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Poncho "Ashandra"

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Size: 36 - 40



Materials: "Cashmere Zauber" (80% wool – merino medium, 20% cashmere, yardage = 140 m (153 yds.)/50 g), color: **700 g "Lilac Scent"** #1699, one 60 cm (24") circular needle 4 mm (US 6), one 120 cm (47") circular needle 4 mm (US 6), one stitch marker.

Edge st: At the beginning of each row slip the 1st stitch knitwise with yarn in front, knit the last stitch.

2 edge sts: At the beginning of each row slip the 1st stitch knitwise with yarn in front, knit the 2nd stitch.

At the end of each row slip the 2nd to last st of the row knitwise with yarn in front, knit the last st.

I/I rib pattern: Alternate k1, p1; in WS rows knit sts as they appear.

Basic pattern: see chart. Read the RS rows or pattern rds from right to left. In the non-charted WS rows or in-between rds knit the sts as they appear.

Work the 2 sts of the pattern repeat throughout, ending with the st after the pattern repeat. Repeat **rows 1 - 16** for pattern.

Legend:

- = k (knit 1)
- = p (purl 1)
- = I dip stitch

Chart

				15
				13
				11
				9
				7
				5
				3
				1

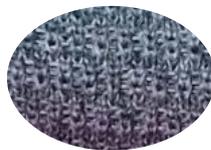
Pattern repeat = 2 sts

I dip stitch: Insert the right needle into the st one row below and knit this st. The st above dissolves.

Decreases: Ssk the two sts before the marked stitch; k2tog the two sts after the marked st.

Ssk: Slip 2 sts as if to knit, then knit those 2 sts together.

Basic pattern



Gauge in basic pattern with needle 4mm (US 6):

17 sts and 40 rows = 10 x 10 cm (4").

Stitch counter x 1.7

Row counter x 4.0

Left side piece:

1. CO 90 sts with the long circular needle for the left side piece. Knit in rib pattern in rows. Work 2 edge sts at the right side of work and 1 edge st at the left side of work.

2. After 3 cm (1") = 7 rows from CO edge continue in basic pattern. Keep working the 2 or 1 edge st as described.

3. After 30 cm (11 3/4") from CO place marker on the right side of the work.

4. After 48 cm (18 3/4") from CO place another marker on the right side of the work.

5. After 64 cm (25") from CO place marker on the left side of the work. The first half of the left side piece is finished. Mirror the pattern and work the second half the same as the first.

Right side piece including right sleeve:

1. With the long circular needle pick up 109 sts from the front left side piece (= half of the side piece) starting at the middle marking. Knit in basic pattern and work 1 edge st on both sides.

2. In row 5 BO 1 st on the right side of work for the neckline shaping. In every 4th row BO 1 st three more times = 105 sts.

3. After 72 rows from the beginning of the right side piece inc 1 st on the right side of work. In every 4th row inc 1 st three more times = 109 sts.

4. After 88 rows from the beginning of the right side piece put all sts on hold. Pick up 109 sts from the 2nd half of the left side piece. Mirror the pattern for the 1st half of the right side piece and work the 2nd half the same way. Transfer all sts on hold onto one needle = 218 sts. Continue in basic pattern. K2tog the two sts in the middle and mark this st with a marker = 217 sts.

In row 3 (= RS row) work decreases on both sides of the marked st as follows: Ssk the two sts before the marked st; k2tog the two sts after the marked st. Then work decreases 20 more times alternating in every 4th and 2nd row = 175 sts. In every 2nd row work decreases 66 more times = 43 sts.

5. Knit 3 cm (1") = 7 rows in rib pattern. BO all sts.

Finishing:

Block the piece and leave it under wet towels to dry.

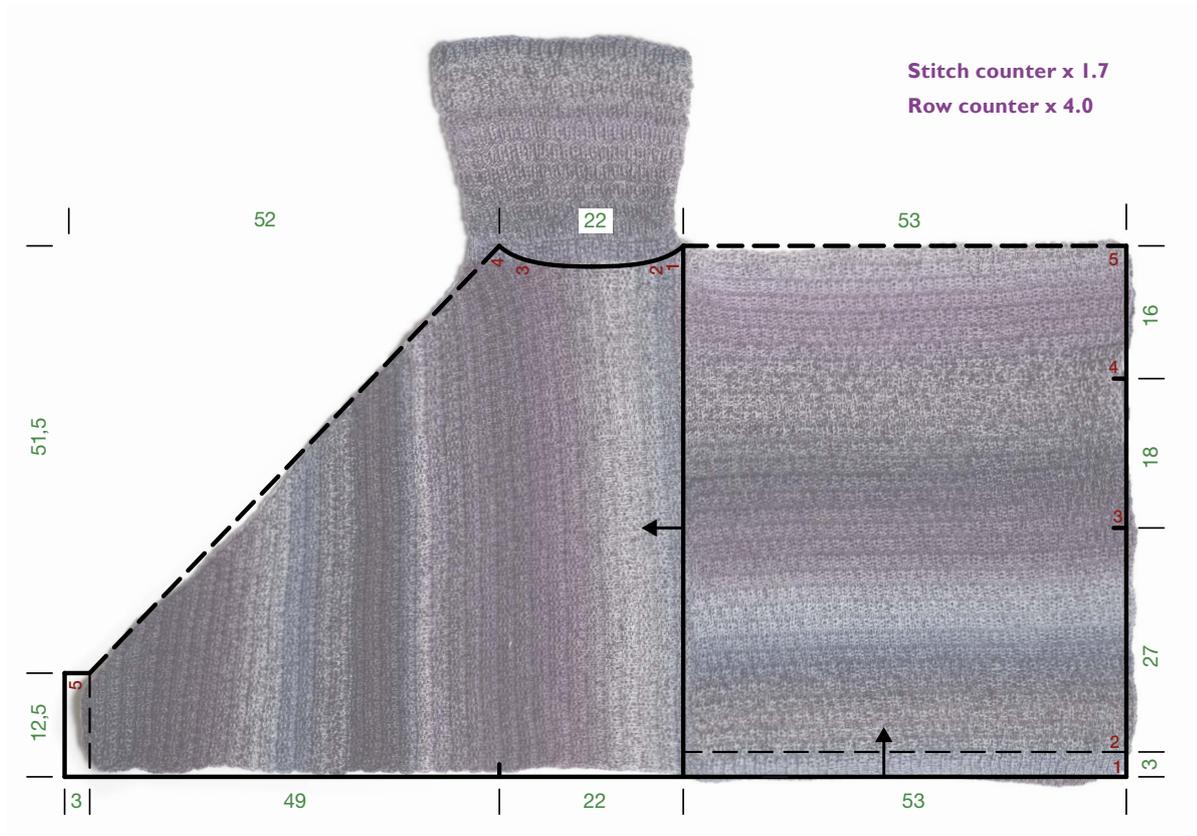
Close the 18 cm (7") between the markers at the right side edge of the left side piece.

Close the 52 cm (20 1/2") at bottom edge of the right sleeve up to the marker.

For the collar pick up 102 sts with the short circular needle and work in basic pattern in rds.

After 16 rds turn work and continue to knit the pattern on the WS (= inside) of work. After working another 40 cm (15 3/4") for the collar knit 2 cm (3/4") in rib pattern. BO all sts loosely.

Weave in all ends.



Abbreviations

BO	= bind of
CO	= cast on
k	= knit
k2tog	= knit 2 together
p	= purl
rib	= ribbing
rd(s)	= round(s)
RS	= right side
ssk	= slip slip knit
st(s)	= stitch(es)
WS	= wrong side

Difficulty

▲	easy
▲▲	intermediate
▲▲▲	difficult