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Luna #720 (11-14 Skeins) & #721 (5-7 Skeins)

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Materials: Cascade Yarns Luna: Color A: 11, 12, 13, 14 skeins
Color B: 5, 6, 7, 7 skeins
Needles size: Circular size 7 - 29"; size 6 – dbl pt or 16" circular for neck
Crochet Hook size H
Coat Hook for closure

Gauge: Vest pattern st: 19sts = 4", 40 rows = 4 ½" on size 7
Ribbed pattern: 22sts = 4" unstretched. (Approx); 26 rows = 4" on size 7

Finished Measurements: 35", 38", 41", 44"

Abbreviations: wyib = with yarn in back
wyif = with yarn in front

Florentine Pattern Stitch (Mult 4 sts + 1)

Row 1 (Wrong side) With A, Purl.

Row 2: With B, K1 *sl 1 wyib, sl 1 wyif, sl 1 wyib, k1; rep from *.

Row 3: With B, p1, *sl 3 wyib, yo, p1; rep from *.

Row 4: With A, Knit, dropping all yo's off needle to make long loose Color B strands across front of work.

Row 5: With A, purl.

Row 6: With B, K1, *sl 1 wyib, insert needle from front under the loose color B strand and knit next st, bringing needle out under strand to catch strand behind st; sl 1 wyib, k1; rep from *.

Row 7: With B, k1, *sl 1 wyif, p1, sl 1 wyif, k1; rep from *.

Row 8: With A, knit.

Row 9: with A purl.

Row 10: With B, k1, *sl 1 wyif, k1; rep from *.

Row 11: With B purl.

Row 12: With A, k1, *sl 1 wyib, sl 1 wyif, sl 1 wyib, k1; rep from *.

Row 13: With A, p1, *sl 3 wyib, yo, p1; rep from *

Row 14: With B, knit dropping all yo's off needle to make long loose Color A strands across front of work.

Row 15: With B, purl.

Row 16: With A, k1, *sl 1 wyib, insert needle from front under the loose Color A strand and knit next st, bringing needle out under strand to catch strand behind st; sl 1 wyib, k1; rep from *.

Row 17: With A, k1, *sl 1 wyif, p1, sl 1 wyif, k1; rep from *.

Row 18: With B, knit.

Row 19: With B, purl.

Row 20: With A, k1, *sl 1 wyif, k1; rep from *.

Repeat rows 1-20 for pattern.

VEST

Vest Body

Vest is worked in one piece to armholes, then fronts and back are worked separately.

With size 7 needles and color A cast on 173, 185, 197, 209sts, placing markers for sides after 43rd, 46th, 49th, 52nd sts, work 87, 93, 99, 105 sts and place marker, work 43, 46, 49, 52 sts. Begin working Florentine Pattern until piece measures 8 ½" 9", 9 ½", 10" or desired length to armhole. Note which row you end on.

Divide for fronts and back: Keeping continuity of pattern, work across binding off 6 sts before and after the markers for armholes. Place back sts and other front sts on holders if desired. Working over last section only now, work to 4 ½", 5", 5 ½", 5 ½" from armhole and begin neck shaping.

Neck Shaping: At neck edge bind off 8 sts, then 4 sts every other row 2 times. 21sts. Work until armhole measures 9", 9 ½", 10", 10 ½" and bind off.

Attach yarn for back section and starting where you left off in pattern complete the back section working even until armhole measures same as front and bind off all sts. Work other front to correspond.

Sew shoulder seams. Weave in all ends. With color B and crochet hook work a row of reverse single crochet around neck, fronts and bottom. Work the same around the armholes. Sew hook at neck edge for closure. Steam slightly if necessary.

RIBBED SWEATER

The sweater is worked in the round to the armholes and divided for front and back.

With color B, cast on 164, 176, 184, 196 sts. Work 4 rows in K2, P2 ribbing. Change to color A and continue as established in ribbing for 12", 12", 12.5", 13" or desired length to armhole.

Armhole shaping, separating front and back:

Bind off 10, 12, 14, 14 sts, work 72, 76, 78, 84 sts for front, bind off 10, 12, 14, 14 sts, work last 72, 76, 78, 84 sts for back. Place front sts on holder. At armhole edges dec 1 st each side every other row 4, 6, 6, 6 times. Continue working even until armhole measures 8 ½", 8 ½", 9", 9 ½".

Shape shoulders: Bind off 5, 5, 5, 6 sts at the beg of the next two rows. Bind off 6 sts at the beg of the next two rows. On largest size only bind off another 7 sts at the beg of the next two rows. Bind off remaining sts.

Back: Attach yarn and work armhole shaping as before and work until armhole measures 4 ½" all sizes.

Shape Neck: Work across to center 10, 12, 10, 12 sts and bind off center 10, 12, 10, 12 sts. Attach another ball and work to end of row. Working both sides at once, bind off 2 sts at neck edge 2 times. Dec 1 st at neck edge every other row 6, 5, 7, 7 times. Work until length measure same as back work shoulder shaping as for back.

Sleeves: With color B cast on 54, 54, 58, 64 sts. Work 4 rows in K2P2 ribbing and change to color A. Continuing in ribbing, inc 1 st each side every 4th, 4th, 3rd, 2nd, row 8, 8, 12, 3 times. Then every 6th, 6th, 0, 4th row 3, 3, 0, 8 times, Continue until sleeve measures 7", 7", 7 ½", 8" or desired length to armhole.

Shape Cap: Bind off 6, 6, 7, 7 sts at the beg of the next two rows. Dec 1 st each side every other row 6 times (all sizes) then every row 12, 12, 14, 16 times. Bind off 3 sts at the beg of the next 4 rows. Bind off remaining.

Work 2nd sleeve.

Sew shoulder seams. Sew sleeve seams and sew sleeves to body.

Neck Trim

With color A and dbl pointed needles or small circular pick up and knit 84, 88, 96, 100 sts. evenly around neck edge. Work 4 rows and bind off in ribbing.

Weave in all ends. Steam slightly if necessary.