

Colleen, by Jennifer Thurston



This lacy cropped cardigan is a perfect cover up for summer evenings and cooler weather. The simple textured lace pattern is easy to work, and sparkly edgings make it special. Pick any big pretty button and make the design unique!

Difficulty Level
Intermediate

Materials

Yarn A: Rowan Wool Cotton in Riviera 930, 50g/113m: 4 (5, 5, 5, 6) balls

Yarn B: Rowan Lurex Shimmer in Copper 330, 80% viscose/20% polyester: 1 ball

US 3 / 3.25mm straight needles

US 3 / 3.25mm circular needle

Stitch holder

One 1" button

Tapestry needle

Sizes

Finished bust 32 (34, 36, 38, 40)" / 81 (86, 91, 96, 101)cm

Gauge

20 sts and 30 rows = 4 inches / 10cm in eyelet pattern

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Note: When increasing or decreasing, continue working pattern so that eyelets line up, but always keep 1 or 2 edge sts in stockinette to make seaming easier.

Back

Cast on 72 (76, 80, 86, 92) sts with yarn A.

Row 1: knit

Row 2: purl

Row 3: knit

Row 4: knit

Row 5: k1, *yo, k2tog* to last st, k1

Row 6: knit

Row 7: knit

Row 8: purl

Row 9: knit

Row 10: knit

Row 11: k2, *yo, k2tog* to last 2 sts, k2

Row 12: knit

Rep these 12 rows for pattern.

Continuing in patt, inc 1 st at each end of next row, then at each end of every following 12th row 3 times; 80 (84, 88, 94, 100) sts on needle. Work 17 more rows, ending with a WS row. Piece should measure approx. 8.75" / 22cm from cast on.

Armhole shaping: Cast off 5 (6, 6, 7, 7) sts at beginning of next 2 rows; 70 (72, 76, 80, 86) sts. Dec 1 st at each end of every row 3 (3, 3, 4, 5) times, then dec 1 st each end of every 2nd row 1 (1, 2, 2, 3) times; 62 (64, 66, 68, 70) sts. Work even until armhole measures 7.75 (7.75, 8.25, 8.25, 8.75)" / 18 (18, 19, 19, 20)cm, ending with a WS row.

Shoulder and back neck shaping: Work 21 (21, 22, 22, 23) sts and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder. Dec 1 st at beg of next row, work 1 row even, dec 1 st of beg of next row; 19 (19, 20, 20, 21) sts. Work 1 row even.

Next row: work 13 (13, 13, 13, 14) sts, wrap next st and turn

Next row: work in pattern to end

Next row: dec 1 st at beg of row, work in pattern until there are 6 sts on right needle, wrap next st and turn

Next row: work in pattern to end

Next row: work all sts in pattern, working wraps together with their respective sts

Break yarn, leaving rem sts on a holder.

Rejoin yarn, cast off centre 20 (22, 22, 24, 24) sts and work to end

Dec 1 st at end of next row, work 1 row even, dec 1 st at end of next row; 19 (19, 20, 20, 21) sts.

Next row: work 13 (13, 13, 13, 14) sts, wrap next st and turn

Next row: work in pattern, dec 1 st at end of row

Next row: work 6 sts, wrap next st and turn

Next row: work in pattern to end

Next row: work all sts in patt, working wraps together with their respective sts

Break yarn, leaving rem sts on a holder.

Right Front

Cast on 12 (14, 16, 19, 22) sts using yarn A, and working in patt as for back, work 1 row.

Inc 1 st at end of next row (1 st increased at front edge). Inc 1 st at front edge every row 9 times, then every 2nd row 6 times, then every 4th row 3 times, then every 6th row 5 times (24

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total sts increased at front edge). At the same time inc 1 st at side seam edge every 12th row 4 times; 40 (42, 44, 47, 50) sts on needle. Work 2 rows, ending with a WS row. Piece should measure approx. 8.75" / 22cm from cast on.

Armhole shaping and front edge decreases: Cast off 5 (6, 6, 7, 7) sts at beg of next row; 35 (36, 38, 40, 43) sts. Work 1 row even. Dec 1 st at beg of every row 3 (3, 3, 4, 5) times and beg of every 2nd row 1 (1, 2, 2, 3) times. At the same time dec 1 st at front edge every 5th row 11 times, then every 2nd row 1 (2, 2, 3, 3) times; 19 (19, 20, 20, 21) sts. Work 2 (0, 2, 0, 2) rows, ending with a RS row.

Shoulder shaping: Work 13 (13, 13, 13, 14) sts, wrap next st and turn.
Next row: work in patt, dec 1 st at end of row.
Next row: work 6 sts, wrap next st and turn
Next row: work in patt to end
Next row: work all sts in patt, working wraps together with their respective sts
Break yarn, leaving rem sts on a holder.

Left Front

Cast on 12 (14, 16, 19, 22) sts using yarn A, and working in patt as for back, work 1 row. Inc 1 st at beg of next row (1 st increased at front edge). Inc 1 st at front edge every row 9 times, then every 2nd row 6 times, then every 4th row 3 times, then every 6th row 5 times (24 total sts increased at front edge). At the same time inc 1 st at side seam edge every 12th row 4 times; 40 (42, 44, 47, 50) sts on needle. Work 1 WS row. Piece should measure approx. 8.75" / 22cm from cast on.

Armhole shaping and front edge decreases: Cast off 5 (6, 6, 7, 7) sts at beg of next row; 35 (36, 38, 40, 43) sts. Work 1 row even. Dec 1 st at beg of every row 3 (3, 3, 4, 5) times and beg of every 2nd row 1 (1, 2, 2, 3) times. At the same time dec 1 st at front edge every 5th row 11 times, then every 2nd row 1 (2, 2, 3, 3) times; 19 (19, 20, 20, 21) sts. Work 1 row, ending with a WS row.

Shoulder shaping: Work in patt until there are 13 (13, 13, 13, 14) sts on right needle, wrap next st and turn.
Next row: work in patt, dec 1 st at end of row
Next row: work until there are 6 sts on right needle, wrap next st and turn
Next row: work in patt to end
Next row: work all sts in patt, working wraps together with their respective sts
Break yarn, leaving rem sts on a holder.

Sleeves (Make 2)

Cast on 66 (68, 70, 72, 74) sts using yarn A. Work in patt as for back for 12 rows. Piece should measure approx. 1.5" / 4cm.

Sleeve cap: Cast off 5 (6, 6, 7, 7) sts at beg of next 2 rows; 56 (56, 58, 60, 60) sts on needle. Dec 1 st at each end of next row. Dec 1 st at each end of every 2nd row twice, then every 4th row 5 times, then every 2nd row 3 (3, 4, 5, 5) times, then every row 3 times; 28 sts. Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. Cast off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows. Cast off rem 14 sts.

Finishing:

Sleeve edging: Using yarn A, pick up and knit 66 (68, 70, 72, 74) sts from cast on edge of sleeve.

Next row: knit, using yarn B
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Next row: cast off 3 sts, *transfer st on right needle back to left needle and cast on 2 sts, then cast off 5 sts*, rep to end.

Place held shoulder sts back onto needles and with right sides together, cast off both sets of sts together using a third needle, to make the shoulder seams.
Sew side seams. Sew sleeve seams, and then set sleeves into body, easing to fit.

Body edging: Using yarn A, starting from left side seam, pick up and knit sts evenly along the cast on edge of the back, along the cast on edge of the right front, around the right front edge, along the back neck, back down the left front edge and the left front cast on edge, and join in the round. There should be a multiple of 3 sts – if you have too many, simply decrease down on the next round.

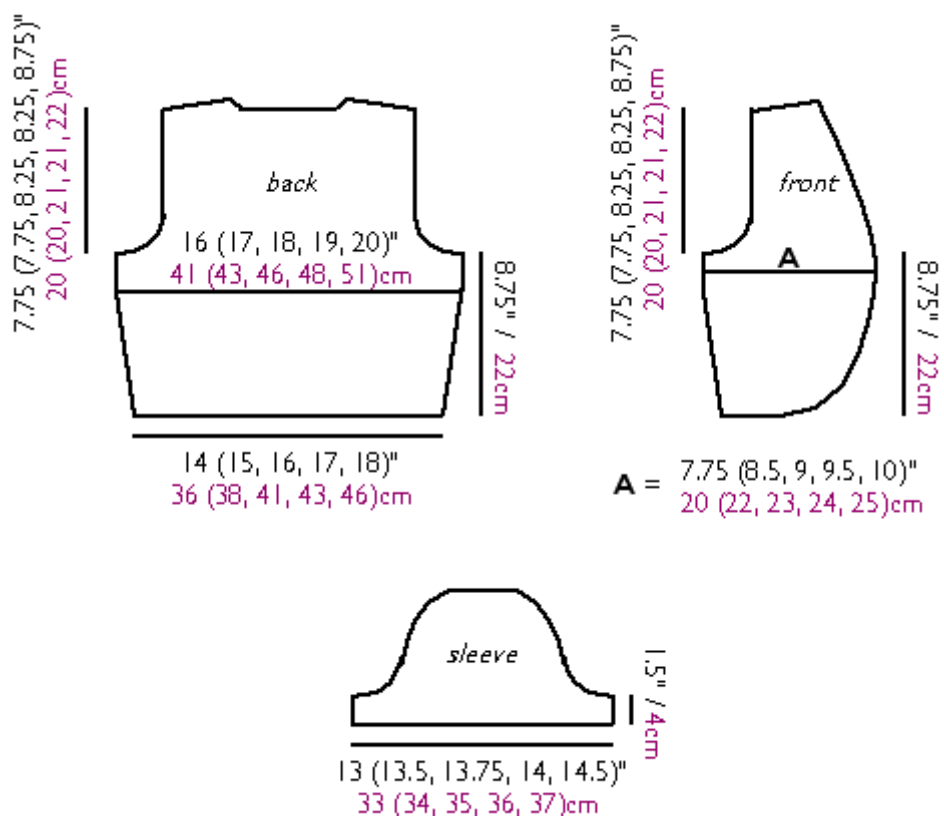
Next round: purl using yarn B. When you are level with the armhole shaping on the right front, cast off 5 sts, and finish the round.

Next round: knit using yarn A. When you are level with the cast off sts of the previous round, turn, cast on 4 sts, turn, and finish round.

Next round: purl using yarn B.

Next round: cast off 3 sts, *transfer st on right needle back to left needle and cast on 2 sts, then cast off 5 sts*, rep to end.

Weave in ends. Sew button to the left front, level with the button hole on the right front.



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