

Gothic Lace



Women's small size cardigan made with Artfibers [Venus](#) in color Chocolate.

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Body is knit in stockinette and the lace is crocheted. Closures are hook and eye.

This is a fairly advanced pattern requiring a lot of crochet as well as knit. [Venus](#) has a great light feeling and a lot of drape, but this pattern could be worked in other yarns as well. I think this design would be decadent in [Luna](#), or delightful in [Chai](#) or [Siam](#). It's knit up as a deep v-neck, but ends up being a much shallower v-neck when the bottom is eased in with the lace. This may not be the only way to achieve the effect, but it's the way I did it. I have very long arms (my knuckles drag on the ground when I walk) so I made the sleeves quite long, feel free to lob off

a few inches before working the sleeve caps to adjust for your arm length.

I highly recommend you read through the entire pattern before starting, especially when moving to the front which asks you to follow 2 sets of directions at the same time.



Supplies

- About 8 Skeins of [Venus](#) in color of choice.
- #7 Knitting Needles in Dbl Pointed and Straight
- F Crochet Hook
- 5 Hook and Eye

Stitches

Knit: 2 x 2 rib, Stockinette (STst), 1 x 1 rib

Crochet: Chain (ch), Single Crochet (sc), Half Double Crochet (hdc), Double Crochet (dch), Triple Crochet (trc)

Lace pattern from [The Ultimate Sourcebook of Knitting and Crochet Stitches by Reader's Digest](#)

Flamenco Edging 1st Row (RS) Ch 31, work 1dc into 7th ch from hook, [2ch, skip 2ch, 1dc into next ch] 8 times, turn, (9sps.)

2nd Row: Ch5 (count as 1dc, ch2), skip 1st dc, 1dc into next dc, [ch2, 1dc into next dc] 3 times, ch5, skip next 4 sps, 1dc into next sp, work [ch3, 1dc] 3 times into same sp as last dc, turn.

3rd Row: Ch1, 1sc into 1st dc, into 1st ch3 sp work [1hdc, 1dc, 1tr, 1dc, 1hdc, 1sc], into next ch3 sp work [1sc, 1hdc, 1dc, 1tr, 1dc, 1hdc, 1sc], into next ch3 sp work [1sc, 1hdc, 1dc, 1tr, 1dc, 1hdc], 1sc into next dc, ch5, 1dc, into next dc, [ch2, 1dc into next dc] 4 times placing last dc into 3rd ch of ch5 at beg of prev row, turn.

4th Row: Ch5 (count as 1dc, ch2), skip 1st dc, [1dc into next dc, ch2] 4 time, 1dc into ch5 sp, ch7, skip 1st group of 7 sts, work 1dc into trc at center of next group of 7 sts, [ch3, 1dc]3 times into same st as last dc, turn.

5th Row: Ch1, 1sc into 1st dc, into 1st ch3 sp work [1hdc, 1dc, 1tr, 1dc, 1hdc, 1sc], into next ch3 sp work [1sc, 1hdc, 1dc, 1tr, 1dc, 1hdc, 1sc], into next ch3 sp work [1sc, 1hdc, 1dc, 1tr, 1dc, 1hdc], 1sc into next dc, 5ch, 1dc into ch7 sp, [ch2, 1dc into next dc] 6 times placing last dc into 3rd ch of ch5 at eg of prev row, turn.

6th Row: Ch5 (count as 1dc, ch2), skip 1st dc, [1dc into next dc, ch2] 6 times, 1dc into ch5 sp, ch7 skip 1st group of 7 sts, work 1dc into trc at center of next group of 7 sts, [ch3, 1dc] 3 times into same st as last dc, turn.

7th Row: 1sc into 1st dc, into 1st ch3 sp work [1hdc, 1dc, 1tr, 1dc, 1hdc, 1sc], into next ch3 sp work [1sc, 1hdc, 1dc, 1tr, 1dc, 1hdc, 1sc], into next ch3 sp work [1sc, 1hdc, 1dc, 1tr, 1dc, 1hdc], 1sc into next dc, 5ch, 1dc into ch7 sp, [ch2, 1dc into



next dc] 8 times placing last dc into 3rd ch of ch5 at beg of previous row, turn. Rep 2nd to 7th rows end with a 7th row.

Sleeves Work 4 repeats of Flamenco Edging, sewing beginning row to ending row.

With dbl pointed needles, pick up 48 stitches from mesh end of Flamenco edging. Place stitch marker at between 1st and last row. Work 12 rows of 2x2 ribbing, starting with K1, then *P2, K2* to last stitch ending with K1 so that stitch marker is placed between 2 K sts. Next 4 rows: K5, continue 2x2 ribbing to last 5 st, K5 Next 4 rows: K9, continue 2x2 ribbing to last 9 st, K9

Continue in this manner, adding 4 more straight K stitches to either side of 2x2 ribbing until all st are worked in STst. Work only 1 row of complete STst rows. (33 total rows)

Inc 1 on both sides of stitch marker on rows 36, 48, 60, 72, 84, 97, 110, 123, 133 (66 total sts). Work straight to 148 rows.

Start sleeve cap working back and forth instead of in the round:

BO 6 at beg of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of every 2nd row once, then dec 1 st at each end of every 3rd row 14 times, then dec 1 st at each end of every 2nd row once. Cast off remaining 22 sts loosely.



Back Cast on 100 sts on size 7 needles. Knit in STst for 12 rows. Inc 1 st at each end of next row, then every following 10th row 1 time to 104 sts. Work even for 14 rows total.

Armhole shaping: Cast off 6 sts at beginning of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of every alternate row for 10 rows until 82 sts remaining. Continue to 40 rows total, with 82 sts remaining.

Shape neck. Work both sides at the same time. Work 24 sts. With a second ball of yarn, cast off the next 34 sts. Work remaining 24 sts. Dec 1 st at neck edge every row 16 times, until 8 sts remain. Work even for a total of 62 rows. Continue to front shoulders without binding off.

Front (Worked from shoulder of back)

On Inside (NECK) seam: Knit straight for 3 rows. Inc 1 at neck. Knit 4 rows. Inc 1 at neck. *Knit 3 rows, Inc 1 at neck* (29 times) . Knit 5 rows.

At Same Time On Outside (SHOULDER) seam. At row 52 Inc 1 at seam K2 rows*Inc 1, K2 rows* (4 times)CO 6K 14 Rows, Dec 1, K 10 Rows, Dec 1, K 13 rows. Bind Off.

Assembly Sew front to back at side seams. Sew sleeves to body.

Neck Ribbing Pick up 265 st around neck, and work 1 x 1 ribbing for 6 rows. BO.



Body Lace (Work 6 repeats of Flamenco Edging) x 2 (this should be long enough to fit around your rib cage. Measure length of single repeat of edging and multiple by 6 to see if it will fit, if not, add one repeat to each side). Sew together along ending rows so that edging mirrors itself. This will be the back seam for the lace. Put Aside.

With crochet hook, SC along bottom edge of sweater, placing one SC in each K stitch across along with 4 stitches in each side of ribbing. Ch1, turn. *SC in each of next 4 SC, SC next 2 SC tog* across. Ch1 turn.

With right sides of lace and sweater together, find the center back of sweater and with safety pin or stitch holder, pin it to center back of lace. SC mesh end of lace to sc row of bottom hem. Work in any ease.

Closure Sew Hook and Eye evenly along bottom 6 inches of front closure.

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