

The Lexington Leopard Cowl



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Materials needed:

- U.S. 15 (10 mm) 24 inch circular needle (adult/child)
- U.S. 13 (9 mm) 24 inch circular needle (toddler/12-18 months)
- U.S. 11 (8 mm) double pointed needles (for ears)
- Tapestry needle for attaching ears
- Super bulky yarn (90 yards 12/18 months - 125 yards toddler - 180 yards child - 310 yards adult size) Loops & Threads Cozy Wool yarn used
- Super bulky contrast yarn (90 yards 12/18 months - 125 yards toddler - 180 yards child - 310 yards adult size) Loops & Threads Cozy Wool yarn used

Gauge: approx. 2.5 stitches = 1 inch (U.S. 13) 2 inches = 1 inch (U.S. 15)

This hooded leopard will be made for bottom to top. Starting with the cowl section cast on the number of stitches needed with the black yarn and needle for the size you are making.

72 sts (adult size) U.S. 15

64 sts (child size) U.S. 15

56 sts (toddler size) U.S. 13

48 sts (12/18 months) U.S. 13

Place marker and join to begin working in the round.

Round 1: *k2, p2, repeat from * all around.

Repeat round 1 for a total of:

3 rounds (12/18 months/toddler)

4 rounds (child/adult)

Pick up the second color (tan pictured), carry both yarn colors and follow the cowl graph from right to left. Also you will be working the graph from bottom to top, this will have you repeating the design every 18 rounds.

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Working the graph a total of:

16 rounds (12/18 months)

20 rounds (toddler)

23 rounds (child)

25 round (adult)

Working with the tan color yarn only, follow the decrease for the size cowl you are making.

adult: *k7, k2tog, repeat from * all around. (64 sts)

child: *k6, k2tog, repeat from * all around. (56 sts)

toddler: *k5, k2tog, repeat from * all around. (48 sts)

12/18 months: *k4, k2tog, repeat from * all around. (40 sts)

Switch to the black yarn (at this point you can break the tan yarn and add it back in after the middle band or you can carry it up through), work the middle band as follows:

Middle band round 1: *k2, p2, repeat from * all around.

Repeat round 1 for a total of:

3 rounds (12/18 months/toddler)

4 rounds (child/adult)

Hood:

Note: You will be working the hood back and forth in rows on the remaining stitches (no longer working in the round). The first row you will turn so the inside of the cowl is now facing you, purl across all the stitches following the graph, then turn at the end of the row so the outside of the cowl is now facing you, knit across all the stitches following the graph. Continuing like this until the hood measures the length needed for the size you are making.

Pick up the second color (tan pictured), carry both yarn colors and follow the hood graph from right to left. Also you will be working the graph from bottom to top, this will have you repeating the design every 18 rows from bottom to top.

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Working the hood graph for a total of:

28 rows (12/18 months)

32 rows (toddler)

36 rows (child)

42 rows (adult)

Note: The length of the hood can easily be adjusted by adding more rows if needed.

Bind off all hood stitches with the tan color yarn, fold in half and stitch the top of the hood together from the inside. I like to use a mattress stitch. Break yarn and weave in all the ends.

Front hood casing for the pom string:

With the U.S. 15 needle and the black yarn. Starting at the bottom center front of the hood, pick up the stitches from left to right when the hood is facing you. Pick a stitch up at the end of each row all around the front of the hood. The casing will now be worked back and forth across the stitches (this will leave it split at the bottom front).



Casing row 1: knit across all stitches, turn.

Casing row 2: purl across all stitches, turn.

Repeat casing rows for a total of:

5 rows (12/18 months/toddler)

6 rows (child/adult)

Bind off all stitches.

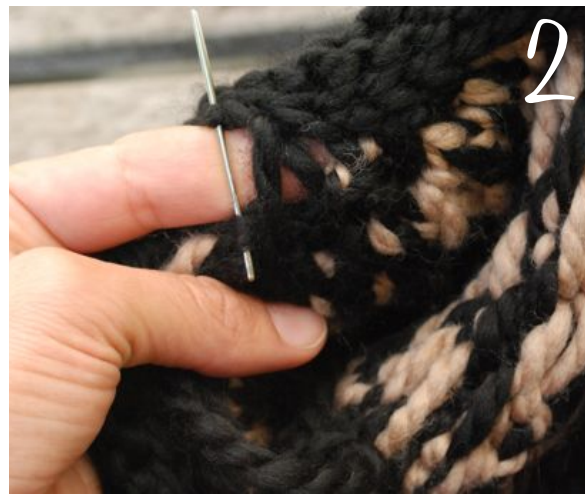
Pictured is the what the front hood casing will look like before you stitch it down to create the casing to pull the braided cord through.

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Braided pom cord:

Cut three strands of yarn the length needed for the size hooded cowl you are making, 35 inches (12/18 months), 40 inches (toddler), 45 inches (child), 50 inches (adult). Braid the three strands all the way down and tie a knot at each end. Add 2 inch to 3 inch poms to the ends of the braided strand.

Next you will want to stitch the casing closed. You can add the cord two different ways, it can be placed inside of the casing before you stitch it shut (making sure not to stitch into it when stitching the casing closed) or it can be woven through once the casing is stitched closed.



You will want to stitch the outer most edge of the casing to the inside ridge that is created by picking up the stitches (this is pictured in photo 1). Pictured in photo 2 is the casing it will create to weave the braided cord through.

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Leopard ears: make 2

12/18 months ears

With the U.S. 11 straight needles and tan yarn, cast 1 on.

Row 1: knit in the front and back (kfb) of the one stitch. (2 sts)

Row 2: kfb in each stitch. (4 sts)

Row 3: purl

Row 4: kfb in the first stitch, k2, kfb in the last stitch. (6 sts)

Row 5: purl

Row 6: knit

Row 7: knit (this is where the ear will fold)

Switch to the black color yarn.

Row 8: knit

Row 9: purl

Row 10: k2tog, k2, k2tog (4 sts)

Row 11: purl

Row 12: k2tog, k2tog (2 sts)

Row 13: slip 1, psso

Break yarn and draw through.

toddler/child ears

With the U.S. 11 straight needles cast 1 on.

Row 1: knit in the front and back (kfb) of the one stitch. (2 sts)

Row 2: kfb in each stitch. (4 sts)

Row 3: purl

Row 4: kfb in the first stitch, k2, kfb in the last stitch. (6 sts)

Row 5: purl

Row 6: kfb in the first stitch, k4, kfb in the last stitch. (8 sts)

Row 7: purl

Row 8: knit

Row 9: knit (this is where the ear will fold)

Switch to the black color yarn.

Row 10: knit

Row 11: purl

Row 12: k2tog, k4, k2tog. (6 sts)

Row 13: purl

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Row 14: k2tog, k2, k2tog. (4 sts)

Row 15: purl

Row 16: k2tog, k2tog (2 sts)

Row 17: slip 1, psso

Break yarn and draw through.

adult ears

With the U.S. 11 straight needles cast 1 on.

Row 1: knit in the front and back (kfb) of the one stitch. (2 sts)

Row 2: kfb in each stitch. (4 sts)

Row 3: purl

Row 4: kfb in the first stitch, k2, kfb in the last stitch. (6 sts)

Row 5: purl

Row 6: kfb in the first stitch, k4, kfb in the last stitch. (8 sts)

Row 7: purl

Row 8: kfb in the first stitch, k6, kfb in the last stitch. (10 sts)

Row 9: purl

Row 10: knit

Row 11: knit (this is where the ear will fold)

Switch to the black color yarn.

Row 12: knit

Row 13: purl

Row 14: k2tog, k6, k2tog. (8 sts)

Row 15: purl

Row 16: k2tog, k4, k2tog. (6 sts)

Row 17: purl

Row 18: k2tog, k2, k2tog. (4 sts)

Row 19: purl

Row 20: k2tog, k2tog. (2 sts)

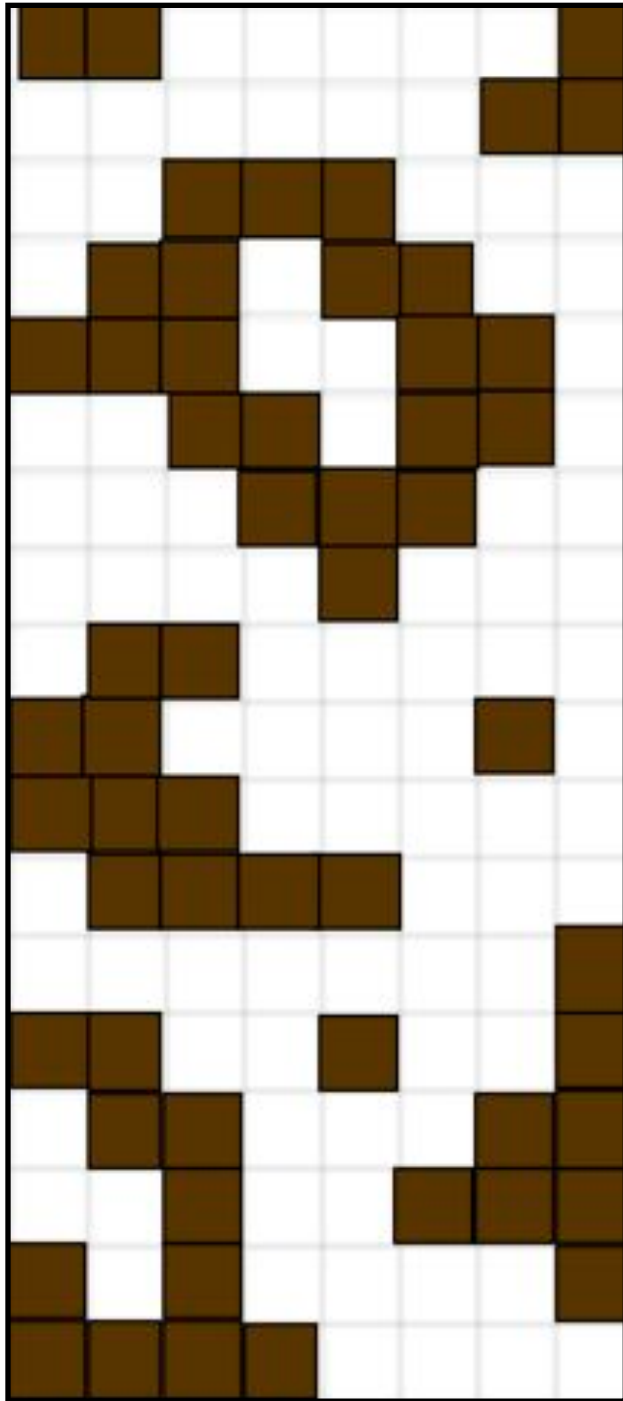
Row 21: slip 1, psso

Break yarn and draw through.

Now you should have two diamond shapes with black on one side and tan on the other. Fold ear in half along row indicated and whip stitch the two sides together using black yarn and a tapestry needle. Break yarn and leave the tail for stitching to hood. Attach ears with tapestry needle and black yarn to the hood right behind the i-cord casing.

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Cowl graph



Hood graph

