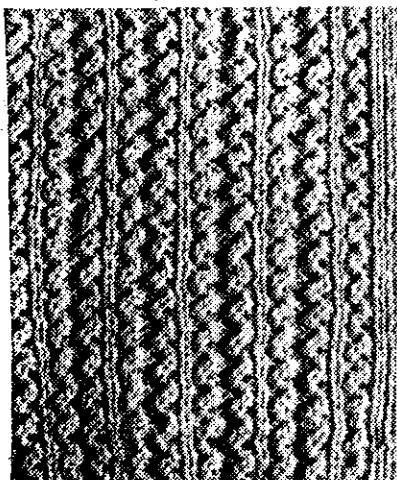


ROPE STITCH CARDIGAN



Above you see a close-up of the fascinating coiled rope stitch that knits this cardigan

MATERIALS.—6oz. of Super Crepe wool; 1 pair of No. 10 knitting needles; 1 No. 10 steel crochet hook, and 10 buttons, $\frac{3}{4}$ in. in diameter.

MEASUREMENTS.—Length from shoulder at armhole edge, 18in.; width all round under the arms, unstretched, 24in.; stretching to fit a 30in. to 32in. bust measurement; length of sleeve seam, 6in.

TENSION.—19sts. to 2in. in width and 10 rows to lin. in depth measured over the patt. unstretched.

ABBREVIATIONS.—K. = knit; p. = purl; sts. = stitches; st.st. = stocking stitch; rep. = repeat; w.f.d. = wool forward; w.r.d. = wool round; tog. = together; dec. = decrease or decreasing; inc. = increase or increasing; patt. = pattern; beg. = beginning; ins. = inches.

Work into the back of all cast-on sts. to produce firm edges.

BACK.—Begin at the lower edge. Cast on 100 sts. and work 32 rows in k. 1, p. 1 rib. 33rd row.—K. twice into every 10th st. (110). 34th row.—P. Change to patt. as follows:

1st row.—K. 1, * p. 1, k. 2 tog., w.r.d., p. 1, k. 1, p. 1, k. 2 tog., w.r.d., p. 1; rep. from * to end, k. 1. 2nd row.—P. 1, * k. 1, p. 2 tog., keep w.f.d., k. 1, p. 1, k. 1, p. 2 tog., keep w.f.d., k. 1; rep. from * to end, p. 1. 3rd row.—K. 1, * p. 1, keep w.f.d., k. 2 tog., p. 1, k. 1, p. 1, keep w.f.d., k. 2 tog., p. 1; rep. from * to end, k. 1. 4th row.—P. 1, * k. 1, w.r.d., p. 2 tog., k. 1, p. 1, k. 1, w.r.d., p. 2 tog., k. 1; rep. from * to end, p. 1.

These 4 rows form the patt., and are repeated throughout. Continue until the work measures 11in. from the beg., finishing after a 4th row.

Armhole Shaping.—Keeping patt. correct, cast off 6 sts. at the beg. of the

next 2 rows, then dec. 1 st. at both ends of the next 3 alternate rows (92). Continue without dec. (patt. now fits again) until the armholes measure $6\frac{1}{2}$ in. on the straight, finishing right side towards you.

Shoulder Shaping.—Cast off 12 sts. at the beg. of the next 6 rows, then cast off the remaining sts.

RIGHT FRONT.—Begin at the lower edge. Cast on 60 sts. and work 2 rows in k. 1, p. 1 rib. 3rd row.—K. 1, p. 1, cast off 4, rib to end. 4th row.—Rib 54, cast on 4, rib. 2. Work 12 more rows in the rib, then rep. the 3rd and 4th rows once more. Rep. these last 14 rows once again.

33rd row.—Rib 12, then k. to end, knitting twice into every 6th st. (68). 34th row.—P. 56, rib 12. Now change to the patt. as follows:

1st row.—Rib 12, rep. 1st patt. row to end. 2nd row.—Rep. 2nd patt. row for 56 sts., rib 12. 3rd row.—Rib 12, rep. 3rd. patt. row to end. 4th row.—Rep. 4th patt. row for 56 sts., rib 12.

Rep. the last 4 rows, making a buttonhole on every 13th and 14th rows until there are 10 in all to neck, but at the same time when the side edge is the same depth to armhole as on the back, finishing at this edge, shape the armhole as follows:

Armhole Shaping.—Cast off 6 sts. at beg. of next row, then dec. 1 st. at same edge on next 3 alternate rows. Continue without dec. until the front edge measures 13in. from the beg. and the 10th buttonhole has been worked, finishing at this edge.

Revers.—1st row.—Rib 11, k. twice into next st., patt. to end. 2nd row.—Patt. until 13 remain, rib 13.

Work 28 more rows in this way, inc. 1 st. in the last st. of the ribbing on every alternate row until there are 74 sts., finishing at the front edge.

Neck Shaping.—Cast off 28 sts. at beg. of next row, then dec. 1 st. at the same edge on every alternate row until 36 sts. remain. Continue without dec. if necessary until the armhole edge measures $7\frac{1}{2}$ in. on the straight, finishing at this edge.

Shoulder Shaping.—Cast off 12 sts. at beg. of next and then every alternate row until all sts. have been cast off.

LEFT FRONT.—Work this to match the right, but with all shapings at the opposite edges, also omit the buttonholes.

SLEEVES.—Begin at the lower edge. Cast on 60 sts. and work $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. in k. 1, p. 1 rib. Next row.—K. twice into every 2nd st. (90). Next row.—P. Now work 10 rows in st.st., then continue in st.st., inc. 1 st. at both ends of every k. row until there are 110 sts. Continue in st.st., shaping the top as follows: Dec. 1 st. at both ends of every row until 70 sts. remain, then dec. 1 st. at both ends of every k. row until 44 sts. remain. Cast off.

COLLAR.—Cast on 120 sts. and work 22 rows in k. 1, p. 1 rib, then cast off 14 sts. at the beg. of the next 6 rows. Cast off the remaining sts.

MAKING-UP.—Join the shoulders, sew in the sleeves, making pleats at the top. Press the seams and sleeves only, then sew up the side and sleeve seams and press them. Work one row of treble all round the fronts and revers edges, also round three straight edges of the collar. Press, then sew on the collar, allowing the revers to overlap the collar and sew down neatly. Sew buttons on the left front to correspond with the buttonholes on the right front.