ViNNis COLOURS
Ice Crystal Poncho

PATTERN #46
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Pattern difficulty:
Moderate

Pattern size: S/M

Materials:
Vinnis Colours Nikkim (119m/50g, DK 100% cotton)
2 balls Blue Bell (533)
2 balls Aluminium (502)
1 ball Baby Blue (534)
1 ball Grey (511)
1 ball Washed Denim (513)
1 ball Greys Mix (20)
Circular needle system (eg KnitPro) one side 12mm tip, other side 8mm tip, cable approx. 100cm
Crochet hook 7mm
Tapestry needle
Scissors

Tension:
Knitted in base pattern using 2 strands of yarn
9 sts and 12 rows = 10cm x 10cm

Abbreviations:
beg - beginning
k - knitt
rem - remaining
st(st) - stocking stitch
st(s) - stitch(es)

Pattern notes:
The Poncho is knitted by using a 12mm tip on one side and a 8mm tip on the other side.
Create neat sides by not knitting the last st of each row but transferring it to the needle with yarn in front, then after turning the piece and starting the next row pull the yarn from the back through the loop.
For the base and the lace patterns, the row knitted with the big tip is knitted “crossed” (stitch into the back of the stitch instead of front), the back row done with the smaller tip is knitted straight (or in pattern) using front of the stitch.
This creates a garter stitch pattern with stretched stitches between the “ribs”.

Base Pattern:
(Stretched Garter Stitch)
Knit 1 row using needle 12mm, crossing the stitches by knitting back of the stitch.
Knit next row using needle 8mm normally by knitting into the front of the stitch.

Lace Pattern 1:
Row 1: Knit on 12mm needle (front side of garment) crossing the sts (see above)
Row 2: Knit 1st, *knit 1st, 2 double yarn over, slip one stitch as if to knit, knit two sts together, pass the slipped st over, double yarn over* on needle 8mm. Repeat sts between *-* end on 2 sts

Lace Pattern 2:
Row 1: Knit on 12mm needle (front side of garment) crossing the sts (see above)
Row 2: Knit 1st, *knit 1st, 2 double yarn over, slip one stitch as if to knit, knit two stst together, pass the slipped st over, double yarn over* on needle 8mm. Repeat sts between *-* end on 2 sts
Row 3: Knit on needle 12mm crossing the sts and knitting just one st off each double yarn over creating a loose lace.
Row 4: Knit 3 sts, repeat pattern above between *-* end on 4 sts.
Row 5: Knit on needle 12mm crossing the sts and knitting just one st off each double yarn over creating a loose lace. The 6th row is the same as 2nd row.
The Off-Setting of the lacy pattern creates a netted effect.

To make:
The Poncho consists of 2 identical rectangular panels of approx 70cm x 48cm.
Cast on 67 sts for the first panel on big tip using one strand of Greys Mix No 20 and one strand of Baby Blue No 534.
Knit first row with small tip “crossed” as described above. This is done only when casting on sts to not have a too loose end, after this all rows knitted with the small tip are done straight knitting front of stitch. (Back of garment)

Work 4 rows (2 ribs) in Base Pattern.
Work 2 Rows Lace Pattern 1, then 2 rows (1 rib) Base Pattern, 2 rows Lace Pattern 1, then 6 rows (3 ribs) Base Pattern.
Change colours to one strand Grey No 511 and one strand Washed Denim No 513:
Do 4 rows (2 ribs) of Base Pattern, then 6 rows of Lace Pattern, last 6 rows (3 ribs) of Base Pattern.
Change colours to one strand of Aluminium No 502 and one strand of Blue Bell No 533:
Work 5 rows (3 ribs) of Base Pattern, then 2 rows of Lace Pattern 1, last 10 rows (5 ribs) of Base Pattern.

Cast all st off fairly loosely.
Work 2nd panel exactly the same.

To join the pieces, place them (outer side facing up) like a triangular in front of you. The top (light blue strip) must be joined to the side of the other panel, the open sides of the triangular both being light blue. To join, use one strand of Blue Bell and one strand Aluminium.
The open side of the triangular will become your neck opening. Start on the other side joining both pieces in single crochet stitch making sure the opening for the neck will be about 22-30 cm (depending how wide you like it). Because the knit is fairly loose, the seam sides can be stretched accordingly.
Once one side is joined, crochet alongside one side of the neckline. Leave the same size opening on the other panel and carry on joining the other side.

Weave in ends.

To do the Fringing:
Cut 30cm ends in Blue Bell and Aluminium. For each tassel you need three strands alternating the colours or using 1+2 (also alternating).
Tie around 132 tassels evenly spaced around the sides.

Picture shows the Poncho knitted in colours Natural (500) and Dunes (684).