Knitting Lace: multiple decreases

This tutorial demonstrates how to work multiple decreases you will need to use to work the lace panel in Leaf Lace Cardigan.

Stitches shown below:
- **dec7to1R** – decrease 7 stitches to 1 right – 6 stitches decreased
- **dec7to1L** – decrease 7 stitches to 1 left – 6 stitches decreased
- **dec4to1R** – decrease 4 stitches to 1 right – 3 stitches decreased
- **dec4to1L** – decrease 4 stitches to 1 left – 3 stitches decreased
- **cdd** – centered double decrease – 2 stitches decreased

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**Dec7to1R - decrease 7 stitches to 1, right slanting**

1. The first 7 stitches on the left needle will be decreased to 1 stitch, the new stitch will slant to the right.

2. Knit stitch 1.

3. Slip the stitch back to the left needle, inserting the needle in the front of the stitch.

4. Insert the right needle into the back of stitch 2, then pass the stitch over stitch 1.

5. Repeat for stitches 3-7. You have decreased 6 stitches.

6. Slip the stitch to the right needle inserting the needle into the back of stitch, with yarn at the back.
Dec7to1L - decrease 7 stitches to 1, left slanting

1. The first 7 stitches on the left needle will be decreased to 1 stitch, the new stitch will slant to the left.
2. Slip stitches 1-6 to the right needle knitwise (inserting the right needle into the fronts of the stitches).
4. Insert the left needle into the front of stitch 6, then pass the stitch over stitch 7.
5. Repeat for stitches 5-1. You have decreased 6 stitches.

Dec4to1R - decrease 4 stitches to 1, right slanting

1. The first 4 stitches on the left needle will be decreased to 1 stitch, the new stitch will slant to the right.
2. Knit stitch 1.
3. Slip the stitch back to the left needle, inserting the needle in the front of the stitch.
Dec4to1L - decrease 4 stitches to 1, left slanting

1. The first 4 stitches on the left needle will be decreased to 1 stitch, the new stitch will slant to the left.

2. Slip stitches 1-3 to the right needle knitwise (inserting the right needle into the fronts of the stitches).


4. Insert the left needle into the front of stitch 3, then pass the stitch over stitch 4.

5. Repeat for stitches 2-1. You have decreased 3 stitches.
Cdd - centered double decrease

1. The first 3 stitches on the left needle will be decreased to 1 stitch.
2. Insert the right needle into the fronts of stitches 1 and 2 as if to knit them together, but do not work them.
3. Slip the 2 stitches to the right needle.
5. Pass stitches 1-2 over the knit stitch.
6. The centre stitch is on top, the 2 side stitches have been decreased.

Other decreases

Sssk (=dec3to1L) – work as dec4to1L, but use 3 stitches instead of 4.
Dec5to1R – work as dec4to1R, but use 5 stitches instead of 4.
Dec5to1L – work as dec4to1L, but use 5 stitches instead of 4.

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