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## *Horseshoes Cardigan*

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This scoop-necked cardigan is designed this to be thrown over a nice dress, tank or camisole. The horseshoe lace pattern is easily memorized and executed, so the knitting is quick. If you want a longer cardigan, knit a few extra rows of ribbing before starting the lace pattern, or put in an extra repeat of the lace before starting armhole shaping. It would also be easy to knit this with long sleeves- knit as set up until they're as long as you want before starting sleeve cap shaping. Pictures show the smallest size, worn with 5 cm / 2 inches of negative ease.

### **Sizes XS (S, M, L, XL)**

Finished bust: 91.5 (95, 100.5, 104, 113) cm / 36 (37.5, 39.5, 41, 44.5) inches

Finished length: 48 (54, 54, 60, 60) cm / 19 (21, 21, 23.5, 23.5) inches

### **Requirements**

Yarn: Debbie Bliss Pure Silk (100% Silk, 50 g = 125 m/136 yds): 5 (6, 6, 7, 8) skeins

Substitutions: This would work in any DK weight yarn

Needles: 2.5 mm / US size 2 straight needles (or size needed to get gauge)

Notions: stitch holders or waste yarn, tapestry needle, spare knitting needle for 3 needle bind off, stitch markers, 9 small buttons

### **Tension**

24 sts and 32 rows = 10 cm / 4 inches in stockinette;

1 horizontal repeat of lace, blocked = 4.4 cm / 1.75 inches wide;

1 vertical repeat of lace, blocked = 2.9 cm / 1.15 inches tall

Gauge in stockinette is given to help in yarn substitution only--please swatch in lace pattern!





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115, 125) sts, place marker, work rem 53 (55, 58, 60, 65) sts.

### Armhole and neck shaping

Note: remember not to work yarn overs in lace pattern unless you have enough stitches to make the corresponding decrease. Attaching sleeves to the armholes will be easier if you can keep two plain selvedge stitches at the armhole edge. Work all bind-offs loosely- using a larger needle to bind off is recommended.

### Upper right front

Row 1(RS): Work in pattern to 4 (5, 5, 5, 5) sts before marker, w&t.

Row 2 (WS): Work in pattern to last 10 (10, 12, 12, 15) sts, w&t.

Row 3: Work to 7 (8, 8, 9, 9) sts before marker, w&t.

Row 4: Work to last 14 (15, 16, 17, 17) sts, w&t.

Row 5: Work to 9 (10, 11, 12, 12) sts before marker, w&t.

Row 6: Work to last 17 (18, 19, 20, 20) sts, w&t.

Row 7: Work to 10 (12, 13, 14, 14) sts before marker, w&t.

Row 8: Work to last 18 (19, 20, 21, 22) sts, w&t.

For sizes XS, S, M, L:

Row 9: Work in pattern to first wrapped st, pick up and knit wrap together with the wrapped stitch, knit to end (do not work in lace patt), picking up and knitting remaining wraps together with the wrapped stitches.

Row 10: Bind off first 10 (12, 13, 14) sts, work to end of row, picking up and purling wraps together with the wrapped stitches.

Row 11: Bind off first 18 (19, 20, 21) sts, work in pattern to end—25 (24, 25, 25) sts rem.

For size XL only:

Row 9: Work in pattern to 16 sts before marker, w&t.

Row 10: Work to end of row, picking up and purling wraps together with wrapped stitches.

Row 11: Bind off first 22 sts, work in pattern to first wrapped st, pick up wrap and knit together

with the wrapped stitch, knit to end (do not work in lace patt), picking up and knitting remaining wraps together with wrapped sts.

Row 12: Bind off first 16 sts, work to end—27 sts rem.

All sizes:

Continue in pattern until you have completed 7 (8, 8, 9, 9) repeats of Chart from beginning of armhole shaping. Armhole should measure approx. 8 (9, 9, 10.25, 10.25)" [20.5 (23, 23, 26, 26) cm]. Break yarn and place sts on a holder.



### Upper back

Rejoin yarn to work, RS facing. Working on 100 (105, 110, 115, 125) sts of back only:

Rows 1-2: Work in pattern to 4 (5, 5, 5, 5) sts before marker, w&t.

Rows 3-4: Work to 7 (8, 8, 9, 9) sts before marker, w&t.

Rows 5-6: Work to 9 (10, 11, 12, 12) sts before



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marker, w&t.

Rows 7-8: Work to 10 (12, 13, 14, 14) sts before marker, w&t.

Sizes XS, S, M, L:

Row 9 (RS): Work in pattern to first wrapped st, knit wrap together with the wrapped stitch, knit to end (do not work in lace patt), picking up and knitting remaining wraps together with wrapped stitches.

Row 10 (WS): Bind off first 10 (12, 13, 14) sts, work to end, picking up and purling wraps together with wrapped sts.

Row 11: Bind off first 10 (12, 13, 14) sts, work in patt to end—80 (81, 84, 87) sts.

Size XL only:

Rows 9-10: Work to 16 sts before marker, w&t.

Row 11 (RS): Work in pattern to first wrapped st, knit wrap together with the wrapped stitch, knit to end (do not work in lace patt), picking up and knitting remaining wraps together with wrapped stitches.

Row 12 (WS): Bind off first 16 sts, work to end, picking up and purling wraps together with wrapped sts.

Row 13: Bind off first 16 sts, work in patt to end—93 sts.

All sizes:

Continue in pattern until you have completed 6 (7, 7, 8, 8) repeats of chart from beginning of armhole shaping.

### Back neck shaping

Right shoulder:

Row 1 (RS): Work 35 (34, 35, 37, 39) sts in pattern, w&t.

Row 2 (WS): Work to end.

Row 3: Work 30 (29, 30, 31, 33) sts, w&t.

Row 4: Work to end.

Row 5: Work 27 (26, 27, 27, 29) sts, w&t.

Row 6: Work to end.

Row 7: Work 25 (24, 25, 25, 27) sts in, w&t.

Row 8: Work to end.

Place first 46 (47, 49, 50, 54) sts on a holder. Do not cut yarn.

Left shoulder:

Row 1 (RS): Join new ball of yarn after held sts, work in patt to end—34 (34, 35, 37, 39) sts.

Row 2 (WS): Work 30 (29, 30, 31, 33) sts, w&t.

Row 3: Work to end.

Row 4: Work 27 (26, 27, 27, 29) sts, w&t.

Row 5: Work to end.

Row 6: Work 25 (24, 25, 25, 27) sts, w&t.

Replace held sts on needle.

Now, starting at the right shoulder, with RS facing, using original ball of yarn, work first 25 (24, 25, 25, 27) sts in pattern, then knit the center 30 (33, 34, 37, 39) sts, picking up wraps and knitting them together with wrapped sts, then work rem 25 (24, 25, 25, 27) sts in pattern.

Next row (WS): P25 (24, 25, 25, 27), bind off center 30 (33, 34, 37, 39) sts, purl to end.

Working each shoulder separately, continue in pattern until you have completed 7.5 (8.5, 8.5, 9.5, 9.5) repeats of Chart from beginning of armhole shaping. Place sts on holders.

### Upper left front

Row 1 (RS): Join yarn at 5th (6th, 6th, 6th, 6th) st after marker. Work in patt to last 10 (10, 12, 12, 12) sts, w&t.

Row 2 (WS): Work to 7 (8, 8, 9, 9) sts before marker, w&t.

Row 3: Work to last 14 (15, 16, 17, 17) sts, w&t.

Row 4: Work to 9 (10, 11, 12, 12) sts before marker, w&t.

Row 5: Work to last 17 (18, 19, 20, 20) sts, w&t.

Row 6: Work to 10 (12, 13, 14, 14) sts before marker, w&t.

Row 7: Work to last 18 (19, 20, 21, 22) sts, w&t.

For sizes XS, S, M, L:

Row 8 (WS): Work to marker, picking up and purling wraps together with wrapped sts.

Row 9 (RS): Bind off first 10 (12, 13, 14) sts, in pattern to first wrapped st, pick up and knit wrap together with the wrapped st, knit to end (do not work in lace patt), picking up and knitting remaining wraps together with wrapped sts.



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Row 10: Bind off first 18 (19, 20, 21) sts, work to end—25 (24, 25, 25) sts rem.

For size XL only:

Row 8 (WS): Work to 16 sts before marker, w&t.

Row 9 (RS): Work in pattern to first wrapped st, pick up and knit wrap together with wrapped st, knit to end (do not work in lace patt), picking up and knitting remaining wraps together with wrapped sts.

Row 10: Bind off first 22 sts, work to end, picking up and purling wraps together with wrapped sts.

Row 11: Bind off first 16 sts, work to end—27 sts.

All sizes:

Continue in pattern until you have completed 7 (8, 8, 9, 9) repeats of Chart from beginning of armhole shaping. Armhole should measure

approx. 8 (9, 9, 10.25, 10.25)" [20.5 (23, 23, 26, 26) cm]. Break yarn and place sts on a holder.

## Sleeves

Cast on 73 (73, 83, 83, 93). Work 2 rows in garter st, keeping first and last 2 sts in stockinette.

Lace set-up row 1 (RS): K2, work Row 1 of Lace Chart to last st, k1.

Lace set-up row 2 (WS): P2, work Row 2 of Lace Chart to last st, p1.

Continue as set until you have completed 2 (2, 2, 3, 3) repeats of Chart.

If you want longer sleeves, continue knitting chart repeats until sleeve is the length you want before knitting next section.

## Shape cap

Note: remember not to work yarn overs in lace pattern unless you have enough stitches to make the corresponding decrease. Setting sleeve caps into armholes will be easier if you can keep 2 selvedge sts at each edge. Work all bind offs loosely--using a larger needle to bind off is recommended.

Rows 1-2: Work in pattern to last 4 (5, 5, 5, 5) sts, w&t.

Rows 3-4: Work in pattern to last 7 (8, 8, 8, 8) sts, w&t.

Row 5 (RS): Work in pattern to first wrapped st, knit wrap together with wrapped st, knit to end (do not work in lace patt), picking up and knitting remaining wraps together with wrapped sts.

Row 6 (WS): Bind off first 7 (8, 8, 8, 8) sts, purl to end, picking up and purling wraps together with wrapped sts.

Row 7: Bind off first 7 (8, 8, 8, 8) sts, work in patt to end—59 (59, 67, 67, 77) sts.

Row 8: Work even in patt.

Next row (RS dec row): K1, k2tog, work to last 3 sts, ssk, k1.

Next row (WS dec row): P1, p2tog, work to last 3 sts, ssp, p1.





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Decrease as described above on every foll RS row 2 (3, 4, 4, 5) times, then on every 4th (4th, 4th, 5th, 5th) row 9 times—33 (31, 37, 37, 45) sts.

Work even in patt until you have completed 5.5 (6.5, 6.5, 7.5, 7.5) repeats of Chart from beginning of cap shaping.

### **Short row shaping for top of sleeve caps**

Rows 1-2: Work to last 2 sts, w&t.

Rows 3-4: Work to last 4 sts, w&t.

Rows 5-6: Work to last 7 (6, 6, 6, 6) sts, w&t.

Rows 7-8: Work to last 10 (9, 9, 9, 9) sts, w&t.

Size XS only:

Rows 9-10: Work to end, picking up and working wraps together with wrapped sts.

Bind off all sts.

Sizes S, M, L, XL:

Rows 9-10: Work to last 12 sts, w&t.

Rows 11-12: Work to end, picking up and working wraps together with wrapped sts.

Bind off all sts.

### **Finishing**

Buttonhole band

With RS facing, pick up and knit 3 sts for every 4 rows along right front edge. Place markers for 9 buttonholes, evenly spaced. Work in seed st for 2 rows. On third row, make a buttonhole (yo, k2tog)

at each marker. Work 2 more rows seed st and bind off in pattern.

Button band

With RS facing, pick up and knit the same number of sts along the left front edge as you did on the right front edge. Work in seed st for 5 rows. Bind off in pattern.

Wash and block to measurements, being careful not to overstretch ribbing.

Join shoulders with 3-needle bind off.

Sew sleeve seams. Set sleeves into armholes.

There will be excess material in the sleeve caps-- put in little gathers as you sew the sleeves in.

Attach buttons. Weave in ends.

### *Questions? Comments?*

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