

The Cowly

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DON'T LET YOUR PRIDE GET IN THE WAY OF KNITTING UP THIS ULTRA-SIMPLE GARTER STITCH PATTERN. YOU'LL DROP YOUR PREJUDICE WHEN YOU SEE THE BEGUILING RESULT.

MATERIALS: 350 y (320 m) of yarn you love to feel on your neck. 16 in (41 cm) or 24 in (61 cm) circular needles in the size that gives the fabric you like. For this version, we held a strand of laceweight kid mohair/silk and a strand of laceweight baby alpaca/merino. **GAUGE:** Soft, with nice drape. **SIZE:** Measure your head circumference and subtract 2 in (5 cm) to get your key number. To figure out the length to knit, take your key number and subtract 3 in (7.5 cm).

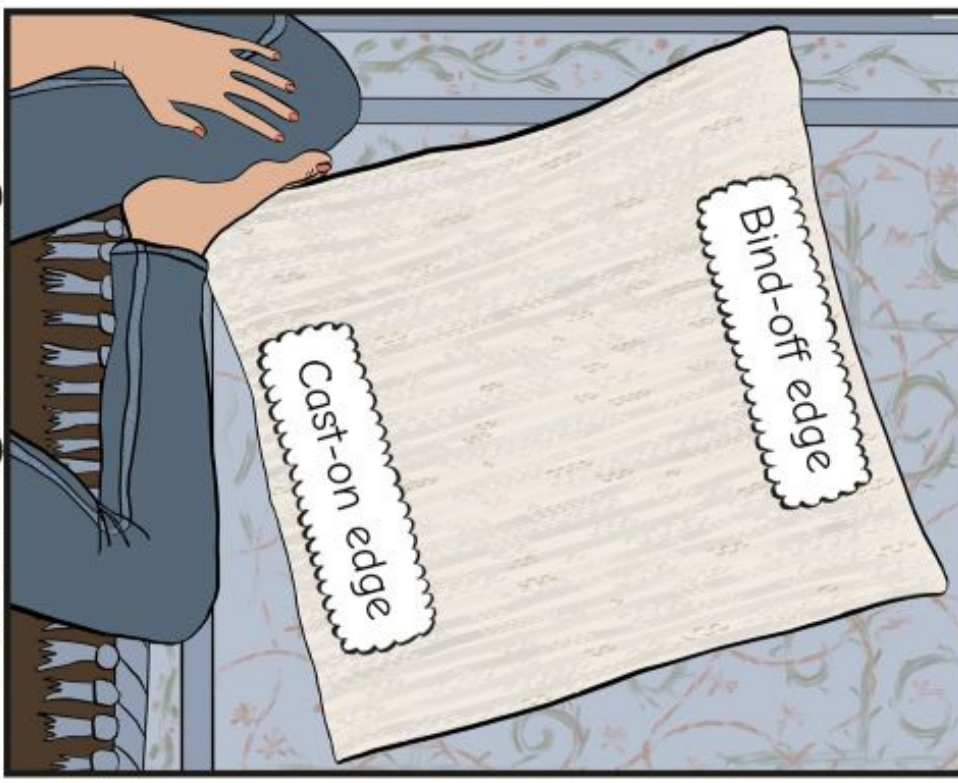


METHOD: Multiply the key number by your gauge to determine the number of stitches to cast on. Round up if it's not a whole number. Cast on and work in Garter stitch to your target length, then bind off.

Example: Your head is 21 in around, and your blocked gauge is 4 st/in. Subtract 2 in from your measurement for 19 in, your key number. Multiply the key number by gauge to get your stitch number (76). The length would be 19 in - 3 in = 16 in. Or, let's say your head is 53 cm around. Subtract 5 cm for 48 cm, your key number. Your blocked gauge is 16 stitches per 1 cm. Multiply key number by gauge to get your stitch number (77).

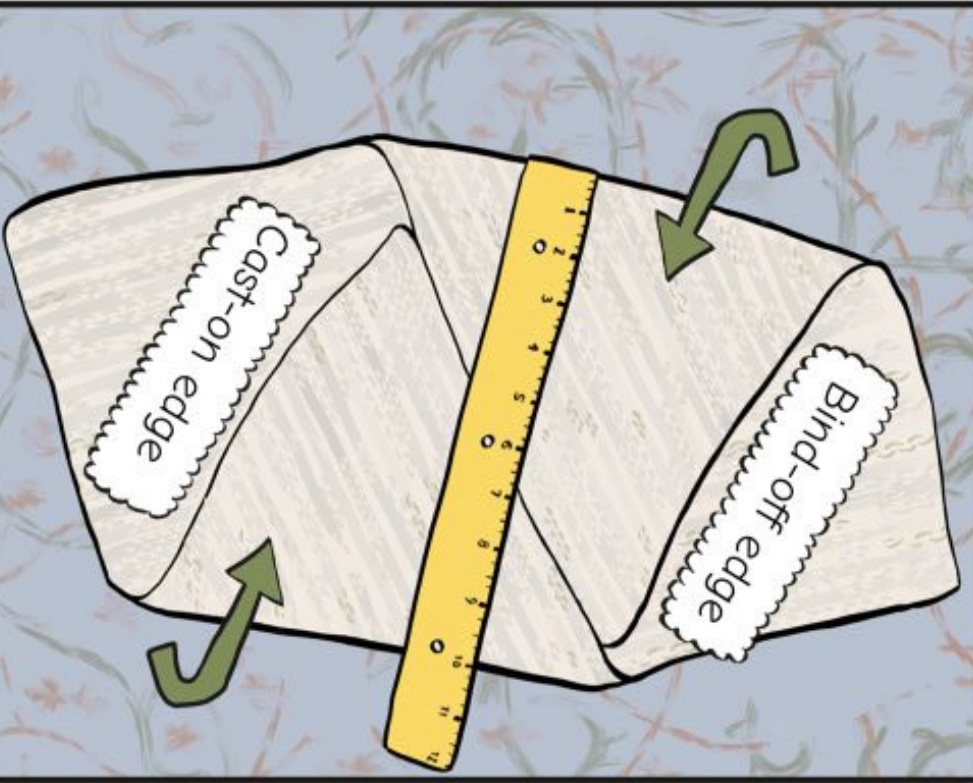
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Now, lay your work like this.



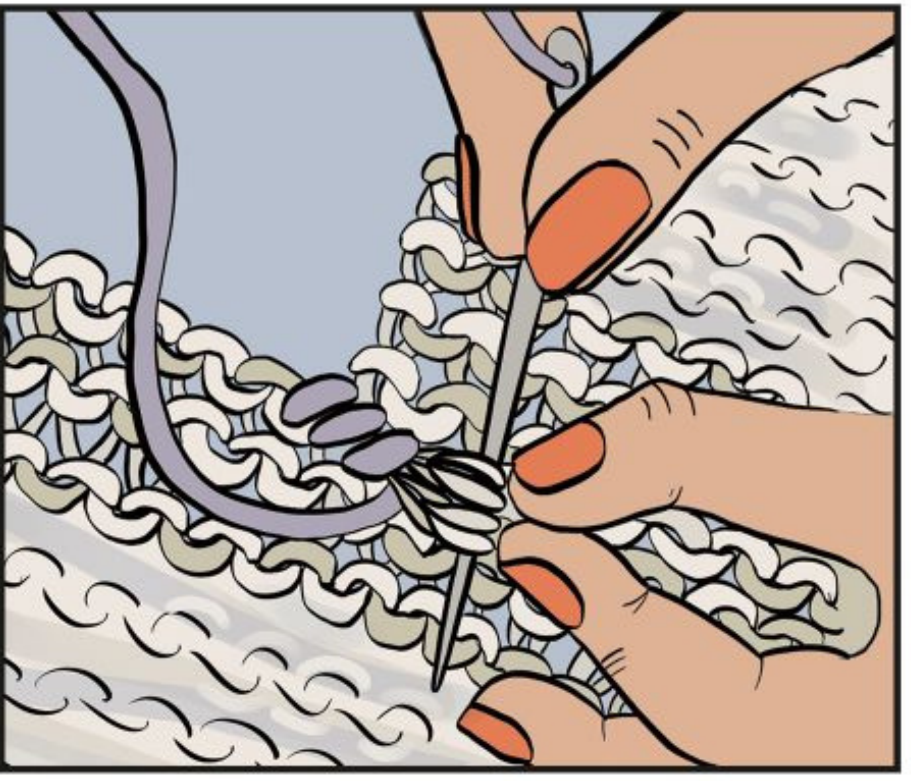
The more the side edges meet, the smaller the neck hole will be, and vice versa.

Then fold it like this.



Slide the two side edges so that the folded work measures 10 in (25 cm) across the middle.

To check the fit, pin the seam and try it on before you sew.



Whipstitch the adjacent side edges, and darn in the ends.

