



SIMPLE STOCKINETTE WRAP: Rowan Alpaca Classic Version

*A graceful shawl you can throw over the back of a chair or around your shoulders with equal elegance.
It's the perfect project for newer knitters or accomplished knitters looking for some 'zen' knitting
between more complicated projects. It has the 'aaah' factor big time!*

- Finished Size:** Approx. 18 x 76"/46 x 193cm, excluding 6"/15cm fringe at each end, after blocking.
- Yarn:** 14 skeins Rowan Alpaca Classic (131 yds/120m each), held double throughout (7 skeins each in two colors, if desired).
- Needles
& Notions:** US 10 (6mm) needles, or size to obtain gauge.
US J/10 (6mm) crochet hook for attaching fringe.
Darning needle to finish.
- Gauge:** Approx. 16 sts = 4"/10cm in stockinette stitch, after blocking.
- Glossary:** **RS** = right side; **Sl** = slip specified number of stitches from left needle to right needle without working (slip purlwise unless directed otherwise); **St(s)** = stitch(es); **WS** = wrong side.
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- Cut fringe:** *It's important to cut fringe and set aside before you begin. It will take a surprising amount of yarn.*
Cut 288 pieces of yarn 14"/36cm long, as follows:
Cut two pieces of heavy cardboard that measure 7"/18cm square; hold together.
Note: A hard cover book that measures 14"/36cm around works well, too.
Working loosely (i.e., don't stretch yarn) wrap yarn 288 times (144 times per color, if using two colors) around cardboard; slip scissors between layers of cardboard and cut across wraps at one end.
Make 72 bundles (36 for each end of shawl) with four strands (two strands of each color, if using two colors). Set aside.
- Cast on:** Holding two strands together (one of each color if desired), cast on 74 sts using cable cast-on method.
Row 1 (RS): Knit.
Row 2 (WS): With yarn in front, Sl 2, purl to end.
Row 3 (RS): With yarn in back, Sl 2, knit to end.
Repeat Rows 2 and 3 until piece measures 76"/193cm from cast-on edge, or desired length, or you have just enough yarn left to bind off, ending with Row 2.

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Bind off: Bind off all stitches. Cut yarn; fasten off.

Attach fringe: Starting in second slipped stitch, attach fringe to both ends every other stitch as follows:
Take one bundle of fringe and fold in half. With RS facing, insert crochet hook into center of stitch from WS; pull fold through to WS and pull forward to RS; tuck ends through fold and pull up tightly. *Note: Catch cast-on and bind-off tails into fringe knot.*

Finishing: Soak for 20 minutes in tepid water with a little no-rinse wool soap. Gently squeeze out as much water as possible. Roll in a towel and gently squeeze out more moisture; or place in a zippered pillowcase or lingerie bag and run through spin-only cycle in washing machine.

Lay flat on blocking board or other moisture-safe surface. Weave blocking wires along side edges between second and third edge stitches (just inside slipped stitches) and along short ends just inside cast-on and bound-off edges. Pin wires out to desired dimensions. If using pins instead of wires, place pins close together to prevent scalloping along edges. Allow to dry thoroughly.

Gently steam press fabric using a press cloth.

Finger-comb fringe and gently steam press; trim to even up length. Repeat once or twice more or until fringe is even.