The Yarn

Chesapeake
50% organic cotton, 50% merino

Included in the Verde Collection, Chesapeake is a blend of cool, crisp, organic cotton combined with extra soft, merino wool. This combination of fibers makes this a great yarn for garments for both adults and children. The heathered colors are the lovely result of the different ways the vegetable and animal components take the dyes.

The Pattern

Skill Level: Intermediate

SIZES
Child 2T (4T, 6, 8, 10). Shown in size 4T.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
Chest: 22¾ (25¼, 27¼, 28½, 30½)”, buttoned

YARN
Chesapeake by Classic Elite Yarns, Verde Collection
(50% organic cotton, 50% merino; 50 g = approx 103 yards)
4 (4, 6, 6, 7) balls 5925, Tokyo Rose

NEEDLES
Circular needle (24”) in size US 7 (4.5 mm) or size to obtain gauge.
Knitting needles in size US 6 (4 mm) for neck finishing
Double pointed needles (dpns) in sizes US 6 and 7 (4 and 4.5 mm) for sleeves

OTHER MATERIALS
4 Stitch markers
Waste yarn or stitch holders
6 (6, 7, 7, 8) ¾” buttons

GAUGE
20 sts and 26 rows = 4” in St st using larger needle. Take time to save time, check your gauge.
FROM THE DESIGNER

I had the idea for this cardigan for a long time. I envisioned it with short row shoulder shaping and set in sleeves, not something a beginner knitter willingly attempts. Then I came across a wonderful method, “contiguous set-in sleeves”, developed by Susie Myers and I knew right away that the method would be a perfect match for the design in mind. The method makes the pattern beginner friendly and produces a gorgeous garment.

Tomboy Cardigan is completely seamless and is worked from top down using the “contiguous set-in sleeves” technique, which allows shoulder shaping and set-in sleeves shaping without using short rows. Sleeves are worked at the same time as the rest of the cardigan. The overall look is as fun and modern as the technique itself that was used in the creation of this design.

Chesapeake was the perfect yarn for this project; the wool-cotton blend makes this yarn ideal for active kids – the garment keeps them warm, but not overheated. The drape and stretchiness of the resulting fabric allows kids to move without feeling constricted in any way.

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*This garment is worked seamlessly from the top down using the contiguous sleeve method developed by Susie Myers, SusieM on Ravelry (ravelry.com/people/SusieM).

PATTERN STITCHES

Stockinette Stitch (St st): Knit on RS, purl on WS.

Circular 2 x 2 Rib (multiple of 4 sts)
All rnds: *K2, p2; rep from *

Straight 2 x 2 Rib (multiple of 4 sts + 2)
Row 1 (RS): K2, *p2, k2; rep from *.
Row 2 (WS): P2, *k2, p2; rep from *.
Rep rows 1 – 2 for 2 x 2 Rib.

Seed Stitch (Seed St) (odd number of sts)
All rows: K1, *p1, k1; rep from *

Backward Loop Cast-on Method: *Wrap yarn around left thumb from front to back and secure in palm with other fingers. Insert needle upwards through strand on thumb. Slip loop from thumb onto RH needle, pulling yarn to tighten. Rep from * for desired number of sts.

NOTES

1. Cardigan begins with shaping the shoulders slopes first, and while the shaping is in progress the cardigan fronts will be made at the same time. Part of the front ribbing design will be worked while adding sts to each front during the shoulder shaping; the rest of the ribbing sts as well as button bands sts will be cast on for each front once the shoulder shaping is complete.
2. All the cardigan pieces (fronts, sleeves, back) are worked together in one piece. Once the armholes reach proper depth, sleeves are separated, and the body of the cardigan is knit. Sleeves are knit after the body is complete.
3. Yoke and body are worked flat; circular needle is used to accommodate sts.
YOKE

With circular needle, CO 27 (29, 31, 33, 35) sts.

(RS) Knit and pm as follows: K1, pm, k2, pm, k21 (23, 25, 27, 29), pm, k2, pm, k1.

Shape Shoulders:


Inc Row 2 (RS): K1-f/b, k1, sm, k2, slm, k1-f/b, knit to 2 sts before marker, k1-f/b, k1, slm, k2, slm, k1-f/b, k1 – 4 sts inc’d.

Inc Row 3 (WS): P1, p1-f/b, p1, slm, p2, slm, p1-f/b, purl to 2 sts before marker, p1-f/b, p1, slm, p2, slm, p1-f/b, p2 – 4 sts inc’d.

Note: Read the following instructions before beg; the 2 x 2 Rib for the left and right fronts is est at the same time shoulders are shaped.

Inc row (RS): Cont in St st, work to 2 sts before marker, k1-f/b, k1, slm, k2, slm, k1-f/b, work to 2 sts before marker, k1-f/b, k1, slm, k2, slm, k1-f/b, work to end – 4 sts inc’d.

Inc row (WS): Work to 2 sts before marker, p1-f/b, p1, slm, p2, slm, p1-f/b, work to 2 sts before marker, p1-f/b, p1, slm, p2, slm, p1-f/b, work to end – 4 sts inc’d.

And at the same time incorporate the first 6 (4, 2, 1, 0) sts for the left front and last 6 (4, 2, 1, 0) sts for the right front into 2 x 2 Rib as soon as they become available as follows:

Size 2T (RS): P2, k2, p2 at beg of row for left front, p2, k2, p2 at end of row for right front.

Size 4T (RS): K2, p2 at beg of row for left front, p2, k2 at end of row for right front.

Size 6 (RS): P2 at beg of row for left front, p2 at end of row for right front.

Size 10: No sts are incorporated in 2 x 2 Rib.

Sizes 2T (4T, 10) only: Beg with a RS row, work a total of 9 (9, 11) more increase rows, ending with a RS row – 83 (85, 99) sts.

(WS) Work 1 row even.

Sizes 6 (8) only: Beg with a RS row, work a total of 10 more increase rows, ending with a WS row – 91(93) sts.

You will have the following sts between markers:

Size 2T: 15/2/49/2/15

Size 4T: 15/2/51/2/15

Size 6: 16/2/55/2/16

Size 8: 16/2/57/2/16

Size 10: 17/2/61/2/17

All Sizes: Move markers to have the following sts between markers:

Size 2T: 13/6/45/6/13

Size 4T: 13/6/47/6/13

Size 6: 14/6/51/6/14

Size 8: 14/6/53/6/14

Size 10: 15/6/57/6/15

Shape Fronts and Sleeves (RS):

Sizes 2T (4T, 6) only:

Inc Row 1 (RS): [Work to marker, slm, k1-f/b, work to 2 sts before marker, k1-f/b, k1, slm] twice, work to end then use Backward Loop method to CO 13 (15, 17) sts for the right front.
Inc Row 2 (WS): Work 5 sts in Seed St, (k2, p2) 3 times, k2, [work to marker, slm, p1-f/b, work to 2 sts before marker, p1-f/b, p1, slm] twice, work to end then use Backward Loop method to CO 13 (15, 17) sts for the left front.

Row 3 (RS): Work 5 sts in Seed St, (p2, k2) 3 times, p2, [work to marker, slm, k1-f/b, work to 2 sts before marker, k1-f/b, k1, slm] twice, work to end – 4 sts inc’d; 121 sts.

Size 2T only, Row 4 (WS): Work even.
Sizes 4T (6) only, Row 4 (WS): [Work to marker, slm, p1-f/b, work to 2 sts before marker, p1-f/b, p1, slm] twice – 4 sts inc’d; 131 (141) sts.

Buttonhole-Sleeve Inc Row (RS): [Work to marker, slm, k1-f/b, work to 2 sts before marker, k1-f/b, k1, slm] twice, work to last 5 sts, k1, p1, yo, p2tog, k1 (buttonhole) – 4 sts inc’d. (WS) Work even.

Sleeve Inc Row (RS): [Work to marker, slm, k1-f/b, work to 2 sts before marker, k1-f/b, k1, slm] twice, work to end – 4 sts inc’d. (WS) Work even.

Rep buttonhole as worked at the end of the buttonhole-sleeve inc row every 14th (18th, 18th) row 5 (5, 6) times, and at the same time cont to work sleeve inc row on every RS row until you have 32 (34, 36) sts for each sleeve, ending with WS row.

You will have the following sts between markers:
Size 2T: 26/32/45/32/26
Size 4T: 28/34/47/34/28
Size 6: 31/36/51/36/31

Sizes 8 (10) only:
Inc Rows 1 and 3 (RS): K1-f/b, [work to marker, slm, k1-f/b, work to 2 sts before marker, k1-f/b, k1, slm] twice, work to last st, k1-f/b – 6 sts inc’d.

Inc Rows 2 and 4 (WS): [Work to marker, slm, p1-f/b, work to 2 sts before marker, p1-f/b, p1, slm] twice, work to end – 4 sts inc’d.

Row 5 (RS): Work to end then use Backward Loop method to CO 16 (17) sts for right front.

Row 6 (WS): Work 5 sts in Seed St, (k2, p2) 3 times, k2, work to the end then use Backward Loop method to CO 16 (17) sts for left front.

Inc Row 7 (RS): Work 5 sts in Seed St, (p2, k2) 3 times, p2, [Work to marker, slm, k1-f/b, work to 2 sts before marker, k1-f/b, k1, slm] twice, work to end – 4 sts inc’d; 149 (157) sts.

Row 8 (WS): Work even.

Buttonhole row-Sleeve Inc Row (RS): [Work to marker, slm, k1-f/b, work to 2 sts before marker, k1-f/b, k1, slm] twice, work to last 5 sts, k1, p1, yo, p2tog, k1 (buttonhole) – 4 sts inc’d. (WS) Work even.

Sleeve Inc Row (RS): [Work to marker, slm, k1-f/b, work to 2 sts before marker, k1-f/b, k1, slm] twice, work to end – 4 sts inc’d. (WS) Work even.

Rep buttonhole as worked at the end of the buttonhole-sleeve inc row every 18th (20th) row 6 (7) times, and at the same time cont to work sleeve inc row every RS row until you have 40 (42) sts for each sleeve, ending with WS row.

You will have the following sts between markers:
Size 8: 32/40/53/40/32
Size 10: 34/42/57/42/34
**All Sizes, Shape Underarm (RS):**
Row 1 (RS): [Work to 1 st before marker, m1, k1, sm, work across sleeve, slm, k1, m1], work to the end – 4 sts inc’d.
Row 2 (WS): Work even.
Rep last two rows 3 (4, 4, 4) more times; 8 (10, 10, 10, 10) sts inc’d on back, and 4 (5, 5, 5, 5) sts inc’d on each front.

**Divide for sleeves and body (RS):** Work 30 (33, 36, 37, 39) left front sts, slip 32 (34, 36, 40, 42) sleeve sts to st holder, CO 3 (4, 5, 5, 6) sts, work 53 (57, 61, 63, 67) back sts, slip 32 (34, 36, 40, 42) sleeve sts to st holder, CO 3 (4, 5, 5, 6) sts, work 30 (33, 36, 37, 39) right front sts – 119 (131, 141, 147, 157) sts.

**BODY**
Work even until pc meas 8 (9½, 11, 12½, 13½)” from divide, ending with a RS row, and at the same time inc 1 (inc 1, dec 1, inc 1, dec 1) st evenly across row – 120 (132, 140, 148, 156) sts.

**Est 2 x 2 Rib (WS):** Work 5 sts as est, work 2 x 2 Rib to last 5 sts, work to end as est. Work even until pc meas 9 (10½, 12½, 14, 15)”", ending with a RS row. (WS) BO all sts.

**SLEEVES**
Divide 32 (34, 36, 40, 42) held sleeve sts as evenly as possible over larger dpns. Join yarn and pick up and knit 3 (4, 5, 5, 6) sts to center of underarm, pm for BOR, pick up and knit 3 (4, 5, 5, 6) more sts, then join to work in the rnd - 38 (42, 46, 50, 54) sts.

**Dec rnd:** K1, skp, knit to 3 sts before marker, k2tog, k1 – 36 (40, 44, 48, 52) sts.

**Cuff:** Change to smaller dpns and work in 2 x 2 Rib for 1½”. BO all sts.

**FINISHING**

**Collar:** With RS facing, smaller needles and beg in the center of the right front band, pick up and knit 2 (2, 2, 2, 2) sts then pick up and knit 24 (27, 28, 31, 34) sts along right front neck edge, 26 (28, 30, 32, 34) sts across shoulders and back neck edge, 24 (27, 28, 31, 34) sts along left front neck edge, 2 (2, 2, 2, 2) sts across left front button band, ending in the center of the band - 78 (86, 90, 98, 106) sts. (WS) Work in 2 x 2 Rib until pc meas 2¼ (3, 3½, 4, 4½)”” from pick up row, ending with a RS row. BO all sts.

Block pc to measurements. Sew buttons opposite buttonholes.

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