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This cardigan is worked in top-down construction, which gives the knitter the opportunity to try on the sweater during the knitting process to get a customized fit, especially in length.

The front of the sweater features a beautiful and classic cable with lace insert. It is easy to knit and instructions are included in charted and written out format.

The set-in sleeves are also worked from the top down by picking up stitches around the armhole, the sleeve caps are shaped by working short-rows and worked in the round to the desired sleeve length. Don't let the short-row shaping intimidate you because it is much easier than it sounds. Great online tutorials in print and video format are available to assist in learning how to work short-rows.

However, for those knitters who would prefer to work sleeves the more traditional way, from the bottom-up and seamed, instructions are included.

**Size:** XS (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL)

**Chest Measurement:** 34 (36, 38, 42, 44, 48, 52, 56) inch finished garment chest measurement.

**Gauge:** 24 sts & 28 rows – 4" in stockinette st on larger sized needles

**Materials:** Cascade Venezia Sport (70% Merino/30% Silk; 281 m/307 yds per 100 g/3.53oz) – 3 (4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 6) skeins

1 set of US # 4 (3.5 mm) – 16" & 32" circular needle & DPN ***or needle size to obtain gauge***

1 set of US # 3 (3.25 mm) - 16" & 32" circular needle & DPN

**Optional:** 1 set of US #1 (2.5 mm) – 32" circular needle

Round & Removable Stitch Markers

Stitch Holder/Spare Needle or Scrap Yarn to hold stitches.

Tapestry Needle

**Pattern Notes:**

*Abbreviations:*

**st/sts** stitch/stitches

**CO** cast on

**BO** bind off

**PM** place stitch marker

**SM** slip stitch marker

**RM** remove marker

**WS** wrong-side row

**RS** right-side row

**K** knit

**P** purl

**K1fb** Knit 1 st front & back (1 st increased)

**K2tog** knit 2 together

**SSK** slip 1 st as if to K, slip 1 st as if to K, K both slipped sts

**YO** Yarn over

**M1L** (left-leaning increase) - Insert left needle, from front to back, under horizontal strand of yarn running between last stitch on left needle and first stitch on right needle; knit this stitch through back loop. 1 stitch increased.

**M1R** (right-leaning increase) - Insert left needle, from back to front, under horizontal strand of yarn running between last stitch on left needle and first stitch on right needle; knit this stitch through front loop. 1 stitch increased.

***Pattern Notes:***

The cardigan is worked in one seamless piece, from the top down. The set-in sleeves are worked by picking up stitches from the armhole edges and knit from the top down body once washed.

**Top-Down Sleeves:** Sleeves are worked from the top-down and in the round, once short-row sleeve cap shaping is completed. Use your preferred method of working in the round, i.e. using, a 16" circular needle, DPN or magic loop method.

**Short Rows:** The cardigan's sleeves are worked from the top-down utilizing short rows to shape the sleeve cap.

**w&t (wrap & turn):** To wrap and turn on a RS row, knit to point specified in pattern, bring yarn to front of work between needles, slip next stitch to right-hand needle, bring yarn around this stitch to back of work, slip stitch back to left-hand needle, turn work to begin purling back in the other direction.

To wrap and turn on a WS row, purl to point specified in pattern, bring yarn to back of work between needles, slip next stitch to right-hand needle, bring yarn around this stitch to front of work, slip stitch back to left-hand needle, turn work to begin knitting back in the other direction.

**Working Wraps Together with Wrapped Stitches:** When working rows which follow short rows, work the "wraps" at the turning points of the short rows, together with the stitches they wrap, as follows:

When working a RS row: Knit to wrapped stitch. Slip next stitch from left needle to right needle, use tip of left needle to pick up "wrap" and place it on right needle, insert left needle into both wrap and stitch, and knit them together.

When working a WS row: Purl to wrapped stitch. Slip next stitch from left needle to right needle, use tip of left needle to pick up "wrap" and place it on right needle, slip both wrap and stitch back to left needle, purl together through back loops.

## **DIRECTIONS**

### **BACK**

Using US #4/3.5 mm needle, CO 80 (82, 86, 96, 102, 106, 114, 120) sts.

Work in stockinette st until piece measures 5 (5, 5.5, 6, 6.5, 6.5, 6.5)'' from CO edge.

### **Shape Armholes:**

*Increase Row (RS):* Kfb into first and last st. (2 sts increased)

Repeat Increase Row 5 (6, 6, 7, 7, 9, 11, 11) more times in following RS rows.

12(14, 14, 16, 16, 20, 24, 24) sts increased.

Work one more WS row.

Place 92 (96, 100, 112, 122, 126, 138, 144) sts on spare needle or stitch holder, break yarn.

## **RIGHT FRONT**

Using a size U.S. 1 or 2/2.5 or 3 mm circular needle, pick-up 20 (21, 22, 27, 30, 32, 36, 40) sts from back's shoulder CO edge, right side facing, starting from the right edge moving toward center of edge.

*Row 1 (WS):* Change to US #4/3.5 mm needle, p one row.

Work in stockinet st, until piece measures 4.5 (4.5, 5, 5, 5.5, 6, 6, 6)" from CO edge, ending with a WS Row.

*Next Row (RS):* K 20 (21, 22, 27, 30, 32, 36, 40) sts, CO 19 sts at end of row.

39 (40, 41, 46, 49, 51, 55, 59) sts on needles.

*Set-up Row (WS):* P4, K1, P2, K1, P6, K1, P2, K2, P 20 (21, 22, 27, 30, 32, 36, 40) sts.

*Next Row (RS):* Start working Row 1 of Lace Cable Pattern.

Work in pattern until piece measures 5 (5, 5.5, 6, 6.5, 6.5, 6, 6.5)" from CO edge, ending with a WS row.

## **Shape Armholes:**

*Increase Row (RS):* Kfb into first st. (1 st increased)

Repeat Increase Row 5 (6, 6, 7, 7, 9, 11, 11) more times in following RS rows.

6 (7, 7, 8, 8, 10, 12, 12) sts increased.

45 (47, 48, 54, 57, 61, 67, 71) sts on needles.

Work one more WS row.

Place 45 (47, 48, 54, 57, 61, 67, 71) sts from working needle onto stitch holder. Break yarn.

*Make sure to mark last Cable/Lace pattern row worked.*

## **LEFT FRONT:**

Using a size U.S. 1 or 2/2.5 or 3 mm 32 inch circular needle, pick-up 20 (21, 22, 27, 30, 32, 36, 40) sts from back's shoulder CO edge by counting sts from left edge toward center of CO edge. Place removable marker to signal where to start picking up sts.

*Row 1 (WS):* Change to US #4/3.5 mm needle, p one row.

Work in stockinet st, until piece measures 4.5 (4.5, 5, 5, 5.5, 6, 6, 6)" from CO edge, ending with a RS Row.

*Next Row (WS):* P20 (21, 22, 27, 30, 32, 36, 40) sts, CO 19 sts at end of row.

*Set-up Row 1 (RS):* K4, P1, K2, P1, K6, P1, K2, P2, K20 (21, 22, 27, 30, 32, 36, 40) sts.

*Set-up Row 2 (WS):* P20 (21, 22, 27, 30, 32, 36, 40) sts, K2, P2, K1, P6, K1, P2, K1, P4.

*Next Row (RS):* Start working Row 1 of Lace Cable Pattern.

Work in pattern until piece measures 5 (5, 5.5, 6, 6.5, 6.5, 6, 6.5)" from CO edge, ending with a WS row.

### **Shape Armholes:**

*Increase Row (RS):* Work in pattern. Kfb into last st. 1 st increased.

Repeat Increase Row 5 (6, 6, 7, 7, 9, 11, 11) more times in following RS rows.

6(7, 7, 8, 8, 10, 12, 12) sts increased.

45 (47, 48, 54, 57, 61, 67, 71) sts on needles.

Work one more WS row.

Do **not** break yarn. *Make sure that the last Cable/Lace pattern row worked is the same as for the Right Front.*

### **LOWER BODY:**

Work in pattern next 45 (47, 48, 54, 57, 61, 67, 71) sts from Left Front, CO 6 (6, 6, 7, 7, 8, 10, 12) sts, place side marker, CO 6 (6, 6, 7, 7, 8, 10, 12) sts;

work in pattern next 92 (96, 100, 112, 122, 126, 138, 144) sts from Back, CO 6 (6, 6, 7, 7, 8, 10, 12) sts, place side marker, CO 6 (6, 6, 7, 7, 8, 10, 12) sts;

work in pattern next 45 (47, 48, 54, 57, 61, 67, 71) sts from Right Front.

206 (212, 224, 248, 264, 280, 312, 334) sts on needles.

Continue working in pattern until work measures 3 (3, 3.5, 3.5, 3.5, 3.5, 3.5, 3.5)" from armhole edge.

### **Waist Shaping:**

*Decrease Row (RS):*

\* Work to 3 sts before side marker, ssk, k1, slip side marker, k1, k2tog \* repeat 1 time, work to end of row. 4 sts decreased.

Repeat Decrease Row, every 8<sup>th</sup> row, 4 more times (all sizes).

sts on needles.

186 (192, 204, 228, 244, 260, 292, 314) sts on needles.

Work in pattern for 10 rows.

*Increase Row (RS):*

\* Work to 1 sts before side marker, M1R, k1, slip side maker, k1, M1L \* repeat 1 time, work to end of row. 4 sts increased.

Repeat Increase Row, every 8<sup>th</sup> row, 4 more times (all sizes).

206 (212, 224, 248, 264, 280, 312, 334) sts on needles.

*TIP: If your hip measurement is larger than your bust measurement, you may want to work more increase rows. One increase row = approx. 0.7" increase in measurement.*

Work in pattern until piece measures 1.5" less than overall desired cardigan length, making sure to end pattern on Row 22 of Cable/Lace pattern.

Work Rows 23 – 26 of Cable/Lace pattern.

In Row 25 decrease – 2 (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2) sts in the back area of cardigan.

204 (212, 224, 248, 264, 280, 312, 332) sts on needles.

### **Bottom Ribbing:**

Change to U.S. 3/3.25 mm needle and work bottom ribbing as follows:

K1, \*K2,P2\* - 2 times; K2tog, K2tog, P2; continue in \*K2, P2\* until 13 sts remain,  
K2tog, K2tog; \* P2, K2\* - 2times, K1.

Work next 5 rows in established K2/P2 pattern, making sure to keep selvage stitch at beginning and end of row.

BO all sts loosely in next row.

### **Top-Down Seamless Sleeves: (Make 2)**

*Set-up:*

Place 1 removable stitch marker 2" on each side of shoulder seam, and place 1 removable stitch marker on the center shoulder seam.

Measure 7.5 (8, 8.5, 9, 10.5, 11, 11.5) inches on each side of shoulder center seam, place 1 removable stitch marker on each bottom side, and place 1 removable stitch marker on the bottom armhole center seam.

*These stitch markers should be placed on the fabric in such a way that they do not interfere with picking up stitches from the armhole edge.*



### *Set-up Row 1:*

Using a size U.S. 1 circular needle, with the RS of knitted fabric facing, beginning at the top right marker (*located 2" from the right side of the shoulder seam*),

pick up 12 sts between this marker and the shoulder seam marker;

pick up 12 sts between shoulder seam marker and top left marker, place marker;

pick up 21 (23, 25, 27, 27, 28, 31, 33) sts between top left marker and bottom left side marker, place marker; (*Note: You may have to pick up 1 st per 2 rows for this section.*)

pick up 6 (7, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12) sts between bottom left marker and bottom center marker, place marker;

pick up 6 (7, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12) sts between bottom center marker and bottom right marker, place marker;

pick up 21 (23, 25, 27, 27, 28, 31, 33) sts between bottom right marker and top right marker. (*Note: You may have to pick up 1 st per 2 rows for this section.*)

78 (84, 88, 94, 96, 102, 108, 114) sts on needle.

*(Sleeve Photo)*



### *Set-up Row 2:*

Change to U.S. 4 (3.5 mm) 16" circular needle, work one round, (*to top left shoulder seam marker – where st pick-up started*) place round stitch marker.

### **Start Short-Row Sleeve Cap Shaping:**

*Row 1 (RS):* work 24 sts, SM, wrp-t.

*Row 2 (WS):*

Slip wrapped st onto right needle, SM, work to next marker, SM, wrp-t.

*Row 3 (RS):*

Slip wrapped st onto right needle, work in pattern to the wrapped sts from row before last row, work wrapped st & its wrap, k2, wrp-t.

*Row 4 (WS):*

Slip wrapped st onto right needle, work in pattern to the wrapped sts from row before last row, work wrapped st & its wrap, p2, wrp-t.

Repeat *Rows 3 & 4* until all sts have been worked up to bottom side marker.

On the last RS and last WS row, wrp-t the st before respective bottom side marker, do not work beyond marker, even if there are fewer than 3 sts from last wrapped st.

*Next Row (RS):*

Start working in the round, hide remaining wrapped sts, remove all removable stitch markers.

78 (84, 88, 94, 96, 102, 108, 114) sts on needle.

Place bottom center seam marker (*this will be the "start" of all subsequent rows*), remove all other stitch markers.

Continue working in pattern for 12 (all sizes) rounds.

*Decrease Round:*

Work to 3 sts before bottom center seam marker, ssk, k1, slip marker, k1, k2tog, continue working in pattern. 2 sts decreased.

Repeat this decrease round every every 8 (8, 8, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6) rounds 16 (17, 17, 20, 19, 22, 23, 26) more times.

44 (48, 52, 52, 56, 56, 60, 60) sts on needle.

Work to 1" below desired sleeve length.

Change to U.S.# 3 (3.25 mm) circular needle or DPN, and work (p2/k2) ribbing for 7 rounds and BO all sts in next round.

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**“Traditional “ (bottom-up/seamed) Sleeves: (Make 2)**

Using US #3 (3.25 mm) needle, CO 44 (48, 52, 52, 56, 56, 60, 60).

Work 1” in K2/P2 ribbing pattern. Switch to US #4 (4 mm) needle and work in stockinette st for 9 rows.

*Increase Row* – K2, M1, K until 2 sts remain, M1, K2.

2 sts increased.

Repeat Sleeve Increase Row every 8 (8, 8, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6) rows 16 (17, 17, 20, 19, 22, 23 26) more times. 78 (84, 88, 94, 96, 102, 108, 114) sts on needles.

Continue in pattern until work measures 17.5 (17.5, 18, 18.5, 18.5, 17, 17, 17)” inches, ending with a WS row.

*Shape Sleeve Cap*

BO 6 (6, 6, 7, 7, 8, 10, 12) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

66 (72m 76m 80, 82, 86, 88, 90) sts remaining.

*Decrease Row 1 (RS):* K1, ssk, work in pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

*Decrease Row 2 (WS):* P all sts.

Work these 2 rows a total of 23(26, 28, 29, 30, 32, 32, 33) times

Then work *Decrease Row 1* once more.

18 (18, 18, 20, 20, 20, 20, 22, 22) sts on needles.

Work in pattern until sleeve cap measures 4.5 (4.5, 5, 5, 5.5, 6, 6, 6)” from first BO row.

BO remaining 18 (18, 18, 20, 20, 20, 20, 22, 22) sts.

## **FINISHING**

### **Button Band:**

Using a size U.S. 1 (2.5 mm) needle with the RS of knitted fabric of left front facing, beginning at upper left corner, pick-up 3 sts for every 4 rows along the left front edge, ending at lower front corner. Make sure to have an even number of sts for the band.

Change to U.S. 4 (3.5 mm) needle and work K2/P2 pattern to end. Work 6 more rows in 2x2 Rib as set.

BO all sts loosely in next row.

### **Buttonhole Band:**

Use removable stitch markers to mark desired positions of buttonholes evenly spaced along the right front edge. (*One button will be positioned in the neckband*)

Using a size U.S. 1 (2.5 mm) needle, beginning at lower right front corner, pick-up 3 sts for every 4 rows along the right front edge, ending at upper right front corner.

Change to U.S. 4 (3.5 mm) needle, work 1 row (K2,P2) to end.

*Buttonhole Row (RS):* Work to buttonhole position, (yo, k2tog) at each buttonhole position, work in 2x2 Rib pattern in between buttonhole positions, work to end of row.

Work 5 more rows in 2x2 Rib as set.

BO all sts in next row.

### **Neckline Band:**

Using a size U.S. 1 or 2 needle/2.5 or 3 mm 32 inch or longer circular needles, with the RS of knitted fabric of right front facing, pick-up 53 (60, 62, 63, 65, 65, 64, 65) sts for right front, 80 (82, 86, 96, 102, 106, 114, 120) sts for back and 53 (60, 62, 63, 65, 65, 64, 65) sts for left front.

186 (202, 210, 222, 232, 232, 242, 250) sts on needle

Change to U.S. #4 (3.5 mm) needle, work 1 row (P2/K2) to last 2 sts, P2.

Work 1 more row in 2x2 Rib as set.

*Buttonhole Row (WS):* Work 3 sts, yo, ssk, continue working in 1x1 Rib as set to end.

Work 5 more rows in 2x2 Rib as set.

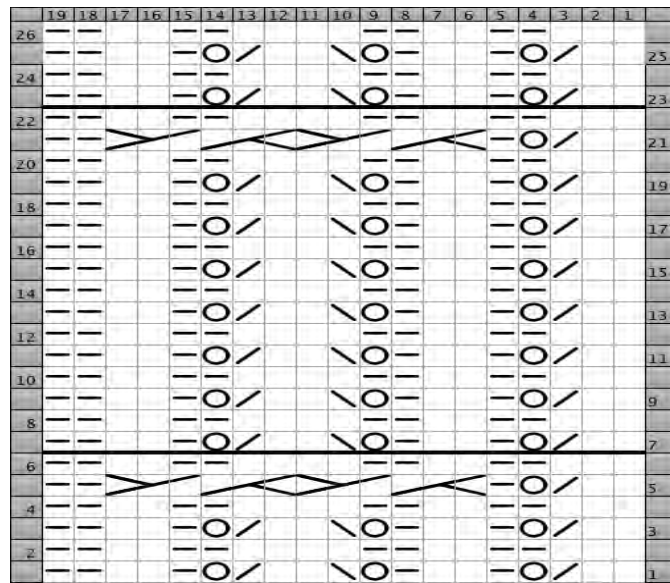
BO all sts tightly in next row.

Sew on buttons to left front button band, opposite buttonholes.

Weave in ends and block as desired.

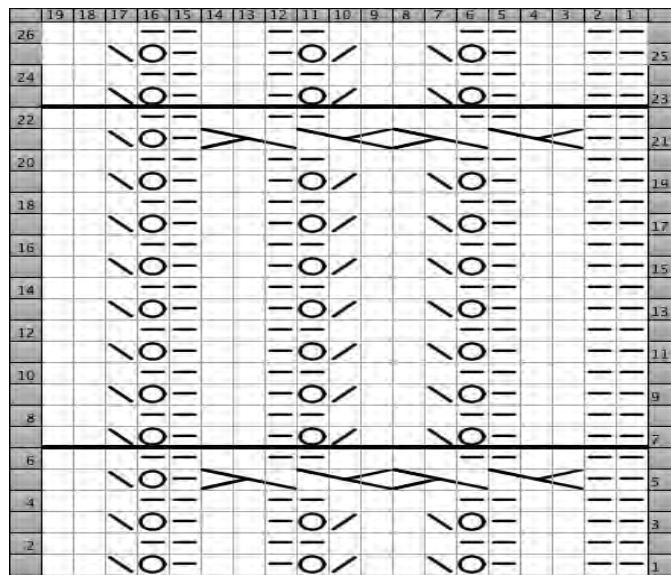


**Left Front Cable Pattern:**



Back Cable – 12 sts (hold 6 in back on CN, k next 6 sts, k 6 sts from CN)

**Right Front Cable Pattern:**



Front Cable – 12 sts (hold 6 in front on CN, k next 6 sts, k 6 sts from CN)

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\ - SSK

- P on RS/K on WS

/ - K2tog

Blank box – K on RS/ P on WS

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O – YO

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***Important Note:*** Rows 1 – 6 on cable chart are the first 6 rows when starting the cable pattern.

Rows 7 – 22 are the pattern repeat rows worked throughout the cardigan.