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## Cascade Venezia Worsted Not Your Boyfriend's Sweater



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This sweater will sure become one of your favorite summer sweater. It is great to throw over a t-shirt or tank top when there is a little chill in the air. It has a 3-4" ease and a figure flattering lace panel in the front and back. The stockinette side gives a visual slimming effect. It is worked from the top-down which means that the sweater can be tried on as it is being knitted to customize its fit, especially in length.

**Size:** XXS (XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL)

**Chest Measurement:** To fit 32 (34, 36, 38, 40, 44, 48, 52, 56, 60) inch chest. ease.

For sizes 48", 52", 56", & 60" the bicep circumference used for the pattern is 17", 18", 20" & 22" respectively. Special instructions are given in the pattern to ensure the sleeve fits.

## **Materials:**

Cascade Venezia Worsted (70% Merino, 30% Silk) (218 yards/skein) – 5 (5, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 9, 10, 10) skeins

1 set of US # 7 (4.5 mm) –32" circular needle or needle size to obtain gauge

1 set of US # 7 (4.5 mm) - 16" circular needle or DPN or needle size to obtain gauge

1 set of US # 5 (3.75 mm) - 32" circular needle

1 set of US # 5 (3.75 mm) 16" circular needle or DPN

Tapestry Needle

Stitch Markers

Scrap Yarn for holding stitches

**Gauge:** 18 sts = 4 inches in stockinette on larger sized needles.

## **Pattern Notes:**

*Abbreviations:*

**st/sts** stitch/stitches

**CO** cast on

**BO** bind off

**PM** place stitch marker

**SM** slip stitch marker

**RM** remove stitch marker

**WS** wrong-side row

**RS** right-side row

**K** knit

**P** purl

**Kfb** Knit 1 st front & back (1 st increased)  
**K2tog** knit 2 together (1 st decreased)  
**SSK** slip 1 st as if to K, slip 1 st as if to K, K both slipped sts (1 st decreased)  
**YO** Yarn over  
**Sl1-K2tog-PSSO** Slip 1 stitch, K2tog, pass slipped st over the K2tog (2 sts decreased)

**Directions:**

**Yoke:** Using larger sized needles, CO as follows:

CO 2 (2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2) sts PM;	- Left Front
CO 6 ( 8 , 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24) sts, PM;	- Sleeve #1
CO 39 (43, 45, 47, 51, 55, 59, 63, 69, 73) sts, PM;	- Back
CO 6 ( 8 , 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24) sts, PM;	- Sleeve #2
CO 2 (2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2) sts.	- Right Front

*Please Note – Set-up rows are worked flat, back and forth, not join in the round.*

Set-up Row #1 (WS): P all sts, slip markers.

Set-up Row #2 (RS):

Kfb, k to 1 st before marker, Kfb;	- Left Front (2 sts increased)
SM, Kfb, k to 1 st before marker, Kfb;	- Sleeve #1
SM, Kfb, k to 1 st before marker, Kfb;	- Back
SM, Kfb, k to 1 st before marker, Kfb;	- Sleeve #2
SM, Kfb, k to 1 st before last st, Kfb.	- Right Front

Repeat Row #1 & Row #2 - 2 (3 ,4, 5, 6, 7, 7, 8, 9, 10) more times.

Work one (WS) row: P all sts, slip markers.

Total number of sts on needles:

8 (10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 18, 20, 22, 24) sts	- Left Front
12 (16, 20, 24, 28, 32, 34, 38, 42, 46) sts	- Sleeve #1
45 (51, 55, 59, 65, 71, 75, 81, 89, 95) sts	- Back
12 (16, 20, 24, 28, 32, 34, 38, 42, 46) sts	- Sleeve #2
8 (10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 18, 20, 22, 24) sts	- Right Front.

Work one (RS) row:

K to 1 sts before marker, Kfb;	- Left Front
SM, Kfb, k all sts until 1 sts before marker, Kfb;	- Sleeve #1
SM, Kfb, k all sts until 1 sts before marker, Kfb;	- Back
SM, Kfb, k all sts until 1 sts before marker, Kfb;	- Sleeve #2

SM, KFB, k all sts to end – CO 29 (31, 31, 31, 33, 35, 39, 41, 45, 47) sts – join in the round

K to 1 sts before marker, KFB - Right Front

*Please Note: From this point forward, sweater will be worked in the round.*

Work one Round without making any raglan increases and place stitch markers in back and front to mark lace pattern repeats – as follows:

*Note: New rows start at sleeve #1.*

K 14 (18, 22, 26, 30, 34, 38, 40, 44, 48) sts; - Sleeve #1

K 3 (2, 4, 2, 1, 4, 2, 1, 1, 4) sts, --- PM, K5, PM, \* K8, PM \* -repeat 3(4, 4, 5, 6, 6, 7, 8, 9, 9) more times; K4, PM, --- K 3 (2, 4, 2, 1, 4, 2, 1, 1, 4) sts, PM; - Back

K 14 (18, 22, 26, 30, 34, 38, 40, 44, 48) sts; - Sleeve #2

Kfb; K 2 (1, 3, 1, 0, 3, 1, 0, 0, 3)sts, --- PM, K5, PM, \* K8, PM \* --repeat 3(4, 4, 5, 6, 6, 7, 8, 9, 9) more times; K4, PM, --- K 2 (1, 3, 1, 0, 3, 1, 0, 0, 3)sts, Kfb, PM; - Front

Start working Lace Pattern:

Row #1:

Work 1<sup>st</sup> row of Lace Pattern and work raglan increases.

Kfb, K all sts until 1 sts before marker, Kfb; - Sleeve #1

SM, Kfb, K all sts until 1<sup>st</sup> lace pattern marker – work lace pattern repeats – slip last lace pattern marker, K all sts until 1 sts before marker, KFB; - Back

Kfb, K all sts until 1 sts before marker, Kfb; - Sleeve #2

SM, Kfb, K all sts until 1<sup>st</sup> lace pattern marker – work lace pattern repeats – slip last lace pattern marker, K all sts until 1 sts before marker, KFB; - Front

*Note: for Row #1, #3, and #5 of lace pattern, lace pattern stitch markers have to be moved to work the Sl1-knitwise-k2tog-PSSO stitches. Though moving stitch markers in these rows may be a bit tedious, it will help to start up the lace pattern without mistakes. The lace pattern is very easy to memorize and you will probably find that you won't need stitch markers for the lace pattern after one or two repeats.*

Row #2: K all sts, slip makers. (Do not work any raglan increases.)

Repeat Row #1 & Row #2:

Size 56" only:

*To ensure that the sleeve fits well, when there are 70 sts on the needles for each sleeve, work raglan increases for each sleeve in every row for the next 20 rows.*

Size 60" only:

To ensure that the sleeve fits well, when there are 76 sts on the needles for each sleeve, work raglan increases for each sleeve in every row for the next 22 rows.

Repeat Row #1 & Row #2 until there is the following number of sts on needles:

42 (46, 48, 54, 60, 64, 70, 78, 90, 98) sts	- Sleeve #1
75 (81, 85, 89, 97, 103, 111, 121, 127, 135) sts	- Back
42 (46, 48, 54, 60, 64, 70, 78, 90, 98) sts	- Sleeve #1
75 (81, 85, 89, 97, 103, 111, 121, 127, 135) sts	- Front

**Separate Sleeves, Join Front & Back:**

Remove Marker. Place 42 (46, 48, 54, 60, 64, 70, 78, 90, 98) sts from Sleeve #1 onto st holder.

CO 3 (2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2, 2)sts, PM, CO 3 (2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2, 2)sts – 75 (81, 85, 89, 97, 103, 111, 121, 127, 135) sts for Back (*don't forget to continue working lace pattern sts*).

Remove Marker. Place 42 (46, 48, 54, 60, 64, 70, 78, 90, 98) sts from Sleeve #1 onto st holder.

CO 3 (2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2, 2) sts, PM, CO 3 (2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2, 2)sts – K 75 (81, 85, 89, 97, 103, 111, 121, 127, 135) sts for Front (*don't forget to continue working lace pattern sts*). – Continue working the Back & Front in round.

Total number of sts on needle:

81 (85, 89, 93, 103, 109, 115, 125, 131, 139) sts	- Front
81 (85, 89, 93, 103, 109, 115, 125, 131, 139) sts	- Back

**Special Sizing Note for Plus Sizes** – to ensure a great fit, try the sweater on as you are working it. Either place your sts on a scrap yarn or use other circular needles to hold all the sts. Especially for the extended sizes, you may want to start working increases to give the sweater an A-shape especially if the hip measurement is larger than the chest measurement. Decide how many inches need to be increased.

For example, if the sweater needs to be increased by 5" – calculate 5" x 4.5 (gauge) = 22.5 sts. This means that you need to work a 24 sts increase. From the natural waist line, start increasing at the sides as follows:

\* SM, K1, M1, work all sts until 1 st before next marker, M1, K1 \* repeat once more. (4 sts increased)

*Work 6 rows, work increase row in 7<sup>th</sup> row until the necessary number of sts have been increased. In our example, if needing to increase 24 sts, work the increase row 6 times.*

*Work to desired length and then work ribbing. Please note that K2/P2 ribbing requires that the number of sts be divisible by 4.*

**Without special sizing:**

Continue working in pattern until Front/Back section measures 13.5 (14, 14.5, 15, 15.5, 16, 16.5, 17, 17, 17) " in length or to desired length from join. Reduce 2(2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3) sts in the last row.

Total number of sts on needle:

80 (84, 88, 92, 102, 108, 114, 124, ) sts - Front

80 (84, 88, 92, 102, 108, 114, 124) sts - Back

Change to smaller sized needles and work bottom ribbing in \* K2, P2 \* for 9 rows, BO all sts in 10<sup>th</sup> row.

**Sleeves (work two):**

Put 42 (46, 48, 54, 60, 64, 70, 78, 90, 98) sts back onto working needles, pick-up 3 (2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 2, 2, 3, 3) sts, PM, pick-up 3 (2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 2, 2, 3, 3) sts and start working sleeve in the round.

Total number of sts on needle:

48 (50, 52, 58, 66, 70, 74, 82, 96, 104) sts on needles.

Work for 10.5 (10.5, 11, 11.5, 12, 12, 12.5, 12.)" in stockinette st or to desired length. Reduce 0 (2, 0, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 0, 0) sts in the last row before starting the ribbing.

Change to smaller sized needles and work ribbing in \* K2, P2 \* for 9 rows, BO all sts in 10<sup>th</sup> row.

**Neckline Ribbing:**

Pick up 104 (108, 112, 120, 128, 136, 144, 152, 160, 168) sts around the neckline edge, making sure that the number of sts that are picked up are divisible by 4. Work ribbing in \* K2, P2 \* for 9 rows, BO all sts in 10<sup>th</sup> row.

**Finishing:**

Weave in ends. Block sweater – ensure to stretch the lace lengthwise and not widthwise. Enjoy ☺ ~ Should you have any questions about this pattern, please do not hesitate to contact me at [sunfunliving@yahoo.com](mailto:sunfunliving@yahoo.com)

