

Top-Down Raglan Capelet



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Based on Lace-Edged Cardigan with Collar
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From Wrap Style, Interweave Press

Finished Size

Width at bottom edge: 32"

Length from neck edge to bottom edge: 19"

Yarn

About 680 yards of worsted weight (#4) yarn. I used three colors of yarn. Color 1 for the upper capelet, button bands, and lower edge. Color 2 for all lace pattern sections. Color 3 was used to pick up stitches around neck edge and to bind off the button bands and the lower edge of collar.

Needles

Size 8 (5.5 mm) 24" circular or size needed to meet gauge. (I knit loosely, so if you knit tightly, you might consider going up a size)

Gauge

17 sts and 23 rows = 4" in St. St.

Notions

8 stitch markers, 3 buttons, Tapestry needle

Abbreviations

CO: Cast on

St. St: Stockinette Stitch

K: Knit

P: Purl

RS: Right Side

WS: Wrong Side

YO: Yarn over

K2tog: Knit two together

P2tog: Purl two together

Stitch Guide

M1R: With left needle tip, lift the horizontal strand that lies between the needles **from back to front**. Knit the lifted strand through the **front** loop.

M1L: With left needle tip, lift the horizontal strand that lied between the needles from **front to back**. Knit the lifted strand through the **back** loop.

Eyelet Lattice Insertion: Worked over 8 stitches on a background of st. st.

Row 1 (RS): K1. [K2tog, YO] 3 times. K1.

(Expanded directions:

K1. K2tog. YO. K2tog. YO. K2tog. YO. K1)

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 K2 [K2tog, YO] 2 times, K2.

(Expanded directions: K2. K2tog. YO. K2tog. YO. K2)

Row 4 Purl.



Ridged Eyelet Border

Row 1 Knit.
Row 2 Knit.
Row 3 Knit.
Row 4 P2tog. YO. Repeat from * to last stitch. P1.
Row 5 Knit.
Row 6 Knit.
Row 7 Knit.
Row 8 Knit.
Rows 9-14 Repeat Rows 1-6 one more time.



Decrease Bind-off

*K2tog. Return stitch to left-hand needle. Repeat from * until all stitches are bound off.

Directions

Upper Stockinette Section *(If you are using multiple colors, you may work this section in Color 1.)* CO 84 sts.

The top of the capelet is worked in stockinette stitch. Markers are used on either side of raglan seam stitches. To shape shoulders, you will be increasing on either side of these seam stitches as follows.

Row 1 (RS) - Set up Row: K15 (left front). Place marker. K1 (this is one of the "seam stitches"). Place marker. K10 (these are left shoulder stitches). Place marker. K1 (seam stitch). K30 (back stitches). Place marker. K1 (seam stitch). Place marker. K10 (right shoulder stitches). Place marker. K1 (seam stitch). Place marker. K15 (right front).

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Row 3 (RS) - Increase Row: *K to marker. M1R. Slip marker. K1. Slip marker. M1L. Repeat from * 3 more times. K to end. (Increased 8 stitches - 92 stitches total). The stitches should be arranged as follows (16 for left front, marker, 1 seam stitch, marker, 12 for left shoulder, marker, 1 seam stitch, marker, 32 for back, marker, 1 seam stitch, marker, 12 for right shoulder, marker, 1 seam stitch, marker, 16 for right front.)

Repeat Rows 2 - 3 nine more times (21 rows completed - 164 stitches total). The stitches should be arranged as follows (25 for left front, marker, 1 seam stitch, marker, 30 for left shoulder, marker, 1 seam stitch, marker, 50 for back, marker, 1 seam stitch, marker, 30 for right shoulder, marker, 1 seam stitch, marker, 25 for right front).

Row 22: Purl.

Row 23: Knit.

Row 24: Purl.

Row 25: Work Increase Row (Row 3).

Repeat Rows 22-25 five more times (45 rows completed - 212 stitches total). The stitches should be arranged as follows (31 for left front, marker, 1 seam stitch, marker, 42 for left shoulder, marker, 1 seam stitch, marker, 62 for back, marker, 1 seam stitch, marker, 42 for right shoulder, marker, 1 seam stitch, marker, 31 for right front).

Row 46: Purl.

Row 47: Knit - increasing 4 stitches evenly around by doing the following. *K 42. K into front and back of next stitch. K 41. K into front and back of next stitch. Repeat from * one more time. K to end.

Row 48: Purl.

Lower Section *(If you are using multiple colors, you may work this section in Color 2.)*

Row 1: *K8. Work Row 1 of Eyelet Lattice Insertion. Repeat from * 7 more times. K8.

Row 2: *P8. Work Row 2 of Eyelet Lattice Insertion. Repeat from * 7 more times. P8.

Row 3: *K8. Work Row 3 of Eyelet Lattice Insertion. Repeat from * 7 more times. K8.

Row 4: *P8. Work Row 4 of Eyelet Lattice Insertion. Repeat from * 7 more times. P8.

I would suggest placing stitch markers between the stockinette stitches and the eyelet stitches (that is, place markers after every section of eight stitches).

Repeat these 4 rows until capelet measures 19" from CO or 3/4" less than desired total length.

(**Note:** My capelet measured 19" in length, but I think it feels a bit long on me. I think a better length would be about 15" so that the capelet hits right around the elbows.)

Bottom Border *(If you are using multiple colors, you may work this section in Color 1.)*

K all stitches for 4 rows (garter stitch).

BO all stitches knitwise or use Decrease Bind-off.

Left Front Band

With RS facing, pick up and knit about 68 stitches by doing the following [*pick up and K 3 stitches for every 4 rows, pick up and K 2 stitches for every 2 rows, repeat from *] *(If you are using multiple colors, you may work the button-bands in Color 1.)*

Knit all stitches for 5 rows (garter stitch).

BO all stitches knitwise. *(If you are using multiple colors, you may work the BO in Color 3.)*

Mark placement of 3 buttons - top button at neck edge, bottom button even with the beginning Lower Section, and middle button centered between the first two.

Right Front Band

Work as for left front band, but work 3 buttonholes by doing (K2tog, yo) opposite markers on third row of band.

Collar

Note: RS of collar is WS of capelet.

Row 1 - Set up Row:

With RS of capelet facing, pick up and knit 85 stitches evenly spaced around neck opening excluding front bands. When doing this, place markers at center of each shoulder section (that is, pick up and knit 20 stitches, place marker, pick up and k 1 stitch, place marker, pick up and knit 43 stitches, place marker, pick up and k 1 stitch, place marker, pick up and knit 20 stitches).

Row 2 (RS of collar, WS of capelet): Knit.

Row 3 (WS of collar, RS of capelet): K2 (edge stitches - knit every row). Purl to last 2 stitches. K2 (edge stitches - knit every row).

(If you are using multiple colors, you may work Rows 1-3 of the collar in Color 3. On the next row, Row 4, attach and use Color 1.)

Row 4 - Increase Row: *K to marker. M1R. Slip marker, K1, slip marker. M1L. Repeat from * one more time. K to end. (Increased 4 stitches - total of 89 stitches).

Repeat Rows 3-4 3 more times to increase to 101 stitches.

Continue in St. St. maintaining 2 edge stitches in garter stitch until collar measures about 2" from pickup row.

Work the 14 rows of **Ridged Eyelet Border**. *(If you are using multiple colors, you may work Ridged Eyelet Border of the collar in Color 2.)*

After the Ridged Eyelet Border is completed, work 3 rows in St. St (that is, K on the RS, P on the WS). *(If you are using multiple colors, you may work these stitches and the garter stitch that follows in Color 1.)*

K all stitches for 4 rows (garter stitch).

BO all stitches knitwise or use Decrease Bind-off. *(If you are using multiple colors, you may work BO in Color 3.)*

ICord Tie

Work a three-stitch ICord for 40" *(If you are using multiple colors, you may work ICord in whichever color you choose. I would, however, recommend a smooth yarn for the ICord, rather than a fuzzy or textured yarn.)*

ICord Instructions

Using two double-pointed needles, cast on 3 stitches. Knit all of the stitches. Without turning your work, slide the stitches to the other end of the needle, pull the yarn across the back of the stitches, and knit those stitches.

Continue this way, knitting, sliding the stitches to the other end of the needle, pulling the yarn across back of needle, and knitting, until icord is the length you want. To finish off, use your tapestry needle to thread yarn through all the stitches and pull tight.

Finishing

Using your tapestry needle, weave in loose ends.

Find the middle of the ICord and position it at the center back of the Collar, just above the picked up stitches. Using your tapestry needle and matching yarn, sew ICord around collar leaving ends loose on either side for the tie.

Sew buttons to left front band, opposite buttonholes.