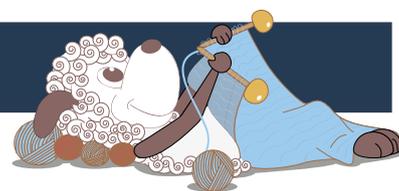


# Dhaniya - a cowl of many colors



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*Dhaniya is a colorful cowl. Here is the perfect opportunity to live out your wildest color fantasies and to work on your color knitting technique. The cowl is worked with 2 colors at a time using the "magic yarn ball" technique in Peruvian Highland Wool by Filcolana. The project is perfect for using up your scraps of wool yarn from other projects too - use at least 8 colors and preferably even more! The cowl can be wrapped twice around the neck or hang down loosely.*

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## Materials

200 g of Peruvian Highland Wool by Filcolana in many different colors. Use at least 8 colors and preferably even more! The bobble edge is worked in one color and takes approx. 40 g.

In the model shown color 220 is used for the bobble edge.

For the main color (MC: red tones) 217, 222, 804, 806, 259 and 226 have been used

For the pattern color (PC: green tones) 220, 221, 801, 802 and 257 have been used.

5 mm circular needle, 80 cm long

4 markers or loops of yarn

## Measurements

Height: 25 cm

Circumference: 90 cm

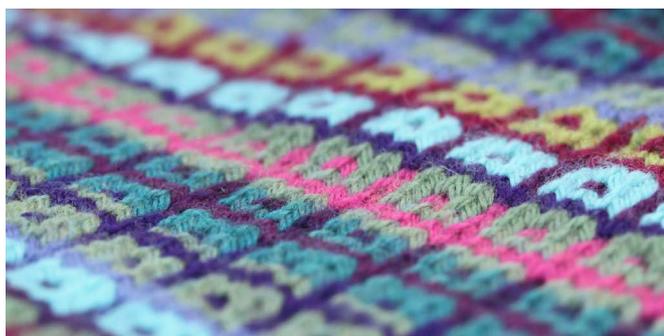
## Gauge

20 sts and 18 rows in stockinette stitch on a 5 mm needle = 10 x 10 cm.

The swatch was worked in the round and in pattern.

## Directions for knitting

The bobble edge is your cast on edge. After the cast on is finished, the chart is worked. The chart shows half the width of the cowl and is therefore worked twice per round. Lastly another bobble edge is worked.



## Magic yarn balls

A "magic yarn ball" is a ball of yarn which you wind using many different length of different colors of yarn. Start by making two piles of yarn - e.g. one for red tones and one for green tones, or one for light colors and one for dark colors. There needs to be at least 4 different colors in each pile. One pile will be the main color and the other the pattern color.

Now cut varying lengths of all the colors in one of the piles (wrap the yarn 30-70 times around your hand, then cut it). The different colors are then "split spliced" together in random order and wrapped into a ball of yarn with built in color changes. You "split splice" by taking both of the yarns you need to join and splitting ends of both yarns. The yarn has 4 plies, so you split the end into two 2 ply lengths and cut one of them off about 5 cm down. The thinner end of each of the yarn are then overlapped, so they together form 4 plies. The ends are then moistened with water and rolled really quickly between your palms. This felt the yarns together forming one unbroken length of yarn out of the two.

Create a second magic ball of yarn out of the other pile of yarn. These 2 balls of yarn will create the random color changes in the work.

## Color dominance

Playing with color dominance when knitting this cowl can create really beautiful results. By this I mean you can make the main or pattern color take dominance, and then change it around along the way. If you knit

If you knit continentally and hold both yarns in one hand when knitting with 2 colors, the yarn closest to your knuckle is usually the dominant color, while the color closest to your nail will be less prominent. Yarn dominance will be most noticeable in the striped segment of the pattern. Change which color is the dominant every time you start a new pattern repeat, ie. after the 2 single color rounds.

## Bobble Edge

Use the color you've chosen for the edges. Cast on 180 sts on a 5 mm circular needle using the knitted cast on. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. Knit 1 round.

Knit bobbles on the next round:

\*Knit 3 sts, knit a bobble in the 4th st: (k1 without letting the st fall off the needle, yarn over, knit the same st again but through the back loop, yarn over, k1, yarn over, k1 through the back loop), let the st fall off the needle. You have now knitted 7 sts in the same st. Work 4 rows of stockinette stitch across these 7 sts (end on a RS row). You can now shape the bobble using your middle finger, to make it neat and round. One by one lift the first 6 sts over the last st until you once again have the first 3 sts + 1 (the bobble). Repeat from \* until there are a total of 45 bobbles.

## Work the chart

Change to your magic yarn balls and place the following markers: after 25 sts, after 65 more sts, after 25 more sts and after 65 more sts. Work the chart by knitting stripes across the 25 sts and "boxes" across the 65 sts.

## Finishing bobbles

Bind off: Bind off 2 sts. \*There is 1 sts on the right needle now. Work a bobble the same way as at the beginning, ending with having 1 sts from the bind off + 1 st from the finished bobble on the right needle. Pull the first stitch over the bobble stitch. Bind off 3 more sts. Repeat from \* until all sts are bound off and you have a total of 45 bobbles.

## Finishing

Weave in the ends from the WS using a blunt tapestry needle. Lightly steam the cowl from the WS using an iron and a moist cloth.

