

## Bristol Neckwarmer

*designed by Cheryl Schumer*

Perfect for a skein of luxury yarn - wrap your neck in comfort and style! The top can be folded down for a collar-type look, or left up for more warmth. Uses approximately 100 to 150 yards of yarn (twice that amount if you use a thin yarn held doubled). Exact yardage will depend on your yarn selection and size. The stitch pattern used is reversible and lies flat, but gives an interesting textured look.

### Size

Woman's medium, but can be made to any size - see notes below.

### Finished Measurements

**As shown:** Approximately 5" wide by 20.5" long

### Materials

To knit the neck warmer as shown:

- ❖ **Yarn:** Bristol Yarn Gallery "Buckingham" (80% Baby Alpaca, 20% Silk; 50g/218 yds), 1 skein. Shown in color 100.
- ❖ **Knitting Needles:** 4mm (US 6), or size to obtain desired gauge or result
- ❖ Yarn Needle
- ❖ Button
- ❖ Crochet hook in appropriate size for yarn

### Gauge

Gauge for scarf as shown was approximately 24 stitches and 32 rows per inch in pattern stitch, with yarn held doubled. You can knit the scarf at any gauge, just adjust the number of cast-on stitches accordingly - see notes below.

### Abbreviations

<b>k</b>	knit
<b>k1tbl</b>	knit one stitch through the back loop
<b>p</b>	purl
<b>RS</b>	right side
<b>st(s)</b>	stitch(es)



*Model: Joanna Schumer*



## **Pattern Instructions**

With the yarn held double (see tip in notes below), cast on 120 sts, using a stretchy cast-on. I used a cable cast-on.

### **Stitch Pattern - worked over a multiple of 4 stitches:**

Every row: \* K2, K1tbl, P1; repeat from \* across row.

Work in pattern until the piece is approximately 4.5" to 5" from cast-on, leaving enough yarn to bind off plus about 12" for finishing. Since the pattern is reversible, it doesn't matter whether you end on the wrong side or right side.

Bind off in pattern, leaving a tail long enough for creating the button loop and weaving in the ends (10-12").

Using a crochet hook and the tail ends of the yarn, work a chain stitch long enough to go around the button - about 1.5" inches for a 5/8" button. Join the end of the chain to the beginning to form a loop (make sure the button fits through the loop), and weave in ends.

Adjust scarf to fit around neck as shown, and mark the desired location of the button.

Attach button where marked.

## **Notes**

### **Substituting Yarn, Stitch Pattern, Size, or Gauge:**

This stitch pattern is a simple one-row pattern, lies flat, and is completely reversible. It has lots of texture to give interest to a plain yarn. Any stitch pattern can be substituted, but you'll have best results with pattern that lies flat. The pattern is similar to the stitch used in Stephanie Pearl-McPhee's "One Row Scarf", but without the offset of an extra two stitches.

If you are using yarn thinner than DK weight, you may want to use multiple strands together as was done in the scarf shown, to make a denser fabric.

**Tip for determining size:** If you want to knit a size that is much larger or smaller than shown, this will help you determine what length to make. You'll need a scarf, preferably in a weight that is similar to what you plan to knit. Wrap the scarf around the person's neck with one end positioned so that the lower corner of the edge is centered below the hollow of the throat, with the scarf at a comfortable angle for the wearer. Wrap the other end of the scarf behind then neck and cross in front as shown in the photos. Mark where the two pieces cross at the bottom of the neck, then measure the length from the end of the scarf to the marker to determine the approximate length for the pattern. Don't worry - your measurement doesn't need to be exact, since your scarf will have some stretch to it. While you're measuring, also decide on a desired width (height) for the scarf. If you're using a lightweight yarn, the scarf can be taller than with a bulkier yarn, since it can either be folded over or scrunched up a bit. With a bulky yarn, be careful not to make the scarf too tall, or it will be uncomfortable to wear.

Swatch with your desired yarn, stitch pattern, and needle sizes until you come up with something you like. Determine your number of stitches per inch, and multiply that by the desired length of the scarf. The scarf shown is about 20.5" long, and the model's neck circumference is 12.75".

Round the number of stitches to a multiple of 4, and cast on that many stitches.

Knit in your desired pattern to the desired width - about 4.5" to 5.5" for an average-sized woman.

Since the pattern shown is completely reversible, it doesn't matter whether you end with the wrong side or the right side. If you use a different stitch pattern and there's a definite right and wrong side, you'll need to decide whether you want the button to be on the right side of the wearer's neck, or the left side. (This pattern shows the button on the left side of the neck - which is on the right side as you look at the person wearing it.)

If you want the button on the wearer's left side, your last row should be a right-side row, and bind off on the wrong side. To have the button on the wearer's right side, work a wrong-side row and then bind off on the right side. This will put the tail end of the yarn in the correct position to make the button loop.

### **Splitting a Single Skein of Yarn to Work Doubled**

This method requires a postal or kitchen scale, and the ability to wind a center-pull ball of yarn.

1. If your yarn is already in a center-pull ball, skip to the next step. Otherwise, first wind it into a center-pull ball.
2. Starting with the OUTSIDE end of the yarn (not the center), begin winding a second center-pull ball.
3. Occasionally weigh the two balls of yarn. When they are the same weight, stop winding. **DO NOT CUT THE YARN.** You should have two center-pull balls, connected to each other by their outside strand of yarn.

Using the center strands from each ball of yarn, you can either start knitting, or wind them (doubled) into another ball of yarn. I just use the separate balls. As you get to the ends of the balls, one will probably run out before the other - but since you didn't cut the yarn between them, you'll end up just knitting from both ends of one ball. Since there shouldn't be much yarn left by this time, you shouldn't have too much trouble with tangling.



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