





Stag Head Pullover

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When Carrie mentioned that the theme of this issue would be Fauna I immediately knew I wanted to draw with cables. Remembering an inspirational cabled skull pullover by Alexander McQueen I set out to emulate the feeling with a stag's head and his wonderful rack of antlers.

Finished measurements

36½ (40, 43½, 47, 50¾, 54¼, 57¾, 61¼)" [92.5 (101.5, 110.5, 119.5, 129, 138, 146.5, 155.5) cm] bust circumference; sample shown in size 40" [101.5 cm] with 6" [15 cm] positive ease
Suggested ease: 4" [10 cm] to 6" [15 cm] positive ease

Yarn

Erin by Imperial Yarn Co.

(100% wool; 4 oz / 225 yards [206 meters])

- 5 (5, 6, 6, 7, 7, 7, 8) skeins in Rain

OR

1045 (1120, 1245, 1310, 1465, 1520, 1640, 1715)

yards [959 (1027, 1140, 1200, 1343, 1391, 1503,

1568) meters] in light worsted weight yarn

Needles

- One pair each in sizes US 5 and 7 [3.75 and 4.5 mm]
- One 16" [40 cm] circular needle (circ) in size US 5 [3.75 mm]

Or size to obtain gauge

Notions

- Stitch markers
- Cable needle
- Tapestry needle

Gauge

18 sts and 26 rows = 4" [10 cm] in stockinette stitch with larger needles, after blocking.

Body panel = 16" [40.5 cm], after blocking.

Notes

Pullover is worked in pieces, then seamed together. Stitches are picked up around neck for rib trim.

Back

Using smaller needles and the alternating cable cast on, CO 122 (130, 138, 146, 158, 166, 174, 182) sts.

Row 1: (RS) *K2, p2, rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 2: (WS) *P2, k2, rep from * to last 2 sts, p2.

Cont in rib for 2½" [6.5 cm], ending after a RS row. Change to larger needles.

Next row *dec row*: (WS) Purl to end and using p2tog, decrease 12 (12, 12, 12, 16, 16, 16, 16) sts evenly across row—110 (118, 126, 134, 142, 150, 158, 166) sts rem.

Begin stitch patterns

Next row: (RS) K12 (16, 20, 24, 28, 32, 36, 40), pm, work Row 1 of Body Panel over 86 sts, pm, k12 (16, 20, 24, 28, 32, 36, 40).

Cont in St st and Body Panel for 17 (15, 19, 15, 21, 17, 21, 19) more rows.

Begin side shaping

Next row *dec row*: (RS) K2, k2tog, cont to work in St st and Body Panel to last 4 sts, ssk, k2 (2 sts dec'd)—108 (116, 124, 132, 140, 148, 156, 164) sts rem.

Rep *dec row* every 8 rows six more times—96 (104, 112, 120, 128, 136, 144, 152) sts rem.

Work 19 rows even.

Pc meas approx 15¾ (15½, 16, 15½, 16¼, 15¾, 16¼, 16)" [40 (39.5, 40.5, 39.5, 41.5, 40, 41.5, 40.5) cm] from beg.

Begin armhole shaping

Next row: (RS) BO 2 (3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5) sts, work to end—94 (101, 109, 116, 124, 132, 139, 147) sts rem.

Next row: (WS) BO 2 (3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5) sts, work to end—92 (98, 106, 112, 120, 128, 134, 142) sts rem.

Next row: BO 2 (2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 5, 6) sts, work to end—90 (96, 103, 109, 116, 123, 129, 136) sts rem.

Next row: BO 2 (2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 5, 6) sts, work to end—88 (94, 100, 106, 112, 118, 124, 130) sts rem.

Next row dec row: (RS) K1, k2tog, work to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 (2 sts dec'd)—86 (92, 98, 104, 110, 116, 122, 128) sts.

Rep *dec row* every RS row 2 (3, 3, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9) more times—82 (86, 92, 98, 100, 104, 106, 110) sts rem.

Next row: (WS) P1, k1, work as est to last 2 sts, k1, p1.

Next row: K1, p1, work to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

Cont as est until pc meas 7 (7½, 8, 8½, 9, 9½, 10, 10½)" [18 (19, 20.5, 21.5, 23, 24, 25.5, 26.5) cm] from underarm, ending after a WS row.

Begin shoulder and neck shaping

Mark center 26 sts.

Next row: (RS) BO 4 sts, work to end—78 (82, 88, 94, 96, 100, 102, 106) sts rem.

Next row: (WS) BO 4 sts, work to end—74 (78, 84, 90, 92, 96, 98, 102) sts rem.

Rep the last 2 rows one more time—66 (70, 76, 82, 84, 88, 90, 94) sts rem.

Next row: (RS) BO 4 (4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 7) sts, work to m, join a new ball of yarn and BO center 26 sts, work to end—20 (22, 25, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34) sts rem for left shoulder, 16 (18, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27) sts for right.

Next row: (WS) BO 4 (4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 7) sts, work to neck; then BO 5 (5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 6) sts, work to end—16 (18, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27) sts left shoulder, 11 (13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21) sts for right.

Next row: BO 4 (4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7) sts, work to neck; then BO 5 (5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 6) sts, work to end—11 (13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21) sts for left shoulder, 7 (9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 13, 14) sts for right.

Next row: BO 4 (4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7) sts, work to neck; then BO 4 (5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7) sts, work to end—7 (9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 13, 14) sts for left shoulder, 3 (4, 5, 6, 7, 7, 7, 7) sts for right.

Next row: (RS) BO rem right sts; then BO 4 (5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7) sts, work to end—3 (4, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7, 7) sts for left shoulder.

Next row: (WS) BO rem sts.

Front

Work Front same as for Back through armhole shaping, except once you have worked Rows 1–8 of Body Panel a total of 4 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7) times, begin with Row 1 of Stag Panel and cont in Stag Panel for remainder of Front. Note varying stitch

counts in Stag Panel and account for this when counting stitches on shaping rows.

Last row worked in body before underarm will be Row 54 (52, 48, 44, 42, 38, 34, 32) of Stag Panel. Once you reach Row 87 of Stag Panel, there will be 78 (82, 88, 94, 96, 100, 102, 106) sts on needle. Begin neck shaping on the following WS row.

Begin neck shaping

Mark center 16 (18, 18, 18, 18, 22, 22, 24) sts for neck.

Next row: (WS) Work to neck m, join a new ball of yarn and BO center 16 (18, 18, 18, 18, 22, 22, 24) sts, work to end—31 (32, 35, 38, 39, 39, 40, 41) sts rem for each shoulder. Cont working chart over rem sts.

Next row: (RS) Work to neck; then BO 4 sts, work to end.

Next row: Work to neck; then BO 4 sts, work to end—27 (28, 31, 34, 35, 35, 36, 37) sts rem for each shoulder.

Next row: (RS) Work to neck; then BO 3 sts, work to end.

Next row: Work to neck; then BO 3 sts, work to end—24 (25, 28, 31, 32, 32, 33, 34) sts each.

Next row: (RS) Work to neck; then BO 2 sts, work to end.

Next row: Work to neck; then BO 2 sts, work to end—22 (23, 26, 29, 30, 30, 31, 32) sts each.

Next row: (RS) Work to neck; then BO 1 st, work to end.

Next row: Work to neck; then BO 1 st, work to end—21 (22, 25, 28, 29, 29, 30, 31) sts each.

Rep the last 2 rows three more times—18 (19, 22, 25, 26, 26, 27, 28) sts rem for each shoulder.

Work even until front meas same as back at armhole edge, ending after a WS row.

Begin shoulder shaping

Next row: (RS) BO 4 sts, work to neck; then work to end.

Next row: (WS) BO 4 sts, work to neck; then work to end—14 (15, 18, 21, 22, 22, 23, 24) sts rem for each shoulder.

Rep the last 2 rows one more time—10 (11, 14, 17, 18, 18, 19, 20) sts rem for each shoulder.

Next row: (RS) BO 4 (4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 7) sts, work to neck; then work to end.

Next row: BO 4 (4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 7) sts, work to neck; then work to end—6 (7, 9, 11, 12, 12, 13, 13) sts rem for each shoulder.

Next row: (RS) BO 4 (4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7) sts, work to neck; then work to end.

Next row: BO 4 (4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7) sts, work to neck; then work to end—2 (3, 4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6) sts rem for each shoulder.

Next row: (RS) BO rem sts to neck; then work to end.

Next row: BO rem sts.

Sleeves (make 2)

Using smaller needles and the alternating cable cast on, CO 40 (40, 44, 44, 48, 48, 52, 52) sts. Do not join.

Row 1: (RS) *K2, p2, rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 2: (WS) *P2, k2, rep from * to last 2 sts, p2.

Cont in rib for 2" [5 cm], ending after a RS row.

Change to larger needles.

Next row dec row: (WS) Purl to end and using p2tog, dec 4 (4, 6, 6, 6, 6, 8, 8) sts evenly across row—36 (36, 38, 38, 42, 42, 44, 44) sts rem.

Begin stitch patterns

Next row: (RS) K3 (3, 4, 4, 6, 6, 7, 7), pm, work Row 1 of Sleeve Panel over 30 sts, pm, k3 (3, 4, 4, 6, 6, 7, 7).

Cont in St st and sleeve panel for 9 (9, 5, 5, 3, 1, 1, 1) more rows.

Begin sleeve shaping

Next row inc row: (RS) K2, m1-L, work to last 2 sts, m1-R, k2 (2 sts inc'd)—38 (38, 40, 40, 44, 44, 46, 46) sts.

Rep *inc row* every 12 (10, 8, 6, 6, 4, 4, 4) rows 2 (8, 8, 6, 13, 1, 4, 7) more times, then every 14 (0, 10, 8, 8, 6, 6, 6) rows 4 (0, 2, 6, 1, 14, 12, 10) times—50 (54, 60, 64, 72, 74, 78, 80) sts on needle.

Work even until pc meas 17" [43 cm] from beg, ending after a WS row.

Begin cap shaping

Next row: (RS) BO 2 (3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5) sts, work to end—48 (51, 57, 60, 68, 70, 73, 75) sts rem.

Next row: (WS) BO 2 (3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5) sts, work to end—46 (48, 54, 56, 64, 66, 68, 70) sts rem.

Next row: BO 2 (2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 5, 6) sts, work to end—44 (46, 51, 53, 60, 61, 63, 64) sts rem.

Next row: BO 2 (2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 5, 6) sts, work to end—42 (44, 48, 50, 56, 56, 58, 58) sts rem.

Next row dec row: (RS) K1, k2tog, work to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 (2 sts dec'd)—40 (42, 46, 48, 54, 54, 56, 56) sts.

Rep *dec row* every RS row 3 (3, 3, 3, 5, 5, 5, 5) more times, every 4 rows 2 (2, 2, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0) times, then every RS row 3 (3, 3, 3, 6, 6, 6, 6)—24 (26, 30, 32, 32, 32, 34, 34) sts.

Next row: (RS) BO 2 sts, work to end—22 (24, 28, 30, 30, 30, 32, 32) sts.

Next row: (WS) BO 2 sts, work to end—20 (22, 26, 28, 28, 28, 30, 30) sts.

Next row: BO 3 sts, work to end—17 (19, 23, 25, 25, 25, 27, 27) sts.

Next row: BO 3 sts, work to end—14 (16, 20, 22, 22, 22, 24, 24) sts rem.

Next row: BO rem sts.

Finishing

Weave in ends. Block to measurements

Sew shoulder seams. (Note that front shoulders contain 1 fewer stitch than back.)

Set in sleeves, then seam sides and sleeves.

Neck trim

With smaller circ and RS facing, beg at center of back neck, pick up and knit 90 (92, 92, 92, 92, 96, 96, 98) sts around neck opening.

Pm for BOR.

Next rnd: *K1, p1; rep from * to end.

Cont in rib for 1¼" [3 cm].

Next rnd: Using the tubular bind off (or your preferred stretchy bind off), BO all sts.

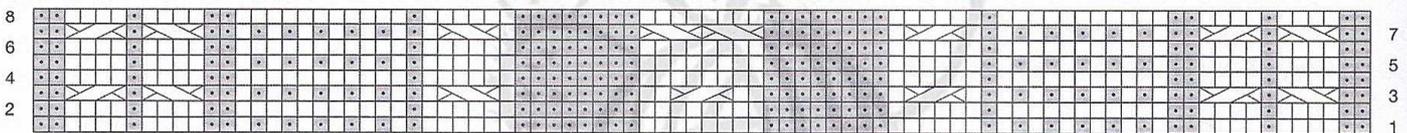
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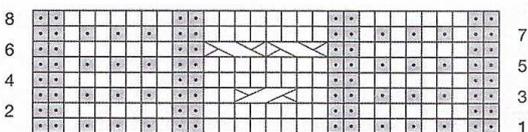
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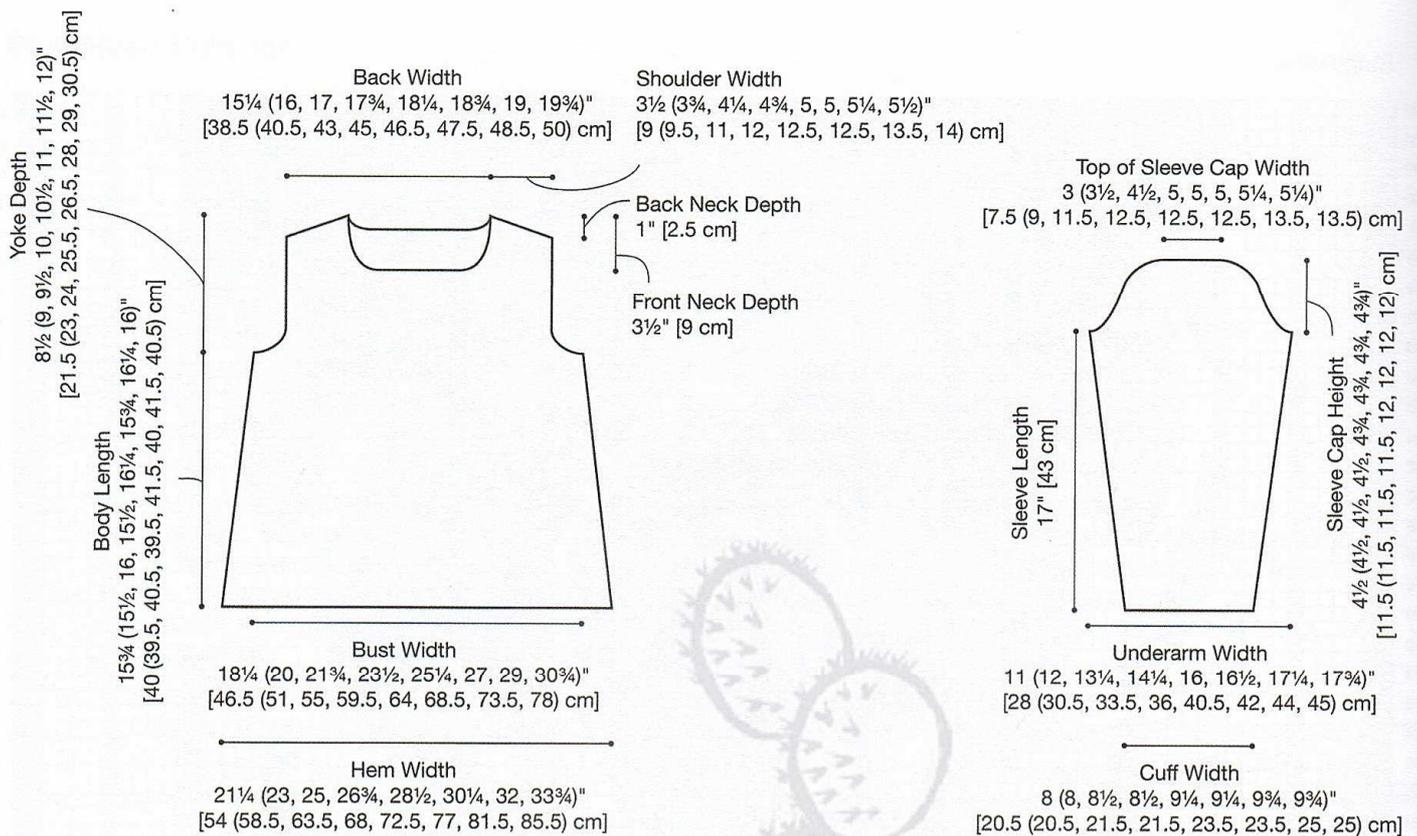
-  Knit on RS; Purl on WS
-  Purl on RS; Knit on WS
-  no stitch (ignore this space)
-  p2tog (1 st dec'd)
-  k-tbl: knit 1 through the back loop
-  2/2 RT: SI 2 to CN, hold to back, k2, k2 from CN
-  2/2 LT: SI 2 to CN, hold to front, k2, k2 from CN
-  2/1 RT: SI 1 to CN, hold to back, k2, k1 from CN
-  2/1 LT: SI 2 to CN, hold to front, k1, k2 from CN
-  1/1 RC: SI 1 to CN, hold to back, k1, p1 from CN
-  1/1 LC: SI 1 to CN, hold to front, p1, k1 from CN
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-  2/1 LC: SI 2 to CN, hold to front, p1, k2 from CN
-  1/2 RT: SI 2 to CN, hold to back, k1, k2 from CN
-  1/2 LT: SI 1 to CN, hold to front, k2, k1 from CN
-  2/3 RT: SI 3 to CN, hold to back, k2, k3 from CN
-  2/3 LT: SI 2 to CN, hold to front, k3, k2 from CN
-  3/1 RT: SI 1 to CN, hold to back, k3, k1 from CN
-  3/1 LT: SI 3 to CN, hold to front, k1, k3 from CN
-  3/1 RC: SI 1 to CN, hold to back, k3, p1 from CN
-  3/1 LC: SI 3 to CN, hold to front, p1, k3 from CN
-  3/2 RC: SI 2 to CN, hold to back, k3, p2 from CN
-  3/2 LC: SI 3 to CN, hold to front, p2, k3 from CN
-  4/1 RC: SI 1 to CN, hold to back, k4, p1 from CN
-  4/1 LC: SI 4 to CN, hold to front, p1, k4 from CN
-  4/2 RC: SI 2 to CN, hold to back, k4, p2 from CN
-  4/2 LC: SI 4 to CN, hold to front, p2, k4 from CN
-  4/2 RC-dec: SI 2 to CN, hold to back, k4, p2tog from CN (1 st dec'd)
-  4/2 LC-dec: SI 4 to CN, hold to front, p2tog, k4 from CN (1 st dec'd)
-  4/3 RT: SI 3 to CN, hold to back, k4, k3 from CN
-  4/3 LT: SI 4 to CN, hold to front, k3, k4 from CN
-  4/3 RC: SI 3 to CN, hold to back, k4, p3 from CN
-  4/3 LC: SI 4 to CN, hold to front, p3, k4 from CN
-  2/2 RT-inc: SI 2 to CN, hold to back, k2, (k1, yo, k1) from CN (1 st inc'd)
-  2/2 LT-inc: SI 2 to CN, hold to front, (k1, yo, k1), k2 from CN (1 st inc'd)
-  4/2 RT-inc: SI 2 to CN, hold to back, k4, (yo, k1, yo, k1) from CN (2 sts inc'd)
-  4/2 LT-inc: SI 4 to CN, hold to front, (k1, yo, k1, yo), k4 from CN (2 sts inc'd)

Body Panel



Sleeve Panel





Throstle Shawl Bristol Ivy

I love that birds' wings are an aesthetic paradox: on the one hand (or wing?) they are soft, fluid, organic, malleable. On the other, they are sharp, powerful, and carved in broad architectural strokes. I wanted to capture both sides of that in this shawl by pairing a delicate, feathery, organic lace with crisp garter stitch and graphic short row shaping.

Finished measurements

79" [200.5 cm] wingspan and 19½" [49.5 cm] deep at center

Yarn

Mother by YOTH Yarns

(100% domestic Rambouillet; 100 grams / 550 yards [503 meters])

- 2 skeins in Saba

OR

685 yards [631 meters] in heavy laceweight yarn

Needles

- One 32" [80 cm] circular needle (circ) in size US 4 [3.5 mm]

Or size to obtain gauge

Notions

- Stitch markers
- Tapestry needle

Gauge

21 sts and 40 rows = 4" [10 cm] in garter stitch, after wet-blocking.

Notes

Shawl is worked back and forth from the center back neck out to the hem, with increases occurring within the lace panel and at the outside edges.

Short rows are worked twice over the garter stitch wings only. The hem is finished with a picot bind off.