Winged Cape



Techniques used

Knitting and purling Yarnovers, increases and decreases Short rows with wrapped stitches Applied i-cord Provisional cast-on and grafting

Materials

Drops, Air (70% alpaca, 23% polyamide, 7% wool, 50g/130m)
550g = 11 balls in Fog (505g were used in total)
5.5mm (US 9) circular knitting needle (at least 100cm long) two 8mm (US 11) double-pointed needles stitch markers tapestry needle

Tension

15 sts and 21 rows to measure 10x10cm (4") over Main pattern using 5.5mm needles

Measurements

Width across back: approx. 120cm (approx. 47¼") Total length: approx. 120cm (approx. 47¼")

Width across front: approx. 55cm (approx. 21½") Length of back: approx. 50cm (approx. 19½")

Patterns

Main pattern (multiple of 4 sts + 2)

Row 1 (RS) 1 selv st, * yo, k2, pass yo over k2; repeat from *, 1 selv st.

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 1 selv st, k1, * yo, k2, pass yo over k2; repeat from *, k1, 1 selv st.

Row 4 Purl.

Repeat Row 1-4 for Main pattern.

Selvedge stitch

Slip 1st st purlwise with yarn in front, knit last st.

Abbreviations

RS right side w&t wrap and turn selv st selvedge stitch WS wrong side st/sts stitch/stitches yo yarnover tbl through back loop

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Right Front and Back

Outer short row section

Cast on 182 sts using 5.5mm needles and the cable cast-on, placing a stitch marker after the first 30 sts.

Cut yarn.

Slip the first 30 sts onto the free end of the needle and place a stitch marker.

Rejoin yarn to the stitches on the left needle and work 122 sts (until you reach the stitch marker from the cast-on), w&t.

* Purl 1 WS row, working 2 more sts than in the previous row, w&t.

Work 1 RS row in Main pattern, working 2 more sts as in the previous row, w&t.

Repeat from * until all 182 sts from cast-on have been worked [182 sts].

Work 25cm (10") (approx. 50 rows) even in Main pattern. When working across wrapped stitches, work the stitches and their respective wrap together as 1 st.

Finish with a WS row.

Inner short row section

* Work 1 RS row in Main patt.

Purl 1 WS row, working 2 sts less than in the previous row, w&t.

Repeat from * 14 more times [152 sts].

Work 1 RS row.

In the next WS row purl the wrapped stitches and their respective wraps together.

Neckline

At the beginning of next RS row, cast off 97 sts, continue in Main pattern until the end of the row. Continue in Main pattern and AT THE SAME TIME decrease for the neckline at the beginning of the RS rows as follows: 1x2 sts, then 1x1 st.

Work 13 rows even, starting with a WS row.

Increase for the neckline at the end of the RS rows as follows: 1x1 st, then 1x2 sts.

At the end of the next WS row, cast on 97 sts [182 sts].

Cut yarn.

Left Front

Inner short row section

Slip the first 30 sts onto the free end of the needle.

Rejoin yarn to the left needle [152 sts].

* Work 1 RS row in Main pattern.

Purl 1 WS row, working 2 sts more than in previous row.

Repeat from * until all cast on stitches have been worked [182 M].

Work 25cm (10") even in Main pattern. When working across wrapped stitches, work the stitches and their respective wraps as 1 st.

Finish with a RS row.

Outer short row section

* Purl 1 WS row, working 2 sts less than in the previous row, w&t.

Work 1 RS row, working 2 sts less than in previous row, w&t.

Repeat from * 14 more times [152 sts].

Purl 1 WS row, purling all wrapped stitches and their respective wraps together.

In the next RS row, cast of all sts and AT THE SAME TIME knit all wrapped stitches and their wrap together.

Weave in all ends.

Applied i-cord

Note: To reduce the number of yarn ends to be woven in (and because I didn't know how much yarn I would need for the i-cord), I used two new balls of yarn.

Using the double-pointed needles and a provisional cast-on of your choice, cast on 3 sts with yarn held double.

Start at one of the back corners and pick up and knit 1 st [4 sts].

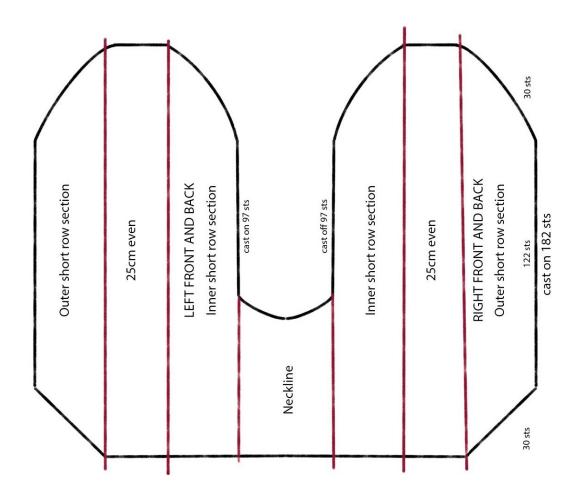
* Slide sts to the other end of the needle, k2, k2 tbl, pick up and knit 1 st from the edge; repeat from *.

Graft the last row and the sts from the provisional cast-on.

Weave in all ends.

To make up

Block the cape and carefully steam it (or cover it with damp cloths).



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