MATERIALS & INFO

Materials • sport weight (size 3) yarn (530, 645), 760, 795, (825, 940), size 6 (4mm) circular needles (16-24ins), size 6 double pointed needles, size 5 (3.75mm) circular needles (24-36in), size 5 double pointed needles, stitch markers, yarn needle

Gauge -6sts/in

Sizes – (1-2yr, 3-4yr), 5-6yr, 7-8yr, (9-10yr, 11-13yr)

Appx Finished Bust Measurements – (23, 24.75), 25.5, 27 (28.25, 29.75) inches

PATTERN NOTES

September Open Front Cardigan was created for my daughters. I was looking for a specific pattern and couldn't find it, so I made it! It's designed to have 2-4ins of positive ease.

I chose to use Yarn Bee Must Be Merino as an affordable option that will hold up to the wear and tear of 2 tween girls.

Abbreviations can be found on the last page.

YOKE

Cast on with U.S. 6 circular needle: (58, 60), 60, 68, (70, 72) sts

Set up row (wrong side): 1. purl (1, 1), 1, 1, (1, 1)(right front), PM, purl (12, 12), 12, 14, (14, 14) (right sleeve), PM, purl (32, 34), 34, 38, (40, 42) (back), PM, purl (12, 12), 12, 14, (14, 14) (left sleeve), PM, purl (1, 1), 1, 1, (1, 1) (left front).

Row 1 (right side): *knit to 1 stitch before marker, kfb, sm, kfb, repeat from * 3 more times, knit to last stitch (8 stitches increased)
Row 2 (wrong side): purl

Repeat rows 1-2 for a total of (17, 17), 18, 19, (20, 21) decreases. (194, 196), 204, 220, (230, 240) sts

Work in Stockinette until yoke depth measures approx (5.5, 6), 6.5, 7, (7, 7.5) inches from cast on row (making sure to end with a wrong side row worked last.

DIVIDE FOR SLEEVES

Remove markers as you get to them.
Knit to marker (left front), place the next (46, 46), 48, 52, (54, 56) sts on a scrap piece of yarn (left sleeve), cast on using the backwards loop method (3, 2), 3, 2, (2, 3) (left underarm), knit (66, 68), 70, 76, (80, 84) sts (back), place the next (46, 46), 48, 52, (54, 56) sts on a scrap piece of yarn (right sleeve), cast on using the backwards loop method (3, 2), 3, 2, (2, 3) (right underarm), knit to end (right front). (108, 108), 114, 120, (126, 134) body sts

SWEATER BODY

Work in stockinette until piece measures (8, 9), 9.5, 10, (10.5, 11) inches or until desired length measuring from underarm. Make sure to end with a right side worked last.

RIBBED EDGE

Switch to the U.S. 5 circular needle. You will now start working in the round.

Place beginning of round marker, pick up and knit (76, 79) 81, 85, (88, 91) sts from the front edge, knit the (58, 60), 60, 68, (70, 72) sts of the neck cast on, pick up and knit (76, 79) 81, 85, (88, 91) sts from the front edge, pm, knit across the (108, 108), 114, 120, (126, 134) body sts (318, 326), 336, 358, (372, 388) sts

Round 1 – (k2, p2) to 2sts before marker, k2, sm, (k2, p2) to 2sts before marker, k2
Round 2 – k1, m1l, work in established (k2,p2) pattern to 1 st before next marker, m1r, k1, sm, k1, m1l, work in established (k2,p2) pattern to 1 st before next marker, m1r, k1 (you have increased 4 sts)

Repeat rounds 1 and 2, working increased sts into the (k2,p2) pattern until rib measures approx.: (2.5, 2.5), 2.5, 3, (3, 3) inches. Making sure to end with a round 2. Bind off all stitches in pattern loosely, break yarn and weave in ends.

SLEEVES
Work each sleeve one at a time as follows:
Pick up (2, 2), 2, 2, (2, 2) sts from underarm, knit (46, 46), 48, 52, (54, 56) sts of the sleeve on the scrap yarn, pick up (2, 2), 2, 2, (2, 2) sts from underarm on to U.S. 6 double pointed needles, place marker at center underarm to keep track of the beginning of round. (50, 50), 52, 56, (58, 60) sleeve sts

Decreases
Round 1: k1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, ssk, k1.
Knit 7 rounds
Repeat the last 8 rounds: (7, 7), 6, 8, (7, 8) total times). (36, 36), 40, 40 (44, 44) sts

Knit each round under sleeve measure from under arm to working round approx. (4.5, 5.5), 7.5, 9, (11, 13) inches

RIBBED CUFF
Switch to U.S. 5 double pointed needles.
Work in (k2, p2) ribbing until cuff measures approx.: (2, 2), 2, ,2, (2, 2) inches or until desired length.
Bind of in pattern LOOSELY. Weave in all ends.

You will need to block the sweater to get the edging to lay flat instead of gathering. I prefer to use steam for this but a good wash in some wool wash and laying it out flat with some pins works wonders as well.

ABBREVIATIONS

k - knit
P – purl
Pm – place marker
Sm – slip marker
k2tog -knit 2 stitches together
ssk – slip next st knitwise, slip next st knitwise, place stitches back onto left needle, knit both slipped sts together
kfb – knit into the front and the back of the same stitch to increase by 1 stitch
m1l – pick up from front to back the strand between the 2sts on your needles, knit through back loop
m1r – pick up from back to front the strand between the 2sts on your needles, knit through the front loop

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