Free Knitting Pattern
Lion Brand® Fishermen's Wool®
Galway Poncho
Pattern Number: L10690

This classic Aran-inspired cape will match everything in your wardrobe! The asymmetrical cowl collar and multiple cable patterns add visual interest to the classic poncho style.

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SKILL LEVEL: Experienced (Level 5)

SIZE: Adult (Multiple Sizes)

S-L (1X-3X)
Finished Width (at lower edge) 35 (38 1/2) in. (89 (98) cm)
Finished Length 25 (29) in. (63.5 (73.5) cm), not including collar

CORRECTIONS: None as of Jan 16, 2014. To check for later updates, click here.
MATERIALS
- 150-098 Lion Brand Fishermen's Wool Yarn: Natural
  3 4 Balls
- Boye Aluminum Circular Knitting Needles 16 inches Size 7
- Lion Brand Cable Needles (Set of 2)
- Lion Brand Split Ring Stitch Markers
- Lion Brand Stitch Holders
- Lion Brand Large-Eye Blunt Needles (Set of 6)
- Additional Materials
  Circular knitting needle size 8 (5 mm), 24 in. (61 cm) long
  Circular knitting needle size 9 (5.5 mm), 24 in. (61 cm) long

*Fishermen's Wool® (Article #150).
100% Pure Virgin Wool*
202: *78% Pure Virgin Wool,13% Acrylic,9% Rayon; package size: 8 oz (227 g), 465 yards (425 m)*
202: *6 oz (170 g), 348 yards (318 m)*

GAUGE:

22 sts + 22 rows = 4 in. (10 cm) in pattern with size 9 (5.5 mm) needle.

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE. When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. If it takes you fewer stitches and rows to make a 4 in. [10 cm] square, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

STITCH EXPLANATION:

1/1 LC (1 over 1 left cross) Slip 1 st to cable needle and hold in front of work, k1, then k1

from cable needle.

1/1 RC (1 over 1 right cross) Slip 1 st to cable needle and hold in back of work, k1, then k1 from cable needle.

2/2 LC (2 over 2 left cross) Slip 2 sts to cable needle and hold in front of work, k2, then k2 from cable needle.

2/2 RC (2 over 2 right cross) Slip 2 sts to cable needle and hold in back of work, k2, then k2 from cable needle.

4/4 LC (4 over 4 left cross) Slip 4 sts to cable needle and hold in front of work, k4, then k4 from cable needle.

4/4 RC (4 over 4 right cross) Slip 4 sts to cable needle and hold in back of work, k4, then k4 from cable needle.

2/1 LC (2 over 1 left cross) Slip 2 sts to cable needle and hold in front of work, k1, then k2 from cable needle.

2/1 RC (2 over 1 right cross) Slip 1 st to cable needle and hold in back of work, k2, then k1 from cable needle.

kfb (knit in front and back) Knit next st without removing it from left needle, then k through back of same st - 1 st increased.

Knot st (Knot Stitch - worked over 2 sts) Knit 2nd st on left needle through the front loop and leave on left needle.

Then knit the first st and drop both sts from the needle.

pbf (purl into back and front) Purl the next st through the back loop without removing it from the left needle, then p the same st through the front loop - 1 st increased.

skp Slip 1 as if to knit, knit 1, pass slip st over knit st - 1 st decreased.

PATTERN STITCHES
PATTERN A (multiple of 5 sts + 3)
Row 1 (RS): K3, *Knot st, k3; rep from * to marker.
Row 2: Purl.
Rep Rows 1 and 2 for Pattern A.

PATTERN B (over 8 sts)
Row 1 (RS): P2, 1/1 LC, 1/1 RC, p2.
Row 2: K2, p4, k2.
Row 3: P2, 1/1 RC, 1/1 LC, p2.
Row 4: Rep Row 2 Rep Rows 1-4 for Pattern B.

PATTERN C (over 10 sts)
Row 1 (RS): K8, p2.
Row 2: K2, p8.
Rows 3 and 4: Rep Rows 1 and 2.
Row 5: 4/4 RC, p2.
Row 6: Rep Row 2.
Rows 7-10: Rep Rows 1 and 2 twice.
Rep Rows 1-10 for Pattern C.

PATTERN D (over 12 sts)
Row 1 (RS): P4, 2/2 RC, p4.
Row 2: K4, p4, k4.
Row 3: P3, 2/1 RC, 2/1 LC, p3.
Row 4: K3, p6, k3.
Row 5: P2, 2/1 RC, k2, 2/1 LC, p2.
Row 6: K2, p8, k2.
Row 7: P1, 2/1 RC, k4, 2/1 LC, p1.
Row 8: K1, p10, k1.
Rep Rows 1-8 for Pattern D.

PATTERN E (over 12 sts)
Row 1 (RS): P4, 2/2 LC, p4.

Row 2: K4, p4, k4.
Row 3: P3, 2/1 RC, 2/1 LC, p3.
Row 4: K3, p6, k3.
Row 5: P2, 2/1 RC, k2, 2/1 LC, p2.
Row 6: K2, p8, k2.
Row 7: P1, 2/1 RC, k4, 2/1 LC, p1.
Row 8: K1, p10, k1.
Rep Rows 1-8 for Pattern E.

PATTERN F (over 10 sts)
Row 1 (RS): P2, k8.
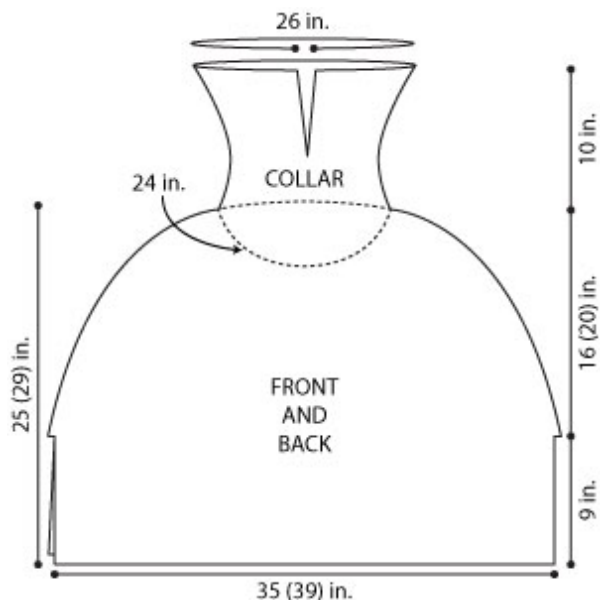**Row 2:** P8, k2.
Rows 3 and 4: Rep Rows 1 and 2.
Row 5: P2, 4/4 LC.
Row 6: Rep Row 2.
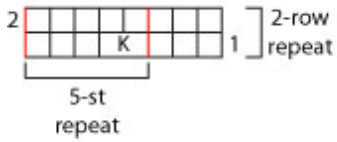**Rows 7-10:** Rep Rows 1 and 2 twice.
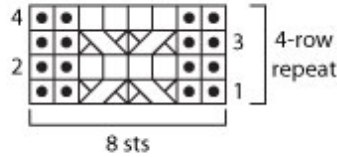Rep Rows 1-10 for Pattern F.

NOTES:

1. For this pattern, you must be experienced at 'reading' your sts. The Poncho includes multiple st patterns and the st patterns are modified as the pieces are shaped.
2. Poncho may be worked from written instructions or from charts. We have included individual charts for each of the pattern sts, which will be useful if you work from written instructions. When working charts, read RS rows from right to left and WS rows from left to right.
3. Poncho Back and Front are worked separately from the lower edge up to neck edge. After Back and Front are seamed, sts are picked up around the neck edge for the collar. Collar is worked first in rounds, and then back and forth in rows.
4. Multiple stitch patterns are worked across the rows. Before beginning, you should set up a system for tracking which row of which pattern you are working on.
5. Throughout this pattern the instructions tell you to work the stitch patterns as established. If you do not have experience in reading your work, or in repeating multiple stitch patterns across a row, you may wish to practice by making a large swatch before you begin this project.
6. A circular needle is used to accommodate the large number of sts on the Back and Front. Work back and forth in rows on circular needle as if working on straight needles.
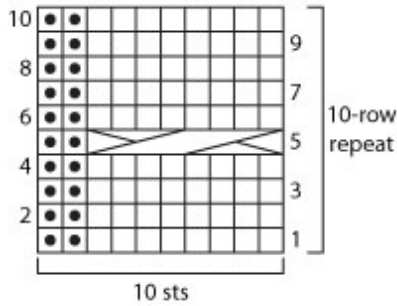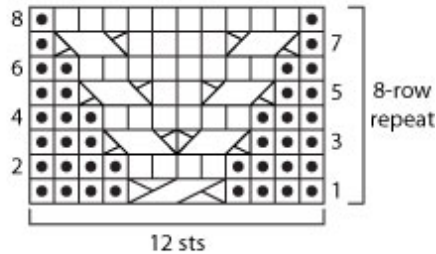
PATTERN A

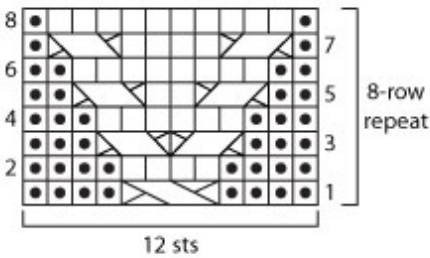2-row repeat · 5-st repeat · K

PATTERN B

4-row repeat · 8 sts

PATTERN C

10-row repeat · 10 sts

PATTERN D

8-row repeat · 12 sts

PATTERN E

8-row repeat · 12 sts

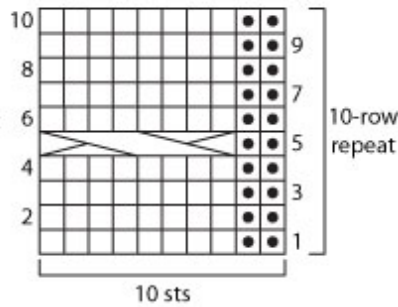**PATTERN F**

10-row repeat · 10 sts

Chart Key

Lower Right Back And Front Chart

Lower Left Back And Front Chart

Lower Center Back And Front Chart

Upper Right Back Chart

Upper Left Back Chart

Upper Center Back Chart

Upper Right Front Chart

Upper Left Front Chart

Upper Center Front Chart

BACK
With size 8 (5 mm) needle, cast on 244 (272) sts. Work back and forth in rows on circular needle as if working on straight needles.
Ribbing
Row 1 (RS): K3, *p2, k2; rep from * to last st, k1.

Row 2: K the knit sts and p the purl sts.

Rep Row 2 until piece measures 4 1/2 in. (11.5 cm) from beg, end with a RS row. **Note:** End with a RS row means that the last row you work should be a RS row, and the next row that you are ready to work will be a WS row.

Decrease Row (WS): P3, (skp, p2) 60 (67) times, p1 - 184 (205) sts at the end of this row.

Knit 4 rows.

Change to size 9 (5.5 mm) needle.

Increase Row (RS):K16 (23), *kfb, k20 (25); rep from * to end of row - 192 (212) sts.

Beg Patterns

Set-Up Row (WS): P3, k2, place marker (pm), p33 (43) for Pattern A, pm, k2, p4, k2 for Pattern B, pm, p8, k2 for Pattern F, pm, p8 for Pattern A, pm, k2, p4, k2 for Pattern B, pm, p8 for Pattern A, pm, k4, p4, k4 for Pattern E, pm, p8 for Pattern A, pm, k4, p4, k4 for Pattern D, pm, p8 for Pattern A, pm, k2, p4, k2 for Pattern B, pm, p8 for Pattern A, pm, k2, p8 for Pattern C, pm, k2, p4, k2, for Pattern B, pm, p33 (43) for Pattern A, pm, k2, p3.

In next row, beg all pattern sts on Row 1 of the pattern.

Row 1 (RS): K3, p2, sl marker (sm), work Pattern A to next marker, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern C, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern D, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern E, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern F, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A to next marker, sm, p2, k3.

Row 2 (WS): P3, k2, sm, work Pattern A to next marker, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern F, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern E, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern D, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern C, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A to next marker, k2, p3.

Continue to slip markers as you come to them.

Rep Rows 1 and 2, working next row of each pattern, 9 more times, then work Row 1 once more for a total of 22 pattern rows (including the Set-Up Row). **Notes:**The piece should measure about 9 in. (23 cm) from beg. And the last row you will work of Patterns A, B, C and F is Row 1; and Row 5 of Patterns D and E.

Shape Sides

Row 1 (WS): Cast on 2 sts, k the 2 sts just cast-on, p1, k1, p1, k2, sm, p1, k1, p1, work Pattern A to next marker, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern F, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern E, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern D, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern C, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A to 3 sts before last marker, p1, k1, p1, sm, k2, p1, k1, p1 - 194 (214) sts at the end of this row.

Note: On Row 2, you will cast on 2 sts and also work 2 decreases - the st count will stay the same.

Row 2 (RS): Cast on 2 sts, turn and p the 2 sts just cast-on, k1, p1, k1, p2, sm, k1, p1, k1, Knot st, skp, k1, Knot st, work Pattern A to next marker, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern C, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern D, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern E, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern F, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A to 10 sts before last marker, Knot st, k1, k2tog, Knot st, k1, p1, k1, sm, p2, k1, p1, k1, p2.

Row 3: K2, p1, k1, p1, k2, sm, p1, k1, p1, work Pattern A to next marker, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern F, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern E, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern D, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern C, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A to 3 sts before last marker, p1, k1, p1, sm, k2, p1, k1, p1, k2.

Row 4 (Decrease): P2, k1, p1, k1, p2, sm, k1, p1, k1, Knot st, skp, Knot st, work Pattern A to next marker, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern C, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern D, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern E, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern F, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A to 9 sts before last marker, Knot st, k2tog, Knot st, k1, p1, k1, sm, p2, k1, p1, k1, p2 - 192 (212) sts at the end of this row.

Row 5: Rep Row 3.

Row 6: P2, k1, p1, k1, p2, sm, k1, p1, k1, Knot st, skp, k1, work Pattern A to next marker, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern C, sm, work Pattern A to, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern D sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern E, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern F, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A to 8 sts before last marker, k1, k2tog, Knot st, k1, p1, k1, sm, p2, k1, p1, k1, p2 - 190 (210) sts at the end of this row.

Row 7: Rep Row 3.

Row 8: P2, k1, p1, k1, p2, sm, k1, p1, k1, Knot st, skp, work Pattern A to next marker, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern C, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern D, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern E, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern F, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A to 7 sts before last marker, k2tog, Knot st, k1, p1, k1, sm, p2, k1, p1, k1, p2 - 188 (208) sts at the end of this row.
Row 9: Rep Row 3.
Row 10: P2, k1, p1, k1, p2, sm, k1, p1, k1, Knot st, skp, k2, Knot st, work Pattern A to next marker, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern C, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern D, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern E, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern F, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A to 11 sts before last marker, Knot st, k2, k2tog, Knot st, k1, p1, k1, sm, p2, k1, p1, k1, p2 - 186 (206) sts at the end of this row.
Row 11: Rep Row 3.
Row 12: P2, k1, p1, k1, p2, sm, k1, p1, k1, Knot st, skp, k1, Knot st, work Pattern A to next marker, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern C sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern D, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern E, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A, sm, work Pattern F, sm, work Pattern B, sm, work Pattern A to 10 sts before last marker, Knot st, k1, k2tog, Knot st, k1, p1, k1, sm, p2, k1, p1, k1, p2 - 184 (204) sts at the end of this row.
Rep last 10 rows (Rows 3-12) 2 (4) more times - 164 sts rem.
Rep Rows 3-6 once more - 160 sts rem.
Next Row: Rep Row 3.

Shape Sides and Center
Place a marker on each side of the center 46 sts.
Use different colored markers for the center markers than the markers used for the pattern sts.
NOTES
1. In the following, you will be instructed to "work as established", this means to work the next row of each of the pattern sts, taking care to beg and end the patterns so that the sts line up as previously.
2. As you decrease, all of the sts of some of the pattern sts will be completely removed. Remove the markers that separate pattern sts when a pattern st is completely removed.
3. Continue to slip markers as you come to them.

Row 1 (Decrease - RS): Work in patterns as established over first 12 sts, skp, work in patterns as established to first center marker, sm, skp, work in patterns as established to 2 sts before next center marker, k2tog, sm, work in patterns as established to last 14 sts, k2tog, work in patterns as established to end of row - 156 sts at the end of this row.
Row 2: Work in patterns as established to end of row.
Row 3 (Decrease): Work in patterns as established over first 12 sts, skp, work in patterns as established to last 14 sts, k2tog, work in patterns as established to end of row - 154 sts at the end of this row.
Row 4: Work in patterns as established to end of row.
Rows 5-20: Rep last 4 rows 4 more times - 130 sts at the end of Row 20.
Rows 21 and 22: Rep Rows 1 and 2 - 126 sts at the end of Row 21.
Row 23: Rep Row 3 - 124 sts at the end of this row.
Row 24 (Decrease - WS): Work in patterns as established over first 12 sts, p2tog, work in patterns as established to last 14 sts, p2tog tbl, work in patterns as established to end of row - 122 sts at the end of this row.
Row 25: Rep Row 1 - 118 sts.
Row 26: Rep Row 24 - 116 sts.
Rows 27-46: Rep last 4 rows 5 more times - 66 sts at the end of Row 46.

Shape Shoulder
Row 1: Bind off 4 sts, work in patterns as established to end of row - 62 sts.
Row 2: Bind off 4 sts, work in patterns as established to end of row - 58 sts.
Row 3: Bind off 4 sts, work in patterns as established to first center marker, sm, skp, work in patterns as established to 2 sts before next center marker, k2tog, work in patterns as established to end of row - 52 sts.
Row 4: Bind off 4 sts, work in patterns as established to end of row - 48 sts.
Row 5: Bind off 5 sts, work in patterns as established to end of row - 43 sts.
Row 6: Bind off 5 sts, work in patterns as established to end of row - 38 sts.

Place rem 38 sts on holder for Back neck.

FRONT
Work same as Back, to side and center shaping, then work Rows 1-22 of side and center shaping - 126 sts at the end of Row 21.

Shape Neck
Move the center markers to each side of the center 12 sts.

Row 1 (RS): Work in patterns as established over first 12 sts, skp, work in patterns as established to first center marker, remove marker, join a 2nd ball of yarn, bind off the center 12 sts and remove other center marker, work in patterns as established to last 14 sts, k2tog, work in patterns as established to end of row - 56 sts on each side.

Work both sides at the same time, with separate balls of yarn.

Row 2: Work in patterns as established over first 12 sts, p2tog, work in patterns as established to end of first side; on 2nd side, bind off 5 sts, work in patterns as established to last 14 sts, p2tog tbl, work in patterns as established to end of row.

Row 3: Work in patterns as established over first 12 sts, skp, work to end of first side; on 2nd side, bind off 5 sts, work in patterns as established to last 14 sts, k2tog, work in patterns as established to end of row - 49 sts on each side.

Rows 4-7: Rep last 2 rows 2 more times - 35 sts on each side.

Row 8: Work in patterns as established over first 12 sts, p2tog, work in patterns as established to end of first side; on second side bind off 4 sts, work in patterns as established to last 14 sts, p2tog tbl, work in patterns as established to end of row.

Row 9: Work in patterns as established over first 12 sts, skp, work to end of first side; on second side, bind off 4 sts, work in patterns as established to last 14 sts, k2tog, work in patterns as established to end of row - 29 sts on each side.

Row 10: Work in patterns as established over first 12 sts, p2tog, work in patterns as established to end of first side; on second side, work in patterns as established to last 14 sts, p2tog tbl, work in patterns as established to end of row - 28 sts on each side.

Row 11: Work in patterns as established over first 12 sts, skp, work in patterns as established to end of first side; on second side, work in patterns as established to last 14 sts, k2tog, work in patterns as established to end of row - 27 sts on each side.

Rows 13-25: Rep last 2 rows 7 times - 13 sts on each side.

Shape Shoulders
Rows 1-4: Bind off 4 sts, work in patterns as established to end of first side; on second side, work in patterns as established to the end - 5 sts rem on each side.

Row 5: Bind off rem 5 sts of first side; on second side, work in patterns as established to the end.
Bind off rem 5 sts of rem side.

Sew the side seams, beg at the 2 cast-on sts on each edge, leaving 9 in. (23 cm) open at the lower edges for side slits.

COLLAR
With RS facing and size 7 (4.5 mm) needle, beg at left shoulder seam, pick up and k17 sts across straight left edge of neck, 52 sts across shaped front neck, 17 sts across straight right edge of neck, then k38 back neck sts from holder - 124 sts. Place marker for beg of rnd. Join by working the first st on left hand needle with the working yarn from the right hand needle.

Beg with a knit rnd, work in Garter st worked in the rnd (knit 1 rnd, purl 1 rnd) for 5 rnds.

Next Rnd: *K2, p2; rep from * around.
Rep last rnd for 2 1/2 in. (6.5 cm).

Next Rnd: K2, (pbf) 2 times, *k2, p2; rep from * to end of rnd - 126 sts at the end of this rnd.

Next Rnd: K2, p4, *k2, p2; rep from * to end of rnd.
Rep last rnd for 1 in. (2.5 cm).

Split Neck
NOTES
1. Piece is now worked back and forth in rows.
2. Only 4 sts are worked in the first row.

The work is turned, then all of the sts are worked in the 2nd row. This places the split at the middle of the 4 purl sts of the previous rnds.

Row 1: Remove beg of rnd marker, (k2, p2), pm, TURN.

Row 2: Kfb, k1, p2, *k2, p2; rep from * to 2 sts before marker, kfb, k1 - 128 sts at the end of this row.

Work in K2, p2 rib pattern as established for 1 in. (2.5 cm), end with a WS row.

Increase Row (RS): K3, *p2, kfb, k1; rep from * to last 5 sts, p2, k3 - 158 sts at the end of this row.

Work in K3, p2 rib pattern as established until Collar measures 10 in. (25.5 cm) from beg, end with a WS row.

Next Row (RS): K3, *p2, k1, p1, k1; rep from * to last 5 sts, p2, k3.

Work in rib pattern as established for 2 more rows.

Bind off in rib.

FINISHING
Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES	
Click for explanation and illustration	
beg = begin(s)(ning)	k = knit
k2tog = knit 2 together	p = purl
p2tog = purl 2 together	Pm = place marker
rem = remain(s)(ing)	rep = repeat(s)(ing)
RS = right side	sm = slip marker
st(s) = stitch(es)	tbl = through the back loop
WS = wrong side	