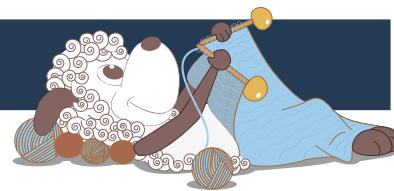


Moonlight - a poncho with giant cables



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I really love decorating knitting a creating new textures. For this design I've played around with i-cord and cables. First the poncho is worked and then i-cord is knitted. The i-cord is then twined through the cables, really making them pop and stand out. If you choose to work the i-cord in a highly contrasting color, this will really make the cables pop, but you could also choose to work them in the same color as the poncho, creating a more subtle, but gorgeous texture.

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Materials

For the poncho:

390 (440) 490 (540) g of Peruvian Highland Wool by Filcolana in color 257 (Mint)

110 (120) 130 (145) g of Tilia by Filcolana in color 329 (Playa)

For the i-cord:

90 (90) 90 (90) g of Peruvian Highland Wool by Filcolana in color 255 (Limelight)

7 mm circular needle, 60 cm and 100 cm long

7 mm double-pointed needles for the sleeve edges and for turning the cables

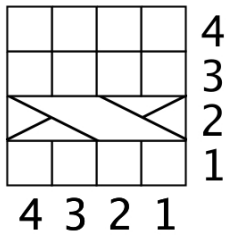
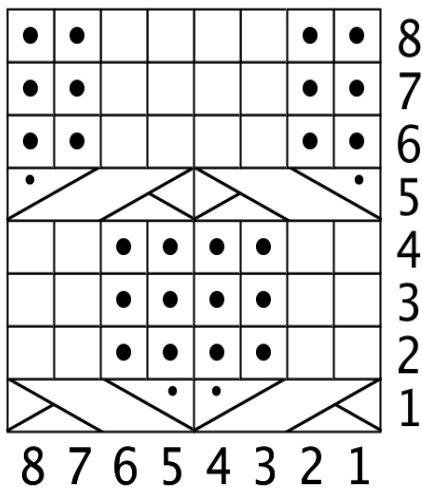
2 stitch holders

Two 5 mm double-pointed needles for the i-cord

Big blunt needle

8 stitch markers



Chart 1

Chart 2


Key

knit on the RS, purl on the WS

or purl on the RS, knit on the WS

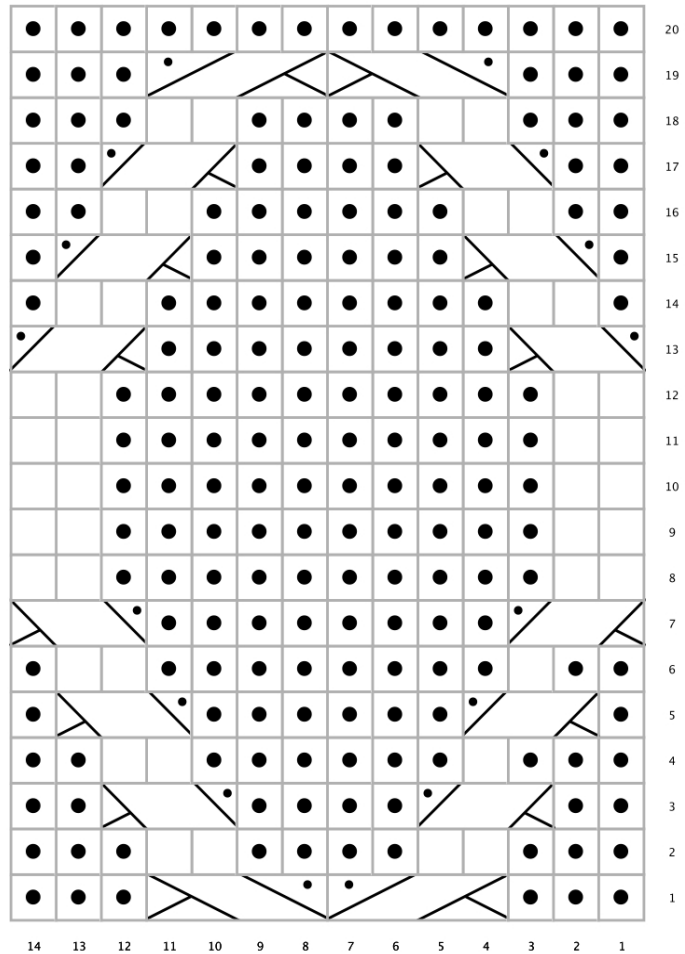
slip 2 sts to a cable needle and hold to back of work, k2, p2 from cable needle

slip 2 sts to a cable needle and hold to front of work, p2, k2 from cable needle

slip 1 stitch to a cable needle and hold to back of work, k2, p1 from cable needle

slip 2 sts to a cable needle and hold to front of work, p1, k2 from cable needle

slip 2 sts to a cable needle and hold to front of work, k2, k2 from cable needle

Chart 3


Sizes

S (M) L (XL)

Measurements

Poncho, chest: 81-91 (91-101) 101-111 (111-121) cm

Fit hip circumference: 86-96 (96-106) 106-116 (116-126) cm

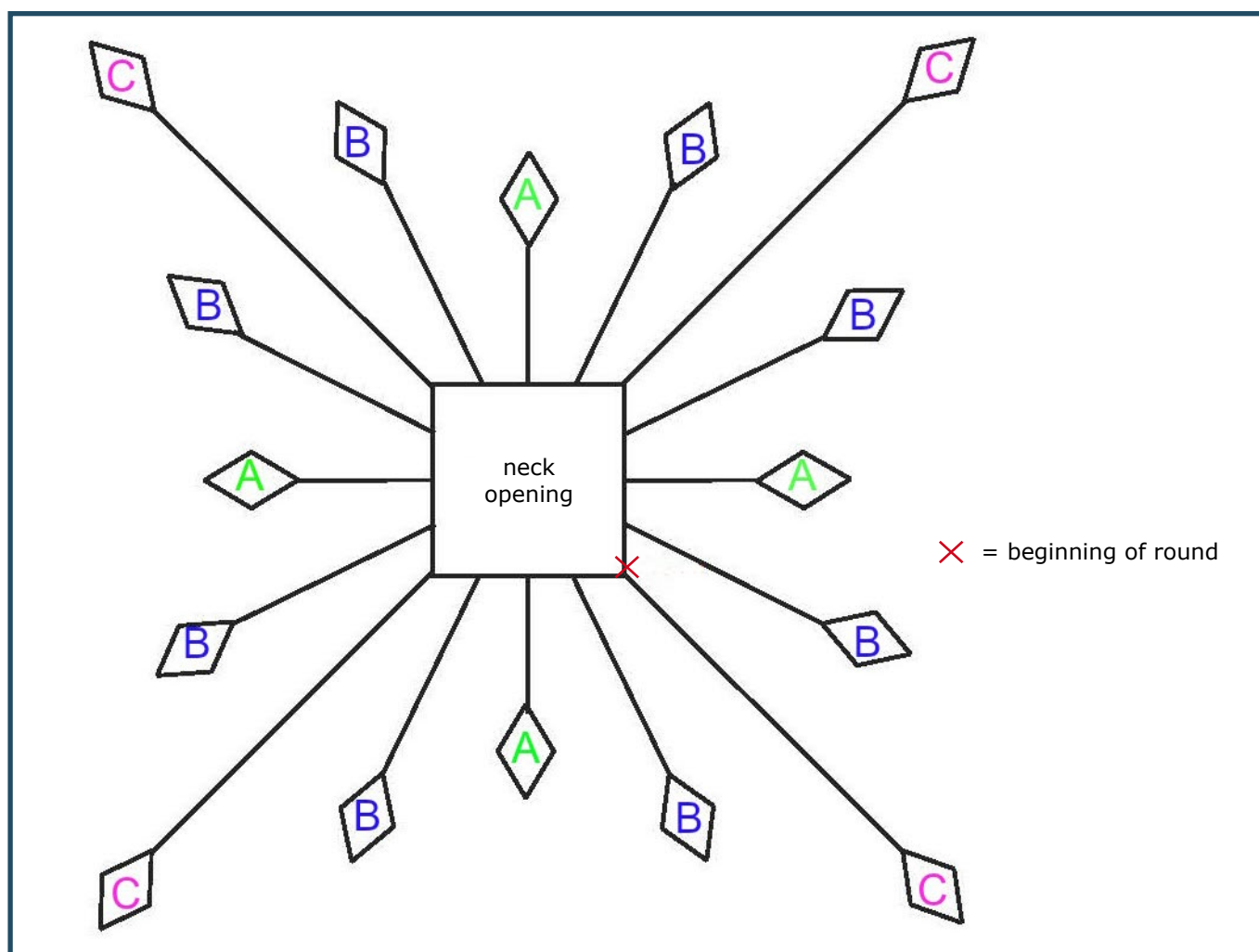
Total length: 74 (76) 78 (80) cm

Gauge

12,5 sts and 17 rounds in stockinette stitch with one strand of each yarn held together on 7 mm needle = 10 x 10 cm.

Special abbreviations

M1: Make 1. Increase one stitch by lifting the chain between sts onto the left needle and knitting it through the back loop.



Directions for knitting

The poncho is worked from the top down, in the round and with one strand of each yarn held together throughout. The rhombuses are worked in extension of the cables, see directions below. Once the poncho is worked to the desired length, the stitches are split to work edges on sleeve and hem, and each section is worked separately. Finally the i-cord is worked and twined through the cables.

Turtleneck with cables

Cast on 80 (80) 80 (80) sts on 7 mm, 60 cm long circular needle with one strand of each yarn held together. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round.

Round 1: *Work Chart 1 (4 sts), p1*. Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Continue as established, working Chart 1 a total of 16 times per round until all rows of Chart 1 have been worked 4 times.

Body

1st increase round: Continue as established while increasing 1 stitch between each cable: *Work Chart

1 (4 sts), p1, M1*. Repeat from * to * to end of round. There are now 96 (96) 96 (96) sts on the needle.

Work 3 rows as established working the sts between cables in reverse stockinette (purl on all rounds).

Next increase round: Increase 1 stitch on either side of each cable, on row 1 of the chart: *Work chart 1 (4 sts), M1, p2, M1*. Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Work an increase round every 4th round each time with 2 more sts between the increases until there are 224 (224) 256 (288) sts on the needle. All rows of the chart have been worked 8 (8) 9 (10) times. *Change to the 100 cm long circular needle when needed.*

Rhombus A

Mark which of your cables are A cables, which are B and which are C (see illustration).

Work the A cables according to Chart 2 repeating the 8 rows of the chart a total of 3 times = 24 rows total. At the same time the B and C cables are worked according to Chart 1. The sts between cables are worked in reverse stockinette.

Rhombus A and B

Work the A cables according to Chart 3. Work the B cables according to Chart 2 repeating the 8 rows of the chart a total of 3 times = 24 rows total. At the same time the C cables are worked according to Chart 1. The sts between cables are worked in reverse stockinette, and the following increases are worked at the same time:

Size S: No increases = 224 sts on the needle.

Size (M) L (XL): Increase 1 stitch on either side of each cable on the 9th round = (240) 272 (304) sts on the needle.

When the rhombus (Chart 3) on the A cables have been completed, work these sts in reverse stockinette as well.

Rhombus B and C

Work the B cables according to Chart 3. Work the C cables according to Chart 2 repeating the 8 rows of the chart a total of 3 times = 24 rows total. The sts between cables are worked in reverse stockinette.

When the rhombus (Chart 3) on the B cables have been completed, work these sts in reverse stockinette as well. Mark the side seam at either side - in the center of a rhombus A.

Work the C cables according to Chart 3. There are now 224 (240) 272 (304) sts on the needle.

Work in reverse stockinette across all sts., and the poncho measures 66 (68) 70 (72) cm - or to the desired sleeve length. Remember that the sleeve edges add 5 cm (try the poncho on to check).

On the final round increase 0 (1) 0 (1) stitch at either side seam. There are now 224 (242) 272 (306) sts on the needle.

Divide the work for sleeve and hem

Continue in reverse stockinette stitch: Work to 15 (15) 15 (15) sts after the side seam, bind off 11 (13) 18 (24) sts, work 60 (65) 70 (75) sts (hem), bind off the next 11 (13) 18 (24) sts, place the next 30 (30) 30 (30) sts on a stitch holder (sleeve), bind off 11 (13) 18 (24) sts, work 60 (65) 70 (75) sts (hem), bind off the next 11 (13) 18 (24) sts, place the last 30 (30) 30 (30) sts on a stitch holder (sleeve).

Hem edge

Continue around, working the 120 (130) 140 (150) hem sts. Work Chart 1 for approx. 10 cm. End on Row 4 of the chart. Bind off in pattern.

Sleeve edge

Place the 30 (30) 30 (30) sts for the first sleeve on 7 mm double-pointed needles. Join in the round and work Chart 1 the same as for the hem edge for 5 cm. End on Row 4 of the chart. Bind off in pattern. Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

Finishing

Sew together the bound off the 11 (13) 18 (24) sts between the sleeve and hem edges using Kitchener stitch.

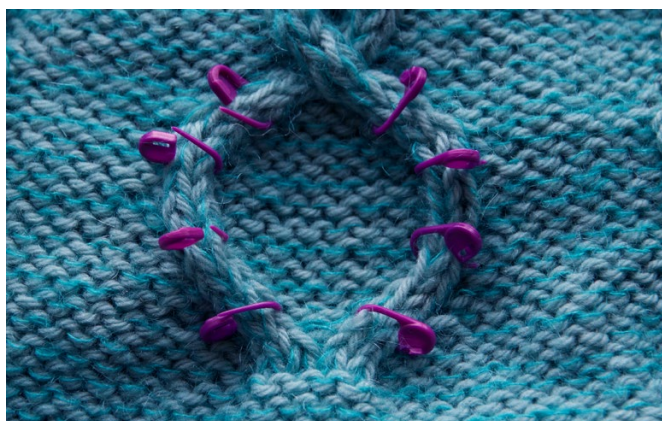
Weave in ends.

I-cord and giant cables

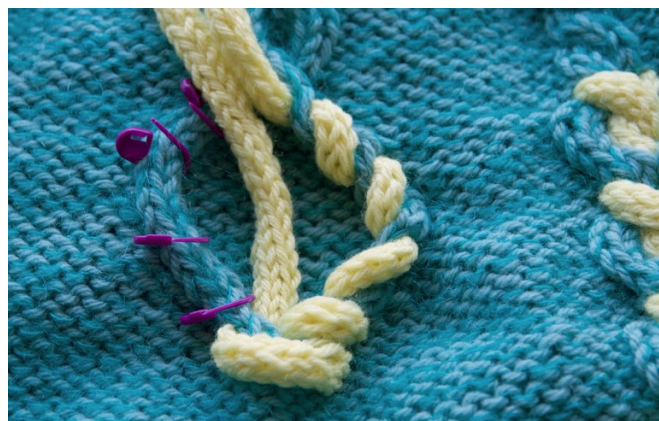
Cast on 4 sts on a 5 mm double-pointed needle using the i-cord yarn and work an i-cord: *Without turning the needle, push the sts to the opposite end of the needle, pull the yarn along the back of the work and knit the 4 sts*, this way the sts are essentially worked in the round on 2 needles. Repeat from * to * until the i-cord measures 80 cm. Break the yarn, pull the end through the sts on the needle and pull tight, but do not weave in the ends. Work a total of 16 approx. 80 cm long i-cords.

Thread the i-cord onto a big blunt needle and twine them through the each rhombus and cable as illustrated on the following pages. Once each i-cord has been twined through the cables, the ends can be weaved in on the WS, securing the i-cord in place.

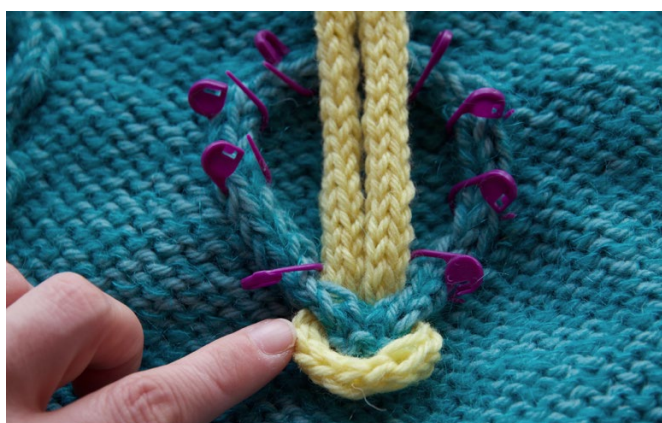




1: Place four markers on either side of the rhombus. Do not place them through the stitches, but find the holes between the stitches.



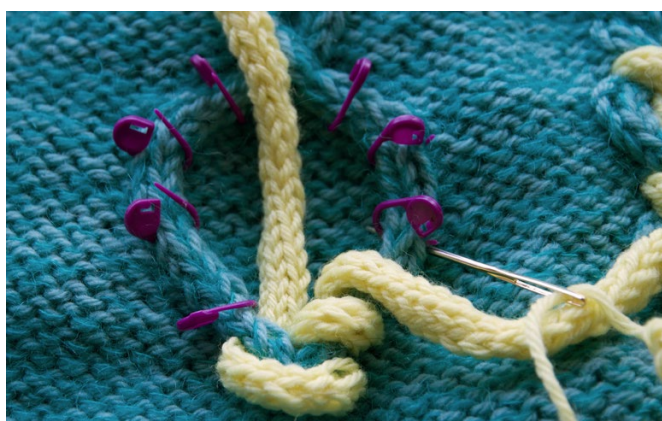
4: Continue until all 4 twinings are done - one for each marker.



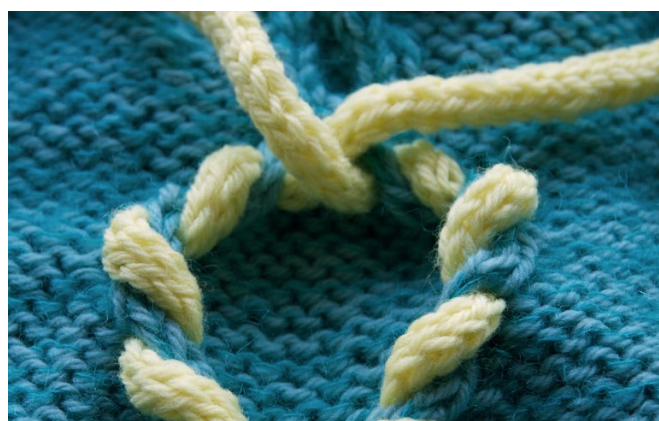
2: Twine the i-cord under the cable being careful not to sew through the yarn. Make sure the ends are the same length.



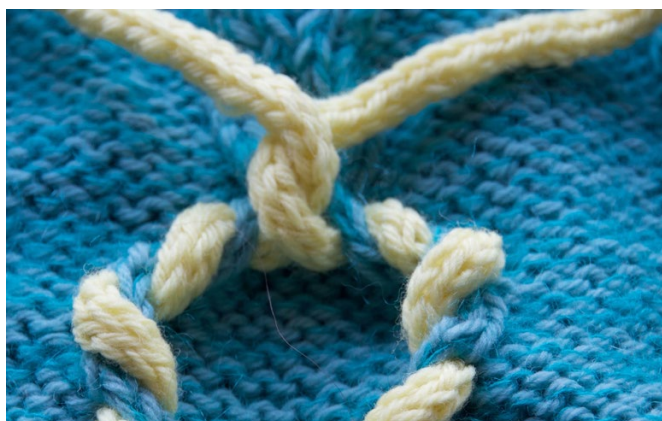
5: Repeat for the other side.



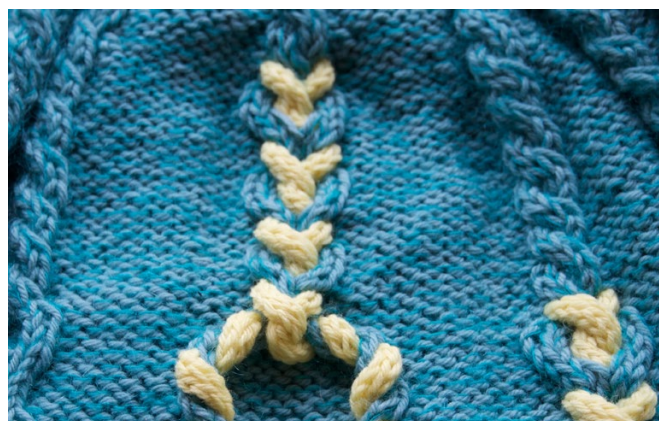
3: Twine the i-cord through the rhombus where the markers are places.



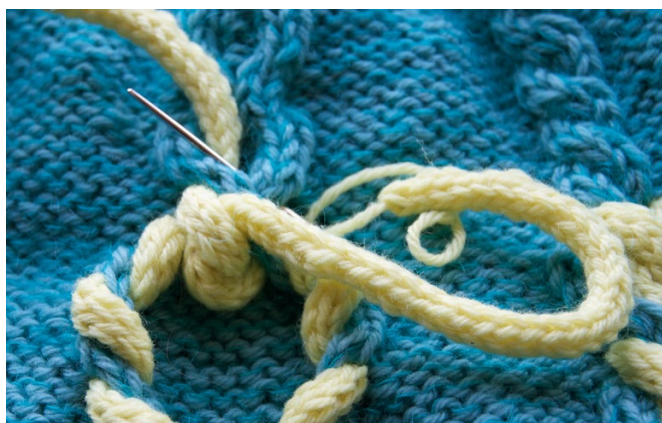
6: Twine the two ends of the i-cord around one another.



7: And once more.



10: This is the finished result.



8: Twine both ends under the Chart 2 cable.



9: Twine the ends around one another twice once more and twine them around the legs of the cable once more. Repeat a third time.