



On my walks through the »Treppenviertel« (Stairs District) in Hamburg I also enjoy – in addition to the view – when the northwest wind brings the smell of the sea.

With the **Treppenviertel cowl**, I am perfectly equipped for the cold. Thanks to its point, it fits snugly into the front of my jacket and keeps me warm all the way up to my ears.

GAUGE

28 sts = 10 cm / 4 in stockinette.

The number of rounds per 10 cm / 4 inches is not that important; the length can easily be adjusted.

SIZE

Circumference: 60 cm (will pull together due to the ribbing)

MATERIALS

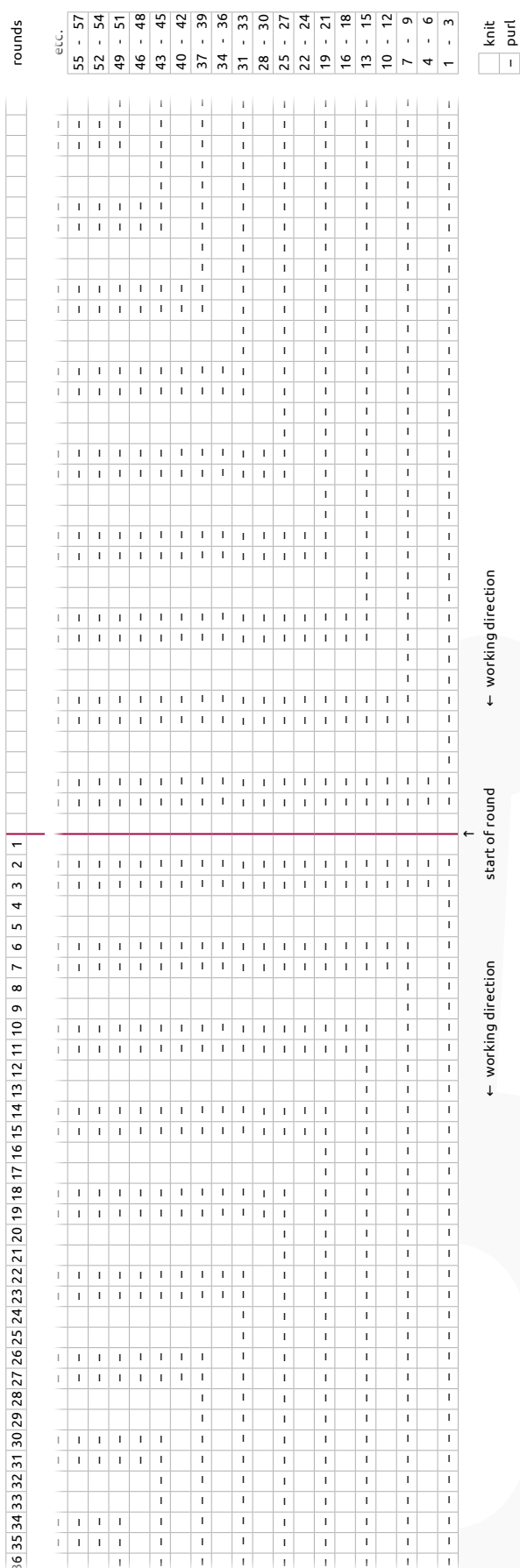
- 100 gr of yarn with ca. 420 m / 459 yd per 100 gr
- 3 mm / US #2.5 circ. needle of 60 cm (24 in) length

In principle, this cowl will work with all yarns and all gauges, but only with a total of ..., 104, 112, 120, 128, 136, 144, 152, 160, 168, 176, 184, 192, 200, 208, ... stitches (multiples of 8). The listed yardage and gauge is just an example.

ABBREVIATIONS

k knit
p purl
ip work in pattern
 knit the knit stitches, purl the purl stitches
st/s stitch/es
r row/rounds





START

Cast on the needed number of stitches (176 in the example). Use the backward loop cast on (the cast on must be very elastic!).

This cast-on is not very sturdy, so work the first row as a row (and not as a round). Join to work in the round for the second round. Close the little gap while sewing in the tail.

Row 1: k1, p to 1 st before end of round, k1.

Rounds 2&3: work two rounds in pattern.

knit the knit stitches, purl the purl stitches

MAIN PATTERN

- Work in pattern to the purled horizontal rib, p2, k to 2 st before the purled horizontal rib ends, p2, work in pattern to end of round.
- Work two rounds in pattern.
- Work in pattern to the knitted horizontal rib, k2, p to 2 st before the knitted horizontal rib ends, k2, work in pattern to end of round.
- Work two rounds in pattern.

Repeat the last 6 rounds until the purled horizontal rib consists of 6 stitches.

Next round: k1, p2, <k2, p2> repeat <...> to 1 st before end of round, k1.

Now all horizontal ribs are "used up" and only vertical 2k 2p ribs are left. Work these for 3 rounds (or until you reach your desired length).

ELASTIC BIND OFF

k1, <1ip, slip both stitches back to the left needle and knit them together through the backloop>, repeat <...> until all stitches are bound off.

ATTENTION!

Due to space reasons, the chart only depicts the principle. Each round needs to be knit three times so that each horizontal rib consists of three rounds and each vertical rib consists of two stitches.

The end of the chart is not the end of the cowl! Continue along in the same manner until all horizontal ribs are "used up" and only vertical 2k2p ribs are left. Work these for 3 rounds (or until you reach your desired length).