

Refuge

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Refuge - shelter or protection from danger or distress; something to which one has recourse in difficulty. This cozy striped cowl is a part of my response to those who have no shelter - the homeless, the refugees, those who are literally left out in the cold. I wish that I could knit one for every homeless person in my city as winter approaches - and I hope that as a collective, we knitters will always work together to warm the hearts and bodies of those in need.

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5 balls of Ewe Ewe Wooly Worsted {95 yards each} - 1 each of Vanilla, Pistachio, Black Licorice, Red Poppy, and Aquamarine
US size 9 needles 24” circular needles
A marker for beginning of round

Gauge: 9 stitches and 13 rounds in 2 inches of garter stitch
Finished dimensions: 26” circumference, 15” deep

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The Pattern:

With Vanilla, cast on 120. Place marker and begin working in the round: *k2, p2, repeat from * around for a total of two rounds. *P1, k2, p1, repeat from * around for a total of two rounds. *P2, k2, repeat from * around for a total of two rounds. *K1, p2, k1, repeat from * around for a total of two rounds. *K2, p2, repeat from * around for a total of two rounds.
Begin left slant: [Knit one round. *K8, k2tog, yo, repeat from * around. Knit one round. *K7, k2tog, yo, k1, repeat from * around. Knit one round. *K6, k2tog, yo, k2, repeat from * around. Knit one round. *K5, k2tog, yo, k3, repeat from * around. Knit one round. *K4, k2tog, yo, k4, repeat from * around.]
Begin right slant, with Pistachio: [Knit one round. *K3, yo, ssk, k5, repeat from * around. Knit one round. *K4, yo, ssk, k4, repeat from * around. Knit one round. *K5, yo, ssk, k2, repeat from * around. Knit one round. *K6, yo, ssk, k1, repeat from * around. Knit one round. *K7, yo, ssk, repeat from * around.] Then work one full repeat of left slant.
Switch to Black Licorice, work one full repeat of right slant followed by one full repeat of left slant.
Switch to Red Poppy, work one full repeat of right slant followed by one full repeat of left slant.
Switch to Aquamarine, work one full repeat of right slant, then begin edging: *K2, p2, repeat from * for a total of two rounds. *K1, p2, k1, repeat from * for a total of two rounds. *P2, k2, repeat from * for a total of two rounds. *P1, k2, p1, repeat from * for a total of two rounds. *K2, p2, repeat from * one round, then bind off loosely in established pattern.
Weave in ends and block.



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Earrings by The Refugee Project

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