Free Knitting Pattern
Lion Brand® Vanna's Choice®
Octopus Poncho

Pattern Number: L32358

SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate (Level 3)

SIZE: One Size

To fit about 2-5 years
Finished Circumference at Neck About 17 in. (43 cm)
Finished Length About 13.5 in. (34.5 cm), not including Tentacles

CORRECTIONS: None as of Sep 14, 2014. To check for later updates, click here.

MATERIALS

- 860-102 Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn: Aqua
  2 Balls (A)
- 860-109 Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn: Colonial Blue
  1 Ball (B)
- 860-132 Lion Brand Vannas Choice Yarn: Radiant Orange
  1 Ball (C)
- Boye Aluminum Circular Knitting Needles 16 inches Size 9
- Boye Aluminum Circular Knitting Needles 29 inches Size 9
- Lion Brand Knitting Needles- Size 9 [5.5 mm]
- Lion Brand Split Ring Stitch Markers
- Lion Brand Large-Eye Blunt Needles (Set of 6)

*Vanna's Choice® (Article #860). 100% Premium Acrylic
400, 401, 403: 92% Acrylic, 8% Rayon
402: 96% Acrylic, 4% Rayon; package size: **Solids:** 3.5 oz (100 g), 170 yards (156 m)
Prints, Tweeds, & Heathers: 3 ozs (85 g) , 145 yards (133 meters)
Twists: 2.5 oz (70 g), 121 yards (111 meters)

GAUGE:

16 sts + 22 rows = 4 in. (10 cm) in St st (K on RS, p on WS).

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. The needle or hook size called for in the pattern is based on what the designer used, but it is not unusual for gauge to vary from person to person. If it takes you fewer stitches and rows to make your swatch, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

Making a Gauge Swatch

STITCH EXPLANATION:

kfb (knit in front and back) Knit the next st without removing it from left needle, then k through back of same st – 1 st increased.
M1 (make 1) An increase worked by lifting the horizontal strand lying between needles and placing it onto the left needle. Knit this new st through the back loop – 1 st increased.
sk2p Slip 1 as if to knit, knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over – 2 sts decreased.
ssk (slip, slip, knit) Slip next 2 sts as if to knit, one at a time, to right needle; insert left needle into fronts of these 2 sts and knit them tog – 1 st decreased.

STITCH PATTERN
K1, p1 Rib (multiple of 2 sts + 1)
Row 1: K1, *p1, k1; rep from * to end of row.
Row 2: K the knit sts and p the purl sts.
Rep Row 2 for K1, p1 Rib.

TECHNIQUE EXPLANATION
w&t (wrap and turn):
A technique used to ensure that a small hole doesn't form at the end of a short row.
1. Slip next st as if to purl.
2. Bring yarn between needles to front of work.
Take care not to wrap the yarn over a needle, this would create a new st.
3. Slip same st back to left needle.
4. Turn work and bring yarn in position for next st.
This will place a wrap around the st.
5. The next time you knit this st on a RS row, pick up the wrap and knit it tog with the st.

NOTES:

1. Poncho is worked from top down first in rows, then joined to work in the round.
2. Sts are picked up around neck edge for hood.
3. Tentacles are worked separately then sewn to lower edge of Poncho.
4. Tentacles are shaped using short rows. Short rows are rows that are worked over a portion of the sts in a row, leaving the remaining sts unworked. To work short rows, the pattern instructions will tell you to 'turn' before you reach the end of the row.

PONCHO
With shorter circular needle and A cast on 72 sts.
Working back and forth in rows on circular needle, work in St st (K on RS, p on WS) for 6 rows.
Place marker for beg of rnd and join by working the first st on the left hand needle with the working yarn from the right hand needle and being careful not to twist sts.
Note: Markers placed on next rnd should be a different color than the beg of rnd marker.
Next Rnd (Increase): *K8, kfb, place marker; rep from * around – 80 sts at the end of this rnd.
Knit 5 rnds.
Next Rnd (Increase): *K to 1 st before marker, kfb, sl marker; rep from * around – 88 sts.
Knit 5 Rnds.
Rep last 6 rnds twice more – 104 sts.
Change to longer circular needle and rep last 6 rnds until you have 144 sts.
Shape Base of Tentacles
*Sl next 18 sts from circular needle onto straight needles.
Work over these 18 sts only, leaving rem sts on circular needle.
Row 1 (RS): K8, kfb, k9 – 19 sts.
Row 2 and all WS Rows: Sl 1, p to end of row.
Row 3: Sl 1, k1, ssk, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 – 17 sts.
Row 5: Rep Row 3 – 15 sts.

Row 7: Sl 1, k5, kfb, k to end – 16 sts.
Row 9: Sl 1, k1, ssk, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 – 14 sts.
Row 11: Rep Row 9 – 12 sts.
Row 13: Sl 1, k4, kfb, k to end – 13 sts.
Row 15: Sl 1, k1, ssk, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 – 11 sts.
Row 17: Rep Row 15 – 9 sts.
Row 18: Sl 1, p to end.
Bind off.
Rep from * 7 more times.

TENTACLES (make 8)
With C, and straight needles cast on 50 sts.
Change to B.
Row 1 (RS): With B, sl 1, k to last st, p1.
Row 2: Sl 1, p26, w&t.
Row 3 and all RS Rows: K to last st, p1.
Row 4: Sl 1, p33, w&t.
Row 6: Sl 1, p19, w&t.
Row 8: Sl 1, p26, w&t.
Row 10: Sl 1, p12, w&t.
Row 12: Sl 1, p19, w&t.
Row 14: Sl 1, p5, w&t.
Row 16: Sl 1, p48, k1.
Change to C.
Row 17: With C, k 50.
Bind off, leaving a long yarn tail.
Use yarn tail to sew cast-on edge and bound-off edge together.

FINISHING
Hood
With RS facing, B, and shorter circular needle, beg about 1 1/4 in. (3 cm) from edge of front opening (created when you worked in rows), pick up and k 61 sts evenly spaced around neck edge.
Row 1 (WS): Working back and forth on circular needle, k4 for Garter st (k every row) border, work in K1, p1 Rib to last 4 sts, k4 for Garter st border.
Row 2: K4, work in K1, p1 Rib to last 4 sts, k4.
Rows 3-6: Rep Rows 1 and 2 twice more time.
Row 7 (WS): K4, p to last 4 sts, k4.
Row 8: Knit.
Rep Rows 7 and 8 until hood measures about 6 in. (15 cm) from picked up sts, end with a WS row.
Note: End with a WS row means that the last row you work should be a WS row, and the next row that you are ready to work will be a RS row.
Next Row (Decrease): K29, sk2p, place marker in last st made for center st, k to end – 59 sts.
Next Row: K4, p to marked st, remove marker and p this st for center st, replace marker on last st worked for center st, p to last 4 sts, k4.
Next Row: K to marked st, remove marker and k this st for center st, replace marker on last st worked for center st, k to end of row.
Next Row: K4, p to marked st, remove marker and p this st for center st, replace marker on last st worked for center st, p to last 4 sts, k4.
Next Row (Decrease): K to 1 st before the marked center st, remove marker, sk2p, replace marker in last st made for center st, k to end – 57 sts.
Rep last 2 rows until 51 sts rem.
Remove marker when working the next row.
Next Row: K4, p20, p3tog, p to last 4 sts, k4.
Bind off, leaving a long yarn tail. Fold bound-off edge of hood in half and sew closed for top of hood.
Sew Tentacles to Poncho.
Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES	
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beg = begin(s)(ning)	k = knit
k2tog = knit 2 together	k3tog = knit 3 together
p = purl	p2tog = purl 2 together
rem = remain(s)(ing)	rep = repeat(s)(ing)
rnd(s) = round(s)	RS = right side
sl = slip	St st = Stockinette stitch
st(s) = stitch(es)	WS = wrong side

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