



Going to Market Capelet

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We had gas in the car and cash in our wallets and were ready to get on the road to Columbus, Ohio, to attend the annual yarn and needlework market. Sharon had to stop by the shop to drop something off. As I waited for her, a new color of Silk Garden caught my eye. I grabbed a bag of 10 skeins and a circular needle. Before we reached the interstate, I had cast on for this project. It designed itself on the needles on the trip over and back.

The instructions given are for a small to medium sized garment. Suggestions for making it larger are provided after the pattern.

Gauge

18 sts = 4" in garter stitch

Materials

Yarn: 10 skeins Noro Silk Garden (100 m. each) or similar yarn with long runs of color; possible substitutes are Noro Kureyon, Noro Aurora, Plymouth Boku

Needles: 29 inch size 9 circular needle

Notions: You may find it helpful to use a stitch marker to keep track of your place while knitting the short rows.

Size

Depth (neckline to hem) = 20"
Collar Circumference = 14"

Abbreviations

BO = Bind Off; **CO** = Cast On; **K** = Knit; **RS** = Right Side; **STS** = Stitches; **SWT** = Slip the next stitch purl-wise; bring the yarn forward between the two needles, slip the stitch back to the right-hand needle; turn the work and continue knitting; **WS** = Wrong Side.

Special Techniques

To Make A Left Wedge

$\overline{K68}$, SWT, K68 (one garter ridge made)

K64, SWT, K64

K60, SWT, K60

Continue in this manner, knitting 4 fewer sts each time, until 4 sts remain.

K4, SWT, K4

To Make A Right Wedge

$\overline{K4}$, SWT, K4

K8, SWT, K8

K12, SWT, K12

Continue in this manner, knitting 4 more sts each time.

Last row is $\overline{K68}$, SWT, K68

Instructions

CO 72 sts. K 1 row.

Make 5 left wedges. K 10 rows (5 garter ridges).

Make 5 left wedges. K 20 rows (10 garter ridges).

Make 5 right wedges. K 10 rows (5 garter ridges).

Make 5 right wedges. K 1 row.

BO.

Bottom border

With RS facing, pick up and knit one st in each “valley” along the bottom edge of the capelet. K 17 more rows, ending with a WS row (9 garter ridges). BO loosely on RS.

Neck border

With RS facing, pick up and knit one st in each “valley” around the top edge of the capelet. K 3 more rows, ending with a WS row (2 garter ridges). BO loosely on RS.

To make a larger size

To make the capelet longer, you may increase number of cast-on stitches by a multiple of 4, add garter ridges to the bottom border, or both.

Increase the width of the garter stitch bands to increase chest measurement. For example, instead of 5/10/5 garter stitch bands, use 6/12/6 or 8/16/8. You might also add garter stitch bands at the cast on and bind off edges, especially if you intend to use a button or pin for closure. Of course, more yarn will be required if you make the garment larger.