Nyan Cowl

Nyan Cowl is knit in pieces and seamed together.

I used size 9 US needles with worsted weight acrylic yarn.   The original Nyan Cowl has 31 inches of rainbow tail attached to a 6 ½ inch pop tart.

While gauge is not incredibly important, I would advise that you use the same needle size for the entire project to maintain scale within your piece.

Knitting Terms used in this pattern:

k	Knit	p	Purl
k2tog	Knit 2 stitches together (decrease right slanting)	ssk	Slip Stitch Knit, Slip the next two stitches as if to knit, then knit them together through the back loops (decrease left slanting)
kfb	Knit into the front and the back of the next stitch. (Increase adding 1 stitch)	sl	Slip the next stitch
p2tog	Purl 2 stitches together	psso	Pass the slipped stitch over
RS	Right Side of the work (knit side)	WS	Wrong Side of the work (purl side)

Cat Parts

Legs (make 4):
The legs are made of a six stitch i-cord.

Cast on 6 stitches to a circular needle or DPN.
*Knit Across
At the end of the row, instead of turning your work, slide all of your stitches to the opposite point of your needle so that the first stitch of the row prior is once again at the point of your needle. You will bring your working yarn across the back of your work to knit the first stitch again*

Repeat the above section from * to * for 3 to 4 rows. Gently tug at your cast on tail to help form up the end of your i-cord.

Continue repeating from * to * until your leg measures 3inches. Break off your yarn and thread it through your 6 stitches to bind them off.

Tail (make 1):
The tail is a 4 stitch i-cord.

Cast on 4 stitches to a circular needle or DPN.
Work from * to * as in the Legs section until your tail measures 7 inches. Break off your yarn and thread it through the 4 stitches to bind them off.

Head:
The head consists of 2 pieces, plus a right and left ear.

Front and Back Pieces (make 2):
Cast On 12 stitches
Row 1: k across
Row 2 and all WS rows: p across
Row 3: k1, kfb, k10, kfb, k1 (14 stitches)
Row 5: k1, kfb, k12, kfb, k1 (16 stitches)
Row 7: k1, kfb, k14, kfb, k1 (18 stitches)
Row 8 to 16: continue to work these rows in stockinette stitch, knitting the odd rows, and purling the even rows
Row 17: k1, k2tog, k12, ssk, k1 (16 stitches)
Row 19: k1, k2tog, k10, ssk, k1 (14 stitches)
Row 21: k1, k2tog, k8, ssk, k1 (12 stitches)
Bind off

You will want to add your face to one of your head pieces now, especially if you are planning to use safety eyes.

Left Slant Ear (make 1):
Cast On 8 stitches.
Row 1: k across
Row 2 and all WS rows: p across
Row 3: sl 1, ssk, k5
Row 5: sl 1, ssk, k4
Row 7: sl 1, ssk, k3
Row 9: sl 1, ssk, k2
Row 11: sl 1, ssk, k1
Row 13: sl 1, ssk
Row 14: p2tog

Right Slant Ear (make 1):
Cast On 8 stitches
Row 1: k across
Row 2 and all WS rows: p across
Row 3: k5, k2tog, sl 1
Row 5: k4, k2tog, sl 1
Row 7: k3, k2tog, sl 1
Row 9: k2, k2tog, sl 1
Row 11: k1, k2tog, sl 1
Row 13: k2tog, sl 1
Row 14: p2tog

Seam the front and back head pieces together with your ears sandwiched between them. If you'd like you can stuff his head.

<h1 style="text-align:center">The Enterlac Rainbow</h1>

This is knit long side to long side. Length of your rainbow can be adjusted by adding multiples of 8 stitches to your Cast on length.

Red Triangles Base:
Cast on 128 stitches. (16 sets of repeats)

*Row 1: (RS) k1, turn
Row 2: and all WS rows: purl all stitches in that section
Row 3: sl 1, k1, turn
Row 5: sl 1, k2, turn
Row 7: sl 1, k3, turn
Row 9: sl 1, k4, turn
Row 11: sl 1, k5, turn
Row 13: sl 1, k6, turn
Row 15: sl 1, k7. Do not turn*
Repeat between * to * until the end of the row.

Turn your work, The next section (Left Square Sections) will be worked in Orange.

Left Square Sections (Orange, Green and Purple):
You will make a triangle at each end and squares in the middle.

Left Triangle:
Row 1: (WS) k1, turn
Row 2: kfb, turn
Row 3: k1, p2tog, turn
Row 4: k1, m1, k1, turn
Row 5: k1, p1, p2tog, turn
Row 6 and all RS rows: knit to last st, m1, k1
Row 7: k1 p2, p2tog, turn
Row 9: k1, p3, p2tog, turn
Row 11: k1, p4, p2tog, turn
Row 13: k1, p5, p2tog, turn
Row 15: k1, p6, p2tog, do not turn, (8 sts in left triangle)

Middle Squares:
Row 1 (WS): Pick up and purl 8 stitches along the edge of the next triangle or square. Sl last stitch onto left needle and P2tog.
*Row 2: k8, turn
Row 3: sl 1, p6, p2tog, turn*
Repeat between the two rows between * to * 6 more times. Do not turn at the end of the last repeat.

Repeat all of the Middle Squares until you reach the point of the last triangle or square of the color below.

Right Triangle:
Row 1 (WS): Pick up and purl 8 stitches along the edge of that last triangle or square below. Turn
Row 2 and all RS rows: knit to end of the stitches in this section.
Row 3: sl 1, p5, k2tog, turn
Row 5: sl 1, p4, k2tog, turn
Row 7: sl 1, p3, k2tog, turn
Row 9: sl 1, p2, k2 tog, turn
Row 11: sl 1, p1, k2tog, turn
Row 13: sl 1, k2tog, turn
Row 15: k2tog ← this stitch is treated as the first picked up stitch in the first square of the next section.

Right Square Sections (Yellow and Blue):
If you have just worked Orange, you will work these in Yellow.
If you have just worked Green, you will work these in Blue.

Row 1 (RW): Pick up and knit 8 stitches along the edge of the next triangle or square. For this first square only, the k2tog stitch from the row below should be treated as your first picked up stitch. slip the last stitch you picked up onto the left needle and ssk, turn
*Row 2: p6, turn
Row 3: sl 1, k6, ssk, turn*
Repeat between the two rows between * to * 6 more times. Do not turn at the end of the last repeat.

Repeat the Right Square sections all the way across until you run out of squares/triangles to pick up from.

If you just worked Yellow, you will change to Green and work the Left Square sections.
If you just worked Blue, you will change to Purple and work the Left Square Sections.

Red Finishing Triangles:
This section is worked in Red after you have finished the Purple Right Square Sections

*Row 1 (RS): Pick up and knit 7 additional stitches along the edge of the next square or triangle. (You should have 8 stitches, one from the previous section and 7 new stitches) Slip the last stitch picked up to the left needle and ssk, turn.
Row 2 and all WS rows: purl to the end of the stitches in this section, turn.
Row 3: k2tog, k5, ssk, turn
Row 5: k2tog, k4, ssk, turn
Row 7: k2tog, k3, ssk, turn
Row 9: k2tog, k2, ssk, turn
Row 11: k2tog, k1, ssk, turn
Row 13: k2tog, ssk, turn
Row 15: sl 1, ssk, psso *

Repeat from * to * until just one stitch remains on your needle. Fasten off that remaining stitch and work in your ends.

The Pop Tart

<u>Toaster Pastry Shell (Make 2 pieces)</u>
Cast On 3 stitches
Row 1: k across
Row 2: purl
Repeat these two rows until your pop tart measures 6 ½ inches long.

Your finished pastry pieces should be slightly wider than your rainbow so that you can fold up the edges when you seam them together.

<u>Frosting with sprinkles (Make 1):</u>
Please feel free to free-form your own icing pattern using short rows, binding off and casting on as you feel to make whatever shape suits your fancy. If you aren't feeling super creative, I am including some instructions for a frosting shape below. You can certainly add your beads to any stitch you like while you knit or add them after. The only limitation here is the size of your pop tart pieces.

Cast On 4
Row 1: k across
Row 2: p4, cast on 3
Row 3: k1, kfb, k4
Row 4: P7, Cast on 9
Row 5: k6, turn (short row – stitches remain on the left hand needle)
Row 6: p6
Row 7: k1, kfb, k9, turn (short row)
*Row 8: p to end
Row 9: k across*
Repeat the two rows above between * and * 4 more times.
Row 18: p1, p2tog, p to the end
Row 19: k1, k2tog, k to end
*Row 20: p across
Row 21: k across*
Repeat the two rows above between * and * 2 more times
Row 26: p8, turn (short row)
Row 27: k to end
Row 28: p 11, turn (short row)
Row 29: k to end
Row 30: p to end
Row 31: k6, turn (short row)
Row 32: p to end
Row 33: k9, turn (short row)
Row 34: p to end
Row 35: k to end
Row 36: Bind Off 4, p2tog, p to end
Row 37: k1, k2tog, k4, ssk, k1
Row 38: p2tog, p4, p2tog
Bind Off remaining stitches

 Seam your frosting piece onto one of the pastry pieces. If you did not add beads while knitting, you will want to add them now.

Assembling and Finishing your Nyan Cowl

There are a couple ways to finish your Nyan Cowl.

The pop tart portion can be seamed entirely at the bottom and left open at the top to make a pocket in which to carry some things. (Line it and add a zipper or velcro closure!)

OR

You can leave the space between the legs of your cat open and thread the end tail of your rainbow through the poptart space like a keyhole style scarf.

In all cases, you will seam your two poptart pieces purl sides together on one short side to the enterlac rainbow and on the other short side to each other.

Your cat head should go on the middle/lower half of the right short side of your poptart, it will most likely overlap some of your frosting section. You will want to have multiple attachment points for the head.

The tail section gets attached at the left side where the pop tart meets the rainbow.

The legs get attached two at a time to the bottom edge corners of your pop tart. The long sides of your poptart will want to curl in, and this is where you will want to tuck your legs in.

A few notes about Copyright

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