



Smart Bitches Last Minute Neck Warmer

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The holiday season is tough for me because I work in logistics, which means from October 1st to December 22nd, my life is a blur of chaos and two a.m. phone calls to make sure Wal-Mart gets their goddamned Dora the Explorer sheets on-time. If you get a Christmas present from me it's either purchased in September or it's an Amazon gift card.

And it doesn't matter if you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, Winter Solstice or none of the above. Inevitably you think you have all your holiday shopping done, and then some asshole gives you a gift you aren't expecting. Maybe it's a coworker or an acquaintance from yoga or your neighbor. Regardless, you're all like, "GODAMN IT NOW I HAVE TO RECIPROCATE AND I AM NOT PREPARED FOR THIS."

And you can feel them judging you.



Don't worry, bitches, I got your back. I give you the **Smart Bitches Last Minute Neck Warmer.**

It's **super easy**, knits up in two hours or less (mine took an hour, but I'm fast, *hurr, hurr*), it's soft and squishy, and it's hand-made so you then *you* get to be the judgey one.

Oh, you went to Yankee Candle Outlet? I KNITTED THIS WITH LOVE. Or panic. Whatever.

I almost called this pattern *I Want Sam Seaborn's Body Neck Warmer* because I preemptively knitted a ton of these while watching season one of [West Wing on Netflix](#). Basically you can bang out a ton of quick presents during one latte-fueled Netflix/Hulu binge.

Stuff you will need:

1 skein of Rowan Yarn Thick 'n Thin. I love this yarn. It's soft, it knits up beautifully, and there are excellent color choices. The best part? ONE SKEIN PEOPLE. THAT'S 54 YARDS!

If your local Little Yarn Store doesn't have this (or you can't wait for shipping) you could use any bulky weight yarn, but a thick and thin yarn will offer a really cool texture.

Size 11 needles

A tapestry needle for weaving in ends.

3 buttons (or 2 big ones or whatever floats your boat)

Thread and a needle for sewing on buttons

Gauge: Ain't nobody got time for that!

Instructions:

1. Turn on Netflix/ Hulu/ Amazon Prime. Ogle Rob Lowe. Why is he not aging? Does he drink the blood of virgins?



2. Cast on 65 stitches.
3. Work in K1, P1 ribbing until the yarn is almost gone.
4. Block the cowl if you have the time. If it's December 23rd at 11:55 p.m. and you're weeping bitter tears while liberally spiking your Peppermint Mocha with Schnapps, then don't even worry about it, honey.
5. Weave in ends.
6. "But Elyse, I have buttons and no button holes!?" WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR BUTTON HOLES! Lay your piece so the ends slightly overlap. As you sew the buttons on, sew all the way through so you're stitching the two ends together. You will pull the neck warmer on over your head to wear it. See?



6. Throw it in a gift bag and call it done.

As always happy knitting, and feel free to leave your comments and questions below. And send us pictures of your knitting too! It makes us happy! Or pictures of Rob Lowe. Actually, if you can get a picture of Rob Lowe *wearing* your neck warmer you get to be the Queen of the Hot Pink Palace of Bitchery for a day because seriously.

Wait, you want more knitting patterns? We are here to help!

You can knit the [Smart Bitches Outlandish Cowl](#) OR the [Smart Bitches outlandish Arm Warmers](#).