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plain sweater



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♥ WHEN YOU NEED A SIMPLE AND STRAIGHT FORWARD PROJECT, MY PLAIN SWEATER IS THE PERFECT KNIT – A SIMPLE RAGLAN SWEATER. IT IS WORKED FROM THE TOP DOWN ON LARGE NEEDLE IN MY GORGEOUS BULKY COMFY YARN. IT DOESN'T GET MUCH LOVELIER OR SIMPLER THAN THIS – AND IT WILL NOT TAKE YOU LONG TO KNIT.

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ABBREVIATIONS:

- st(s)** = stitch(es)
k = knit
p = purl
RS = right side
sl = slip stitch(es) purl-wise
WS = wrong side
tbl = through the back loop(s)
tog = together
M1R = Make 1 Right increase: Pick up the chain between stitches with the left needle from back to front and knit it
M1L = Make 1 Left increase: Pick up the chain between stitches with the left needle from front to back and knit it through the back loop
M1p = Make 1 purl-wise increase – lift the chain between the stitches onto the left needle and purl it through the back loop

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The sweater is worked from the top down.

Cast on 58 [58] 58 [58] 62 [62] sts on a UK size 2 [7 mm], 40 cm circular needle or double-pointed needles.

Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round.

Work 5 rounds in rib [K1, p1].

Place raglan markers on the next round as follows:

Work 10 [10] 10 [10] 11 [11] sts in rib (half of back), place marker to mark transition between back and right sleeve, work 9 [9] 9 [9] 9 [9] sts in rib [right sleeve], place marker, work 20 [20] 20 [20] 22 [22] sts in rib [front], place marker, work 9 [9] 9 [9] 9 [9] sts in rib [left sleeve], place marker, work 10 [10] 10 [10] 11 [11] sts in rib (half of back), place marker.

Change to a UK size 0 [8 mm], 60 cm circular needle and remove the marker mid back, so there are only the 4 raglan markers left. Knit to 1 stitch before the marker between back and right sleeve.

Work short rows to shape the neckline. Try the German Short row technique as it gives a neat finish.

Round 1: M1R, k1, slip marker, M1L, knit to 1 stitch before marker, M1R, k1, slip marker, M1L, k2, turn work.

Round 2: Sl1, purl to 1 stitch before marker between back left sleeve, M1p, p1, slip marker, M1p, purl to marker, M1p, slip marker, p1, M1p, p2, turn work.

Round 3: Sl1, knit to 1 stitch before marker at right sleeve, M1R, k1, slip marker, M1L, knit to 1 stitch before marker, M1R, k1, slip marker, M1L, k4, turn work.

Round 4: Sl1, purl to 1 stitch before marker between back and left sleeve, M1p, p1, slip marker, M1p, purl to marker, M1p, slip marker, p1, M1p, p4, turn work.

Work short rows with increases 1 [1] 1 [1] 2 [2] more time each time turning 2 sts after the last turn on the same side until there are 26 [26] 26 [26] 30 [30] sts on front and back and 15 [15] 15 [15] 17 [17] sts on the sleeves.

Now work in the round with raglan increases every other round until there are 48 [52] 56 [58] 62 [66] sts on front and back and 37 [41] 45 [47] 49 [53] sts on the sleeves.

Now divide the work for body and sleeves and finish each section separately.

Body:

Place the 37 [41] 45 [47] 49 [53] sts for the right sleeve on a stitch holder, cast on 4 [4] 4 [6] 6 [6] sts in extension of the sts on the needle and place a marker in the middle of these sts, knit across the 48 [52] 56 [58] 62 [66] front sts, place the left sleeve sts on a stitch holder, on a stitch holder, cast on 4 [4] 4 [6] 6 [6] sts in extension of the sts on the needle, work across the back sts.

Continue in the round in stockinette stitch on the body until the work measures 50 [51] 51 [52] 52 [53] cm from the cast-on edge measured mid back.

Change to a UK size 2 [7 mm], 60 cm circular needle and work 7 cm in rib [k1, p1].

The work now measures 57 [58] 58 [59] 59 [60] cm from the cast-on edge measured mid back.

SIZES

XS [S] M [L] XL [XXL]

MEASUREMENTS

Half chest circumference:

48 [51] 54 [58] 62 [66] cm

Length:

57 [58] 58 [59] 59 [60] cm

YARN

Comfy Fraya

50% Wool + 40% Acrylic + 10%

Alpaca

50 g = 80 m

YARDAGE

400 [400] 450 [450] 500 [500] g

GAUGE

In stockinette stitch on UK size 0 [8 mm] needles:

11 sts = 10 cm

SUGGESTED NEEDLE SIZE

UK size 2 [7 mm] and UK size 0 [8 mm], 40 cm circular needle or double-pointed needles

UK size 2 [7 mm] and 0 [8 mm], 60 cm circular needle

Please note: The needle sizes given above are only suggestions. The size of the needles you need depends on your personal gauge. If you knit firmly you might need a large needle size, if you knit loosely you might need a smaller needle size.

NOTIONS

5 stitch markers

2 stitch holders

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Cast off loosely in rib.

Sleeves:

Place the 37 [41] 45 [47] 49 [53] sleeve sts on a UK size 0 [8 mm], 40 cm circular needle and pick up and knit 2 [2] 2 [3] 3 [3] sts on each side of the armhole, i.e. a total of 4 [4] 4 [6] 6 [6] new sts. Place a marker in the middle of the new sts to mark the beginning of the round. There are now a total of 41 [45] 49 [53] 55 [59] sts on the needle.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch, while working a decrease round every 14th [10th] 8th [7th] 7th [6th] round until there are 35 [37] 37 [39] 41 [43] sts left on the needle.

Decrease round: K1, k2tog, knit to 3 sts before marker, k2tog tbl, k1.

Continue in stockinette stitch until the sleeve measures 40 [41] 41 [41] 41 [41] cm from the armhole.

Decrease 7 sts evenly across the next round. There are now a total of 28 [30] 30 [32] 34 [36] sts left on the needle.

Change to UK size 2 [7 mm] double-pointed needles or a UK size 2 [7 mm], 80 cm circular needle (if using the Magic Loop technique) and work 4 cm in rib (k1, p1). Bind off loosely in rib.

Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

Finishing:

Weave in all ends and lightly steam the finished work according to the directions on the yarn label.

