

EASY RIB TURTLE BIB

Worked flat and seamed together, this unisex neck-and-chest-warmer knits up quickly on big needles. For best results, choose a sports or DK weight yarn that contains a fluffy fiber such as mohair. The sample used a silvery-colored kid mohair plied with a variegated natural-color alpaca.



The neck part of this garment is 4" tall; the entire dickey measures 10" from top of neck to bottom of chest in front, 7³/₄" in back and at shoulders. The bib is deep enough to give good coverage beneath a blazer's lapels.



100 yards fluffy sports or DK-weight yarn
#10½ long needles or a #10½ circular needle (24")

Gauge: 14 sts = 4" in ribbing
16 rows = 4"

CO = cast on

BO = bind off

K = knit

P = purl

M1 = make one. Knit into back loop of st, leave on needle, knit into front loop (2 sts made from one), pass from needle. (Count a finished m1 as two stitches.)

wt = This is called "wrap and turn," but to me it always feels like "turn and then wrap." To prevent holes in your work when doing short rows: Turn work, bring yarn to front as if to purl, pass yarn in front of stitch on right needle, bring that stitch to left needle, pass yarn to back as if to knit, return stitch on right needle to left needle. Do not knit this stitch itself. When next you encounter this stitch, it will show the wrap at its base. To avoid disrupting the look of the pattern, incorporate this wrap into your knitting by bringing the loop up and working it in with the stitch it wraps around, knitting both loops if it's a knit stitch, purling both loops if it's a purl stitch. For a clear instructional video on this technique, see http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_PAADqkCjrg

Begin turtleneck.

Using long-tail cast on, CO 49 sts. (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jn3z451G7U8> is a good instructional video for this technique.)

Row 1 (right side): (k2, p2) 12x, k1.

Row 2 (wrong side): p1, (k2, p2) 12x.

Rows 3-15: Repeat rows 1 and 2.

Begin cape.

Row 16 (wrong side): P1. [Make 1 (m1) by knitting into back loop of 1st st (keep on needle), then knitting into front loop before you slide the stitch off the needle. K1 more, p2.] Repeat across row. 61 sts on needle.

Row 17 (right side): (k2, p3) 12x, k1.

Row 18: P1, [(m1, k2) p2] 12x. 73 sts.

Row 19: (p4, k2) 12x, k1.

Row 20: p1, [(m1, k3) p2] 12x. 85 sts.

Row 21: (p5, k2) 12x, k1.

Row 22: p1, [(m1, k4) p2] 12x. 97 sts.

Row 23: (p6, k2) 12x, k1.

Row 24: p1, [(m1, k5) p2] 12x. 109 sts.

Row 25: (p7, k2) 12x, k1.

Row 26: p1, [(m1, k6) p2] 12x. 121 sts.

Row 27: (k2, p8) 8x, k2 (82 sts worked), turn, bring yarn forward as if to purl, transfer 1st st on right needle to left needle, bring yarn back as if to knit, return 1st st on left needle to right needle (this is “w&t”).

Begin short rows to shape bib (front of cape).

Row 28: p2, [(m1, k7) p2] 4x, w&t.

Row 29: [k2, p9] 4x, k2, p1 (incorporate the loop from the wrap), p1, w&t.

Row 30: k2, p2, [(m1, k8) p2] 4x, k1 incorporating wrapped loop, k1, w&t.

Row 31: p2, (k2, p10) 4x, k2, p2, p1 incorporating loop, p1, w&t.

Row 32: k4, p2, [(m1, k9) p2] 4x, k2, k1 incorporating loop, k1, w&t.

Row 33: p4, (k2, p11) 4x, k2, p4, p1 incorporating loop, p1, w&t.

Row 34: k6, p2, (m1, k10, p2) 4x, k1 with loop, k1, w&t.

Row 35: p6, work to end of row, purling the p sts and knitting the k sts.

Rows 36 & 37: work to end of row, knitting the k and purling the p sts. 137 sts.

Row 38: BO in the following manner: Knit the first two stitches together, return the resulting stitch to the left needle, and knit the next two stitches together. Repeat to end.

Finishing the garment.

Block cape portion flat, letting turtleneck stand up. Seam blocked piece together on wrong side. Work in all loose ends with a crochet hook.

Suitable for an experienced beginner.

A *No-More-Roving* design by Linda Day Morehouse.
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