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Cascade 220 Sport
Cluster Stitch Cravat



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This elegant little cravat could not be simpler to knit. The beauty comes from the unique placement of seven perfect little buttons. Originally the cravat was knit in a single color with a slightly semi-solid yarn. I think my light-bulb moment to make it 2-color with Cascade's great new 220 Sport Weight was rather inspired.

Materials: 1 skein each of Cascade 220 Sport, pictured cravat is colors #4002 and 8401. Size 6 US needles OR SIZE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN GAUGE. 7 1/2 to 3/4 inch buttons.

Gauge: 9 stitches per 2 inches in pattern stitch, but gauge isn't critical. A slightly wider or narrower cravat is fine.

Finished Size: About 35 by 7 inches after blocking.

Special Abbreviation: **CL3** – K3, insert tip of left needle into the 1st of the 3 stitches just knit, i.e. the 3rd st from the end of the right needle, pass this stitch over the other 2 stitches as if to bind off. **Note:** this is a single decrease to match the adjoining YO.

Cluster Stitch Lace Pattern (Multiple of 3 sts):

Row 1 (Right side) – K2, *YO, **CL3**, repeat from * to last st, K1

Row 2 – Purl

Row 3 – K1, ***CL3**, YO repeat from * to last 2 sts, K2

Row 4 – Purl

For 2 color version simply knit rows 1 and 2 in Color A and 3 and 4 in Color B throughout. No need to carry yarn, just work back and forth with each color, leaving other color waiting at right side edge.

Helpful Hints: To be sure you are maintaining pattern, be careful that the YO from the previous right side row is in the middle of the 3 knit stitches of the **CL3**. Also, be careful at the beginning and end of right side rows to get the first or last YO right; these are the 2 spots where you are most likely to make a mistake.

Directions:

Cast on 36 stitches.

With Color B, K 3 rows, P 1 row for a narrow border.

Work in Cluster Stitch Lace Pattern until cravat measures a scant 34 inches when slightly stretched. The cravat will fit better if you pull a little tight on the first couple of stitches of right side rows so the right edge is a little shorter than the left and allows for a little curvature of the cravat. End w/row 2. With Color B K3 rows. Bind off knitwise from WS.

Finishing: Weave in ends and block. Measure up 8-1/2" from bottom (cast on) edge and sew on 4 pretty little 1/2" buttons evenly spaced straight across garment. Sew the remaining 3 buttons down the right side edge, spacing them to match the spacing of the first 4 buttons. Cross the other end of the garment over the button end at right angles (see picture if this is confusing) and button using holes of pattern as buttonholes. Cravat should slip over the head when buttoned, but if not, button it up each time you put it on.