Capture a Cozy Moment

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Finished sizes:
XS (S, M, L, XL, XXL), with circumferences of 44 (47, 52, 57, 61, 64)" (measured with front borders overlapped). Recommended for bust sizes: 28-32 (32-38, 38-44, 44-50, 50-56, 56-60)". The fit is as for a poncho - very loose.
Shown in size M.

Gauge:
20 sts and 34 rows = 4" in garter stitch using size 6 (4 mm) needles.
Adjust needle sizes if needed.

Yarn:
Sunday Knits 5 ply (worsted weight - 135 yd per 50 g skein) in Angelic (merino angora), Nirvana (merino cashmere), Eden (merino) or Brigadoon (merino tweed): 12 (13, 14, 16, 17, 18) skeins. Shown in Angelic smoke.
Substitute any worsted-weight yarn that works nicely to gauge: 1600 (1750, 1980, 2120, 2310, 2450) yds.

Needles:
US Size 6 (4 mm) straight or circular needles (circs); size 8 (5 mm) for bottom bind-off only.

Techniques used:
Provisional cast-on, basic brioche stitches, reading charts, pick up and knit, yarnover-type short-rows (explained).

Pattern includes:
Schematic, glossary, stitch pattern in charted format only.

Capture a Cozy Moment is a modern garment with a plush (plus reversible!) brioche collar/border. It has a roomy fit, comfortable arm openings, optional slant pockets, and an open front to fold down, leave loose, or cross over.

Construction: Sweater is worked seamlessly from the top down in a modular fashion. Provisional cast-ons begin neck and shoulders. The back neck is picked up and knitted. Back and fronts are worked separately until just below the armhole, and then worked all together as one piece.
Optional slant pockets are rather cleverly knit in.

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BACK COLLAR

Left Neck - Phase 1

Using provisional method (see Glossary) cast on 39 sts, leaving a tail for splicing later.
RS: K1 (edge st), slyo, [k1, slyo] to last st, k1 (selvedge st).
WS: Sl 1 wyf (selvedge st), brk, [slyo, brk] to last st, sl 1 wyf (edge st).
RS: K1, slyo, [brk, slyo] to last st, k1.
Rep last 2 rows until piece measures 3", ending after a WS row.

Begin Pattern

RS: K1, work patt Row 1S to last st, k1.
WS: Sl 1 (wyf), work patt Row 2S to last st, sl 1 (wyf).
Cont with patt and edge sts until piece measures 6 (6½, 7, 7½, 8, 8¼)" ending after a RS row.
Mark RS of fabric, make a note of the last row number worked, cut yarn and place sts on holder for Left Border.

Right Neck - Phase 2

Reveal 39 live sts from provisional cast-on and place onto ndls with Left Neck downward and RS of fabric facing up.
Note: There will be a half-stitch jog between Left Neck stitches and Right Neck stitches.
RS: Splicing yarn onto cast-on tail or beg'ing with new yarn, k1 (selvedge st), slyo, [k1-b, slyo] to last st, k1 (edge st).
WS: Sl1 (wyf), brk, [slyo, brk] to last st, sl1 (wyf).
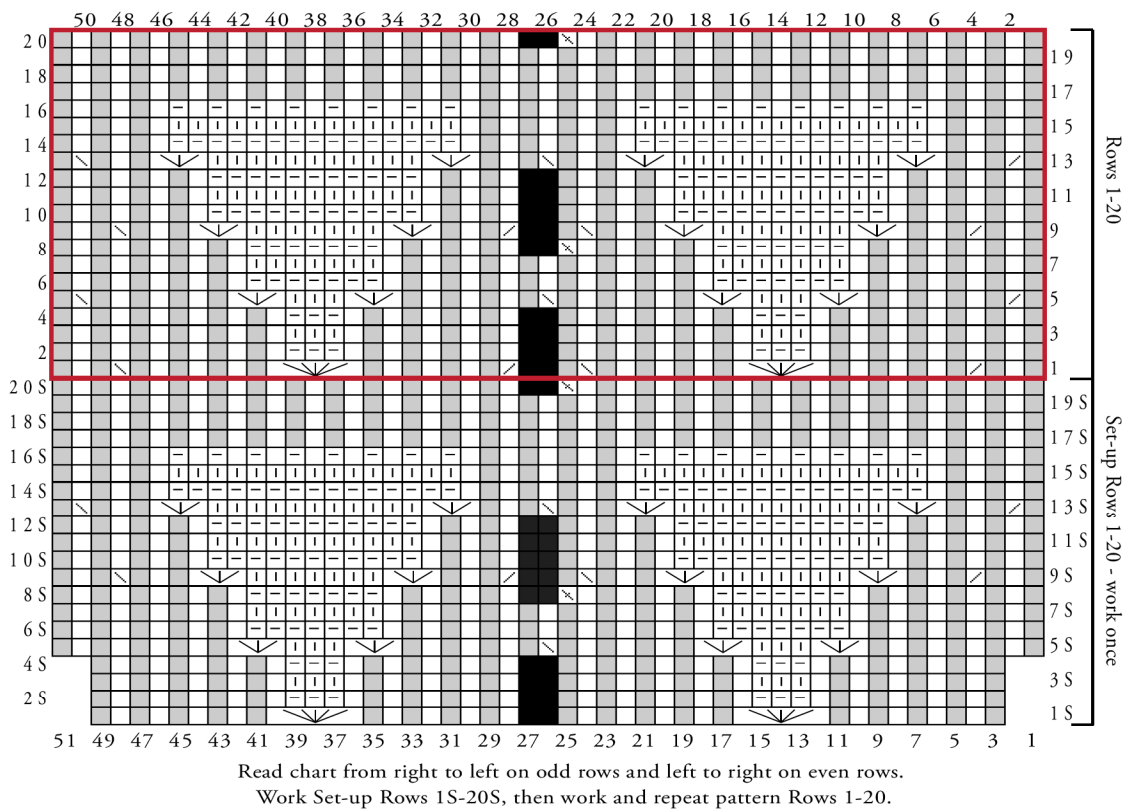
Begin Pattern

RS: K1, work patt Row 1S to last st, k1.
WS: Sl1, work patt Row 2S to last st, sl 1.
Cont with patt and edge sts until piece measures 9 (10, 11, 12, 13, 13½)" ending after a WS row that is one row higher than the last Left Neck row.
Mark RS of fabric, cut yarn and place sts on holder for Right Border.

Chart

Read chart from right to left on odd rows and left to right on even rows.
Work Set-up Rows 1S-20S, then work and repeat pattern Rows 1-20.

Legend

☐ brk on odd rows, slyo on even rows	■ no stitch, skip over
▨ slyo on odd rows, brk on even rows	☑ brRdec (odd rows)
Ɪ knit (odd rows)	◩ brLdec (odd rows)
– knit (even rows)	▽ brinc (odd rows)
⊠ brLdec (even rows)	▽ 4-st brinc (odd rows)
▢ pattern repeat	

BACK

- Phase 3

Using provisional method and new yarn, CO 32 (34, 37, 41, 43, 46) sts for shoulder.
RS: Sl1, knit cast-on sts to end; cont'ing row over collar: with RS up and working along selvedge (edge with Border yarn ends) beg'ing with Left Neck, pick up and knit 46 (50, 56, 60, 66, 68) sts along back neckline;
cont row and using provisional method cast on 32 (34, 37, 41, 43, 46) sts for shoulder.
110 (118, 130, 142, 152, 160) sts.

WS: Sl1, knit to end.
RS: Sl1, knit to end.

Shoulder shaping - short rows
Tip: To easily tell the RS from the WS during this section, it may be helpful to place a stationary marker.

WS: Sl1, k77 (83, 92, 100, 108, 113), turn;
RS: Yo (starting wyb), k46 (50, 56, 60, 66, 68), turn;
* WS: Yo, knit to yarnover, sl1, k3, turn;
RS: Yo, k2, ssk (the next st together with the yo; the yo may be slipped tbl for this ssk), knit to yarnover, k2tog (the yo together with the next st), k2, turn;
Rep from * 2 (2, 2, 5, 5, 5) more times;

* WS: Yo, knit to yarnover, sl1, k2, turn;
RS: Yo, k1, ssk, knit to yarnover, k2tog, k1, turn;
Rep from * until the last two yarnovers are each 2 or 3 sts from the ends.
WS: Yo, knit to yarnover, sl1, knit to end.
RS: Sl1, knit to 1 st before slipped yarnover, ssk, knit to next yarnover, k2tog, knit to end.

Armhole
WS: Sl1, knit to end.
RS: Sl1, knit to end.
Cont even in garter stitch, slipping the first stitch of each row, until armhole measures 8½ (8¾, 9, 9¾, 10½, 10¾)" from cast on, ending after a WS row.
Cut yarn and place Back sts on holder while working Fronts.

RIGHT FRONT

- Phase 4

Place Right Neck/Border sts onto ndl, place 32 (34, 37, 41, 43, 46) live sts from Right Shoulder provisional cast-on onto ndl, ready to work a RS row.
RS: With new yarn, knit to last shoulder st, ssk, pm for patt, work patt (next row after last patt row worked for Right Neck) to last st, k1 (edge st).

Slip marker every row.

Shoulder shaping - short rows
WS: Sl1, work patt to m, k3, turn;
RS: Yo, k3, work patt to last st, k1.

* WS row: Sl1, work to m, knit to yarnover, sl1, k3, turn;
RS: Yo, k2, ssk, knit to m, work patt to last st, k1.
WS: Sl1, work to m, knit to yarnover, sl1, k3, turn;
RS: Yo, k2, ssk, knit to 2 sts before m, M1, k2, sl m, work to end as est. 1 st inc'd.
WS: Work to m as est, knit to yarnover, sl1, k3, turn;
RS: Yo, k2, ssk, knit to m, work to end.
Rep from * 0 (0, 0, 1, 1, 1) more time(s).

WS: Work as est to yarnover, sl1, k2, turn;
RS: Yo, k1, ssk, work as est to end.
WS: Work to yarnover, sl1, k2, turn;
RS: Yo, k1, ssk, knit to 2 sts before m, M1, k2, sl m, work to end. 1 st inc'd.

Cont with two-stitch short rows as est, and **AT THE SAME TIME cont increases every sixth row (a row marker may be useful here)** until there are no more than 35 (39, 45, 51, 57, 61) sts between armhole edge and patt m (including short-row yarnover), working short rows until the last yarnover is 2 or 3 sts before the end, ending after a RS row.
WS: Work to yarnover, sl1, knit to end.
RS: Sl1, knit to 1 st before slipped yarnover, ssk, work to end.

Start armhole
Working in patt, garter stitch, and edge sts as est, **cont increases every sixth row** if needed until there are 34 (38, 44, 50, 56, 60) sts between armhole edge and patt m.
Work even as est until armhole measures 8½ (8¾, 9, 9¾, 10½, 10¾)" ending after a WS row.
Make note of last patt row worked.
Cut yarn and place Right Front sts on holder while working Left Front.

LEFT FRONT

- Phase 5

Place Left Neck/Border sts onto ndl, place 32 (34, 37, 41, 43, 46) live sts from Left Shoulder provisional cast-on onto ndl, ready to work a WS row.
WS: With new yarn, knit to end of shoulder, wyb sl1 (first border st), pm for patt, work patt (next row after last patt row worked for Left Neck) to last st, sl1 (edge st).
Slip marker every row.

Shoulder shaping - short rows
RS: K1, work patt to m, k2tog, k2, turn;
WS: Yo, knit to m, work patt to last st, sl1.
RS: K1, work patt to m, k3, k2tog, k2, turn;
This and all WS rows this section: Yo, knit to m, work patt to last st, sl1.

* **RS:** K1, work patt to m, knit to yarnover, k2tog, k2, turn;
Next RS row: Work as est to m, k2, M1, knit to yarnover, k2tog, k2, turn; 1 st inc'd.
Next RS row: Work to m, knit to yarnover, k2tog, k2, turn; Rep from * 0 (0, 0, 1, 1, 1) more time(s).

Next RS row: Work to m, knit to yarnover, k2tog, k1, turn;
Next RS row: Work to m, k2, M1, knit to yarnover, k2tog, k1, turn; 1 st inc'd.

Cont with two-stitch short rows as est, and **AT THE SAME TIME cont increases every sixth row** until there are no more than 35 (39, 45, 51, 57, 61) sts between armhole edge and patt m (including short-row yarnover), working short rows until the last turn is 2 or 3 sts before the end, ending after a WS row.
RS: Work to yarnover, k2tog, knit to end.

Start armhole
Working in patt, garter stitch, and edge sts as est, **cont increases every sixth row** if needed until there are 34 (38, 44, 50, 56, 60) sts between armhole edge and patt m.
Work even as est until armhole measures 8½ (8¾, 9, 9¾, 10½, 10¾)" ending after the same WS row as for the Right Front at this point.

BOTTOM

Combine Fronts and Back - Phase 6
RS: Work Left Front to patt m, sl m, k14 (18, 24, 30, 36, 40); IF adding pockets pm for pocket here, knit to 4 sts before end, place last 4 sts on cable needle (CN) or dpn; return Right Front and Back sts to needle ready to work a RS row beg with Back;
work last 4 sts of Left Front together with first 4 sts on Back as follows: with LN in front and parallel to CN [knit st on LN together with st on CN] 4 times (this is the same as working a 3-needle bind-off, except without binding off); knit to 4 sts before end of Back, place last 4 sts on cable needle (CN) or dpn;
work last 4 sts of Back together with first 4 sts on Right Front as follows:
with LN in back and parallel to CN [knit st on CN together with st on LN] 4 times;

k16, if adding pockets pm for pocket here;
knit to patt m, sl m, work to end.
170 (186, 210, 234, 256, 272) sts between pattern markers.
Slip pocket markers every row.

WS: Work to patt m, knit to the next patt m, work to end.

IF NOT ADDING POCKETS: ***Work even*** in patt and garter st until piece measures 28 (28½, 29, 30, 31, 31½)" from back neck, or at least 2" shorter than desired length; then proceed to Bottom Edge section below.

IF ADDING POCKETS: ***Work even*** in patt and garter st for 3", then proceed to Pockets section below
Note that pockets will end about 9" below where they start.

POCKETS

Left Pocket - Phase 7
Make note of beg-of-pocket chart row.
RS: Work to 4 sts before pocket m, M1-R, k4, remaining sts may stay on ndls while working Left Pocket.
This and all WS rows this section: Sl1, knit to patt m, work to end.
RS - Inc Row: Work to 4 sts before pocket m, M1-R, k4. 1 st inc'd.
Rep Inc Row every RS row 16 more times, ending after a RS row. 32 (36, 42, 48, 54, 58) sts between pocket m and patt m.

Cut yarn leaving a long tail for stitching pocket sides later; Left Pocket sts may rem on ndls while working Back and Right Pocket.

RS: With Left Pocket sts on RN and RS facing, with new yarn (using long-tail method and leaving a long tail for stitching pocket sides later) CO 6 sts onto RN; cont'ing row from cast-on sts, knit Left Front, Back, and Right Front to Right Pocket m, sl m, k4, M1, knit to patt m, work beg-of-pocket chart row to end. 1 st inc'd.

WS: Work to patt m, knit to pocket m, turn to RS; remaining sts may stay on ndls while working Right Pocket.

Right Pocket - Phase 8
RS - Inc Row: Sl1, k3, M1, knit to patt m, work to end. 1 st inc'd.
This and all WS rows this section: Work patt and garter stitch to end.
Rep Inc Row every RS row 16 more times. 32 (36, 42, 48, 54, 58) sts between pocket m and patt m.

Work one WS row.
Make note of mid-pocket chart row
Cut yarn leaving a long tail for stitching pocket sides later; Right Pocket sts may rem on ndls while working Back and Inner Pockets.

Back - Phase 9
WS: With Right Pocket sts on RN and Back Sts on LN, and with WS facing, (using long-tail method and leaving a long tail for stitching pocket sides later) CO 6 sts onto RN; cont row from cast-on sts, knit to end (just before Left Pocket). 154 (162, 174, 186, 196, 204) Back sts.

Work even in garter st for 32 rows ending after a WS row.
RS: K23, M1, knit to 23 sts before end, M1, k23. 2 sts inc'd.

Right Deep Pocket - Phase 10 (not seen on schematic)
WS: K24, rem sts may stay on ndls while working Deep Pocket.
RS: K24.
Cont in garter st for 37 more rows (ending after a WS row).
Cut yarn and place 24 sts on holder.

Left Deep Pocket - Phase 10 (not seen on schematic)
WS: With new yarn and Back sts on LN, knit across Back to end (ending just before Left Pocket).
RS: K24, rem sts may stay on ndls while working Deep Pocket.
WS: K24.
Cont in garter st for 36 more rows (ending after a WS row).
Cut yarn and place 24 sts on holder. 108 (116, 128, 140, 150, 158) Back sts rem.

Reunite Back with Fronts - Phase 11
WS: With new yarn, and with Left Front sts on LN and WS facing, knit to patt m, work mid-pocket chart row to end.
RS: Work Left Front to last st (ending just before Back), ssk (last Left Pocket st together with first Back st),
pm for pocket, knit across Back to last st, pm for pocket, k2tog (first Right Pocket st together with last Back st),
knit to patt m, work to end.

WS: Work to patt m, knit to next patt m, work to end.
RS: Work to patt m, knit to next patt m, work to end.
Work even in patt and garter stitch for 35 more rows (ending after a WS row).

Attach Pocket Bottoms - Phase 12
RS: Work to patt m, sl m, knit to 24 sts before pocket m; return 24 Left Deep Pocket sts to dpn or 3rd ndl, and with Front sts on LN and held in front and with Pocket sts held in back, [knit front st together with back st] 24 times, remove pocket m; knit to next pocket m, remove m; return 24 Right Deep Pocket sts to dpn or 3rd ndl and with Front sts on LN and held in front and with Pocket sts held in back, [knit front st together with pocket st] 24 times, knit to patt m, work to end.

Work even in patt and garter stitch until piece measures 28 (28½, 29, 30, 31, 31½)" from back neck, or at least 2" before desired length; ending after patt Row 20.

BOTTOM EDGE

RS: K1, slyo, brk, slyo, * brRdec, slyo, [brk, slyo] 7 times, brLdec, slyo; rep from * once more; brk, slyo, sl patt m, knit to next patt m, sl patt m,
slyo, brk, slyo, * brRdec, slyo, [brk, slyo] 7 times, brLdec, slyo; rep from * once more; brk, slyo, k1. 16 sts dec'd.
Work even in brioche and garter st as est for 3 rows.
RS: K1, slyo, brRdec, slyo, * [brk, slyo] 7 times, brLdec, slyo; rep from * once more; sl patt m, knit to next patt m, sl patt m, slyo, brRdec, slyo, * [brk, slyo] 7 times, brLdec, slyo; rep from * once more; k1. 12 sts dec'd.
Work even in brioche and garter st as est for 12 rows or until garment reaches desired length, ending after a RS row.
Using larger needle bind off in patt, working p1's instead of slyo's.

FINISHING

Stitch vertical edges of pockets in place by catching back loops of garter stitches.
Weave in loose ends
Wash or rinse and lay flat to dry, or steam garment.

GLOSSARY

Provisional cast-on
With crochet hook larger than needle size and using scrap yarn, chain a few more stitches than needed for cast on.

Cast On Row: Identify the ridge of bumps along chain; starting at end of chain, insert needle into bump and knit into it, *insert needle into next bump and knit into it, repeat from * until desired number of stitches are cast on. To reveal live stitches, starting at end, unravel chain one stitch at a time while placing stitches on needle.

Basic Brioche Abbreviations

brk - brioche knit: knit the next double stitch, that is, knit both strands together as if they are a single stitch.

slyo - create a yarnover while at the same time slipping a stitch: Ytf, sl 1 (purlwise), bring ytb <u>above</u> the needle so that it crosses diagonally over the top of the slipped stitch.

Notes on the slyo: The slyo results in a double-stranded stitch (the slipped stitch together with its yarnover will form a narrow "X" above the needle) and those double strands will be worked together on the next row as one brk or as part of an increase or decrease.

Brioche increases

brinc - brioche increase: Brk 1 leaving left st on ndl, yo, brk 1 into the same stitch removing stitch from ndl (increases 2 brioche sts) (aka: brkyobrk).

4-st brinc - 4-stitch brioche increase: Brk 1 leaving left st on ndl, yo, brk 1 into same stitch leaving left st on

ndl, yo, brk 1 into the same stitch removing stitch from ndl (increases 2 brioche sts) (aka: brkyobrkyobrk).

Brioche decreases

Note: When working the following decreases, the strand from the previous slyo that is lying above a stitch is treated as part of the stitch below it, so that the 2 strands are considered as one stitch, whether they are being slipped, k2tog'd, or ssk'd.

brLdec - left leaning brioche decrease: Sl 1 knitwise, k2tog, pass slipped strands over knitted stitch (decreases 2 brioche sts)

brRdec - right leaning brioche decrease: Ssk, slip stitch just worked back onto left needle, pass 2nd stitch on left needle over slipped stitch, slip stitch to right needle (decreases 2 brioche sts) (this decrease has a similar result but is worked somewhat differently than a brRsl dec).

Other Abbreviations

as est: as established (continuing in the same manner as worked in previous rows)

beg('ing): begin(ning)

CN: cable needle

CO: cast on

cont('ing): continue

dpn: double-pointed needle

est: established

inc('d): increase(d)

k: knit

k1-b - knit one below: insert needle into stitch below next stitch and knit both mother and daughter stitches together.

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together (decreases 1 stitch)

m: marker

LN: left needle

M1 (make 1 - left slant): with left needle tip, lift strand between needles from front to back, knit lifted loop through the back (1 stitch increased)

M1-R (make 1 - right slant): with left needle tip, lift strand between needles from back to front, knit lifted loop (1 stitch increased)

ndl(s): needles

p: purl

patt: pattern

pm: place marker

rep: repeat

RN: right needle

RS: right side of work

sl: slip (purlwise unless otherwise indicated)

ssk: slip 1 knitwise, slip 1 knitwise, slip both back to left needle together and knitwise, knit those 2 stitches together (decrease 1 stitch)

st(s): stitch(es)

tbl: through back loop(s)

WS: wrong side of work
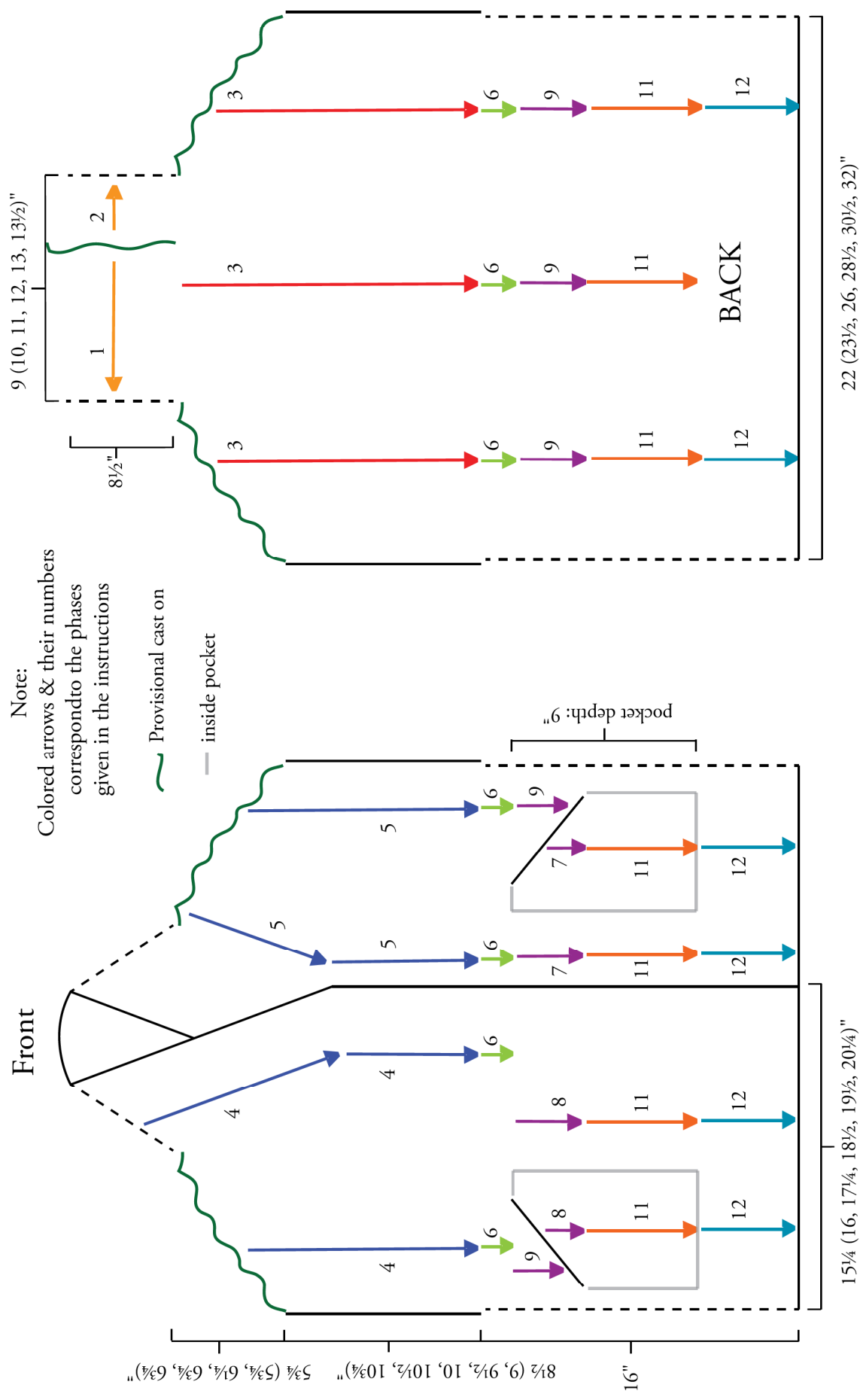
wyb: with yarn in back

wyf: with yarn in front

yo: yarnover

ytb: move yarn to back

Resources

Many of the terms and abbreviations used in brioche handknitting, some of which are used here, were developed by Nancy Marchant. Her website, www.briochestitch.com, is an excellent resource for other brioche stitches and terms.

Front

BACK

Note:
Colored arrows & their numbers correspond to the phases given in the instructions

⟞ Provisional cast on

— inside pocket

9 (10, 11, 12, 13, 13½)"

8½"

22 (23½, 26, 28½, 30½, 32)"

pocket depth: 9"

15¼ (16, 17¼, 18½, 19½, 20¼)"

8½ (9, 9½, 10, 10½, 10¾)"

5¾ (5¾, 6¼, 6¼, 6¾, 6¾)"

16"

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