



Cascade Venezia Worsted
Trendsetter Sweater



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This monochromatic striped pullover is a universally appealing top with a nod to the current trend... bands of openwork “lace” with a standard silhouette and a u-neckline to allow wearing alone or layering... either over a shirt or under a blazer.

The knitting is an easy combination of stockinette stitch and a variation of Dimple Lace. The slightly relaxed shoulders don't require an exact fit through the shoulder area as long as the bust/circumference is correct.

The Venezia merino/silk blend yarn can go from fall all the way through winter and into spring. It knits up quickly but gives a nice light hand that will not be bulky and will accommodate layering. The worsted weight keeps the open bands from becoming “revealing” and allows wearing the sweater with or without a shirt beneath.

Yarn: Cascade Yarns Venezia Worsted (70% Merino Wool, 30% Silk) 6 (7, 8, 10) skeins in color #105

Needles: Straight needles size US7/4.5 mm or size to give gauge below and size US4/3.5 mm
Circular needle (16”) size US4/3.5 mm

Extras: Stitch holder or waste yarn

Gauge: 22 sts = 4” over st st using larger needles.

Sizes: Small (Medium, Large, XLarge)

Finished bust: 37 (41, 45, 49) ins

Finished length: 25 (25, 25½, 26) ins

Instructions are written for size Small with changes for additional sizes in parentheses. If only one number is given, it applies to all sizes.

Pattern Stitch for body:

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Purl

Row 3 (RS): K1, *YO, P2tog*, rep between ** to last st. End K1.

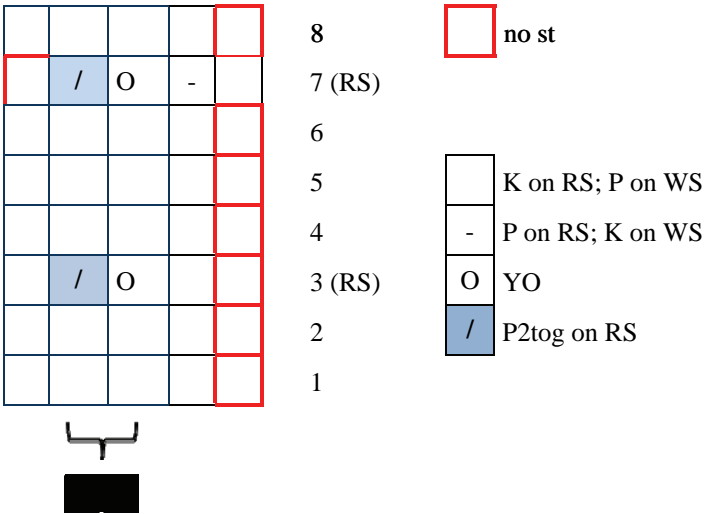
Row 4 (WS) Purl

Rows 5 and 6: same as rows 1 and 2

Row 7 (RS): K1, P1 *YO, P2tog*, rep between ** to end of row.

Row 8: Purl

Note: if there are not enough sts to complete the YO, P2tog combination when decreasing at neckline edge, omit the YO and then K1.



Back:

Using smaller straight needles, cast on 99 (109, 121, 131) sts. Work in K1 P1 rib for 1 in beginning and ending with P1. End with a RS row. Still using smaller needles, purl one row increasing 1 st to make an even number of sts for pattern st. 100 (110, 122, 132) sts.

Change to larger straight needles and begin to work stripe pattern:

Knit 10 rows st st.

Begin chart pattern and continue patt st following chart. When chart (8 rows) is completed, work rows 1-4 again.

Rep this sequence of 10 rows st st followed by 12 rows of chart until back measures approx 17 in from cast on edge. End with a WS row of the st st band.

Bind off 12 (13, 13, 14) sts at beg of next two rows. (76, 84, 96, 104)

Continue in stripes of st st and patt st as established. **FOR SIZE L and XL only: Continue to dec in next st st band as follows: Row 3 of st st: K2, SSK, K to last 4 sts, K2tog, K2. Rep dec in row 9 of st st band (76, 84, 92, 100 sts)**

Continue in bands of st st and patt st as established until armhole measures 8 (8, 8½, 9) from armhole bind off. BO all sts knitwise.

Front:

Knit as for back to 4 rows above armhole BO. Begin neck shaping on row 5 of st st stripe above.

Next row (RS): Knit to center 20 (20, 24, 26) sts and place these sts on a holder or waste yarn. Join 2nd ball of yarn and knit to end of row. Working both sides at once, purl 1 row then begin dec as follows:

Dec on knit rows: (RS) Knit to 4 sts before neck edge, K2tog, K2. Then at other neck edge (with 2nd ball of yarn), K2, SSK, knit to end.

Even rows: Purl.

Continue in stripes of st st and patt st as established and continue to dec on knit rows. On pattern rows, dec as follows.

Dec on pattern row 3:

Left front: K1, *YO, P2tog*, rep between ** to 4 sts before neckline edge. End K2tog, K2.

Right front: K2, SSK, *YO, P2tog*, rep between ** to last st. End K1.

Dec on pattern row 7:

Left front: K1, P1 *YO, P2tog*, rep between ** until 5 sts rem. End K1, K2tog, K2.

Right front: K2, SSK, K1, *YO, P2tog*, rep between ** to end

When 10 sts decreased each side of neck, keep 3 sts at neckline edge in st st and continue even on 18 (22, 24, 27) sts until front is same length as back. Bind off shoulder sts.

SLEEVES (make 2 alike)

Using smaller needles, cast on 53 (57, 61, 65) sts. Work in k1, p1 rib for 1½ ins. Still with smaller needles, purl next row increasing 3 (3, 5, 7) sts evenly spaced across row. (56, 60, 66, 72 sts)

Change to larger needles and knit 2 rows st st.

Inc row (RS): K2, knit in front and back of next st, knit across row until 4 sts rem, knit in front and back of next st, k3. Continue in patt st and repeat inc row every in 3rd and 9th row of st st bands. When a total of 24 sts are increased, work even on 80 (84, 90, 96) sts until sleeve measures 21½ ins. BO all sts.

Finishing

Join shoulder seams. Using size 4 circular needle, begin at left shoulder seam and pick up approx 36 (36, 38 38) sts down left neck edge. Place sts from holder on spare needle and knit 20 (20, 24, 26) across center front. Pick up approx 36 (36, 38 38) sts up right neck edge and 42 (42, 44, 48) across back neck. Place marker on needle and join. Work k1, p1 rib for ¾ in. Bind off in pattern.

Sew top of sleeve to front and back armhole. Sew straight edges of sleeve to BO sts at armhole. Sew underarm and side seams.

Weave in all ends and block as desired.

