

Russian Wedding Band Cowl

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Materials

YARN: You can use 60-85 yards *each* of three colors of any DK or worsted weight. Raid your leftover stash! If you have less, make shorter (less high) bands—there are no rules.

NEEDLES/GAUGE: US10 (6 mm) size circular (16") needle.

You want approximately 4–4½ sts/inch to achieve a circumference of at least 21". The pattern can be modified to accommodate your yarn.

We all have the ubiquitous stash of leftovers – those 30-75 (or more) yards of something that you can't bear to ditch. This pattern is designed to make the highest and best use of these semi-skeins. The cowl is patterned after the interlocking Russian Wedding Band rings featured by major jewelers (you know, blue box, red box...), which roll together on the finger.

DIRECTIONS

Just knitting in the round with enough stitches cast on to give you a 21"+ circumference. (To fit over the head.) This sample was knit in 85 stitches.

Note: Your three pieces will roll onto themselves — perfect, no problem, that is what you are aiming at, we want roundness, roundness is a good thing.

Cast On 85 stitches of FIRST color and work as follows:

Join the stitches in the round (place a marker if you wish) being really careful not to twist the stitches (this is not a mobius piece and will not play nice with the others if it is twisted).

Knit like mad until the circle is 7" high. Bind off really loosely and weave in ends.

Cast On 85 stitches of SECOND color and work as follows:

Important: Before you join the needles in the round, put them through the center of the first finished ring (making sure you do not have twisted stitches) — this is the interlocking thing. Don't worry about direction because each roll can be put in either an in or out direction afterward.

Knit like mad until the knitted circle is 7" high. Bind off really loosely and weave in ends.

Cast On 85 stitches of THIRD color and work as follows:

Again, before you join the needles in the round, put them through the center of both the first two finished rings (making sure you do not have twisted stitches).

Again...Knit like mad until the circle is 7" high. Bind off really loosely and weave in ends. Okay, you are done. You can flip the rings to either side for effect (ridges or smooth.)

Issues: Not enough yarn? If you don't have enough of one color and it ends up only 3"-6" — so what, it still works, you are the master of your universe. Want more rings? Go for it — but you might want to keep them a little shorter (i.e., not as high as 7" — remember, every time you add one, it makes the whole cowl snugger around the neck).



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