

# QUEEN OF SHADOWS

Fingerless gloves and cowl

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## **Materials:**

3 skeins Rio de la Plata Three Ply Thread, 100% merino wool, 164 yds/150 m,  
in color Rabbit

Set of 5 US#8 (5mm) dpns for gloves

US #9 (5.5mm) 16" circular needle for cowl

Cable needle

Stitch marker

## **Gauge:**

16 sts x 24 rows = 4 inches in St st on US#8 needles



**Shadow Cable Pattern (multiple of 8 sts):**

Rnds 1-3: Knit.

Rnd 4: \*Sl 2 sts to cn and hold to back, k2, k2 sts from cn, k4; rep from \*.

Rnds 5-7: Knit.

Rnd 8: \*K4, sl 2 sts to cn and hold to front, k2, k2 sts from cn; rep from \*.

**Directions for Gloves:**

**Right glove:**

CO 32 sts, distribute 8 sts on each of 4 needles and join to work in the round. Place marker at join. Knit 5 rnds. Next rnd: \*YO, k2tog; rep from \*. K 5 more rnds. Next rnd: lift strand of CO edge to left needle and knit it tog with 1st st; rep until whole rnd is joined in picot edge. (Tuck CO tail end into the picot edge as you finish the rnd and you won't have to weave it in later.)



This rnd will be Rnd 1 of Shadow Cable patt. Work Shadow Cable patt twice.

**Gusset:**

Needle 1 will be the palm side of the glove, which will stay in St st; Needle 3 the back of the hand, and Needles 2 and 4 the sides. You will increase every rnd (thumb loop method is fine) on the palm needle to form a gusset for the thumb as follows:

K2, m1, pm, k6, work Rnd 1 of Shadow Cable patt over remaining 3 needles. Next 7 rnds: K to marker, m1, slip marker, k6, work shadow cable patt over remaining sts. 8 gusset sts; 40 sts total.

Work Shadow Cable patt once more on N2-4, keeping palm and gusset sts in St st. Work Rnd 1 again, slipping last 4 sts of rnd and then first 5 sts of next rnd to waste yarn: 9 sts resting to form thumb.

**Hand:**

CO 3 sts to bridge the gap and rejoin the rnd: 34 sts. Work to Rnd 4 of patt, and now continue Shadow Cable only on N3 (back of hand); N1, 2, and 4 will now be in St st. On N4 k3, ssk, k1, k2tog, k2 to dec back to 32 sts.

Work even, completing shadow cable patt on N3 and working Rnds 1-6 once more. Work 4 rnds in k2, p2 rib and BO in patt.

**Thumb:**

Pick up 9 sts from waste yarn plus 5 sts from above thumb hole. In first rnd, k tog the sts on either side of the sides of thumb to close holes: 12 sts remain. K one rnd more, then work 4 rnds in p2, k2 rib and BO in patt.

**Left glove:**

Work as given for right glove to Gusset. Needle 1 still holds the palm stitches; work as follows to mirror right glove: K6, pm, m1, k2, work Rnd 1 of Shadow Cable patt over remaining 3 needles.

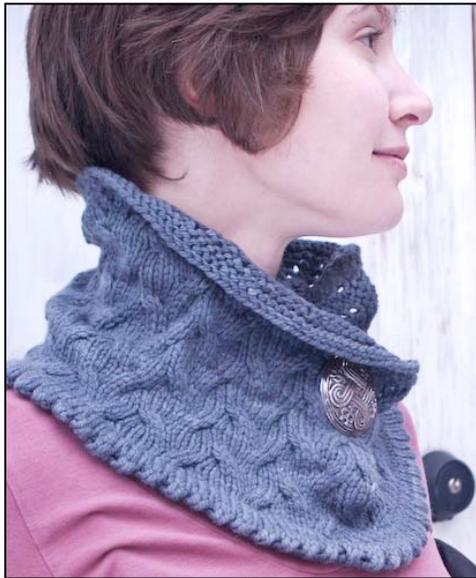
Next 7 rnds: K6, slip marker, m1, k to end of Needle 1, work Shadow Cable patt over remaining sts. 40 sts total.

Work Shadow Cable patt once more on N2-4, keeping palm and gusset sts in St st. Work Rnd 1 again, slipping last 5 sts of N1 and first 4 sts of N2 to waste yarn: 9 sts resting to form thumb.

CO 3 sts to bridge the gap and rejoin the rnd: 34 sts. Work to Rnd 4 of patt, and now continue Shadow Cable only on N3 (back of hand); N1, 2, and 4 will now be in St st. On N2 k2, ssk, k1, k2tog, k3 to dec back to 32 sts.

Work as for right glove to complete hand and thumb.

Weave in all ends; block only lightly so as not to flatten cables.



#### **Directions for Cowl:**

On US#9 circular needle, CO 112 sts and join to work in the round. Place marker at join. K 5 rnds. Next rnd: \*YO, k2tog; rep from \* to complete rnd. K 5 more rnds, then join picot edge as given for gloves. Joining rnd is Rnd 1 of Shadow Cable patt. Work Shadow Cable patt 4 times.

#### **Lace edge:**

Rnds 1, 3, 5: Knit.

Rnds 2, 4, 6: \*K2tog, k1, yo, k2, yo, k1, ssk; rep from \*.

Rnds 7 and 9: Knit.

Rnd 8: Purl.

BO in purl. Weave in end, block very lightly. Wear loose or fold excess fabric across your throat and pin closed.