



Pelerine Pointue

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This small, circular, lacey cape with a pointed neckline, begins at the neck and is worked down (top-down). The idea of a short cape or Pelerine, comes from history - our country & others. It could be described as a wide collar or cape, which many times were worn over a ladies' dress at the end of her day. It added some style, plus warmth and made a simple dress more elegant.

It is made in descending sections, beginning with the collar. I will be suggesting different lace patterns, but feel free to incorporate your own favorites (merely by adjusting the multiples of these lace patterns, by increasing or decreasing a few stitches in the 3 purled rounds, which serve as dividers).

Materials:

2 skeins of Bovidae Sport Wool

Size 8 needles - 16 inch to begin, and then a longer size 8 circular needle as your capelet grows

Size 10 1/2 or 11 needle to bind off.

Total length: your choice -- from 12 to 17 inches (MEASURED AFTER SERIOUS BLOCKING)

Gauge (also after blocking): 3.5 to 4 stitches per inch. At least 60 to 70 inches wide.

Abbreviations:

K = knit

P = purl

Tbl = as in k2tbl, means knit together through back loop(s) – a decrease

Tog = as in k2tog - means together - a decrease

Yo = yarn over (bring the yarn to the front of your work) -- an increase

CAST ON 111 stitches, join in the round, and purl 1 round. Now work the following 4 rounds 3 times.

Round 1: K2, *YO, k3, k3tbl, k3, yo, k3 - repeat from * and end with k1

Round 2: Knit all stitches

Round 3: Knit all stitches

Round 4: Purl all stitches

On the next round, purl all stitches again, & do two things: increase 1 st (112 sts total) and place 8 markers around evenly spaced - every 14 stitches. Now work another purl round - 3 in all.

The next section will be all knit rounds.

1. Knit all stitches

2. Knit all stitches and increase before and after each marker (16 increases made)

3. Knit all stitches

4. Knit and repeat the increasing before and after each marker

5. Knit all stitches

6. Knit and repeat the increasing as above - total of 160 stitches on your needle. Now work the eyelet pattern, which follows, in each of the 8 sections.

(Remember, you may substitute your own preference in stitch design in each of the 4 lace sections - but keep to the same # of rounds and same # of stitches.

Eyelet Lace (Section #1) *(This stitch was seen in Knitting Lace by Susanna E. Lewis)*

Round 1: k10 , yo, k2tbl, k8

Round 2: (and all even rounds): Knit

Round 3: k8, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, k2tbl, k7

Round 5: k7, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, k2tbl, k6

Round 9: k6, yo, k2tbl, k6, yo, k2tbl, k4

Round 11: k4, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, k2tbl, k3, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, k2tbl, k3

Round 13: k3, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, k2tbl, k1, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, k2tbl, k2

Round 15: k5, yo, k3tog, yo, k5, yo, k3tbl, yo, k4

Now resume knitting all rounds, and increasing 16 sts every other round until there are 26 stitches in each of the 8 sections (or 208 sts total).

Purl the next 3 rounds increasing in the 1st and 3rd purled rounds. Total now should be 240 sts.

Eyelet Lace (Section #2)

1. Knit 1 round
 2. Knit 1 round
 3. Purl 1 st, yo, purl 2 stitches together and repeat around
- Repeat these 3 rounds 4 times. Then knit 2 rounds.

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Purl the next 3 rounds, increasing in the 2nd round. Total now should be 256 sts. The next pattern is a multiple of 5 - so omit the one increase - total of 255 sts.

Eyelet Lace (Section #3) *(taken from Harmony Guide to Knitting Stitches)*

Knit 1 round before beginning the mock cable eyelet stitch

1. Purl 2 sts, k3 stitches - repeat around
2. Purl 2 sts, slip the next stitch, knit 2 sts and then pass the slipped stitch over the 2 knitted sts - repeat around
3. Purl 2 sts, knit 1 st, yo, and knit the 2nd stitch - repeat around
4. Purl 2 sts, k3 stitches, repeat around

Repeat these 4 rounds 5 times. (If you wish your Pelerine to be longer than 16 or 17 inches, then simply work more rounds in either or both of Sections 2 & 3. Please remember, though, that blocking adds many inches!!!!)

Purl the next 3 rounds, increasing only 13 sts in the 2nd round. Total now should be 268 sts which is a multiple of 18

Old Shale Stitch ( #4) *(taken from Barbara Walker's Treasury #1)*

1. knit all stitches
2. knit all stitches
3. \*(k2tog) 3 times, (yo, k1) 6 times, (k2tog) 3 times. Repeat across round.
4. Purl all stitches

Use at least 2 to 4 repeats (but it's your choice -- as many as you like.)

Use a needle at least 3 to 4 sizes larger to bind off. Otherwise you won't be able to block out the bottom of the Pelerine!

BLOCK STRENUOUSLY - TO SHOW EACH DIFFERENT LACE SECTION. BE SURE TO PIN OUT THE ROUNDED EDGING, CAUSED BY THE OLD SHALE STITCH (a version of the Feather & Fan we all love.)

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