

HUGGY NECK

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Great for any soft yarn, this great little accessory will serve as a knitted hug for someone you love—even yourself!

I love you

A bushel and a peck

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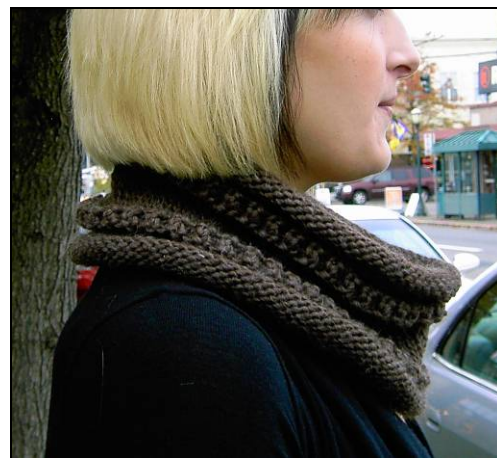
And a hug around the neck



[Warning: This project may be addictive and cause severe reduction of stash.]



Yarns by Guttersnipe, (*Dragon Scales, l & Poor Rita, r*)



Yarn by Cascade Yarns (*Soft Spun, color 2811*)

Sizes

Baby (Child, Adult)

Finished Measurements

Widest section – 20 (23, 25)“

narrowest section – 15 (18, 20)“

Materials

- Any weight yarn, from 70 to 200 yards
- 16“ circular needle applicable to yarn weight
- Stitch marker
- Darning needle

Gauge

Determined by yarn weight (see formula)

Eyelet Ridge Pattern

Round 1: Knit.

Rounds 2 & 4: Purl.

Round 3: K2 tog, yo; repeat to end.

Rounds 5-12: Knit.

Repeat these 12 rounds for pattern.

The Hug

The basic pattern instructions here are for worsted weight yarn, or yarn with a gauge of 4 sts to the inch.

CO 80 (92, 100) sts onto US size 9 (5.5 mm) circular needle *or size needed to knit 4 sts to the inch*. Place marker, join the sts without twisting and begin the Eyelet Ridge patt. On the 12th round of the pattern, decrease roughly 10% of your sts. K 6 (7, 8), k2tog; rep to end. Size child will have 2 sts left at the end of the decrease round – just knit these 2 sts. Repeat these 12 rounds again, working one more decrease on the 12th round. K 5 (6, 7), k2tog. Size baby will have 2 sts left at the end of the round, and size child will have 1 st left. Knit the extra st(s).

Work the pattern repeat as many times without decreasing as you wish. Work the pattern for 2 repeats for low-slung style and more for *true* neck-hugging style. When ready to bind off, work rnds 1-4 of the Eyelet Ridge Pattern once more. BO all sts in knit st.

Here's the formula for working the Huggy Neck in any weight yarn.

Gauge (sts per inch) times circumference [20 (23, 25)"] = CO sts. [G x C = CO]

With bulky and super bulky weight yarns, you may want to reduce the number of Stockinette stitch rounds between eyelet ridges. Remember to decrease 10% of the sts at the end of each of the first 2 pattern repeats, and then work without decrease as desired.

It's really up to you! Customize your own Huggy Neck as you see fit. The yarn will tell you what to do!

Psst. Huggy Neck is also a good head wrap!

<p><u>Abbreviations</u> K2tog – knit 2 sts together mm – millimeter St(s) – stitch(es)</p>	<p><u>Acknowledgements</u> Eyelet Ridge stitch pattern found in <u>Vogue Stitchionary: Volume One Knit and Purl</u>. New York: Sixth & Spring, 2005.</p>
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