Aurikel - a beautiful cardigan

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Aurikel is my tribute to the delicate knitted doilies and their lovely feminine patterns. In reality I don't have much need for doilies, but I love knitting lace and I'm smitten with the incredible leaf and flower patterns that old fashioned knitted doiles often have.

One of my absolute favorite things is, when lace patterns are knit with thicker wool and on larger needles. It makes them so much more dramatic and gives the patterns a graphic quality. So these are the ideas that Aurikel developed from.

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350 (350) 400 (400) g of Cinnia by Filcolana i color 290 - Bordeaux Circular needle 6 mm, 80 or 100 cm Dpns, 4 mm Crochet hook 4 mm Markers 1 wool needle 1 button (any size you prefer)

Sizes

S (M/L) L/XL (2XL/3XL)

Measurement

Wingspan (not including sleeves): approx. 120 (120) 120 (120) cm Sleeves: 25 (25) 25 (25) cm Length: approx. 50 (50) 50 (50) cm

Gauge

15 sts and 23 sts in stockinette stitch on 6 mm needles = 4×4 inches.

Construction

First a large circular piece is knit from the chart. This piece is then blocked before it is folded into a half circle and sewn together. Finally short rib "sleeves" are knit onto the half circle and an edge is crocheted all the way around the opening.









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Circle

Cast on 61 sts on a 6 mm circular needle. Work back and forth. Purl 1 row, then start working from the chart. Each row consists of 1 edge stitch (which is not in the chart), 7 repeats of the stitch pattern (=the stitches within the red box), the stitches left of the stitch pattern (which are worked at the end of the rs rows and at the beginning of the ws rows), and 1 edge stitch at the end (not in chart). The chart is read right to left on the rs rows and left to right on the ws rows. It can be very helpful to place markers between each pattern repeat.

When the entire chart has been worked, all stitches are bound off.

Blocking

Gently wash the work, squeeze it as dry as possible and lay it on a flat surface to dry. The best result is achieved by blocking the work using pins or flexible wires. This opens up the lace pattern beautifully.

Sewing

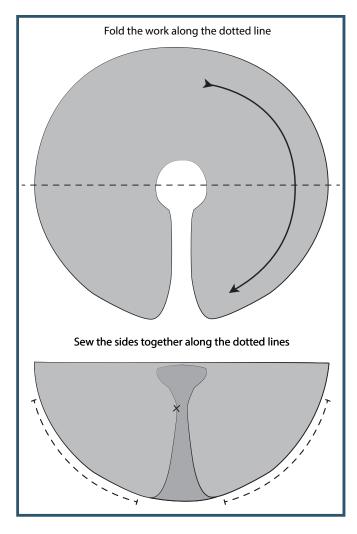
Place the circle wrong side down and fold it as shown in Illustration 1, so that the work is folded with the right sides together. Make sure the folding line runs straight through the centre of the largest leaf and that each leaf lines up with the corresponding leaf on the other side. Place pins along the dotted line on Illustration 2, starting 12 (15) 19 (22) cm from the fold. Place pins along the edge until 2 (4) 6 (8) cm from where the front starts to round. Repeat for the other side.

Sew the pinned parts of top and bottom layers of the work together from the ws.

Rib sleeves

Pick up and knit stitches along the "sleeve opening", that were created where the sides of the circle are

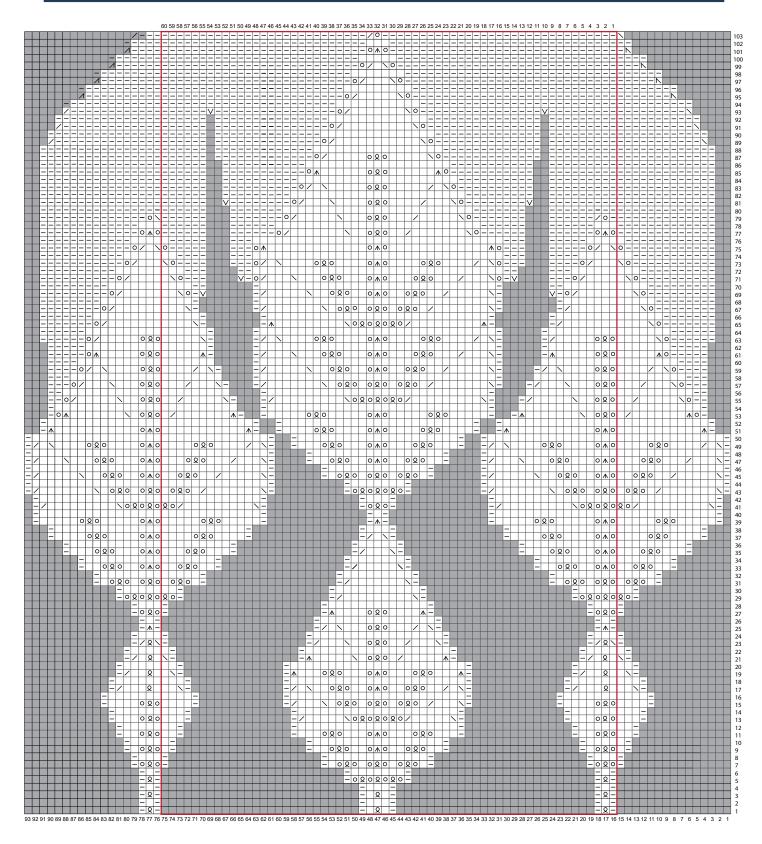
no stitch. knit on the rs, purl on the ws. purl on the rs, knit on the ws. k2tog- knit 2 stitches together. ssk (slip, slip, knit) - Slip 2 stitches, one at a time as if to knit. Move the stitches back on the left needle and knit them together through the back loop. Yarn over. Slip 2 stitches together as if to knit the together, knit the next stitch, pass the 2 slipped stitches over the knit stitch. Knit stitch through the back loop. k3tog - knit 3 stitches together. sssk (slip, slip, slip, knit) - Slip 3 stitches, one at a time as if to knit. Move the stitches back on the left needle and knit them together through the back loop. Make 1 - Make a stitch by lifting the chain between the stitches onto the needle and knitting it though the back loop.



not sewn together. Pick up and knit 52 (56) 60 (64) sts using 4 mm dpns. Join in the round and place a marker at the beginning of the round. Work in k2, p2 ribbing until the "sleeve" measures 25 cm. Bind off loosely. Repeat for the second "sleeve opening".

Crocheted Edge

Crochet an edge of double crochet (UK term. US: single crochet) all around the front edges, the neck edge and the back. Crochet a second round of single crochet, this time only in the back loop. Create a button hole by on the second round by crocheting some chain stitches approx. where the X is on Illustration 2. How many chain stitches you will need to make depends on the size of the your button. Weave in all ends and sew in the button.



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