## Ríos Locos Neck Snuggler



This neck snuggler features an undulating lace pattern which highlights the vibrant colors of Curious Creek Serengeti. Unlike a scarf, it stays in place and out of your way! It's great for active people in mild Bay Area weather. Best of all, it uses only 1 skein of this washable merino yarn.

## Skill Level

Intermediate: skills include invisible CO, directional decreases, I-cord BO

## Size

S[M, L] (shown in size S) to fit neck up to $13[15,17]$ inches around

Finished measurements (after blocking)
Width: $41 / 4$ inches
Length: 17 [19, 21] inches

## Yarn

Curious Creek Serengeti, 1 skein
(shown in Sunrise on Daffodils)

## Needles

1 set US \#5/3.75mm straight needles
(or size needed to get gauge)

## Gauge

23 sts $/ 34$ rows $=4$ " in stockinette st

## Notions

Waste yarn for cast on
Tapestry needle
Blocking pins
4 buttons ( 15 mm )
Sewing needle \& thread

## Abbreviations:

K2tog: knit 2 together
SSK: slip, slip, knit
(slip 2 stitches knitwise 1 at a time, then knit them together through back loop)
K3tog: knit 3 together
SK2P: slip 1 knitwise, k2tog, pass slipped stitch over
K2tog tbl: knit 2 together through back loop
YO: yarn over

## Pattern Notes

The stitch patterns are given as both charts and written instructions. If you're new to charts, you can check yourself with the written version.

## Directions

CO 28 sts using the invisible cast-on method. (You may also use another temporary method such as the provisional crochet cast-on, if you prefer.)

Work 16 rows of main chart $7[8,9]$ times. Note that all odd (wrong side) rows are the same. Work main chart one more time, stopping after row 13 . Work 4 rows of buttonhole chart.

Work I-cord bind off as follows:
With right side facing, cable CO 3 sts at beginning of row.
*K2, K2tog tbl, slip 3 sts on right needle to left needle*
Repeat between * until 3 sts remain on left needle. Bind off these 3 stitches normally.
Break yarn and fasten off as usual.
Remove waste yarn from cast-on edge, placing live stitches on needle as you go. With right side facing, rejoin yarn and cable CO 3 sts at beginning of row. Complete I-cord bind off as above.

Weave in ends, tacking ends of I-cord to sides of work. Wash and block, pinning out to finished measurements. Sew 4 buttons in a vertical row on right edge of work near CO end. Space the buttons to line up with the 4 eyelets on first row of buttonhole chart when folded over as shown.

Feel free to experiment with novel button placements. Any eyelet may be used as a buttonhole!


Main Chart:
Row 1 (WS) and all WS rows: p2, k2, p9, k2, p9, k2, p2
Row 2 (RS): k2, p2, yo, k4, ssk, k3, p2, k3, k2tog, k4, yo, p2, k2
Row 4: k2, p2, k1, yo, k4, ssk, k2, p2, k2, k2tog, k4, yo, k1, p2, k2
Row 6: k2, p2, k2, yo, k4, ssk, k1, p2, k1, k2tog, k4, yo, k2, p2, k2
Row 8: k2, p2, k3, yo, k4, ssk, p2, k2tog, k4, yo, k3, p2, k2
Row 10: k2, p2, k3, k2tog, k4, yo, p2, yo, k4, ssk, k3, p2, k2
Row 12: k2, p2, k2, k2tog, k4, yo, k1, p2, k1, yo, k4, ssk, k2, p2, k2
Row 14: k2, p2, k1, k2tog, k4, yo, k2, p2, k2, yo, k4, ssk, k1, p2, k2
Row 16: k2, p2, k2tog, k4, yo, k3, p2, k3, yo, k4, ssk, p2, k2
Buttonhole Chart:
Row 14 (RS): k2, p2, yo, k3tog, k4, yo, k2, p2, k2, yo, k4, sk2p, yo, p2, k2
Row 15 (WS): p2, k2, p9, k2, p9, k2, p2
Row 16: k2, p2, k2tog, k4, yo, k3, p2, k3, yo, k4, ssk, p2, k2
Row 17: p2, k2, p9, k2, p9, k2, p2

Main Chart



Chart Key

| $\square$ | K on RS, P on WS | $\boxed{ }$ | K2tog |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ | P on RS, K on WS | $\boxed{~}$ | SSK |
| O | YO | $\boxed{\Delta}$ | K3tog |
|  |  | $\boxed{y}$ | SK2P |

