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Cascade 220 Sport
Azure Woods Cardigan



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This classic cardigan is knitted in the round with steeks at the front, armhole, and neck openings. Armhole and neck shapings are worked in mirror images on either side of the armhole and neck steeks. Sleeves are picked up around the armholes and worked from the top down to the wrist. Sleeve decreases are also worked in mirror images on either side of a central neutral stitch. Corrugated ribbing is used on both the bottom and sleeve edges.

Materials

Yarn: **Cascade 220 Sport**, 100% Peruvian Highland Wool, 164 yards.

Color A (9543) – 2 [2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3] skeins

Color B (9456) – 3 [3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5] skeins

Color C (8905) – 2 [2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3] skeins

Color D (2453) – 2 [2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4] skeins

Color E (8622) – 2 [2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3] skeins

Color F (9454) – 2 [2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3] skeins

Color G (7809) – 1 [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1] skeins

Needles:

US 1 (mm) 24" circular,

US 3 (mm) 24" circular

US 1 (mm) double pointed needles

US 3 (mm) double pointed needles

OR preferred needles for working small circumferences or to obtain gauge

Stitch markers, Safety pin, Tapestry needle, Small Scissors, Buttons (9)

Gauge: 4"(10 cm) = 31 sts and 32 rows.

Level: intermediate to advanced

Sizes (finished garment): **A:**33.16" (84.15cm) [**B:**35.23" (89.48cm), **C:**37.29" (87.1cm), **D:**39.35" (99.95cm), **E:**41.42" (105.21cm), **F:**43.48" (110.45cm), **G:**45.55" (115.7cm), **H:**47.61" (120.93cm), **I:**49.68" (126.19cm), **J:**51.74" (131.42cm)]

About selecting a pattern size:

Sizes listed are **finished garment chest measurements**. For a close fit, choose a size 1-2" larger than your actual chest measurement. For a standard fit, choose a size

that is 2-4" larger than your chest measurement. For a loose fit, choose a size 4-6" larger; and for an oversized fit, choose a size 6" or more larger.

Information is given for the first size with larger sizes provided in square brackets []. Where only one figure is given, the instruction applies to all sizes. You may find it helpful to circle all figures relating to your size with a colored pencil.

Before starting to knit, read the pattern carefully and make sure to check your gauge. You will thank yourself later.

Abbreviations:

beg - beginning

CO - cast on

dec - decrease

dpn - double-pointed needles

fol - following

k - knit

k2tog - knit 2 stitches together (decreasing to the right)

p - purl

PM - place marker

rem - remaining

rnd - round

SM - slip marker

ssk - slip one st as if to k, slip one st as if to p, slip the tip of the left needle into the fronts of these sts and k them together (decreasing to the left)

st - stitch

Stst - stockinette stitch

x - times

About knitting from charts:

Charts are designed to be knitted from right to left, bottom to top. This means starting at the bottom right corner of the chart and working to the left and up. An easy way to knit from a chart is to get a page-sized metal tablet with long flat magnets. Place a magnet above the round you are working on and move it up revealing the next round as you go. This method enables you to see the relationship between the round you are working on and the completed rounds below.

Charts used for this pattern are designed with one symbol so the layout of the motif is easy to read. Colors to be used on each round or row are indicated in columns to the right of pattern chart. One column for the filled squares and one for the blank squares of the chart. Be sure to check these columns when beginning each round or row.

About sweater construction:

This sweater is worked in the round with the use of steek stitches as placeholders for the front, armhole and neck openings. These placeholder stitches are cut open before the sleeves and ribbing for the neck and front are worked.

As in all sweaters of this type, the alignment of motifs can be lost as armhole and neck shaping begins. Be sure to look at your knitting and line up the motifs when beginning a shortened round due to decreases or stitches placed on holders.

About securing steeks before cutting:

Steek stitches can be secured by machine or hand sewing a line of stitches in the middle of both the 5th and 6th stitches of the steek.

Another method is to use a crochet hook and scrap yarn and make a chain stitch through the 3rd and 7th stitches of the steek.

If you are working with 100% wool (not washable), securing the stitches may not be necessary as wool will felt with use and therefore not unravel.

About cutting the steek:

Using sharp scissors, cut the steek between the 5th and 6th stitches. Fold the flaps to the inside. With a tapestry needle, anchor the flaps with a criss-crossed stitch.

About decreases and increases:

Decreases are worked using two methods: Knit 2 Together (k2tog) and SSK in this **slightly altered manner.... Slip one as if to knit. Slip one as if to purl. Slip left needle into front of 2 slipped stitches and knit.** This altered method produces a slightly neater decrease.

All increases are M1...twisting the thread between two stitches to make a new stitch.

Body

With smaller circular needles and color A, CO 240 [256, 268, 284, 300, 312, 328, 340, 356, 372] sts. Place marker (PM) and join, being careful not to twist work.

Next round: Join 2nd color according to the Bottom Rib Table. Working alternating colors, k4, p1. PM. Knit to 5 stitches from end of round, following Bottom Rib Table, PM. p1, k4. Remove center marker.

Steek stitches: The stitches between the two remaining markers are the front steek stitches (10sts). They are the placeholder for the front opening of the cardigan. All steek sts are worked in this (p1, k8, p1) pattern with alternating colors when appropriate.

The round begins in the middle of these stitches. The steek panel is an ideal place to start new colors. Steek stitches are excluded in total stitch counts.

Complete Rib Table. (22 rounds)

Knit 1 round with color A, increasing as follows for selected size:

Size A: k4, (m1, k9) 7 times, (m1, k8) 12 times, (m1, k9) 7 times, m1, k4. **257 sts.**
Size B: k4, (m1, k9) 12 times, (m1, k10) 3 times, (m1, k9) 11 times, m1, k5. **273 sts.**
Size C: k4, (m1, k9) 5 times, (m1, k8) 20 times, (m1, k9) 5 times, m1, k4. **289 sts.**
Size D: k4, (m1, k9) 13 times, (m1, k8) 4 times, (m1, k9) 13 times, m1, k4. **305 sts.**
Size E: k4, (m1, k9) 10 times, (m1, k10) 11 times, (m1, k9) 9 times, m1, k5. **321 sts.**
Size F: k4, (m1, k9) 11 times, (m1, k8) 12 times, (m1, k9) 11 times, m1, k4. **337 sts.**
Size G: k4, (m1, k9) 16 times, (m1, k10) 3 times, (m1, k9) 15 times, m1, k5. **353 sts.**
Size H: k4, (m1, k9) 9 times, (m1, k8) 20 times, (m1, k9) 9 times, m1, k4. **369 sts.**
Size I: k4, (m1, k9) 17 times, (m1, k8) 4 times, (m1, k9) 17 times, m1, k4. **385 sts.**
Size J: k4, (m1, k9) 14 times, (m1, k10) 4 times, (m1, k9) 13 times, m1, k5. **401 sts.**

Change to larger sized needles and work first round of Chart A. Complete Chart A and remaining charts as indicated in the Body column of the Chart Repeat Table for selected size. **Note:** Chart Repeat Table is read from bottom to top.

AT THE SAME TIME: Work 64 [68, 72, 76, 80, 84, 88, 92, 96, 100] pattern sts. PM. This marker indicates the right side. Work 129 [137, 145, 153, 161, 169, 177, 185, 193, 201] sts across back. PM. This marker indicates the left side. Work 64 [68, 72, 76, 80, 84, 88, 92, 96, 100] pattern sts and complete round. You may find it helpful to also place markers between the individual motif repeats.

Work until chart indicated for underarm shaping.

Underarm Shaping

Next round (first round of chart): Work to within 6 [7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16] sts of right side marker. Place the next 12 [14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 32] sts on a holder. Cast on 10 steek stitches as a place holder for the right sleeve. Work across back to within 6 [7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16] sts of left side marker. Place the next 12 [14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 32] sts on a holder. Cast on 10 steek stitches as a place holder for the left sleeve. Complete round. **233 [245, 257, 269, 281, 293, 305, 317, 329, 337] sts.**

Note: You might find it easier to use a piece of yarn to hold sts instead of a rigid holder.

Continue in set pattern, taking into consideration of sts on holders. Work steek sts as previously stated (P1, K8, P1).

AT SAME TIME: Decrease 1 st on both sides of both armhole steeks 2 [3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7] times every round and then 3 [4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7, 8] times on every other round as follows: work to within the last 2 sts before the side steek, SSK. Pass marker. Work steek. Pass marker. K2tog.

Complete the last chart before indication for neck shaping.

Front and Back Neck shaping

Next round (first round of motif): Cast off central steek stitches. Break yarn. Place the next 9 [10, 10, 12, 12, 14, 11, 14, 14, 15] sts on a holder. With appropriate yarn, cast on 5 neck steek stitches. PM. Decrease 1 stitch (K2tog) at this neck edge. Continue as set and work until there are 11 [12, 12, 14, 14, 16, 13, 16, 16, 17] sts (excluding steek sts) left on needle. Decrease 1 stitch (SSK). Break yarn and place the next 9 [10, 10, 12, 12, 14, 11, 14, 14, 15] sts on a holder. Cast on 5 neck steek stitches to complete the round.

Continue in this manner, decreasing at the front neck edges every round 7 more times (8 total). Then every other round 8 [8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 11, 10, 10, 10] times.

There should be **28 [28, 30, 30, 32, 32, 34, 34, 36, 36] sts** for each front shoulder. Continue as established without shaping.

AT THE SAME TIME, on the 2nd [2nd, 2nd, 6th, 6th, 6th, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd] round of the motif indicated for back neck shaping, work as established completing right side steek. Slip marker and work 29 [29, 31, 31, 33, 33, 35, 35, 37, 37] stitches across the back. Place the next 49 [51, 51, 55, 55, 59, 59, 63, 63, 65] stitches on a holder. PM. Cast on 10 steek stitches. PM. Complete round.

Next round: Work in established pattern, decreasing one stitch at either side of the back neck steek. There should be **28 [28, 30, 30, 32, 32, 34, 34, 36, 36] sts** for each back shoulder.

Next round: Work as established, casting off all remaining steeks. Do not work final round of chart.

Weave shoulder seams together or join in preferred method using background color of final round of last chart. Cut neck and armhole steeks between 5th and 6th stitches and secure in preferred method. (You may also cut steeks open, but not secure them until you have worked sleeves and neck and front bands.)

Sleeves

With right side facing, start in center of the underarm stitches on holder, slip 6 [7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16] sts onto right needle. Then using Color B and smaller circular needles, pick up and knit 1 st between stitches on holder and end of steek. (You may

need to twist the thread between underarm and steek.) Then pick up and knit 64 [64, 64, 74, 74, 74, 74, 78, 78, 78] sts around sleeve opening to shoulder. PM. Pick up and knit 1 st at top of shoulder. PM. (**Note:** The stitch between the markers is the center shoulder stitch. Pattern sts should be mirror images on either side of this central stitch.)

Then 64 [64, 64, 74, 74, 74, 74, 78, 78, 78] sts around other half of sleeve opening. Continue by picking up and knitting 1 st between stitches at the end of steek and the remaining stitches on the holder. Break yarn and slip the remaining 6 [7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16] sts from holder. PM. **143 [145, 147, 169, 171, 173, 175, 185, 187, 191] sts.**

Change to larger needles.

Next round (1st rnd of Chart A): You should be in the middle of the slipped stitches which were originally on the holder. M1. PM. Work 5 [6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15] sts. Knit next 2 stitches together (1 st from the original sts on the holder and the next picked up st). Work until 7 [8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17] sts remain on needle. Knit next 2 stitches together (the last picked up st and 1 st from those originally on the holder). Complete round. PM. **142 [144, 146, 168, 170, 172, 174, 184, 186, 190] sts.**

(**Note:** The stitch between the markers is the center underarm stitch and is always knitted in the background color of chart.)

Complete Chart A and continue with charts indicated on the Sleeves column on the Chart Repeat Table reading the order from top to bottom. Also, be sure to read the following notes before you continue with chart A.

Centering motifs: It is very important to center the motifs at the top of the sleeve. By starting on 2nd rnd of Chart A-2nd st [1st st, 8th st, 5th st, 4th st, 3rd st, 2nd st, 5th st, 4th st, 2nd st], you should have a centered motif at the top shoulder st.

Maintaining motif relationship: It is also very important to maintain the relationship between the motifs as you work down the sleeve. Look at your knitting and the stacked charts. Note how the motifs relate to each other, especially how the center of the motifs of Charts B, C, and D relate to Chart A as well as to each other. Start each round accordingly.

AT THE SAME TIME, decrease 1 st on either side of the center underarm stitch every 4th [4th, 5th, 4th, 4th, 4th, 4th, 4th, 4th, 4th] rnd until 66 [68, 138, 110, 118, 114, 110, 98, 94, 98] sts remain. Then decrease as established every 0 [0, 4th, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd] rnd until 66 [68, 72, 76, 76, 80, 84, 88, 92, 96] sts remain. (Note: sizes A and B require only one set of decreases.)

Complete last chart indicated on Chart Repeat Table/Sleeves without decreases.

Change to smaller needles and color A. Knit 1 rnd, decreasing 10 [8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 12, 12, 12] sts evenly around wrist.

Work 22 rnds of rib chart, changing colors as indicated.

Bind off all stitches.

Neck and Front Bands

Neck Band

With smaller needles and color B and right side facing, pick up 1 st in the outside purl st from the left side of the front steek. Then knit the 9 [10, 10, 12, 12, 14, 11, 14, 14, 15] sts from right front holder. Pick up and knit 35 sts along the right neck and shoulder, then 49 [51, 51, 55, 55, 59, 59, 63, 63, 65] sts from the back neck holder, 35 sts along the left shoulder and neck, the 9 [10, 10, 12, 12, 14, 11, 14, 14, 15] sts from left front holder and finally, pick and knit 1 st in the outside purl stitch on the right side of the front steek. **139 [143, 143, 151, 151, 157, 153, 163, 163, 167] sts.**

Knitting flat (turning work every row) and starting with right side facing, complete Neck and Front Band Rib Table as indicated. Cast off loosely in rib.

Note: Begin and end each row with k3. The 1st and last st of the row will be used to connect front band to neck band.

Front Bands

Left front button band:

With smaller needles and color A, pick up 150 [150, 150, 158, 158, 158, 158, 162, 162, 162] sts up left front with right side facing. This can be smoothly done by knitting up through the purl sts of the front steek and between the 1st and 2nd st of the neck rib. Work flat as indicated on Neck and Front Band Rib chart. Cast off loosely.

Note: When working flat, knit stitches become purl stitches on wrong side of garment.

Right front buttonhole band:

Work same as left front, except on 4th row with right side facing, work buttonholes as follows for size selected.

Sizes A-C: Work 4 sts, cast off 5 sts, work 13 sts, (cast off 5 sts, work 12 sts) 7 times, cast off 5, work 4 remaining sts.

Next row (WS): Work 4 sts, (cast on 5 sts, work 12 sts) 7 times, cast on 5 sts, work 13 sts, cast on 5, work 4 remaining sts.

Sizes D-G: Work 4 sts, cast off 5 sts, work 14 sts, (cast off 5 sts, work 13 sts) 7 times, cast off 5, work 4 remaining sts.

Next row (WS): Work 4 sts, (cast on 5 sts, work 13 sts) 7 times, cast on 5 sts, work 14 sts, cast on 5, work 3 remaining sts.

Sizes H-J: Work 4 sts, (cast off 5 sts, work 14 sts) 5 times, (cast off 5 sts, work 13 sts) 3 times, cast off 5, work 4 remaining sts.

Next row (RS): Work 4 sts, (cast on 5 sts, work 13 sts) 3 times, (cast on 5 sts, work 14 sts) 5 times, cast on 5, work 4 remaining sts.

Complete remaining 4 rows of rib.

Weave in all ends, secure steeks, block work, and fasten buttons.

Bottom and Sleeve Rib Table		
Row	Purl 2	Knit 2
22	D	A
21	D	A
20	F	D
19	F	D
18	B	F
17	B	F
16	G	B
15	G	B
14	C	G
13	C	G
12	C	E
11	C	E
10	C	G
9	C	G
8	G	B
7	G	B
6	B	F
5	B	F
4	F	D
3	F	D
2	D	A
1	D	A
CO	A	

Neck and Front Rib Table		
Row	Purl 2	Knit 2
CO	A	
8	D	A
7	D	A
6	B	D
5	B	D
4	G	B
3	G	B
2	C	E
1	C	E
PU	B	

Chart Repeat Table

Sleeve	chart	Body
Beg sizes H-J	A	
	D	
Beg sizes D-G	A	End sizes H-J
	B	End Sizes D-G
Beg sizes A-C	A	End sizes A-C
	C	Beg neck shaping sizes H-J
	A	Beg neck shaping sizes D-G
	B	Beg neck shaping sizes A-C
	A	
	D	
	A	
	B	Beg underarm shaping all sizes
	A	
	C	
	A	
	B	
	A	
	D	
	A	
	B	
	A	
	C	
End all sizes	A	Beg all sizes

Read from top to bottom for Sleeves



Read from bottom to top for Body



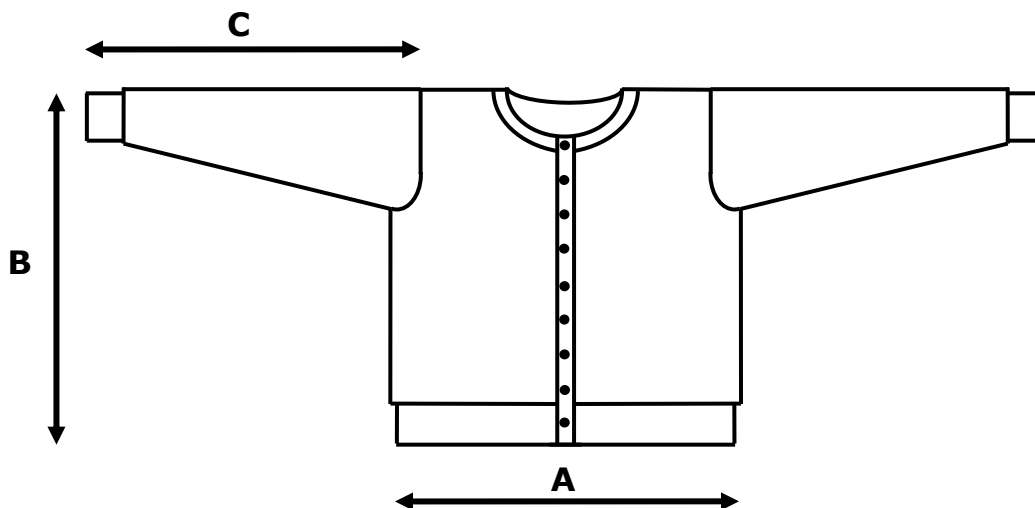
Charts

	Filled	Blank	
	D		Chart B
	D	E	
	D	E	
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	D	E	
	D		Chart A
	B	C	
	F	C	
	B	C	
	B	C	
		A	Chart D
	D	A	
	D	A	
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	B		Chart A
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	F	E	
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	D	E	
	D		Chart A
	B	C	
	F	C	
	B	C	
	B	C	
		A	Chart D
	D	A	
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	D	F	
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	E	G	
	B	G	
	E	G	
	E	F	
	E	F	
	D	F	
	D	A	
	D	A	
	D	A	
	B		Chart A
	B	C	
	F	C	
	B	C	
	B	C	

 = stitch repeat

Note: Read Chart right to left, bottom to top.

Blocking Diagram



A = 16.58 [17.61, 18.65, 19.68, 20.71, 21.74, 22.77, 23.81, 24.84, 25.87] in.
42.11 [44.74, 47.36, 49.98, 52.60, 55.22, 57.85, 60.47, 63.09, 65.71] cm.

B = 22.71 [22.71, 22.71, 23.84, 23.84, 23.84, 23.84, 24.46, 24.46, 24.46] in.
57.68 [57.68, 57.68, 60.55, 60.55, 60.55, 60.55, 62.13, 62.13, 62.13] cm.

C = 22.71 [22.71, 22.71, 24.46, 24.46, 24.46, 24.46, 26.96, 26.96, 26.96] in.
57.68 [57.68, 57.68, 62.13, 62.13, 62.13, 62.13, 68.48, 68.48, 68.48] cm.

If you have any questions about this pattern, please feel free to contact the designer directly. vbran@brandonknittingdesigns.com.