ANOBLECOWL

A Noble Cowl

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This cowl combines two of my favorite elements: openwork/lacy patterning and a cotton blend yarn. Rowan Wool Cotton is great for showing off stitch definition without being scratchy. The stitch pattern is comprised of a shield surrounded with openwork, providing an interesting lacy design with a feminine touch.

Finished size:
28cm/11" from cast-on to bind-off edges
Yarn:
Rowan Wool Cotton (50% Merino Wool/ 50% Cotton; 113m [123yd]/50g): 2 balls. Color shown: SH900.
Needle(s):
4mm(US6) 16" circular needle or dpns.
Notions:
Stitch marker (m), tapestry needle
Gauge:
22 sts/30 rows = 4"/10cm in St st.
Skill Level: Intermediate.
Note: I tend to make cowls large and droopy because I love pinning them. The stitch pattern is in groups of 15 sts, so feel free to cast on less if you want a smaller circumference cowl.

Pattern:
Cast on 120 stitches. Join in the round and place marker. Purl (p) 2 rounds.
Begin Shield Pattern.
1: * k2tog, k3, yo, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, K2tog, yo, k3, k2tog; rep from * around.
2 and all even rounds: k
3: * k2tog, k3, yo, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, k2tog, yo, k3, k2tog; rep from * around.
5: * k2tog, k2, yo, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, k2tog, yo, k2, k2tog; rep from * around.
7: * k2tog, k1, yo, k2tog, yo, k5, yo, k2tog, yo, k1, k2tog; rep from * around.
9: * k2tog, yo, k2tog, yo, k7, yo, k2tog, yo, k2tog; rep from * around.
11: * k1, yo, k2tog, yo, k3, k2tog, k4, yo, k2tog, yo, k1; rep from * around.
13: * k1, yo, k2tog, yo, k3, k2tog, ssk, k3, yo, k2tog, yo, k1; rep from * around.
15 and 17: Same as Round 13.
19: * k2, yo, k2tog, yo, k2, k2tog, ssk, k2, yo, k2tog, yo, k2; rep from * around.
21: * k3, yo, k2tog, yo, k1, k2tog, ssk, k1, yo, k2tog, yo, k3; rep from * around.
23: * k4, yo, k2tog, yo, k2tog, ssk, yo, k2tog, yo, k4; rep from * around.
25: * k2tog, k3, yo, k2tog, yo, k2tog, yo, k2tog, yo, k3, k2tog; rep from * around.
27: * ssk, k3, yo, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, k2tog, yo, k3, k2tog; rep from * around.
29 through 58: Repeat rounds 1 through 28.
59 through 70: Repeat rounds 1 through 14. The end result should be 2.5 passes of the Shield Pattern (1 that establishes, and 1.5 repetitions).

Purl (p) 2 rounds, then bind off loosely. Weave in ends and block flat.

Abbreviations:
k2tog - knit two stitches together; **yo** - yarn over; **ssk** - slip two stitches as if to knit, then insert left needle through the front loops and knit together.
For further help with knitting techniques refer to www.knittinghelp.com.