

OAKLAND CAPE
(Directions by Ginny Gomez)



Oakland Cape

Hand Knitting Directions:

Yarn: Lion Brand Home Spun – 4 skeins (Yarn available at Joann's, Michael's or Wal-Mart)
Lion Brand Fun Fur – 3 skeins (Yarn available at Joann's, Michael's or Wal-Mart)

Knitting needles: Try using a Size 10. That should give you about the same look, weight and feel of my machine knit cape. You will have to figure out the gauge from the measurements you get from your swatch.

Swatch:

Make a swatch *at least* 4" x 4" to get accurate gauge. Bigger is better. For machine knitting I did a swatch of 60 stitches x 60 rows, measured it, then ripped it out to use it for making the cape. Count your stitches. Count your rows.

Stitch Gauge:

To get the stitch gauge, measure from one edge of the swatch to the other (horizontally) and record that number; make sure your swatch is flat and not curled under on the edges. Divide the number of stitches by the number of inches you just recorded by the number of stitches in your swatch. That will give you the number of *stitches per inch*.

Row Gauge:

Measure from top to bottom (vertically) to get the row gauge. Record that number. Divide the number of rows in your swatch by the number of inches you just recorded. That will give you the number of *rows per inch*. **You may get a fraction of a stitch or a fraction of a row. That's okay. Use that row or stitch gauge in your multiplication below.**

Making the Rectangle:

Multiply the number of stitches per inch by 28 to get the number of stitches in 28".

_____ sts. per inch X 28 = _____ sts. to cast on. (Round up or down to get to the nearest whole stitch.)

Then multiply the number of rows per inch by 72 to get the total number of rows in 72".

_____ rows per inch x 72 = _____ total rows to knit. (Round up or down to get to the nearest whole row.)

- With main yarn, cast on _____ stitches to equal 28" (odd number of stitches so that you have a center stitch)
- Knit one row.
- Hang a yarn loop marker on center stitch (something in a color that's easy to see) to mark center.
- Continue knitting for _____ rows to equal 1".
- Change to Fun Fur and knit _____ rows to equal 2.5".
- Change back to main yarn, and continue knitting until piece measures 68.5".
- Change to Fun Fur and knit _____ rows to equal 2.5" (same number of rows as knitted with Fun Fur at the beginning).
- Change back to main yarn and knit _____ rows to equal 1". Piece should measure 72" long and 28" wide.
- Bind off.

Mark your points with yarn markers on long side (72" side) for neck opening as indicated on attached graph.

- Divide long side in half and place a marker (36" from corner)
- Measure 3" each side of center marker and place two more markers one either side of center. Remove center marker. Your markers should have 6" between them for neck opening. (Check to see that you have the same distance from corners to markers on either side -- 33")

- Measure 14" down towards the corner on either side of neck markers and place another marker (This will be your shoulder seam; it should measure the same as the distance between center marker and corner on the short side.)
- You should have 19" from the edge of the rectangle to the marker that you just placed for the shoulder. This remaining area from the shoulder point to the edge of the rectangle (long side) is for the arm opening.

See diagram for sewing instructions on next page.

Collar:

- With Fun Fur, cast on _____ sts. To equal 6.5 inches.
- Knit _____ rows to equal 9.5"
- Bind off and bring cast off/cast on edges together with wrong sides together. Baste together along neck edge of collar. (Collar is doubled over.)
- Sew side edges of collar together.
- Pin collar to neck edge and sew between markers at shoulder.

Edge Trim:

- Crochet 2 rows of double crochets around bottom of cape and around sleeve openings.

Sewing Instructions:

- Orient piece as picture below, with right side up and markers on the right side of piece. Bring marker #9 to marker #6. Pin together. Bring #8 to marker #7. Pin together. (Right sides together.) Sew between markers 6 & 7.
- Bring marker #2 to marker #5. Pin together. Bring #3 to marker #4. Pin together. (Right sides together.) Sew between markers 4 & 5.
- Sew Fun Fur collar to neck opening (right sides together).
- With Fun Fur, crochet 2 rows of double crochet around bottom of cape and around sleeve openings.

SCHEMATIC FOR OAKLAND CAPE

(Numbers in **Red** represent inches)
(Numbers in black are reference points)

