

Rustic Raccoon Hooded Cowl Knitting Pattern



Materials:

- Yarn: Approximately 125 yards (approx. 10 yards of color 1 (cream), approx. 20 yards of color 2 (grey), and approx. 95 yards of color 3 (dark grey)) for smaller sizes and approx. 200 yards (approx. 15 yards of color 1 (cream), approx. 30 yards of color 2 (grey), and approx. 155 yards of color 3 (dark grey)) of bulky (5) yarn (I used two strands of Paton's Classic Wool Worsted held together)
- Knitting Needles: Size 8.0 mm (US11) Straight Needles and 16 inch circular needle OR whatever size is needed to obtain gauge
- Yarn or Tapestry Needle

Abbreviations:

- K: Knit
- P: Purl
- M1 (Make 1): On a knit row: Insert left needle, front to back, under the strand between st on left needle and st on right needle making a new loop on left needle. Knit this loop through the back.
- K2tog: Knit the next two sts together
- P2tog: Purl the next two sts together
- **: Repeat the section in between the two stars as specified

Gauge:

7 sts and 9 rows = 2 inches (5 centimeters)
in Stockinette Stitch
It is important to check your gauge!

Average Head Circumference:

Newborn: 13-14"
0-3 Months: 14-15"
3-6 Months: 14-17"
6-12 Months: 16-19"
Toddler 1-3 Years: 18-20"
Child 3-10 Years: 19-20.5"
Pre-teen/Teen: 20.5-22"
Adult Female: 21.5-22.5"
Adult Male: 23-24"

Newborn Pattern

Cast on 46 sts using color 1 (cream) yarn and Straight Needles

Row 1: *K1, P1* Repeat across

Row 2: *P1, K1* Repeat across

Drop color 1 and pick up color 2 (grey) yarn

Row 3: *K1, P1* Repeat across

Row 4: *P1, K1* Repeat across

Row 5: Repeat Row 3

Row 6: Repeat Row 4

Drop color 2 (grey) yarn and pick up color 3 (dark grey) yarn

Row 7: Knit

Row 8: Purl

Repeat rows 7&8 until your project measures approx. 5.5 inches (14cm) in length from the starting edge.

Bind off using the Three Needle Bind Off method (you will need to divide your stitches with 23 on each needle). Make sure your project has the right side (knit side) together before binding off. Cut yarn, and secure and weave in all ends.

Turn your hood right side out.

Working along the bottom edge of the hood, with the knit side facing and starting from the back corner, pick up and knit 48 sts around the base of the hood onto your circular needles. When you reach the front corner of the hood, continue by picking up your next knit stitch from the front corner of the other side (see photo 1). Be sure to evenly spread your sts along the bottom of the hood. When you have picked up all 48 sts, join your project in the round and place stitch marker.

Round 1: Knit

Round 2: *K1, M1, K2* Repeat around (64 total sts)

Round 3: Knit

Continue to knit each round until your piece measures 2 inches (5cm) in length from the picked up edge.

Drop color 3 yarn and pick up color 2 (grey) yarn

Round 4: *K1, P1* Repeat around

Round 5: *P1, K1* Repeat around

Round 6: Repeat Round 4

Round 7: Repeat Round 5

Drop color 2 yarn and pick up color 1 (cream) yarn

Round 8: *K1, P1* Repeat around

Round 9: *P1, K1* Repeat around

Bind off in a *K1, P1* repeated pattern.

Cut yarn and secure and weave in all ends.

Ear Pattern (Make 2)

Cast on 12 sts using color 1 (cream) yarn and Straight Needles

Row 1: K1, P1, K1, P1, K2tog, P2tog, K1, P1, K1, P1 (10 total sts)

Drop color 1 yarn and pick up color 2 (grey) yarn

Row 2: P1, K1, P1, K1, P2tog, K1, P1, K1, P1 (9 total sts)

Drop color 2 yarn and pick up color 3 (dark grey) yarn

Row 3: K3, K2tog, K4 (8 total sts)

Row 4: P3, P2tog, P3

Row 5: Knit

Do not bind off. Using yarn or tapestry needle, take stitches off of knitting needle as if to purl. Pull tail through all stitches to cinch the bottom into circular shape. Leave tails on to use for securing

to the hat. Use yarn needle to secure the ears to the top sides of the hood just behind the second row of color 2 (grey) yarn.

0-3 Month Pattern

Cast on 48 sts using color 1 (cream) yarn and Straight Needles

Row 1: *K1, P1* Repeat across

Row 2: *P1, K1* Repeat across

Drop color 1 and pick up color 2 (grey) yarn

Row 3: *K1, P1* Repeat across

Row 4: *P1, K1* Repeat across

Row 5: Repeat Row 3

Row 6: Repeat Row 4

Drop color 2 (grey) yarn and pick up color 3 (dark grey) yarn

Row 7: Knit

Row 8: Purl

Repeat rows 7&8 until your project measures approx. 6 inches (15.25cm) in length from the starting edge.

Bind off using the Three Needle Bind Off method (you will need to divide your stitches with 24 on each needle). Make sure your project has the right side (knit side) together before binding off. Cut yarn, and secure and weave in all ends.

Turn your hood right side out.

Working along the bottom edge of the hood, with the knit side facing and starting from the back corner, pick up and knit 54 sts around the base of the hood onto your circular needles. When you reach the front corner of the hood, continue by picking up your next knit stitch from the front corner of the other side (see photo 1). Be sure to evenly spread your sts along the bottom of the hood. When you have picked up all 54 sts, join your project in the round and place stitch marker.

Round 1: Knit

Round 2: *K1, M1, K2* Repeat around (72 total sts)

Round 3: Knit

Continue to knit each round until your piece measures 2 inches (5cm) in length from the picked up edge.

Drop color 3 yarn and pick up color 2 (grey) yarn

Round 4: *K1, P1* Repeat around

Round 5: *P1, K1* Repeat around

Round 6: Repeat Round 4

Round 7: Repeat Round 5

Drop color 2 yarn and pick up color 1 (cream) yarn

Round 8: *K1, P1* Repeat around

Round 9: *P1, K1* Repeat around

Bind off in a *K1, P1* repeated pattern.

Cut yarn and secure and weave in all ends.

Ear Pattern (Make 2)

Cast on 12 sts using color 1 (cream) yarn and Straight Needles

Row 1: K1, P1, K1, P1, K2tog, P2tog, K1, P1, K1, P1 (10 total sts)

Drop color 1 yarn and pick up color 2 (grey) yarn

Row 2: P1, K1, P1, K1, P2tog, K1, P1, K1, P1 (9 total sts)

Drop color 2 yarn and pick up color 3 (dark grey) yarn

Row 3: K3, K2tog, K4 (8 total sts)

Row 4: P3, P2tog, P3

Row 5: Knit

Do not bind off. Using yarn or tapestry needle, take stitches off of knitting needle as if to purl. Pull tail through all stitches to cinch the bottom into circular shape. Leave tails on to use for securing

to the hat. Use yarn needle to secure the ears to the top sides of the hood just behind the second row of color 2 (grey) yarn.

3-6 Month Pattern

Cast on 54 sts using color 1 (cream) yarn and Straight Needles

Row 1: *K1, P1* Repeat across

Row 2: *P1, K1* Repeat across

Drop color 1 and pick up color 2 (grey) yarn

Row 3: *K1, P1* Repeat across

Row 4: *P1, K1* Repeat across

Row 5: Repeat Row 3

Row 6: Repeat Row 4

Drop color 2 (grey) yarn and pick up color 3 (dark grey) yarn

Row 7: Knit

Row 8: Purl

Repeat rows 7&8 until your project measures approx. 6.25 inches (15.75cm) in length from the starting edge.

Bind off using the Three Needle Bind Off method (you will need to divide your stitches with 27 on each needle). Make sure your project has the right side (knit side) together before binding off. Cut yarn, and secure and weave in all ends.

Turn your hood right side out.

Working along the bottom edge of the hood, with the knit side facing and starting from the back corner, pick up and knit 56 sts around the base of the hood onto your circular needles. When you reach the front corner of the hood, continue by picking up your next knit stitch from the front corner of the other side (see photo 1). Be sure to evenly spread your sts along the bottom of the hood. When you have picked up all 56 sts, join your project in the round and place stitch marker.

Round 1: Knit

Round 2: *K1, M1, K2* Repeat 17 more times, K1, M1, K1 (75 total sts)

Round 3: *K1, M1, K14* Repeat around (80 total sts)

Round 4: Knit

Continue to knit each round until your piece measures 2.5 inches (6.25cm) in length from the picked up edge.

Drop color 3 yarn and pick up color 2 (grey) yarn

Round 5: *K1, P1* Repeat around

Round 6: *P1, K1* Repeat around

Round 7: Repeat Round 5

Round 8: Repeat Round 6

Drop color 2 yarn and pick up color 1 (cream) yarn

Round 9: *K1, P1* Repeat around

Round 10: *P1, K1* Repeat around

Bind off in a *K1, P1* repeated pattern.

Cut yarn and secure and weave in all ends.

Ear Pattern (Make 2)

Cast on 14 sts using color 1 (cream) yarn and Straight Needles

Row 1: K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, P2tog, K2tog, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1 (12 total sts)

Drop color 1 yarn and pick up color 2 (grey) yarn

Row 2: P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, K2tog, K1, P1, K1, P1, K 1 (11 total sts)

Drop color 2 yarn and pick up color 3 (dark grey) yarn

Row 3: K4, K2tog, K5 (10 total sts)

Row 4: P4, P2tog, P4 (9 total sts)

Row 5: Knit

Row 6: Purl

Row 7: Knit

Do not bind off. Using yarn or tapestry needle, take stitches off of knitting needle as if to purl. Pull tail through all stitches to cinch the bottom into circular shape. Leave tails on to use for securing to the hat. Use yarn needle to secure the ears to the top sides of the hood just behind the second row of color 2 (grey) yarn.

6-12 Month Pattern

Cast on 56 sts using color 1 (cream) yarn and Straight Needles

Row 1: *K1, P1* Repeat across

Row 2: *P1, K1* Repeat across

Drop color 1 and pick up color 2 (grey) yarn

Row 3: *K1, P1* Repeat across

Row 4: *P1, K1* Repeat across

Row 5: Repeat Row 3

Row 6: Repeat Row 4

Drop color 2 (grey) yarn and pick up color 3 (dark grey) yarn

Row 7: Knit

Row 8: Purl

Repeat rows 7&8 until your project measures approx. 6.75 inches (17cm) in length from the starting edge.

Bind off using the Three Needle Bind Off method (you will need to divide your stitches with 28 on each needle). Make sure your project has the right side (knit side) together before binding off. Cut yarn, and secure and weave in all ends.

Turn your hood right side out.

Working along the bottom edge of the hood, with the knit side facing and starting from the back corner, pick up and knit 60 sts around the base of the hood onto your circular needles. When you reach the front corner of the hood, continue by picking up your next knit stitch from the front corner of the other side (see photo 1). Be sure to evenly spread your sts along the bottom of the hood. When you have picked up all 60 sts, join your project in the round and place stitch marker.

Round 1: Knit

Round 2: *K1, M1, K2* Repeat around (80 total sts)

Round 3: *K1, M1, K7* Repeat around (90 total sts)

Round 4: Knit

Continue to knit each round until your piece measures 2.75 inches (7cm) in length from the picked up edge.

Drop color 3 yarn and pick up color 2 (grey) yarn

Round 5: *K1, P1* Repeat around

Round 6: *P1, K1* Repeat around

Round 7: Repeat Round 5

Round 8: Repeat Round 6

Drop color 2 yarn and pick up color 1 (cream) yarn

Round 9: *K1, P1* Repeat around

Round 10: *P1, K1* Repeat around

Bind off in a *K1, P1* repeated pattern.

Cut yarn and secure and weave in all ends.

Ear Pattern (Make 2)

Cast on 14 sts using color 1 (cream) yarn and Straight Needles

Row 1: K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, P2tog, K2tog, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1 (12 total sts)

Drop color 1 yarn and pick up color 2 (grey) yarn

Row 2: P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, K2tog, K1, P1, K1, P1, K 1 (11 total sts)

Drop color 2 yarn and pick up color 3 (dark grey) yarn

Row 3: K4, K2tog, K5 (10 total sts)

Row 4: P4, P2tog, P4 (9 total sts)

Row 5: Knit

Row 6: Purl

Row 7: Knit

Do not bind off. Using yarn or tapestry needle, take stitches off of knitting needle as if to purl. Pull tail through all stitches to cinch the bottom into circular shape. Leave tails on to use for securing to the hat. Use yarn needle to secure the ears to the top sides of the hood just behind the second row of color 2 (grey) yarn.

Toddler Pattern

Cast on 60 sts using color 1 (cream) yarn and Straight Needles

Row 1: *K1, P1* Repeat across

Row 2: *P1, K1* Repeat across

Drop color 1 and pick up color 2 (grey) yarn

Row 3: *K1, P1* Repeat across

Row 4: *P1, K1* Repeat across

Row 5: Repeat Row 3

Row 6: Repeat Row 4

Drop color 2 (grey) yarn and pick up color 3 (dark grey) yarn

Row 7: Knit

Row 8: Purl

Repeat rows 7&8 until your project measures approx. 7.25 inches (18.5cm) in length from the starting edge.

Bind off using the Three Needle Bind Off method (you will need to divide your stitches with 30 on each needle). Make sure your project has the right side (knit side) together before binding off. Cut yarn, and secure and weave in all ends.

Turn your hood right side out.

Working along the bottom edge of the hood, with the knit side facing and starting from the back corner, pick up and knit 64 sts around the base of the hood onto your circular needles. When you reach the front corner of the hood, continue by picking up your next knit stitch from the front corner of the other side (see photo 1). Be sure to evenly spread your sts along the bottom of the hood. When you have picked up all 64 sts, join your project in the round and place stitch marker.

Round 1: Knit

Round 2: *K1, M1, K2* Repeat 20 more times, K1 (85 total sts)

Round 3: *K1, M1, K7* Repeat 9 more times, K5 (95 total sts)

Round 4: *K1, M1, K18* Repeat around (100 total sts)

Round 5: Knit

Continue to knit each round until your piece measures 3.25 inches (8.25cm) in length from the picked up edge.

Drop color 3 yarn and pick up color 2 (grey) yarn

Round 6: *K1, P1* Repeat around

Round 7: *P1, K1* Repeat around

Round 8: Repeat Round 6

Round 9: Repeat Round 7

Drop color 2 yarn and pick up color 1 (cream) yarn

Round 10: *K1, P1* Repeat around

Round 11: *P1, K1* Repeat around

Bind off in a *K1, P1* repeated pattern.

Cut yarn and secure and weave in all ends.

Ear Pattern (Make 2)

Cast on 14 sts using color 1 (cream) yarn and Straight Needles

Row 1: K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, P2tog, K2tog, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1 (12 total sts)

Drop color 1 yarn and pick up color 2 (grey) yarn

Row 2: P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, K2tog, K1, P1, K1, P1, K 1 (11 total sts)

Drop color 2 yarn and pick up color 3 (dark grey) yarn

Row 3: K4, K2tog, K5 (10 total sts)

Row 4: P4, P2tog, P4 (9 total sts)

Row 5: Knit

Row 6: Purl

Row 7: Knit

Do not bind off. Using yarn or tapestry needle, take stitches off of knitting needle as if to purl. Pull tail through all stitches to cinch the bottom into circular shape. Leave tails on to use for securing to the hat. Use yarn needle to secure the ears to the top sides of the hood just behind the second row of color 2 (grey) yarn.

Child Pattern

Cast on 74 sts using color 1 (cream) yarn and Straight Needles

Row 1: *K1, P1* Repeat across

Row 2: *P1, K1* Repeat across

Drop color 1 and pick up color 2 (grey) yarn

Row 3: *K1, P1* Repeat across

Row 4: *P1, K1* Repeat across

Row 5: Repeat Row 3

Row 6: Repeat Row 4

Drop color 2 (grey) yarn and pick up color 3 (dark grey) yarn

Row 7: Knit

Row 8: Purl

Repeat rows 7&8 until your project measures approx. 7.75 inches (19.75cm) in length from the starting edge.

Bind off using the Three Needle Bind Off method (you will need to divide your stitches with 37 on each needle). Make sure your project has the right side (knit side) together before binding off. Cut yarn, and secure and weave in all ends.

Turn your hood right side out.

Working along the bottom edge of the hood, with the knit side facing and starting from the back corner, pick up and knit 70 sts around the base of the hood onto your circular needles. When you reach the front corner of the hood, continue by picking up your next knit stitch from the front corner of the other side (see photo 1). Be sure to evenly spread your sts along the bottom of the hood. When you have picked up all 70 sts, join your project in the round and place stitch marker.

Round 1: Knit

Round 2: *K1, M1, K2* Repeat 22 more times, K1 (93 total sts)

Round 3: *K1, M1, K9* Repeat 8 more times, K3 (102 total sts)

Round 4: *K1, M1, K12* Repeat 6 more times, K1, M1, K11 (110 total sts)

Round 5: Knit

Continue to knit each round until your piece measures 3.25 inches (8.25cm) in length from the picked up edge.

Drop color 3 yarn and pick up color 2 (grey) yarn

Round 6: *K1, P1* Repeat around

Round 7: *P1, K1* Repeat around

Round 8: Repeat Round 6

Round 9: Repeat Round 7

Drop color 2 yarn and pick up color 1 (cream) yarn

Round 10: *K1, P1* Repeat around

Round 11: *P1, K1* Repeat around

Bind off in a *K1, P1* repeated pattern.

Cut yarn and secure and weave in all ends.

Ear Pattern (Make 2)

Cast on 14 sts using color 1 (cream) yarn and Straight Needles

Row 1: K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, P2tog, K2tog, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1 (12 total sts)

Drop color 1 yarn and pick up color 2 (grey) yarn

Row 2: P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, K2tog, K1, P1, K1, P1, K 1 (11 total sts)

Drop color 2 yarn and pick up color 3 (dark grey) yarn

Row 3: K4, K2tog, K5 (10 total sts)

Row 4: P4, P2tog, P4 (9 total sts)

Row 5: Knit

Row 6: Purl

Row 7: Knit

Do not bind off. Using yarn or tapestry needle, take stitches off of knitting needle as if to purl. Pull tail through all stitches to cinch the bottom into circular shape. Leave tails on to use for securing to the hat. Use yarn needle to secure the ears to the top sides of the hood just behind the second row of color 2 (grey) yarn.

Adult Pattern

Cast on 84 sts using color 1 (cream) yarn and Straight Needles

Row 1: *K1, P1* Repeat across

Row 2: *P1, K1* Repeat across

Drop color 1 and pick up color 2 (grey) yarn

Row 3: *K1, P1* Repeat across

Row 4: *P1, K1* Repeat across

Row 5: Repeat Row 3

Row 6: Repeat Row 4

Drop color 2 (grey) yarn and pick up color 3 (dark grey) yarn

Row 7: Knit

Row 8: Purl

Repeat rows 7&8 until your project measures approx. 8.25 inches (30cm) in length from the starting edge.

Bind off using the Three Needle Bind Off method (you will need to divide your stitches with 42 on each needle). Make sure your project has the right side (knit side) together before binding off. Cut yarn, and secure and weave in all ends.

Turn your hood right side out.

Working along the bottom edge of the hood, with the knit side facing and starting from the back corner, pick up and knit 74 sts around the base of the hood onto your circular needles. When you reach the front corner of the hood, continue by picking up your next knit stitch from the front corner of the other side (see photo 1). Be sure to evenly spread your sts along the bottom of the hood. When you have picked up all 74 sts, join your project in the round and place stitch marker.

Round 1: Knit

Round 2: *K1, M1, K2* Repeat 23 more times, K2 (98 total sts)

Round 3: *K1, M1, K9* Repeat 8 more times, K1, M1, K7 (108 total sts)

Round 4: *K1, M1, K8* Repeat around (120 total sts)

Round 5: Knit

Continue to knit each round until your piece measures 5.5 inches (14cm) in length from the picked up edge.

Drop color 3 yarn and pick up color 2 (grey) yarn

Round 6: *K1, P1* Repeat around

Round 7: *P1, K1* Repeat around

Round 8: Repeat Round 6

Round 9: Repeat Round 7

Drop color 2 yarn and pick up color 1 (cream) yarn

Round 10: *K1, P1* Repeat around

Round 11: *P1, K1* Repeat around

Bind off in a *K1, P1* repeated pattern.

Cut yarn and secure and weave in all ends.

Ear Pattern (Make 2)

Cast on 18 sts using color 1 (cream) yarn and Straight Needles

Row 1: K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, K1, P1, K2tog, P2tog, K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, K1 (16 total sts)

Drop color 1 yarn and pick up color 2 (grey) yarn

Row 2: P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, K2tog, K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, K1 (15 total sts)

Drop color 2 yarn and pick up color 3 (dark grey) yarn

Row 3: K6, K2tog, K7 (14 total sts)

Row 4: P6, P2tog, P6 (9 total sts)

Row 5: Knit

Row 6: Purl

Row 7: Knit

Row 8: Purl

Do not bind off. Using yarn or tapestry needle, take stitches off of knitting needle as if to purl. Pull tail through all stitches to cinch the bottom into circular shape. Leave tails on to use for securing to the hat. Use yarn needle to secure the ears to the top sides of the hood just behind the second row of color 2 (grey) yarn.



Photo 1 – Shows close-up of the sts along the picked up edge to start the cowl, and how you should move directly from picking up one stitch on the front corner of the hood to the other front corner in order to create a more seamless transition.

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