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Sizes: 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40
Yarn: 5 skeins (1100 yards) of Variegated Morehouse Merino lace;
1 skein of lace in a solid color for borders and belt
Needle: #4 or size to obtain gauge
Gauge: 5½ stitches = 1 inch over garter stitch before washing/blocking
12 rows = 1 inch before washing/blocking
about 4½ stitches = 1 inch after washing/blocking
about 10 rows = 1 inch after washing/blocking

The shirt top is knit in 2 identical pieces, then you bind off the shoulders together. The sleeves are knit right onto body of top by picking up stitches along armhole position.

Cast on using yarn double (use long-tail cast-on and double tail for cast-on). Cast on 77 (81/85/90/95) stitches. Continue with yarn single and knit 190 (196/200/206/210) rows. Leave a piece of yarn about 3 yards long, then put stitches on holding needle (a circular needle—same size or smaller—works best for binding off shoulders later). Knit second piece the same way and to same length.

Bind off shoulders together using three-needle bind-off: put the 2 pieces parallel to each other (there is really no wrong or right side, but make sure the same sides are facing out so that you have yarn at each shoulder edge to bind off with). Starting at shoulder edge, bind off shoulder stitches together. (How? Knit the first stitch on needle closest to you together with first stitch on needle in back, then knit second stitch on needle closest to you together with second one on needle in back, then bind off regularly by lifting first stitch over second one. Continue this way, knitting two stitches together from front and back needle, then binding off). Bind off 19 (21/22/25/27) shoulder stitches. Then bind off same number of stitches at other shoulder edge—again, binding off towards neckline. Now use yarn double and bind off remaining middle stitches around entire neckline.

Sleeves: count 64 (66/68/70/72) rows down on each side from shoulders down and place marker. Then pick up stitches as follows: starting at underarm position (where you have the first marker), right side facing, pick up 1 stitch per 2 rows (or, 1 stitch per garter stitch rib) to shoulder—total of 32 (33/34/35/36) stitches, then pick up 1 extra stitch at shoulder bind-off and repeat picking up stitches at other side—another 32 (33/34/35/36) stitches. You now have a total of 65 (67/69/71/73) stitches. *Knit 8 rows. Work next row as follows: knit the first 2 stitches together, knit row to last 2 stitches, knit those 2 stitches together. Knit the next row. Repeat from * one more time—total of 20 rows. Knit 4 (6/8/10) more rows. Next: switch to solid color yarn and work next row as follows: knit the first 2 stitches together, knit row to last 2 stitches, knit those 2 stitches together. Knit 7 rows. Bind off in next row.

Sew sides and sleeves together. Note: sleeves will look narrow as knit—they will widen after washing/blocking.

Belt: with solid color yarn and using yarn double, cast on 200 stitches for a 45" long belt or 230 stitches for a 52" long belt. Continue with yarn single and knit 10 rows. Bind off loosely using yarn double.

Washing/Blocking: soak kimono and belt in warm water for a few minutes. Squeeze out as much water as possible and lay flat to dry, stretching kimono and belt to final sizes.

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