

Criss-Crossed Patterned Cardigan



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Materials: Fleisher's Nylon 'n Wool 9 (10-11) ozs
Boye Needles - 1 pair each sizes 2 and 5.
Boye hook size E

Gauge: 17 sts = 2 inches when slightly stretched in width

Instructions are for size 16, changes for sizes 18 and 20 are in parentheses.

Back

With size 2 needles, cast on 159 (165-171) sts.

Row 1: Wrong side- k 3, * p 3, k 3, repeat from * to end.

Row 2: P 3, * k 3, p 3, repeat from * to end. Repeat these 2 rows for ribbing until there are 9 rows, end on

wrong side.

Pattern

With size 5 needles, k 1 row, p 1 row for 4 rows.

Row 5: Right Side - * slip 3 sts to crochet hook, hold in front of work, k next 3 sts, k 3 sts from hook, repeat from * , end k 3. P 1 row, k 1 row for 7 rows.

Row 13: K 3, * slip next 3 sts to hook, hold in back of work, k next 3 sts, k 3 sts from hook, repeat from * to end. P 1 row, k 1 row, p 1 row.

Repeat last 16 rows for pat. Work even in pat until 13 inches from beg.

Armholes

Bind off 10 (10-11) sts at beg of each of the next 2 rows. Dec 1 st each side every 2nd row 10 (11-11) times, with care to carry out twist pat at each end of rows whether there are 3, 2 or 1 sts in first and last rib, 119 (123-127) sts. Work even until armholes measure 7 1/2 (7 3/4-8) inches.

Shoulders

Bind off 13 (6-8) sts at beg of each of next 2 rows, 9 (12-12) sts at beg of each of next 6 rows. Bind off 29 sts firmly.

Left Front

With size 2 needles, cast on 81 (87-93) sts.

Row 1: Wrong Side-p 3, * k 3, p 3, repeat from * to end.

Row 2: K 3, * p 3, k 3, repeat from * to end. Work 7 more rows of ribbing, end wrong side.

Pattern

With size 5 needles, k 1 row, p 1 row for 4 rows.

Row 5: Same as row 13 of back. P 1 row, k 1 row for 7 rows.

Row 13: Same as row 5 of back. P 1 row, k 1 row, p 1 row.

Repeat last 16 rows until same length as back to armhole, end at underarm edge.

Armhole

Bind off 10 (12-15) sts at beg of next row. Dec 1 st at armhole edge every 2nd row, 10 (12*13) times, 61 (63-65) sts. Work even until armhole measures 6 inches, end at front edge.

Neck Shaping

Bind off 12 sts at beg of next row. Dec 1 st at neck edge every row 9 times. Work even until armhole is same length as on back. Shape shoulder same as right shoulder of back.

Right Front

Work pat same as back and finish to correspond to left front, shaping at opposite sides. Sew shoulder seams.

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Neck Ribbing

With size 2 needles, from right side, pick up and k 33 (35-37) sts evenly spaced on right neck edge to shoulder seam, 38 sts across back 33 (35-37) sts on left side, 104 (108-112) sts.

Sleeves

With size 2 needles, cast on 83 (88-93) sts.

Row 1: Wrong Side - p 3, k 2, p 3, repeat from * to end.

Row 2: K 3, * p 2, k 3, repeat from * to end.

Repeat last 2 rows 3 times.

Inc Row: Wrong Side - work ribbing increasing 1 st in ever k rib, 99 (105-111) sts.

With size 5 needles work pat as on back increasing 1 st every side every 1/2 inch 6 times, 111 (117-123) sts.

Work even until 5 inches from beg. Bind off 9 (10-12) sts at beg of each of the next 2 rows. Dec 1 st each side every 2nd row 24 (24-25) times, every row of 6 (8-8) times. Bind off 33 sts.

Left Front Band

Beg in corner at top of neck ribbing, work 122 sc evenly spaced on front edge.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, 1 sc in first sc, * ch 1, skip 1 sc, 1 sc in next sc, repeat from *, end 1 sc in each of last 2 sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, turn, 1 sc in first sc, * ch 1, skip 1 sc, 1 sc in next space, repeat from *, end 1 sc in last sc.

Repeat last row 3 times.

Row 7: Ch 1, turn, 1 sc in each of first 2 sc, * 1 sc in next space, 1 sc in next sc, repeat from * to end. Fasten off.

Right Front Band

Beg at lower edge, work first 2 rows same as on left front.

Buttonholes

Ch 1, turn 2 sc in first sc, ch 1, 1 sc in next space, *ch 3, skip 1 sc, 1 ch and 1 sc for buttonhole, work 1 sc in next space, continue pat, same as for row 3 of left band for 12 sts more, repeat from *, end last repeat with 4 sts worked after 8th buttonhole.

Row 4: Continue border pat working 1 sc, ch 1, 1 sc over each button hole. Finish same as left front band.

Finishing

Sew seams. Sew sleeves. Block to measurements.

Blocking or Steaming

To give a more tailored finish to knitted or crocheted garments it is preferable to block each piece separately. Care should be taken to block pieces to knitted shape. If the garment is sewn together first and blocked carefully after assembling, the result will also be satisfactory.

To block Separate Pieces

Lay pieces flat on pressing board, wrong sides up, pin edges to board. Steam well with moderately hot iron over a wet cloth, taking care not to let weight of iron rest upon any one spot. After blocking leave pinned until thoroughly dry. Do not steam ribbing.

To Block Finished Garment

Lay flat on pressing board, wrong side out. Steam first one side and, when dry, steam on other side. After blocking leave pinned until thoroughly dry, then steam all seams and crocheted edges. Do not steam ribbing.

Weaving Stockinette Stitch

Thread a tapestry needle and bring piece to be joined close together. Draw up yarn in first st on upper piece, inserting needle from wrong side, insert needle from right side in first st on lower piece and bring up through next st from wrong side--draw up yarn, * insert needle from right side in same st as before on the upper piece and bring up through next st from wrong side--draw up yarn, insert needle from right side in same st as before on lower piece and bring up through next st --draw up yarn, repeat from * until all sts are joined, and fasten yarn well before breaking off..

Complete Abbreviations

| | | | |
|---|--------------|-----|------------------------|
| k | knit | in | inches |
| p | purl | yo | yarn over |
| st (s) | stitch (es) | ch | chain |
| inc (s) | increase (s) | sc | single crochet |
| dec (s) | decrease (s) | dc | double crochet |
| tog | together | hdc | half double crochet |
| beg | beginning | | |
| pat | pattern (s) | | |
| Slip, k and pass the slipped st over the knit st | | | slip 1, k 1, pass |

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