

# leethal Bulk Trio

## Lemmy, Wizzö, & Mikkey

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## Whole trio

Lemmy, Wizzö, and Mikkey are three neck accessory patterns which all are ideal for bulky and/or super bulky weight yarns.

The three designs make use of bulky yarns in different ways - make big, textural cables in Lemmy, create a squishy twisted rib fabric in Wizzö, and use two contrasting colors to knit a cozy, reversible slip stitch pattern in Mikkey.



All items can be worn in different ways as well! Lemmy has i-cords on each end, which can be woven through the eyelet holes and tied around. Wizzö has so many different ways it can be worn that the pattern includes links to videos showing all the possibilities. Mikkey is reversible, with different looking color patterns on the two sides, and it can be pulled into different styles



depending on which side faces out.

All three patterns have flexible weight specifications (use any kind of bulky to super bulky weight, or finer weights like worsted or aran for different looks) and multiple sizing options to choose from. You can create extra bulky yarns by triple stranding finer yarn as you go, using the triple stranding tutorial included [at the end](#).

Find cabled Lemmy [on page 3](#), versatile Wizzö [on page 9](#), and 2-color Mikkey [on page 16](#). You can find more photos of each design, and versions made by other knitters in other kinds of yarn, [on ravelry](#).

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## Abbreviations

**st(s)** = stitch(es)

**k** = knit

**p** = purl

**RS** = right side

**WS** = wrong side

**MC** = main color yarn

**CC** = contrasting color yarn

**sl** = slip stitch purlwise

**wyif** = with yarn in front

**wyib** = with yarn in back

**tbl** = through back loop

**pm** = place marker

**slm** = slip marker

**rm** = remove marker

**yo** = yarn over (increases 1 with hole)

**m1** = make 1, by picking up the strand between needle points from front to back, and knitting into the back loop (increases 1)

**k2tog** = knit 2 together (decreases 1)

**ssk** = slip, slip, knit slipped stitches together (decreases 1)

**sk2p** = slip, knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over (decreases 2)

**k3tog** = knit 3 together (decreases 2)

**p2tog** = purl 2 together (decreases 1)

**p2togTBL** = purl 2 together through back loops, by bringing needle upwards through both stitches, second stitch first (decreases 1)



# L e m m y



Cables mix with eyelet holes in this asymmetrical piece complete with i-cords at each end, which can be woven through those holes in tons of configurations, wrapping the cozy, squishy knitwear around your neck and shoulders as you like.

Lemmy has the potential to be an instantly satisfying quick-knit wrap in mega super bulky yarn, or a longer-term-knit loop-able scarf in a finer gauge, making this pattern great for reuse over and over as your knitting moods change. It's a fun way to use a large quantity of yarn, by triple stranding it, or a fat skein of super bulky.

## You need

- ▶ bulky or super bulky weight yarn, or a finer weight to hold double or triple stranded - estimates listed below are very general approximations (for yardage estimates only, sizes small (medium, large) are given here, with small being a smaller cowl, medium being either a wider/big cowl or narrow scarf, large being a big/wide piece or long scarf)

- bulky: 150(300, 450) yards / 140(275, 410) meters
- super bulky: 130(250, 380) yards / 120(230, 350) meters
- extra super bulky (or triple stranded bulky): 100(140, 180) yards / 90(130, 170) meters
- see *samples* notes for exact yardages used in each of the sample pieces (next page for measurements)
- ▶ optional approx 20-40 yards/meters contrasting color yarn in same weight for contrasting i-cords
- ▶ circular needles sized to work with your yarn (see *samples* and *gauge* notes for details) - any length circular will work, 24-32 inch / 60-80 cm is recommended

(you can also use long straight needles plus a pair of double points if you prefer, instead of a circular)

- ▶ a cable needle

## The samples

**Green:** Brown Sheep *Burly Spun* super bulky weight (Kiwi) - 1 full skein, which is 132 yards / 121 meters; size US 13 (9mm) needles, for gauge of approx 2 sts per inch / 2.5 cm (after blocking).

**Orange:** Cascade Yarns *Eco+* aran weight, held triple stranded (shade 2749) - just less than 1 full skein, which is 478 yards / 437 meters; size US 19 (15mm) needles, for gauge of approx 3 sts per 2 inches / 5 cm (after blocking).

(This is approximately the same as 160 yards / 145 meters of super bulky weight yarn.)

**White:** Patons *Classic Wool Roving* bulky weight, held triple stranded (Aran color) - a bit less than 3 full skeins, which are 120 yards / 110 meters each; size US 36 (20mm) needles, for gauge of approx 5 sts per 4 inches / 10 cm (after blocking).

(This is approximately the same as 120 yards / 110 meters total of extra super bulky weight yarn.) Note: There was just enough yarn left over to make i-cords in the same yarn, so you should be able to make the same size with the same weight and non-contrasting i-cords with 3 skeins without running out of yardage.

I-cords contrasting yarn: Brown Sheep *Lamb's Pride Bulky*, held triple stranded (charcoal heather) - a bit less than 1 skein, which is 125 yards / 114 meters, for extra long i-cords; size US 36 (20mm) needles.

# W i z z ö



This simple L-shaped piece of ribbed knitting, bordered with eyelet holes lining all edges, can be wrapped, buttoned, laced, or tied in countless different styles!

To make a piece just like one of the three sample versions, you'll follow the pattern for that version, no math or customization needed. But if you want to use a different weight or make a different size, the pattern will explain everything you need to know.

A small size will work well in many different styles of cowls/scarfs; a wider strip will allow you to fold your piece into a hood! If you want a good hood, make the larger bulky version or the super extra bulky, or make a custom piece in a large size. The smaller size will be able to form a hood, but not a very deep one, as you can see in photos at the end.

When you finish, try it on to find your favorite styles, and add buttons, ties, or seams to suit your tastes - [check out the videos](#) to see some wearing options in action!

## You need

- ▶ yarn of your choice - either one of the specific weights to make one of the sample versions, or a weight of your choice to make a custom version
- **for smaller bulky version:** 200-270 yards / 180-250 meters bulky weight; sample used exactly 2 skeins of Fable Fibers *Memoir* bulky weight (Lagoon; 136 yards / 125 meters each)
- **for larger bulky version:** 350-400 yards / 320-365 meters bulky weight; sample used a bit less than 3 skeins of Fable Fibers *Memoir* bulky weight (Fairy Garden; 136 yards / 125 meters each)

- **for super extra bulky version:** approx 120 yards / 110 meters yarn sized to comfortably work on size US 35 or 36 (19 or 20 mm) needles (or size to get gauge), which may be a super bulky weight, or 2 or 3 strands of bulky yarn held together; sample used a bit less than 3 skeins of Patons *Classic Wool Roving* bulky weight, held triple stranded (Cherry; 120 yards / 110 meters each)

**for other weights** (knit as custom versions):

- 400-600 yards / 365-550 meters worsted weight
- 300-500 yards / 275-450 meters aran weight
- 125-250 yards / 115-230 meters super bulky

- ▶ needles sized to work with your yarn, 1 size larger than you'd normally use; a circular at least 32 inches / 80 cm, to hold the stitches comfortably

-- **for bulky versions:** size US 13 (9mm)

-- **for super extra bulky version:** size US 35 or 36 (19 or 20 mm)

- ▶ optional buttons or ribbon/laces/ties of some kind, to fasten the finished piece into the various styles

Note: Buttons won't work with the super extra bulky version because the eyelet holes are too large.

## Gauge

**For bulky versions:** 10 sts per 4 inches / 10 cm, in twisted rib stitch pattern (blocked flat); approx 9.5 sts per 4 inches / 10 cm in stockinette.

**For super extra bulky version** (or bulky weight held triple stranded), the gauge is less exact because it's knit loosely and the rib can stretch very differently depending on how it's washed and blocked. It should be somewhere around 5 sts per 4 inches / 10 cm in both the twisted rib pattern and in stockinette.

Gauge should be a bit loose in stockinette, as the twisted rib pattern tightens it up.

If using a custom gauge, follow *Get started* (page 12) instructions for swatching; use whatever needles work nicely with your yarn in the stitch pattern, probably about 1 size larger than you'd normally use. This is recommended so that your piece will have a nice drape, but your needle size /gauge is your choice and you can choose to make a denser piece if you like.

Any weight will technically work, but nothing lighter than worsted weight is recommended for this project.

# M i k k e y



This reversible cowl uses a 2-color slip-stitch pattern which makes for completely different looks on the two sides; and the fit of the cowl will differ depending on which side is out, and on how it's positioned, giving you multiple different looking cowls in one!

The construction makes a cozy double-layered cowl with no twists like a normal cowl wrapped double around your neck, and with lots of different ways to wear it, tight or loose.

There is a simple version, in which the same colors act as the main and contrasting colors throughout the whole thing (but you can add stripes or color blocks if you want to!); and then there's the more complex switching colors version, in which you make diagonal lines back and forth throughout, flipping which is acting as the main color and which is the contrasting color. Use any weight from worsted to super bulky, and pick out your cowl's height and length according to your gauge and your style preferences.

## You need

- ▶ 2 (or more) colors in any weight yarn from worsted to super bulky (or a finer weight to hold double or triple stranded); sizes vary significantly, as any height can be paired with any length, so yardage estimates are just given in ranges, not by size
  - worsted: 320-700 yards / 290-640 meters
  - aran: 275-600 yards / 250-550 meters
  - bulky: 250-500 yards / 230-460 meters total
  - super bulky: 230-400 yards / 210-370 meters total
  - for the simple color version, approx 60% in the main color, 40% in the contrasting color
  - for the switching colors version, approx the same yardage in main and contrasting, half and half
- ▶ needles sized to work with your yarn - a circular of any length
- ▶ crochet hook for provisional cast-on
- ▶ a yarn needle

- ▶ 1 stitch marker for the switching colors version

## The samples

### Grey and orange/pink simple color version:

Space Cadet *Elara* bulky weight (Dark Skies, How Dare You, Tickled) - 3 skeins grey, 1 full skein orange, and 1 partial skein pink (exactly 290 yards / 265 meters used in main color, 190 yards / 175 meters used in contrasting colors); size US 13 (9mm) needles.

Medium size height, short size length.

### Red and aqua switching colors version:

Stonehedge Fiber Mill *Shepherd's Wool Worsted*, held triple stranded (Red, Lakeshore) - 2 full skeins each color (250 yards / 230 meters per skein, so approx the same as 333 yards / 305 meters of super bulky weight yarn total); size US 15 (10mm) needles.

Small size height, long size length.

### Greens and yellows simple color version:

Madelinetosh *Tosh Merino* heavy worsted (Filigree, Terrarium) - approx 75 yards / 70 meters of the dark shade, 35 yards / 30 meters of the light shade, and Jill Draper Makes Stuff *Adirondack* aran weight (Antique Gold, Straw into Gold) - approx 90 yards / 80 meters each color; size US 10 (6mm) needles.

Small size height, medium size length.

## Gauge

Use a needle size that works well with your yarn, in the stitch pattern (you can follow the directions on the next page for making a swatch to test it out) - you may want to use a size or two larger than normal.

The red and aqua sample was knit at a normal/tight gauge, for a very dense, warm fabric. The grey and orange/pink sample was knit at a looser gauge, using needles a bit extra large; when blocking, it was not stretched, so that it would retain its squishiness and stay approx the same length it was on the needles. The greens and yellows sample was knit at a looser gauge as well, then stretched a bit when blocked.

If you want a cowl with a looser fabric, for more drape, use needles a couple sizes larger than the recommended size, and then when you wash and block your piece, stretch it out so that the stitch pattern opens up more.

# Technique for all patterns

## Triple stranding as you knit

You can turn your yarn into a triple weight strand as you knit, using the same general concept used in chain plying (or navajo plying) in spinning, looping the yarn through itself to make giant chains, essentially. It's super easy once you try it!

Use this technique to make these bulky weight patterns with lighter weight yarns - triple strand worsted weight to make a super bulky, triple strand bulky weight to make a super extra bulky.

If you'd like video help, Alex Tinsley offers a [video tutorial](#) for this technique on her Dull Roar blog.

Start by tying yarn end into a loop (A).

Bring yarn through the loop (B), then hold the loop and pull yarn through for a yard or so (C), so you have a length of triple stranded yarn, with the loop knot at the end (D).

Now grab single strand through the new loop at the end of the length of triple strand yarn (E).

Hold triple strand in one hand, and pull yarn through the loop with the other hand (F), to make a new length of triple stranded yarn.

Repeat this (pulling yarn through the loop at the bottom) every time you reach the new loop end as you knit.

I like to pull and pull through each loop for quite a length (many yards), leaving a pile of yarn next to the ball (G), so that I can keep knitting the triple stranded yarn for many yards before pulling it through the next loop.

