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Cascade Cash Vero and 220 Superwash Quatro Entrelac Child's Sweater



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A few months ago, I designed an entrelac hat for Cascade. (You can find the pattern under 128 Superwash.) The process required me to knit several to get it just right and then a couple more to have some for myself. At some point, it occurred to me that the hat turned upside down might work very well as the top of a yoke-style top-down sweater. Next project was playing with that concept. To keep it manageable, I started with small sweaters. Here is the child's version. Expect to see an adult-sized variation before too long.

Materials: 5(6, 7) 50 gram skeins of Cascade Cash Vero (pictured sweater is color #38), 1 100 gram skein of Cascade 220 Superwash Quatro (pictured sweater is color #1955. Size 6 and 7 16" circular, size 7 and 8 24" circular needles and size 7 and 8 double points, or sizes required to obtain gauge. Markers in 2 colors.

Gauge: 9 stitches/2" in Cascade Cash Vero on size 8s in stockinette stitch. Don't worry about gauge for the 220 Quatro. **BE SURE TO CHECK GAUGE!!**

Sizes: Directions are for a child's size 4 with changes for sizes 6 and 8 in parenthesis. Where only one number is given, it applies to all sizes. Note that the yoke is almost exactly the same for each size; the changes in measurements come in what happens after the yoke is complete. The chest measurement is about 26(28, 30) inches and the length is about 15(16-1/2, 18)

DIRECTIONS:

With Cascade 128 and size 7 needles, CO 80 sts. Place marker and join in the round being careful not to twist sts. Work in K2, P2 ribbing for 7(8,9) rows. Change to size 6s (yes, a smaller needle) and Purl 2 (2,3) rows. Cut yarn leaving enough to weave in the end. Begin working the Entrelac.

Note: You are still working in the round but each little piece of the Entrelac, whether a triangle or a rectangle is worked back and forth. The great feature of Entrelac in the round is that there are no pesky little side triangles. As many times as I've done Entrelac, I always need to check the directions for those side triangles and that's where I make mistakes and have to rip and start cursing.

First tier, base triangles: Attach 220 Quatro yarn. Work each of 16 triangles as follows: K2, *turn, P2, turn, K3, turn, P3, turn, K4, turn, P4, turn, K5, turn, P5**, turn, K7, repeat from * but on last triangle stop at **. The needle tips will be at the tops of 2 adjacent triangles. Cut yarn leaving enough to weave in the end.

Second tier, right leaning rectangles: **Note:** Rectangles in this tier start with 5 sts but grow to 6. Change to Cash Vero. Turn work so **wrong** side is facing. Using the needle tip in your right hand, pick up and PURL 5 sts down the left edge of the last triangle completed. Turn, K the 5 sts just picked up, turn, P4, P2tog (1 of the new sts of the Cash Vero and 1 st of the Quatro from the next adjacent triangle), turn K3, M1, K2, turn (rectangle now has 6 sts), Purl 5, P2tog, continue to K and P the 6 sts doing P2tog

at end of each purl row until the sts of the adjoining triangle are used up. Now work the other 15 rectangles the same way, picking up the 5 sts down the side of the triangle just joined from the wrong side and merging with the next adjacent triangle and increasing the 5 sts to 6 on the 2nd knit row. Cut yarn.

Third tier, left leaning rectangles: Change to Size 7 needles. With **right** side facing and Quatro, pick up and KNIT 6 sts. Now work this 6-st rectangle much like the previous tier except the knit rows will be K5, SSK for the first couple rows and then you will M1 in the middle of the 2nd knit row and finish the rectangle with 7 sts, K6, SSK. Continue with 15 more left leaning rectangles, 6 inc'd to 7 sts in each around yoke. Cut yarn.

Fourth tier, right leaning triangles: Go back to the Cash Vero. This tier is worked almost exactly like the second tier except that the sts are being picked up and purled from the previous tier of rectangles instead of the base triangles. Also you will now begin with 7 but increase to 8 in the 2nd knit row. Cut yarn.

Fifth Tier, left leaning rectangles: Worked just like third tier, except begin by picking up 8 stitches and increase to 9 on 2nd knit row and then to 10 6 rows later.

Sixth tier, top triangles: For size 8 only, change to size 8 needles. With Cash Vero and wrong side facing, pick up and P 10 sts, turn, K10, turn P2tog, P to last st, P2 tog (last st of Cash Vero with next st on adjoining Quatro Rectangle, Turn, K9, turn, P2tog, P to last st and P2tog (last st plus next st from adjoining rectangle), continue in this manner decreasing at start of triangle and joining end of triangle until you have a triangle lying between 2 rectangles with a reasonably horizontal edge and 1 st still on needle. Starting with st on needle pick up 9 more sts and proceed as above, making 15 more top tier triangles.

Entrelac yoke is now complete, you will finish top of sweater in Cash Vero on size 8s for all sizes. Beginning in center back, above tail from cast on edge, pick up and knit 10 sts in top edge of each triangle (160 sts). Purl 1 row placing markers as follows: P25, PM, P1, PM, P28, PM, P1, PM, P50, PM, P1, PM, P28, PM, P1, PM, P25, PM. P 1(1,2) rows. Now you will work a very small raglan area. *K to next marker (not counting marker that indicates beginning and end of rounds), M1, slip marker, K1, slip marker, M1, repeat from * 3 more times (8 sts increased 2 in each of 4 places) K1 Row. Repeat last 2 rows 1(3,4) more times.

Establish body and sleeves: K to first marker, RM and K1, place the sleeve sts on spare needle or scrap yarn. **DO NOT** use a straight holder, the sleeve sts need to wrap around to allow joining of back and front. Cast on 5(6,7) sts at underarm, continue knitting front sts. and 1 more raglan st. Place 2nd sleeve sts on another spare needle/scrap yarn and cast on another 5(6,7) sts for second underarm, knit final raglan st and other half of back sts onto working needle. There will be 120(136,160) sts on working needle for body of sweater.

Continue in stockinette until sweater measures 12-1/2(14,16) inches from cast on edge. Begin pattern stitch: P 2 rows, attach Quattro yarn and K 3 rows carrying Cash Vero up along join; then K1 row, P2 rows with Cash Vero, K3 rows with Quattro, K1, P2 with Cash Vero and complete body of sweater with K2, P2 ribbing for 1-1/2(1-1/2,2) inches. Bind off loosely.

Sleeves: Using larger DPNS (or circular needle if you are a magic looper) starting at middle of cast on underarm sts, pick up and K 3(4,5) sts and then the sts from one of the sleeve holders, pick up and K another 3(4,5) sts to complete underarm. Knit every row until sleeve measures 6-1/2(7-1/2, 9) inches from purl ridge at base of yoke. Work the ridge pattern with the 2 yarns just as on body of sweater. On last row before ribbing reduce sts evenly spaced around sleeve so there are 36, (36,40) sts and work ribbing to match ribbing at bottom of sweater. **Note:** the sleeve lengths provided are suggestions, tailor the sleeves to the length of your child's arms. You may even be able to get some extra months of wear out of this sweater by adding to the cuffs over time since children at this time of life seem to grow arms and legs without much change in their bodies.

Finishing: Sew up small holes at underarms as you weave in the end that is right there. Weave in all ends and because of all the color changes, there are a lot of them, but because of all those picked up stitch rows, they are very easy to hide. Also you may need to use some of them at the beginnings of tiers to tighten up gaps.