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Pebble Neck Warmer

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A customer came into the shop the other day with a pattern for an afghan knit with three strands of bulky yarn. She chose <u>Blue Sky Alpaca Bulky yarn</u>, which already knits at 2 to 2.5 stitches per inch with a single strand. I was so curious what Bulky would look like tripled that I wound a ball, got a pair of size 19 needles, and knit up a swatch in stockinette.

The result was fantastic. At 1.25 stitches per inch, the stitches are huge, yet the fabric still drapes nicely. Everyone who saw it picked it up and loved it. I toyed with the idea of making an afghan or even a pillow, but I wanted something that could be worn. And so, the Pebble Neck Warmer was born.



When winter finally comes, the Pebble Neck Warmer will keep you warm! I used the color Frost, which I think is a great color for winter, but Bulky is available in a wide range of natural and dyed colors.



I didn't time myself, but I think I knit the Pebble Neck Warmer in under 2 hours, making it a perfect last minute knitted gift. Here's how you can make yours:

PEBBLE NECK WARMER

SIZE

approx 5.5 by 33 inches

MATERIALS

3 hanks of <u>Blue Sky Bulky yarn</u>, shown in frost 12? US 19 needle

1 large button

GAUGE

.75 sts = 1 inch in stitch pattern, but gauge is not critical for this project

PATTERN

Wind all three hanks of Bulky and holding a strand from each, CO 7 stitches.

Row 1 - P1, k1; repeat from to end.

Repeat Row 1 until approximately 1.5 yards of yarn remains.

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Attach button to center purl stitch approximately 4 inches from cast on edge. There is no button hole; you can push the button through the fabric. (Make sure the button will fit snugly through the fabric before you attach it!)

Enjoy!

