

BLUE COLLAR

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There are a variety of ways to make knitted ruffles, and *Teva Durham* has used a short-row method for her silky ribbon collar. Alternating needle size every few inches emphasized by a subtle rippling effect. If you're adventurous, Teva suggests teaching yourself to knit backward with the right side of the fabric always facing you. This technique takes a bit of practice to do speedily and at an even gauge, but once mastered it makes short-rowing fun—you don't have to keep turning your knitting back and forth.

STITCH GUIDE

Wrap St: (WS) With yarn in front, slip 1 st from left needle to right needle, bring yarn to back between needles in position to purl on WS, return slipped st to left needle.

Knit Wrapped St with Wrap: (RS) Insert right needle tip into both the wrap at the base of the wrapped st and the st itself, then knit them both together.

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With smaller needles and using the long-tail method (see Glossary), CO 36 sts.

Row 1: (WS) K3 (neck edge sts), purl to last 2 sts, k2 (shoulder edge sts).

Row 2: Knit.

Rep the last 2 rows two more times—6 rows completed. *Change to larger needles, and work Row 1 once more. Cont in St st, working edge sts in garter st as established, and *at the same time* work short-rows on RS as foll:

Short-row 1: K8, wrap st (see Stitch Guide), turn, purl to last 2 sts, k2.

Short-row 2: K8, knit wrapped st with wrap, k4, wrap st, turn, purl to last 2 sts, k2.

Short-rows 3, 4, and 5: Knit to wrapped st, knit wrapped st with wrap, k4, wrap st, turn, purl to last 2 sts, k2.

Short-row 6: Knit to wrapped st from previous row, wrap st again (2 wraps on same st), turn, purl to last 2 sts, k2.

Short-rows 7, 8, 9, and 10: Knit to 5 sts before wrapped st from previous row, wrap st, turn, purl to last 2 sts, k2.

Change to smaller needles. Knit 1 row across all sts, knitting wrapped sts with their wraps (the wrapped st closest to the neck edge will have 2 wraps to be worked with the st). **Continue with** smaller needles. Working edge sts in garter st as established, work 6 rows St st, ending with a

FINISHED SIZE

21" (53.5 cm) long at neck edge, and 8" (20.5 cm) at deepest point of ruffle, not including ties.

YARN

Berroco Glace (100% rayon; 75 yd [69 m]/50 g): #2578 workshirt (light blue), 4 balls.

NEEDLES

Size 5 (3.75 mm) and 9 (5.5 mm). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

NOTIONS

Tapestry needle; stitch holder; size H/8 (5-mm) crochet hook.

GAUGE

20 sts and 32 rows = 4" (10 cm) in St st on smaller needles; 16 sts and 24 rows = 4" (10 cm) in St st on larger needles.

