



# Cistern

Designed for Urth Yarns by Catherine Bayar

A subtle brickwork motif encircles this cowl in the round. Punctuated by eyelet openings at random, Cistern suggests the erratic but entrancing layers of ancient city water systems.

Materials 2 skeins Spiral Grain Light Worsted, 50 g each shown in Weeping Willow

Dimensions 28"/71 cm circumference, 9"/23 cm height

Needles US 8/5.00 mm circular needles, suggested length 16"/40 cm to 24"/60 cm

Notions Tapestry needle, stitch markers as needed

Gauge 18 sts x 36 rounds in Hurdle Rib Stitch = 4"/10 cm  
Gauge is not crucial but will affect size and yarn usage.

Skill level Easy

Techniques Knitting in the round, 1x1 rib, double eyelets

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### Abbreviations

BO - Bind off

CO - Cast on

EOR - End of round

K - Knit

K2tog- Knit 2 stitches together

P - Purl

Rep - Repeat

Rnd(s) - Round(s)

RS - Right side

Sl - Slip

Ssk - Slip 1 stitch knitwise, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over the stitch just knit

St(s) - Stitch(es)

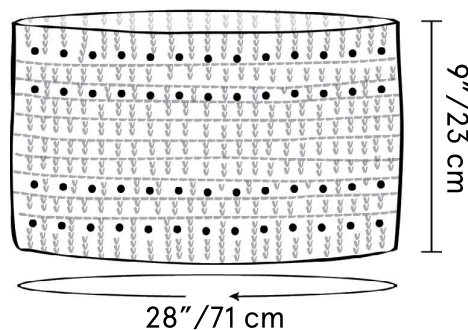
Wyib - With yarn in back

Yo - Yarnover

### Construction notes

Rounds of Hurdle Rib are worked in the round, alternating with rounds of Eyelet Rib in uneven repetition.

### Schematic



### Special Stitches & Techniques

**Hurdle Rib Stitch** (*worked in the round, RS facing, 2 sts x 4 rnds rep*)

**Rnd 1:** P all sts.

**Rnds 2 and 3:** \*P1, k1\*.

**Rnd 4:** K all sts.

**Eyelet Rib Stitch** (*worked in the round, RS facing, 5 sts x 6 rnds rep*)

**Rnds 1 and 2:** \*P1, k4\*.

**Rnd 3:** \*P1, k2tog, yo twice, ssk\*.

**Rnd 4:** \*P1, k2, p1, k1\*.

**Rnds 5 and 6:** \*P1, k4\*.

A stretchy cast on and bind off are recommended:

### **German Twisted Cast On**

A flexible cast on is helpful to maintain the stretchy edge as the cowl is worked from the bottom up.

Make a slipstitch loop with a tail long enough to accommodate 140 stitches (*wrap the yarn around a needle 10 times and use this length to determine the total length of the tail needed, plus an extra length to allow for tension changes, and enough to close any gaps at the start of the work*) and attach to the needle held in your right hand.

Wrap one yarn around your left thumb, with the back yarn over the front. Hold the working yarn tight around your left-hand index finger.

From the front, slip the needle under the front yarn on the left thumb and up over the back thumb yarn.

Now from the top, slip the needle between the thumb yarns and pull forward, then back, catching the yarn held by your finger from the right side.

Bring the needle forward and through the small triangle created by the yarns where the thumb yarns cross. Tighten the newly made stitch around the needle.

### **Norwegian / Icelandic Bind Off**

To maintain the stretch at the bind off edge: knit the first stitch on the left needle, then slip it back to that needle.

With yarn in back, slip the right needle purlwise through that first stitch on the left needle, pull the second stitch on the left needle through, knit that stitch and drop the slipped stitch off the needle.

Return the new stitch to the left needle and continue the sequence to the EOR.



### Pattern

CO 140 sts. The stitch count will remain constant, with 28 Eyelet Rib pattern reps. Join in the round, placing EOR marker and taking care not to twist the sts.

**Rnds 1 and 2:** \*P1, k1\*, rep bet \* to EOR.

**Rnds 3 and 4:** \*P1, k4\*, rep bet \* to EOR.

**Rnd 5:** \*P1, k2tog, yo twice, ssk\*, rep bet \* to EOR.

**Rnd 6:** \*P1, k2, p1, k1\*, rep bet \* to EOR.

**Rnds 7 and 8:** \*P1, k4\*, rep bet \* to EOR.

**Rnd 9:** P to EOR.

**Rnds 10 and 11:** \*P1, k1\*, rep bet \* to EOR.

**Rnd 12:** K to EOR.

**Rnds 13 – 20:** Rep **Rnds 9–12** twice.

**Rnd 21:** P to EOR.

**Rnds 22–27:** Rep Eyelet Rib Stitch **Rnds 3–8** once.

**Rnds 28–51:** Rep Hurdle Rib Stitch **Rnds 9–12** six times.

**Rnd 52:** P to EOR.

**Rnds 53–58:** Rep Eyelet Rib Stitch **Rnds 3–8** once.

**Rnds 59–62:** Rep Hurdle Rib Stitch **Rnds 9–12** once.

**Rnd 63:** P to EOR.

**Rnds 64–69:** Rep Eyelet Rib Stitch **Rnds 3–8** once.

**Rnds 70 and 71:** \*P1, k1\*, rep bet \* to EOR.

### Finishing

Bind off all sts using a stretchy BO. Work in loose ends with a tapestry needle.

### Chart

