DREAM SWEATER

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DESCRIPTION

Texture and colourwork knitting are combined to create an interesting, yet classic designed sweater that you are sure to wear for many winters to come.

EXPERIENCE LEVEL

Intermediate

TECHNIQUE USED

Long-tail cast-on
Knitting and purling in the round
Working stranded colour work
Reading a chart
Working with DPNs (optional)
Short Rows
Binding off
3 Needle Bind off
Kitchener Stitch

GAUGE

18 sts & 26 rnds = 4" / 10 cm in Seed Stitch Stripe pattern in the round on a 4.5 mm (US 7) needle, blocked

SIZES

XS (S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X) To be worn with 8-10" / 20-25.5 cm positive ease. Shown in size S. *See finished measurements below.*

MATERIALS

Yarn

MC – The Fibre Co. LORE (DK weight; 100% wool; 250 m / 273 yards per 100 g / 3½ oz skein)
4 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 8) skeins in Stable

CC – Baa Ram Ewe WINTERBURN DK (DK weight; 100% wool; 230 m / 252 yards per 100 g / 3½ oz skein)
1 skein in Coal

Needles

4.5 mm (US 7), 16" / 40 cm and 32" / 80 cm circular needles, and a set of double pointed needles (DPNs)
4.00 mm (US 6): 16" / 40 cm circular needle *or needle size to obtain correct gauge*

Notions

Waste yarn for stitches placed on hold
Stitch markers
Removable marker
Yarn needle

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Bust Circumference: 37¾ (42¼, 46¼, 50¼, 54¼, 58¼, 63, 65¾)" / 96 (107, 117.5, 127.5, 138, 148, 160, 167) cm
Body Length to Underarm: 14¼ (14¼, 14¼, 16, 16, 16, 17½, 17½)" / 36 (36, 36, 40.5, 40.5, 40.5, 44.5, 44.5) cm
Sleeve length to Underarm: 18 (18, 18, 18, 18, 19½, 19½, 19½)" / 46 (46, 46, 46, 46, 49.5, 49.5, 49.5) cm
Upper Arm: 13¼ (14½, 16, 17¼, 18½, 20, 20¾, 21¼)" / 33.5 (37, 40.5, 44, 47, 51, 53, 55) cm
Yoke Depth (front): 8 (8, 8, 9½, 9½, 9½, 11, 11)" / 20 (20, 20, 24, 24, 24, 28, 28) cm

This is a loose-fitting, yoke-necked pullover worked from the bottom up. The body and sleeves are worked separately in the round to the base of the yoke, then joined to work the yoke. Short rows are worked after the yoke patterns for a more comfortable fit. Sleeve instructions are written to use DPNs, however an alternate method of working small circumferences can be used, such as Magic-Loop. To adjust body and sleeve lengths, work more (or less) repeats in Seed Stitch Stripe Pattern, making sure to end on rnd 5 before join the yoke. As yoke decreases, change to a shorter circular needle. When working stranded colour work at the yoke, carry floats loosely in the back, and twist floats together with MC yarn for floats longer than 5 stitches. Instead of breaking CC yarn at the end of working each chart, loosely carry it up on the wrong side, and break when all charts are completed.

STITCH GUIDE

M1L (make 1 stitch left leaning)
Insert left needle, from front to back, under strand of yarn which runs between next st on left needle and last st on right needle; knit this st through back loop (1 stitch increased)

M1R (make 1 stitch left leaning)
Insert left needle, from back to front, under strand of yarn which runs between next st on left needle and last st on right needle: knit this st through front loop (1 stitch increased)

w&t (wrap & turn)
Slip next st to the right needle, take yarn to opposite side of work between needles, slip same st back onto left needle. Turn work, ready to begin working in opposite direction.
Concealing wrap: Insert tip of right needle into wrap from underneath, insert tip of right needle into the st as normal, and knit the st and its wrap together.

ABBREVIATIONS

BOR: beginning of round
CC: contrast colour
dec: decrease
DPNs: double pointed needles
inc: increase
k, K: knit
k2tog: knit two sts together (1 st decreased)
M1L: (see Stitch Guide)
M1R: (see Stitch Guide)
MC: main colour
p, P: purl

PM: place marker
rep, Rep: repeat
rnd, Rnd: round
RS: right side of work
SM: slip marker
st(s): stitch, stitches
St st : Stockinette / Stocking stitch
w&t: wrap and turn (see Stitch Guide)
WS: wrong side of work
( ): separates quantities when referring to more than one size
[ ]: sts to be repeated

(worked over an even number of sts)

Rnds 1–8 : Knit.
Rnd 9: [K1, p1] to end.
Rnd 10: [P1, k1] to end.

PATTERN BEGINS
SLEEVES (make two)
Using MC yarn and DPNs or needle for your preferred method of knitting small circumferences (DPNs, short circular needles, or Magic Loop), cast on 38 (40, 44, 48, 52, 56, 60, 62) sts using the long-tail cast on. Join to work in round making sure that sts are not twisted around needle. PM for BOR.

Rnd 1: [K1, p1] to end.
Rep rnd 1 until work measures 3" / 7.5 cm from cast on edge.

Begin working in Seed Stitch Stripe Pattern, and AT SAME TIME, work the following increases:

Sleeve Increases
Inc Rnd: K1, M1L, k to 1 st before BOR marker, M1R, k1.— *2 sts inc'd*
Rep inc rnd every 7th (6th, 6th, 6th, 6th, 6th, 6th) rnd 10 (12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 16, 16) more times. — *60 (66, 72, 78, 84, 90, 94, 96) sts*

Continue working in Seed Stitch Stripe Pattern until the 10 rnd pattern has been repeated a total of 9 (9, 9, 9, 10, 10, 10, 10) times, then rep rnds 1–5 once more. Sleeve should measure approx 18 (18, 18, 18, 18, 19½, 19½, 19½)" / 46 (46, 46, 46, 46, 49.5, 49.5, 49.5) cm from cast on edge.

Next Rnd: Knit around, ending 6 (6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 8) sts before BOR marker.
Place next 12 (13, 13, 13, 13, 13, 13, 17) sts on waste yarn for underarm, removing marker.

Set aside first sleeve, placing remaining sts on waste yarn or spare needle.

Work second sleeve as first.

Body
Using MC yarn and longer circular needle, cast on 168 (190, 208, 226, 244, 262, 284, 296) sts using the long-tail cast on. Join to work in round making sure that sts are not twisted around needle. PM for BOR.

Rnd 1: [K1, p1] to end.
Rep rnd 1 until work measures 2½" / 6 cm from cast on edge.

Begin working in Seed Stitch Stripe Pattern, and work the 10 rnd pattern until it has been repeated a total of 7 (7, 7, 8, 8, 8, 9, 9) times, then rep rnds 1–5 once more. Body should measure approx 14¼ (14¼, 14¼, 16, 16, 16, 17½, 17½)" / 36 (36, 36, 40.5, 40.5, 40.5, 44.5, 44.5) cm from cast on edge.

Next Rnd: Knit around, ending 6 (6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 8) sts before BOR marker.

Join For Yoke

Knit next 12 (13, 13, 13, 13, 13, 13, 17) sts, then place these sts on waste yarn for right underarm, removing BOR marker. Knit next 72 (82, 91, 100, 109, 118, 129, 131) sts for back, place next 12 (13, 13, 13, 13, 13, 13, 17) sts on waste yarn for left underarm, transfer sts from first sleeve to left needle of body and k48 (53, 59, 65, 71, 77, 81, 79) sts for left sleeve, then knit next 72 (82, 91, 100, 109, 118, 129, 131) sts for front, transfer sts from second sleeve to left needle of body and k48 (53, 59, 65, 71, 77, 81, 79) sts for right sleeve. PM for BOR. *— 240 (270, 300, 330, 360, 390, 420, 420) sts total, with BOR marker placed at back right.*

Sizes – (-, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X) Only
Adjustment Dec Rnd: [K– (–, 8, 9, 10, 11, 5, 12), k2tog] to end.
— - (-, 270, 300, 330, 360, 360, 390) sts

All Sizes Resume
Work rnds 8-10 (8-10, 9-10, 9-10, 9-10, 9-10, 9-10, 9-10) of Seed Stitch Stripe Pattern, then rep pattern (0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2) more time(s).

Begin Yoke Pattern (Change to shorter circular needle when necessary)
Knit 1 rnd even.
Join CC yarn and begin working Chart A, rep'ing it 8 (9, 9, 10, 11, 12, 12, 13) times over rnd.
Knit 1 rnd even in MC yarn.

Dec Rnd 1: [K3, k2tog] to end. *— 192 (216, 216, 240, 264, 288, 288, 312) sts*

Next Rnd: [K2, p2] to end.
Rep last rnd once more
Next Rnd: [P2, k2] to end.
Rep last rnd once more.
Knit 1 rnd even.

Begin working Chart B, rep'ing it 48 (54, 54, 60, 66, 72, 72, 78) times over rnd.
Knit 1 rnd even in MC yarn.

Dec Rnd 2: [k2, k2tog] to end. *— 144 (162, 162, 180, 198, 216, 216, 234) sts*

Next Rnd: [K2, p2] to end.
Next Rnd: [P2, k2] to end.

Adjustment Dec Rnd: Knit 1 rnd, decreasing 0 (2, 2, 0, 2, 0, 0, 2) sts along rnd. *— 144 (160, 160, 180, 196, 216, 216, 232) sts*

Begin working Chart C, rep'ing it 36 (40, 40, 45, 49, 54, 54, 58) times over rnd.
Break CC yarn.

Dec Rnd 3: [K2, k2tog] to end. *— 108 (120, 120, 135, 147, 162, 162, 174) sts*

Adjustment Rnd: Knit 1 rnd, decreasing 0 (0, 0, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2) sts along rnd. *— 108 (120, 120, 132, 144, 160, 160, 172) sts*

Next Rnd: [K2, p2] to end.
Next Rnd: [P2, k2] to end.
Knit 1 rnd even.

Shape Back Neck

Back neck shaping is worked back and forth using short rows.

Find centre back and place a removable marker to mark it.

Short Row 1 (RS): Knit to centre back marker, SM, k40 (44, 44, 48, 54, 60, 60, 64) sts, w&t.

Short Row 2 (WS): Purl to centre back marker, SM, p40 (44, 44, 48, 54, 60, 60, 64) sts, w&t.

Short Row 3: Knit to centre back marker, SM, knit to 5 sts before wrapped st, w&t.

Short Row 4: Purl to centre back marker, SM, purl to 5 sts before wrapped st, w&t.

Rep short rows 3-4 twice more.

Next Rnd (RS): Knit around, removing centre back marker and concealing wrapped sts as you come to them (see Stitch Guide).

Dec Rnd 4: [K7 (4, 4, 3, 2, 1, 1, 1), k2tog] to 0 (0, 0, 2, 0, 4, 4, 4) sts from end, k0 (0, 0, 2, 0, 4, 4, 4).
— *96 (100, 100, 106, 108, 108, 108, 116) sts*

Neck band

Change to smaller circular needle.

Rnd 1: [K1, p1] to end.

Rep rnd 1 until band measures 1" / 2.5 cm.

Bind off loosely in rib pattern.

Finishing

Use 3 needle bind off or Kitchener st to join underarm sts. Use the yarn ends to close any holes that rain at underarm. Weave in ends and block to measurements.
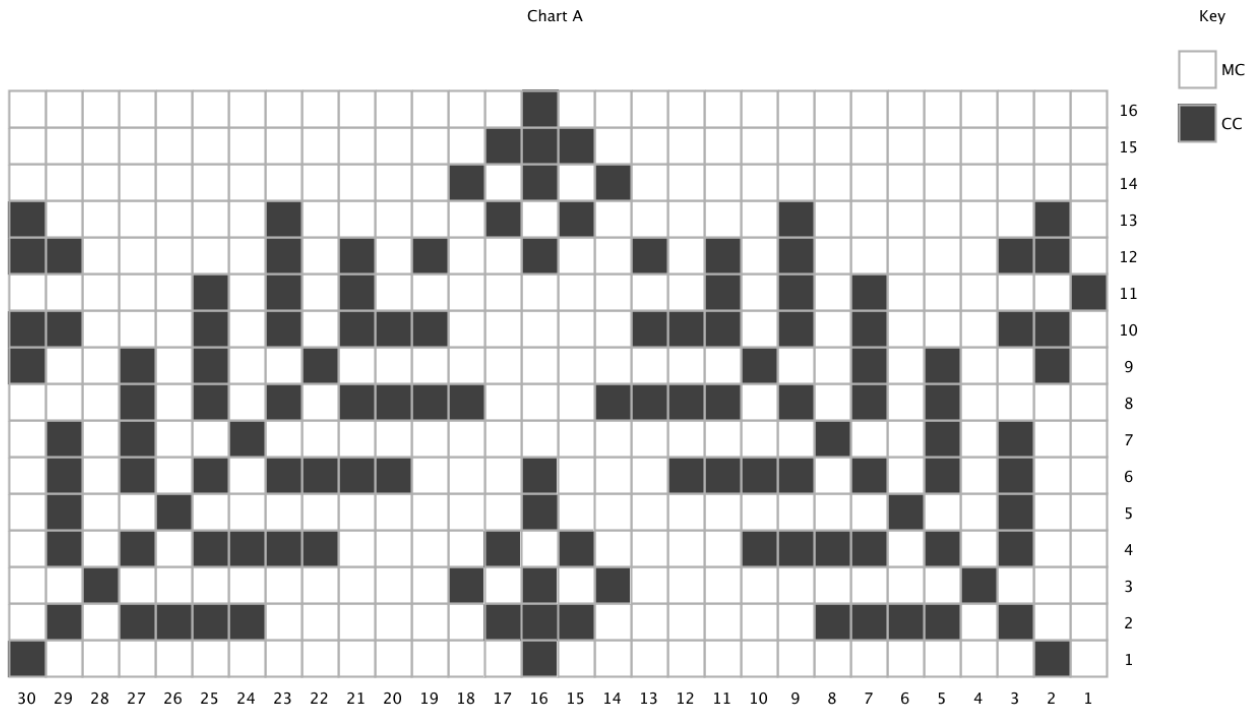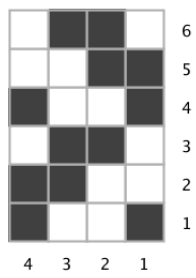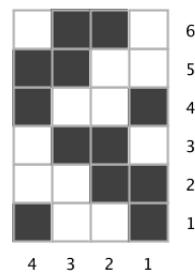
Chart A

Key

- ☐ MC
- ■ CC

Chart B

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- ☐ MC
- ■ CC

Chart C

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- ☐ MC
- ■ CC