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Cascade Heritage Silk

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A lightweight wool and silk shell with a panel of a simple pattern centered in the front (back and sleeves are stockinette) makes a wonderful four seasons sweater…a spring into summer sweater to wear now, but also perfect for layering under a jacket in the fall and winter.

Skill level: Easy. The pattern stitch is repetitive and the shaping is very simple. Only the fine gauge keeps this from being an Advanced Beginner pattern.

Yarn: Heritage Silk by Cascade Yarns – 100g (400m/437 yd) – 85% Merino Superwash Wool/15% Silk – 3 (3, 3, 4)skeins

Needles: Straight needles size 2 and 3 or size to give gauge below; 16 in circular needle, size 2

Gauge: 29 sts and 42 rows = 4" over st st using larger needles

Extras: Stitch holder or waste yarn; yarn needle

Sizes: Small (Medium, Large, XLarge)

Finished bust: 36 (40, 44, 48) ins

Finished length: 23 (23, 24, 25) ins

Sts used:

1 x 1 left cross – skip one st and knit second st on left needle tbl (the right needle will pass behind the skipped st) and then knit the skipped st as usual. Drop both sts from left needle together.

1 x 1 right cross – skip one st and knit second st on left needle as usual (The right needle will pass in front of the skipped st) and then knit skipped st. Drop both sts from the left needle together.

Note: After placing center front sts on hold for neckline, keep 2 sts at neck edge in st st. This makes picking up ribbing around the neck much neater.

Back:

Using smaller needles, cast on 131 (145, 161, 175) sts. Work K1, P1 ribbing for 1 in. Change to larger needles and knit even in st st until back measures 16 (15 ½, 16, 16 ½) ins from cast on edge. End with a wrong side row.

Shape armhole:

BO 8 (9, 13, 15) sts at beg of next 2 rows. 115 (127, 135, 145) sts rem. Begin armhole dec.

Next row (dec): K2, K2tog, K to last 4 sts, SSK, K2.

Rep dec row every 6th row 4 (4, 4, 5) times then every 4th row until 7 (9, 9, 11) sts are decreased on each side. Work even on 101 (109, 117, 123) sts until back measures 7 (7 ½, 8, 8 ½) ins from armhole bind off. End with a WS row. Bind off all sts knitwise.

Front:

Using smaller needles, cast on 131 (145, 161, 175) sts. Work K1, P1 ribbing as for back ending with a WS row.

Set up pattern for front as follows: Knit 38 (39, 47, 48), place marker, knit row 1 of pattern over 55 (67, 67, 79) center sts, place marker, knit to end. Work same as back keeping center sts in pattern until front measures 3 (3½, 4, 4) ins above armhole BO or until all armhole dec are completed. End with a RS row.

Next row (WS): Purl first 32 (30, 34, 31) sts. Place center 37 (49, 49, 61) sts on hold. Join 2nd ball of yarn and purl to end of row. Working both sides at once, dec as follows:

Row 1: (RS) Knit to 12 sts before neck edge, SSK, K1, continue in patt st to neck edge. Then at other neck edge (with 2nd ball of yarn), K9 in patt, K1, K2tog, knit to end.

Row 2: Purl.

Rep these two rows until 5 (4, 5, 4) sts are decreased at each side of neck. 27 (26, 29, 27) sts rem each shoulder. Work even if necessary continuing patt on each neck edge until armhole measures same as back. Bind off shoulder sts.

Sleeve (make 2 alike):

Using smaller needles, cast on 101 (115, 131, 145) sts. Work 6 rows K1, P1 rib. Still on smaller needles, change to st st and purl across inc 5 (5, 5, 1) sts evenly spaced across next row. Change to larger needles and knit 1in even in st st.

Shape sleeve cap:

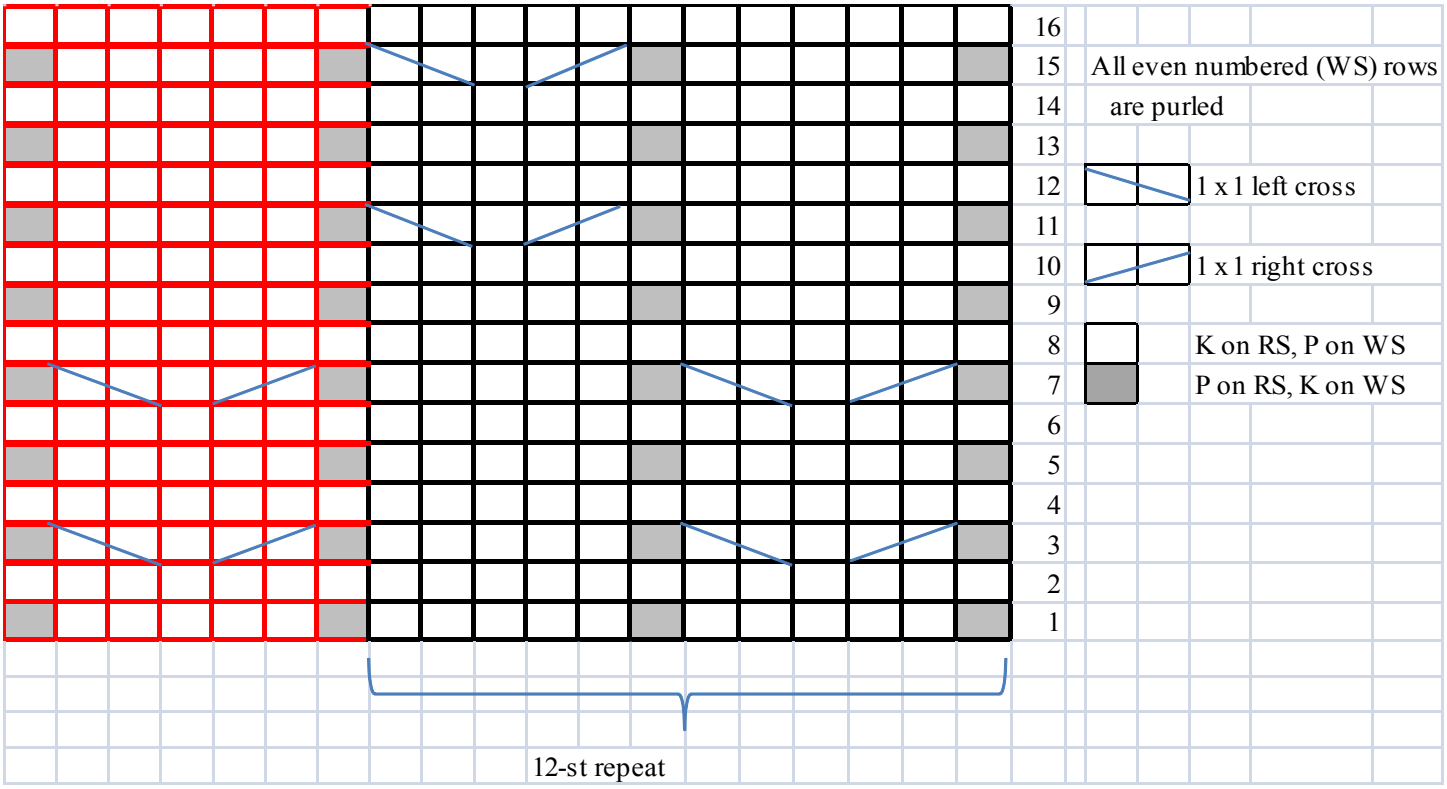
BO 8 (9, 13, 15) sts at beg of next 2 rows. Knit 6 (4, 4, 4) rows even. Dec as follows:

Row 1: K2, K2tog, K to last 4 sts, SSK, K2.

Row 2: Purl

Rep these 2 rows until a total of 15 (16, 17, 20) sts decreased each side of sleeve. Bind off rem 60 (70, 76, 76) sts.

Finishing:

Sew shoulder seams. With RS facing and circular needle, begin at left shoulder to pick up and knit 32 (32, 32, 34) sts down left front neck edge, place center sts on spare needle and work K1, P1 rib beginning and ending with a knit st, pick up and knit 32 (32, 32, 34) sts up right front neck edge and 43 (53, 55, 63) sts across back (144, 166, 168, 192 sts). Place marker and join. Knit 5 rows in K1, P1 ribbing. Bind off in ribbing.

Sew in sleeves. Join underarm seams. Weave in all ends and block as desired.