular needles, from the center front toward the back. Pick up stitches along each side of this center section and continue working flat before casting on stitches for the neck. Finish the remainder in the round.

PHOTOGALLERY





