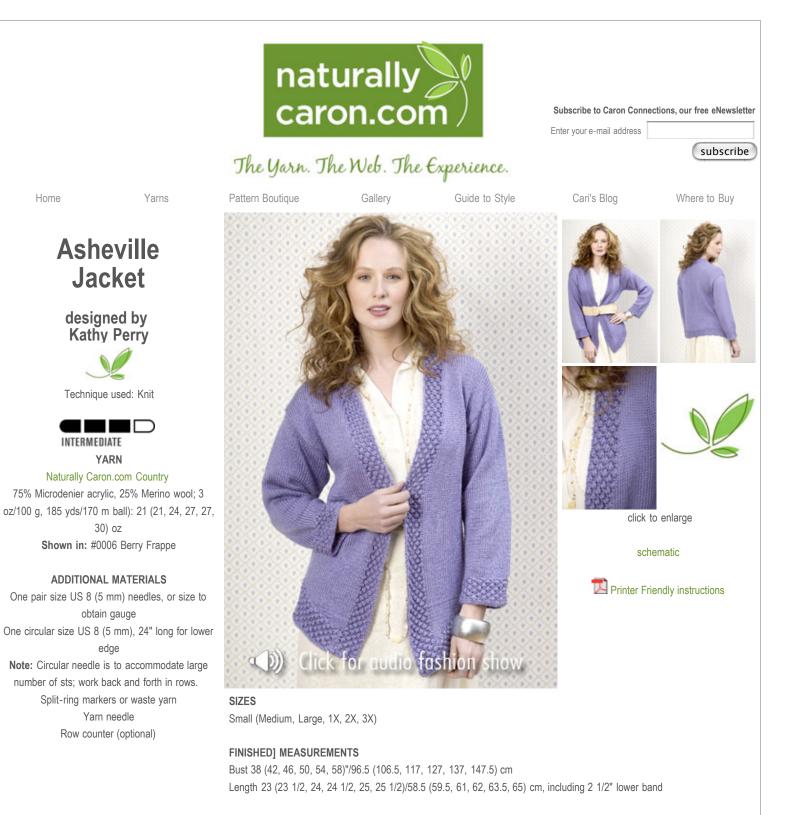
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GAUGE

In Stockinette stitch, 18 sts and 24 rows = 4"/10 cm In Blackberry stitch, 19 sts and 24 rows = 4"/10 cm

STITCHES USED

Stockinette stitch (St st) Blackberry Stitch (multiple of 4 sts + 2) Row 1 (WS): K1 (edge st), * [k1, p1, k1] in next st, p3tog; repeat from * across to last st, k1 (edge st).
Row 2: Purl.
Row 3: K1, * p3tog, [k1, p1, k1] in next st; repeat from * across to last st, k1.
Row 4: Repeat Row 2
Repeat Rows 1 - 4 for Blackberry st.

NOTES

Drop-shoulder Cardigan, with shaped lower Front edges, is designed to be loose fitting; choose size accordingly. Blackberry edging is worked on garment after pieces are assembled.

BACK

Cast on 88 (97, 106, 115, 124, 133) sts.

(RS) Begin St st; work even until piece measures 11 1/2" (all sizes) from beginning, end with a WS row.

Mark Underarm

Place a marker (pm) each side of next (RS) row for underarm.

Continuing in St st, work even until armholes measure 9 (9 1/2, 10, 10 1/2, 11, 11 1/2)" above underarm marker, end with a WS row.

Shape Shoulders and Neck: (RS) Bind off 26 (31, 35, 40, 44, 49) sts at beg next 2 rows for shoulders—36 (35, 36, 35, 36, 35) sts remain for neck.

Bind off remaining sts.

LEFT FRONT

Beginning at center Front, cast on 8 (8, 9, 9, 10, 10) sts.

(RS) Begin St st; knit 1 row.

Shape Front

(WS) Beginning this row, at side edge (end of WS rows), cast on 4 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6) sts every other row 8 (9, 8, 8, 8, 8) times, then 0 (0, 0, 4, 0, 4) sts 0 (0, 0, 1, 0, 1) time(s)—40 (44, 49, 53, 58, 62) sts; pm at side edge for end of lower edge shaping. Work even until piece measures 9 1/2 (10, 10 1/2, 11, 11 1/2, 11 1/4)" from lower edge shaping marker, end with a WS row.

Shape Neck and Mark for Underarm

Note: Size 2X– Neck shaping begins at same time as underarm marker is placed.

(RS) Beginning this row, at neck edge (end of RS rows, beg of WS rows), dec 1 st every 4 (5, 4, 5, 4, 5) rows 4 (12, 4, 12, 4, 12) times, every 5 (6, 5, 6, 5, 6) rows 10 (1, 10, 1, 10, 1) time(s)—26 (31, 35, 40, 44, 49) sts remain for shoulder; and AT THE SAME TIME, when piece measures 11 1/2" from lower edge marker, pm for underarm as for Back; remove lower edge marker. Work even until piece measures same as Back to shoulder, end with a WS row.

Shape Shoulder

(RS) Bind off remaining sts.

RIGHT FRONT

Work as for Left Front, reversing shaping.

SLEEVES

Cast on 58 (62, 66, 66, 70, 70) sts. (WS) Begin Blackberry st; work even for 15 rows, end with a WS row. (RS) Begin St st; dec 2 (4, 5, 3, 5, 3) sts evenly across first row—56 (58, 61, 63, 65, 67) sts remain. (WS) Work even for 5 rows, end with a WS row.

Shape Sleeve

(RS) Beginning this row,inc 1 st each side every 5 (6, 6, 5, 5, 5) rows 1 (15, 11, 7, 13, 19) times, then every 6 (0, 7, 6, 6, 0) rows 14 (0, 4, 10, 5, 0) times—86 (88, 91, 97, 101, 105) sts.
Work even until piece measures 18 (18 1/2, 19, 19, 19, 19)" from beginning.
Bind off all sts.

FINISHING

Sew shoulder seams. Sew sleeves in place between markers; sew sleeve and side seams.

Lower Edge Band

With RS facing, using circular needle, beginning at left center Front, pick up and knit 178 (195, 214, 231, 250, 267) sts across lower edge to right center Front.

(WS) Begin St st; work 2 rows, inc 16 (15, 16, 15, 16, 15) sts evenly across second row, end with a RS row—194 (210, 230, 246, 266, 282) sts.

(WS) Begin Blackberry st; work even for 14 rows, end with a RS row.

Bind off all sts loosely in purl.

Front Band

Cast on 14 sts.

(WS) Begin Blackberry stitch; work even until piece measures same as length from lower edge of right Front band, around neck, and down left Front to lower edge, slightly stretched.

Sew band in place, easing to fit.

Using yarn needle, weave in all ends.

