

# Rock Pools



The cowl photographed, was knit using 100g skein of Rosie's Moments Slub Yarn, 90% SW Merino, 10% nylon.

This simple cowl is worked flat, and then grafted together, it was designed to let the yarn do all the talking.

When my children were younger, they loved spending hours playing in rock pools, looking for little crabs and fishes. The uneven slubs of the yarn remind me of those rock pools, and bring back many happy memories of summer.

## You Will Need:

- 100g Rosie's Moments Slub Yarn.
- 4 mm needles.
- Single 4 m needle for bind off.
- Crochet hook for cast on.
- Waste yarn .
- Darning needle.

## Gauge:

The gauge really isn't that important for the cowl, just use a needle size to obtain an open fabric, and nice soft drape.

## Pattern Abbreviations:

K	Knit
Kfb	Knit into the front and back loop
K2tog	Knit two stitches together

## Techniques:

**Provisional cast on:** I use the crochet hook method, which means you cast on with the waste yarn, rather than casting on with live stitches in the working yarn. A great tutorial for this can be found here, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wkQRG4Tmv4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wkQRG4Tmv4) . This is not my tutorial, it's just one I found to be very useful.

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## Instructions:

Using 5 mm needles, and the provisional cast on method, (see techniques), cast on **67** sts.

**Row 1 (RS):** K1, Kfb, Knit to last three stitches, k2tog, k1.

**Row 2 (WS):** Knit.

- *Repeat ROWS 1 & 2, until you reach the desired length, or continue working until you have almost run out of yarn, leaving at least 2m of yarn to bind off.*

## Finishing:

Bind off using the three needle bind off method.

Sew in your ends, and your done!



## Three needle bind-off:

1. Position work, so that the two right sides are inside, and facing each other, then holding
2. Hold the needles parallel, and slip a third (**working**) needle into the first stitch on each of the two needles, and knit these two stitches together.
3. Knit together the stitches on both parallel needles in the same way as above.
4. There will be two stitches on the third (**working**) needle, using one of the two parallel needles, pass the first stitch on the working needle over the second stitch and off the needle, as you normally would when binding off.

Repeat from Stages 2 - 4 of the bind-off, until only one stitch remains on the working needle.

Break yarn and pull the tail through the last stitch to fasten off.