

Anemone*by Kat LeFevre of Pieceful Stitches Designs*

Difficulty:

Easy

Skills required:

- knitting in the round
- knitting into the front and back of a stitch
- crocheting a chain
- single crochet stitch



A quick, easy, reversible neck gaiter for keeping away the cold when you want a little something different than the ubiquitous scarf. When I finished it and held it up, it looked just like a sea anemone with its tentacles waving elegantly in the water. By adding eyelets and I-cord and making the tube longer, it can be a hat with an exotic ruffle to frame the face. Excellent for an almost-last-minute panic gift.

I've included some variations for different gauges; knit a gauge swatch in k1, p1 rib, measure how many stitches per inch you get, and follow the appropriate size through the pattern. Gauge isn't critical on this project, so if your gauge isn't exactly one of the sizes given just pick the closest one.



Hat option

SIZE

One size; either hat or neck gaiter option

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Width: 18 inches

Gaiter Length: 8 inches not including ruffle

Hat Length: 12 inches not including ruffle

MATERIALS

- Red Heart Plush [80% acrylic, 20% nylon; 290 yd/265m per 6 oz/170 g skein]; Red; 1 skein (I used approximately 197 yards, although you may use more or less yarn depending on your gauge and personal knitting style.)
- 24-inch long US #6/4.25mm circular needle (or size to obtain the gauge you like)
- 32-inch to 36-inch long US #6/4.25mm circular needle (for working in the round with two circulars) *OR* a 60-inch long US#6/4.25mm circular needle (or size to obtain the gauge you like)
- size G crochet hook for bind-off
- Two US #6/4.25mm double-pointed needles (or size to obtain the gauge you like) for the hat version
- stitch marker

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GAUGE

4 inches in unstretched K1-p1 rib stitch = 14[18, 22, 26]
Red Heart Plush: 18 sts = 4 inches in K1-p1 rib stitch

PATTERN NOTES

The crochet bind-off adds a lacy touch to the ruffle and can be omitted if you'd prefer—just do a regular bind-off instead.

A row of eyelets and an I-cord for making the Anemone into a hat are optional.
Slip the marker each time you come to it; this marks the beginning of each round.

PATTERN

Tube

Loosely CO 64[80, 100, 112] sts.

Being careful not to twist the stitches, place a marker and join into a circle.

For hat option:

Work in k1, p1 rib until piece is 1.5 inches tall.

Next row:

On every **third** p1, replace the p1, k1 with a yo and k2tog to make an eyelet. You should have 8[10, 12, 14] eyelets at the end of the round.

Continue working in k1, p1 rib until piece is approximately 12 inches tall.

For gaiter option:

Work in K1, p1 rib until piece is approximately 8 inches tall.

Ruffle

Note: change to longer circular when sts are packed tightly onto 24-inch needle, or use a second circular for the two-circular method and work with half of the stitches on each needle.

Round 1: * K1, k into front and back of st. Repeat from * to end of round.

Round 2 *and all even rounds*: P to end of round.

Round 3: K into front and back of each st to end of round.

Round 5: * K1, k into front and back of st. Repeat from * to end of round.

Round 7: K into front and back of each st to end of round.

Round 9: K to end of round.

Round 11: * Sl 4 sts purlwise onto a crochet hook, yarn over and with the yarn behind the stitches, draw through the 4 sts on the hook, sc, chain 5. Repeat from * to end of round, joining in first sc with a slip st. (If you end up with either three or five stitches instead of four at the end, don't worry—just treat them like they're four stitches. I dare anybody to find it once your Anemone is finished.) Break yarn and weave in ends.

Optional I-Cord for Hat version

Using double-pointed needles, cast on 4 sts.

K4. Slide the stitches to the other end of the double-pointed needle. K4, giving a slight tug to the working yarn. Repeat until the cord is 15 inches long.

K2tog, k2tog, pass the right stitch back over the left stitch and break the yarn leaving a 6 inch tail. Bring the yarn tail through the remaining stitch on the needle and work in the tails on both ends of the I-cord.

Thread the I-cord through the eyelets. Pull on the I-cord to gather the top and tie the I-cord ends into a bow.

FINISHING

Weave in any remaining ends.

ABOUT THE DESIGNER

Kat is married to the most wonderful man in the world, and is currently fortunate enough to be able to stay at home with her two great kids. In her limited spare time, she enjoys creating quilting patterns for her company [Pieceful Stitches Designs](#) and knitting various things, and thanks her wonderful husband for making it all possible. Follow her creative ramblings at her blog: <http://creativepopoffs.blogspot.com>.