

RAPTURE

4 ply Tension 7

30 sts 42 rows to four inches/10 cm

The original garment used approximately 700 g of 2/8s Shetland but you can use any yarn of your choice that gives the correct tension e.g. T7 1 strand of Superwash wool, T6 3 strands Uppingham fine crepe, 3 strands 2/30 acrylic, 1 strand 4 ply acrylic, 1 strand Yeoman Panama.



FRONT [KNIT 2, RIGHT AND LEFT]

Cast on 166 stitches, knit and make a hem as required (I did 10 rows in 2 by 1 rib at T4 and then transferred all stitches to main bed). Set row counter to RC 000. Main Tension.

Knit to RC 212 and place marker.

Knit to RC 274.

Shape shoulder on one side, while shaping neck on the other. Set carriage to hold.

On shoulder side, put the following needles furthest from the carriage into holding position on each alternate row or use the automatic wrap method by putting 4 stitches to hold at opposite end to carriage knit 1 row and then bring 5th needle to hold and knit 1 row repeat

5 stitches/ needles 20 times

4 stitches/needles 10 times

At the same time on neck side, decrease 1 stitch every other row fully fashioned 26 times.

When 140 stitches remain [in hold] Set to knit back from hold. Knit 1 row and then remove on to waste yarn. RC 336

BACK [KNIT 2, RIGHT AND LEFT]

As Front, do not shape the neck, but take the neck stitches [26] off on to waste yarn.

COWL NECK BACK

Cast on 66 st in 2 by 1 rib and knit 6 rows at T 4/4 transfer rib stitches to main bed. RC 000 Set machine to main tension and knit 64 rows decreasing 1 stitch each side fully fashioned every 8th row 7 times 52 stitches remain. Purl side facing hang the back-neck stitches of main garment on waste onto the neck. Knit 1 row at main tension and cast off.

COWL NECK FRONT

Cast on 124 st in 2 by 1 rib and knit 6 rows at T 4/4 transfer rib stitches to main bed. RC 000 Set machine to main tension and knit 64 rows decreasing 1 stitch each side fully fashioned every 8th row 7 times 110 stitches remain. Purl side facing hang the front neck stitches of main garment on waste onto the neck (55 stitches for each side of V. Knit 1 row at main tension and cast off.

JOIN SHOULDER SEAMS

Hang last row in main yarn of one front shoulder onto to machine right side facing then put the corresponding stitches of back shoulder onto machine so that right sides are together. Knit 1 row at main tension and cast off. Repeat for second seam.

CUFFS [2]

Cast on 82 stitches.

Work 94 rows in rib in 2 by 1 rib at T4/4. Transfer ribber stitches to main bed knit 1 row at main tension. Hang main garment between markers purl side facing. Knit 1 row at main tension and cast off. Repeat for second cuff.

MAKING UP

Join centre front and centre back seams, side seams of cowl collar and side seams of main garment using mattress stitch. Darn in ends. Make two tassels and two lengths of cord 5 inches long (I made a crochet chain) Stitch tassel to one end of each cord, thread two large beads onto the cord making a knot between each bead. Stitch second end of cords onto side seam. Wash garment if necessary and then steam, flattening out rib hems.

This is just a starting point. The hems can easily be changed to E wrap or narrow st.st hems. The finished garment measures 44" across the front hem and is suited to size 16 upward. To narrow the garment, reduce the number of stitches in the shoulder area but keep the neck shaping and collar as pattern.