

Expressponcho



I slept really bad one night and everytime I woke up I had this image of a poncho in my head. It was knitted with almost all of my Phil Express yarn. I love this yarn, but after making a pillow I've been waiting for the perfect item to make of it, and here it was! Totally worth a bad night's sleep. Phil Express is a really chunky yarn, 20 % wool and 80 % acrylic, but feels more like a nonscratchy wool yarn, and it's very warm. There is a small chance I will dependent on this poncho in October, so I'm keeping it for myself. I've decided to name the poncho after the yarn, as it is really expressfast to knit. It took me two days, could've made it in one if I hadn't had some other things that occupied my time.

Material

Yarn: Phil Express från Phildar, 1 ball in each of the following colors: Minerai, Camel, Prusse, Bourdeaux, souffre, Glacon, Ecrú, Rosee and Jean.

Knitting needles: 15 mm, Preferably circulars, 80 cm

Gauge: 6 sts/10 cm.

Size: Adult

Other stuff: Yarnneedle and a crochethook to attach fringe.

Start:

The poncho is made from two rectangles 43*76 cm. I made both my pieces exactly the same but that is of course optional.

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Cast on 26 stitches on needles 15 mm. Knit stockinette stitch for 76 cm, or for as long as you like. The first stitch is slipped knitwise if the last stitch of the previous row is purled and slipped purlwise if the last stitch of the previous row is knit.

This is the order of my colors if you'd like to make one exactly like mine:

Minerai: Cast on and the 4 first rows.

Bourdeaux: 8 rows.

Souffre: 2 rows.

Prusse: 6 rows.

Glacon: 4 rows.

Minerai: 2 rows.

Camel: 8 rows.

Ecru: 4 rows.

Souffre: 4 rows.

Bourdeaux: 6 rows.

Rosee: 4 rows.

Camel: 2 rows.

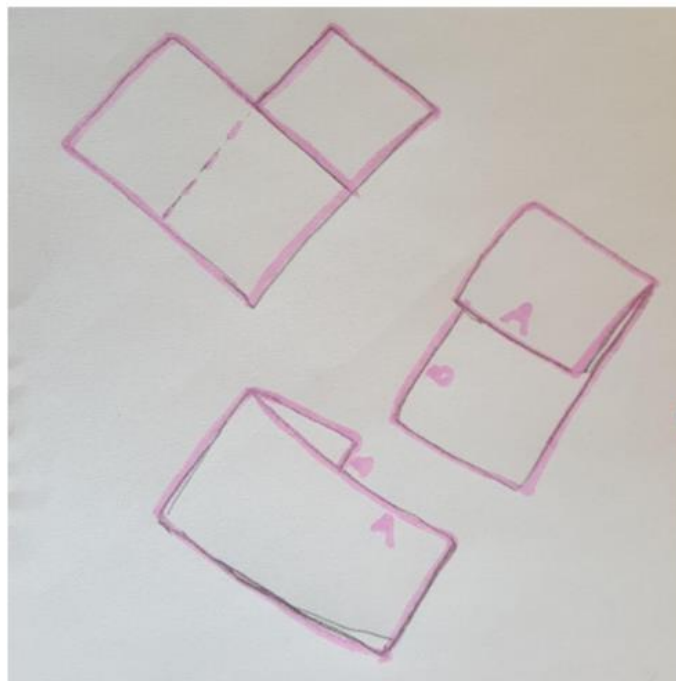
Jean: 2 rows.

Minerai: 4 rows and the cast off row.

Finishing

Sew in all ends.

Sew the poncho together according to below picture (sew A to A and B to B.)



Collar:

I wanted a turtleneck on my poncho (making it even warmer), but if you want you can knit it much lower or just crochet a little edge to make it neater. If you'd like a turtleneck like mine, here's how you make it:

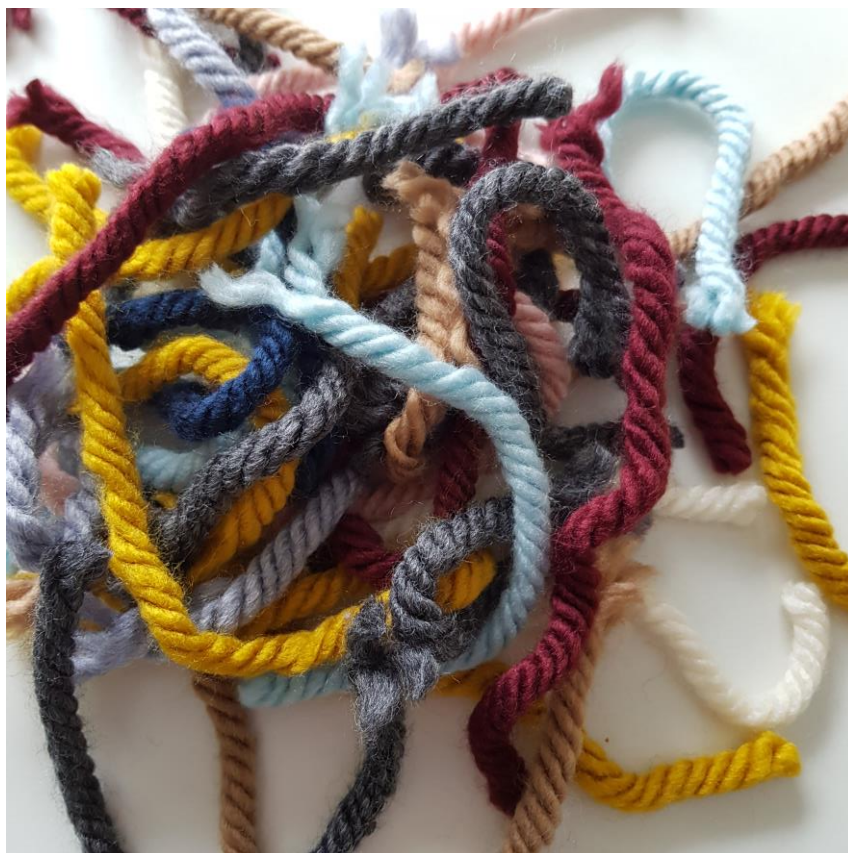
Pick up approximately 30 stitches (even number is important) along the collar. Knit in the round, knit 1, purl 1 – ribbing for about 15 cm. (try if the length by folding it, and end when it looks good).

Cast off and sew in the ends. I made my turtleneck in the color Prusse. By using the magic loop-method, you can use your circular for the turtleneck as well.

Fringe:

I love fringes so it's a natural choice for my poncho. If you want you can crochet a border, but keep in mind that the sides will curl as the pieces are made of stockinette stitches, and crocheting edges will most likely not help. Serious blocking might be the only thing, unless you choose the fringe.

Cut 34 cm long pieces of yarn in different colors and attach with the crochehook. I used two pieces of yarn for each fringe.



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