Counterpane Cardigan
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The cardigan is knit in almost seamless construction. First the counterpane square is knit, then the bottom part of the cardigan (including bottom front pieces) are knit onto two sides of the counterpane. Next, the two front parts of the cardigan are knit upward by picking up stitches from the two bottom fronts. Both raglan shaped sleeves are knit individually, top-down and in the round. The sleeves are sewn onto the cardigan. Finally, stitches are picked up along the fronts and neck portion of the cardigan and the lace rim is knit.

Sizes: S(M, L, XL) - 34(36-38, 40-42, 44-46) " finished chest sizes

For sizes **S** and **M** the sizing is accomplished by knitting the pattern in a smaller gauge (S = 20 sts/4" in stockinette st), (M = 18 sts/4" in stockinette st).
For sizes **L** and **XL** the pattern is knit in 16 sts/4" in stockinette st.

Yarn:
<u>Sizes **S (M, L, XL)**</u>
- Classic Elite Yarns, Premiere (50% Cotton, 50% Tencel) (108 yds/skein) 13 (13, 13, 13)

<u>Size **S**</u>
- Knit Picks, Shine Sport Yarn (60% Pima Cotton, 40% Modal) (110 yds/skein) - 13 skeins

Sizes **M, L & XL**

- Knit Picks, Shine Worsted Yarn (60% Pima Cotton, 40% Modal) (75 yds/skein) – 18 (18, 18) skeins

  Sizes **L & XL**
- Naturally Caron Country (75% Acrylic, 25% Merino Wool)(185 yds/skein) – 7 skeins

Materials:

- DPN or 40" Circular Needle to get gauge
- Tapestry Needle
- Stitch Markers

Gauge:

- **Size S** – 20 sts/4" in stockinette stitch
- **Size M** – 18 sts/4" in stockinette stitch
- **Size L & XL** – 16 sts/4" in stockinette stitch

Skills needed:

- DPN or Magic Loop – used to knit the counterpane and the sleeves knit in the round
- Basic Lace – yarn overs; knit two together; Slip 1, K1, PSSO; Slip 2, K1, PSSO
- Picking up stitches

Counterpane:

S, M, L & XL: Cast on 8 sts and divide them evenly over 4 double pointed needles (2 sts on each needle). You will need a 5th dpn to knit with.

The instructions for each round are written for one needle only. Repeat the instructions 4 times (once on each needle) for a complete round.

1st round: (Yo, k1) twice

2nd round: Knit

3rd round: (Yo, k1) 4 times

4th round: P1. k5. p1. k1

5th round: (Yo, k3, yo, k1) twice

6th round: P2, k7, p2, k1

7th round: (Yo, k5, yo, k1) twice

8th round: P3, k9, p3, k1

9th round: (Yo, k7, yo, k1) twice

10th round: P4, k11, p4, k1

11th round: (Yo, k9, yo, k1) twice

12th round: P5, k13, p5, k1

13th round: (Yo, k11, yo, k1) twice

14th round: P6, k15, p6, k1

15th round: (yo, k13, yo, k1) twice

16th round: P7, k17, p7, k1

17th round: Yo, k7, sl 1, k1, psso, k13, k2tog, k7, yo, k1

18th round: P8, k15, p8, k1

19th round: Yo, k8, sl 1, k1, psso, k11, k2tog, k8, yo, k1

20th round: P9, k13, p9, k1

21st round: Yo, k9, sl 1, k1, psso, k9, k2tog, k9, yo, k1

22nd round: P10, k11, p10, k1

23rd round: Yo, k10, sl 1, k1, psso, k7, k2tog, k10, yo, k1

24th round: P11, k9, p11, k1

25th round: Yo, k11, sl 1, k1, psso, k5, k2tog, k11, yo, k1

26th round: P12, k7, p12, k1

27th round: Yo, k12, sl 1, k1, psso, k3, k2tog, k12, yo, k1

28th round: P13, k5, p13, k1

29th round: Yo, k13, sl 1, k1, psso, k1, k2tog, k13, yo, k1

30th round: P14, k3, p14, k1

31st round: Yo, k14, k3tog, k14, yo, k1

32nd round: Purl to last stitch of needle, k1

33rd round: (Yo, k2tog) 15 times, (yo, k1) twice

34th, 36th, 38th, 40th, 42nd and 44th rounds: Knit

35th round: Yo, k2tog, (yo, k4, k2tog) 5 times, (yo, k1) twice

37th round: Yo, k2tog, (yo, k1, yo, k2tog, k1, k2tog) 5 times, yo, k1, yo, k2tog, yo, k1

39th round: Yo, k2tog, (yo, k3, yo, k3tog) 5 times, yo, k3, yo, k2tog, yo, k1

41st round: Yo, k2tog, yo, k1, (yo, k2tog, k1, yo, k3) 6 times, yo, k1

43rd round: Yo, k2tog, yo, k3, (yo, k2tog, yo, k5) 6 times, yo, k1

45th round: (yo, k2tog) 27 times, (yo, k1) twice

46th, 47th and 48th rounds: Purl

49th round: Knit

50th round: Bind off

Bottom:

S, M & L: CO 24 sts, pick up 58 sts along one side of pane, PM, pick- up 1 st, PM, pick up 58 sts along second side of pane, CO 24 sts.

2nd row: P 82 sts, SM, P 3 sts into the 1 sts, SM, P 82 sts.

3rd row: K 82 sts, SM, M1L, K3, M1R, SM, K 82 sts.

4th row: P all sts.

5th row: K82 sts, SM, M1L, K all sts until marker, M1R, SM, K82 sts.

6th row: P all sts.

Repeat 5th & 6th row until cast on bottom piece measures 10", end with a RS row, work 5 rows in garter st and cast off on row 6.

XL: CO 28 sts, pick up 58 sts along one side of pane, PM, pick- up 1 st, PM, pick up 58 sts along second side of pane, CO 24 sts.

2nd row: P 82 sts, SM, P 3 sts into the 1 sts, SM, P 82 sts.

3rd row: K 82 sts, SM, M1L, K3, M1R, SM, K 82 sts.

4th row: P all sts.

5th row: K82 sts, SM, M1L, K all sts until marker, M1R, SM, K82 sts.

6th row: P all sts.

Repeat 5th & 6th row until cast on bottom piece measures 10", end with a RS row, work 5 rows in garter st and cast off on row 6.

Sleeves (make two):

S, M, L & XL: CO 15 sts.

Row 1: work one WS row in P st.

Row 2: K 2 sts, M1R, work until 2 sts are left, M1L, K 2sts.

S, M, L: Repeat Rows 1 & 2 until there are 71 sts on the needle.

XL: Repeat Rows 1 & 2 until there are 77 sts on the needle.

Stop raglan increase, then start working sleeve portion as follows:

Start working sleeve in the round, K one row, CO 3 sts, PM, CO 3 more sts, continue knitting in the round.

Knit 6 rows and then start decreasing 1 st at beginning and 1 sts at end of the row,

* K2, SSK, knit to last 4 sts on needle, K2to, K2 *

continue decreasing every 6th RS row 7 times:

Stop working sleeve to **desired length** or 7.5" sleeve length. Change to smaller size needles and work 5 rows in garter st and cast off on row 6.

Left Front:

S, M & L: Pick up 24 sts on left front, knit in stockinette st for 15 rows, finish with WS row. Start decreasing to match raglans of sleeve as follows:

Row 1: K2, SSK, k all sts to end of row.

Row 2: P all sts.

Repeat Rows 1& 2 until there are 4 sts left on needle, cast off.

XL: Pick up 28 sts on left front, knit in stockinette st for 15 rows, finish with WS row. Start decreasing to match raglans of sleeve as follows:

Row 1: K2, SSK, k all sts to end of row.

Row 2: P all sts.

Repeat Rows 1& 2 until there are 4 sts left on needle, cast off.

Right Front:

S, M & L: Pick up 24 sts on left front, knit in stockinette st for 15 rows, finish with WS row. Start decreasing to match raglans of sleeve as follows:

Row 1: K until 4 sts are left on needle, K2tog, K2.

Row 2: P all sts.

Repeat Rows 1& 2 until there are 4 sts left on needle, cast off.

XL: Pick up 28 sts on left front, knit in stockinette st for 15 rows, finish with WS row. Start decreasing to match raglans of sleeve as follows:

Row 1: K until 4 sts are left on needle, K2tog, K2.

Row 2: P all sts.

Repeat Rows 1& 2 until there are 4 sts left on needle, cast off.

Sew in raglan portion of sleeve to the back top edge of counterpane lace square, up to 3" on the top of the counterpane and sew in sleeve attached to the front panel.

Front Panel:

S, M, L & XL: Pick up 90 sts along the right front, 15 sts across the raglan sleeve top, 31 sts across the back, 15 sts across the raglan sleeve top, and 90 sts across the left front. (241 sts total)

Purl one row.

Start knitting Leave Border Pattern:

Row 1: (RS)
K5; * K2tog, K3, YO, K1, YO, K3, SKPO * repeat 21 times; K5

Row 2: (WS)
K5; P all sts until last 5 sts; K5.

Row 3: (RS)

K5; * K2tog, K2, YO, K3, YO, K2, SKPO * repeat 21 times; K5

Row 4: (WS)
K5; P all sts until last 5 sts; K5.

Row 5: (RS)
K5; * K2tog, K1, YO, K5, YO, K1, SKPO * repeat 21 times; K5

Row 6: (WS)
K5; P all sts until last 5 sts; K5.

Row 7: (RS)
K5; * K2tog, YO, K7, YO, SKPO * repeat 21 times; K5

Row 8: (WS)
K5; P all sts until last 5 sts; K5.

Row 9: (RS)
K5; K2tog* YO, K4, K2tog, K3, YO, SKPO * repeat 21 times; K4.

Row 10: (WS)
K4; P all sts until last 5 sts; K5.

Row 11: (RS)
K5; * YO, K3, SKPO, K2tog, K3, YO, K1 * repeat 21 times; K4.

Row 12: (WS)
K4; P all sts until last 5 sts; K5.

Row 13: (RS)
K5; * YO, K3, SKPO, K2tog, K3, YO, K1 * repeat 21 times; K4.

Row 14: (WS)
K4; P all sts until last 5 sts; K5.

Row 15: (RS)
K6; * YO, K2, SKPO, K2tog, K2, YO, K3 * repeat 21 times; K4.

Row 16: (WS)
K4; P all sts until last 5 sts; K5.

Row 17: (RS)
K7 * YO, K1, SKPO, K2tog, K1, YO, K5 * repeat 21 times; K4.

Row 18: (WS)
K4; P all sts until last 5 sts; K5.

<u>Row 19:</u> (RS)
K8; * YO, SKPO, K2tog, YO, K7 * repeat 21 times; K4.

<u>Row 20:</u> (WS)
K4; P all sts until last 5 sts; K5.

<u>Row 21:</u> (RS)
K all sts.

S, M & L: Bind off all sts.

XL: Knit 5 more rows in garter st, bind off all sts on row 6.

Finishing: Block and weave in ends.