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ABBREVIATIONS & TECHNIQUES

pm	place marker
csd	centered single decrease: Slip two sts knitwise (one after another). Insert the left needle into the front of both slipped stitches, knit together. Insert the left needle into the second of the just-decreased stitches, placing it onto the left needle, ready to be worked. Insert the right needle into the next two stitches to k2tog.
yo	yarnover
1x1 rib	(k1, p1) repeat until end
stockinette st	Knitting on the rs and purling on the ws
sl1kw	Slip 1 stitch knitwise with yarn in back
sl1pw	Slip 1 stitch purlwise with yarn in front
ssk	slip 1 st knitwise from the left to right needle. Slip another stitch knitwise from left to right. Knit these two stitches together through the back loop. The result is a left leaning decrease
k2tog	knit two stitches together. The result is a right leaning decrease
sloped bindoff	row 1 will be worked as usual. On the next row, you will be working to the last stitch of the row and slipping the last stitch purlwise. On row 3 and all subsequent bind off rows, you will then pass the first slipped stitch (the unworked stitch from the previous row) over the second slipped stitch, binding it off. Bind off remaining stitches of that row as usual.

INSTRUCTIONS

Using 5mm needles and the longtail cast on method, cast on 116 (130, 144, 160, 176, 192, 208, 224, 240, 256) sts. Pm and work in the round.

Rounds 1-7: Work in 1x1 rib

Round 8 (turning round): p all sts

Rounds 9-11: Work in 1x1 rib

Round 12: Work 24 (28, 31, 35, 39, 43, 47, 51, 55, 59) sts in rib, yo, csd, work 4 (3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4) sts in patt, csd, yo, work remainder of round in rib pattern

Round 13: Work in 1x1 rib, maintaining the pattern even over the yo's and decreases from the round below. Work those sts tightly to ensure no gaps.

Round 14: Work in 1x1 rib

Join to create a folded hem

Fold your work so that the purl row is at the bottom and the cast on edge is *behind* your current round (the drawstring openings should be on the right side facing

out). You are now going to knit the next round WITH the cast on edge. Pick up the first stitch of the cast on edge and move it to your left hand needle. Knit this stitch together with the first stitch in your round (Photo 1). Repeat this step until all the stitches on the cast on edge have been picked up and knit together with your current round. Your hem is now complete.

Change to 6.5mm needles and work in stockinette stitch for 8"/20.3cm. If you wish to add length to the garment, I recommend doing so here.

Next round: p all sts

Work in stockinette stitch for an additional 2"/5cm or until desired length to bottom of sleeves.

Separate for front & back

Next round: k58 (65, 72, 80, 88, 96, 104, 112, 120, 128) sts, turn work. Leave the remaining 58 (65, 72, 80, 88, 96, 104, 112, 120, 128) sts on a spare needle or scrap yarn while you work on the front.

Sizes 1, 3-10 only

Work 3 rows in stockinette st, ending on a wrong side row.

Size 2 only

Row 1 (ws): p all sts

Row 2: k31, csd, k rem sts - 64 sts rem

Row 3: p all sts

Separate for zip opening

LEFT FRONT

Row 1 (rs): k24 (27, 31, 35, 39, 43, 47, 51, 55, 59), (p1, k1) 2 times, k1, turn work. Leave sts on a spare needle or scrap yarn while you work on the left front.

Row 2 (ws): k1 (this will be a garter edge st), (p1, k1) twice, p until end

Row 3: repeat row 1

Row 4: repeat row 2

Row 5: k20 (23, 27, 31, 35, 39, 43, 47, 51, 55), (p1, k1) 4 times, k1

Row 6: k1, (p1, k1) 4 times, p until end

Row 7: repeat row 5

Row 8: repeat row 6

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Row 9: k16 (19, 23, 27, 31, 35, 39, 43, 47, 51), (p1, k1) 6 times, k1

Row 10: k1, (p1, k1), 6 times, p until end

Size 1 & 2 only

Rows 11-24: Repeat rows 9 & 10 (14 rows)

Row 25: k13 (16), k2tog, k1, turn. Leave the 13 collar sts on a separate holder. – 15 (18) sts

Row 26 (ws): p all sts

Row 27: k until last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 14 (17) sts

Row 28: p all sts

Row 29: k until last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 13 (16) sts

Row 30: p all sts

Begin sloped bindoff (see *Abbreviations & Techniques*)

Row 31: bind off 4 sts, work until last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 8 (11) sts

Row 32: p until last st, sl1pw

Row 33: bind off 4 sts, work until last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 3 (6) sts

Row 34: p until last st, sl1pw

Row 35: bind off rem 3 (6) sts

Size 3 & 4 only

Row 11: Repeat row 9

Row 12: Repeat row 10

Row 13: k19 (23), (p1, k1) 8 times, k1

Row 14: k1, (p1, k1) 8 times, p until end

Rows 15-24: Repeat rows 13 & 14 (10 rows)

Row 25: k20 (24), k2tog, k1, turn. Leave the 13 collar sts on a separate holder. – 22 (26) sts

Row 26: p all sts

Row 27: k until last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 21 (25) sts

Row 28: p all sts

Row 29: k until last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 20 (24) sts

Row 30: p all sts

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Row 31: bind off 4 sts, work until last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 15 (19) sts

Row 32: p until last st, sl1pw

Row 33: bind off 4 sts, work until last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 10 (14) sts

Row 34: p until last st, sl1pw

Row 35: bind off 4 sts, work until last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 5 (9) sts

Row 36: p until last st, sl1pw

Row 37: bind off rem 5 (9) sts

Size 5 & 6 only

Row 11: Repeat row 9

Row 12: Repeat row 10

Row 13: k27 (31), (p1, k1) 8 times, k1

Row 14: k1, (p1, k1) 8 times, p until end

Row 15: Repeat row 13

Row 16: Repeat row 14

Row 17: k23 (27), (p1, k1) 10 times, k1

Row 18: k1, (p1, k1) 10 times, p until end

Row 19-26: Repeat rows 17 & 18 (8 rows)

Row 27: k26 (30), k2tog, k1, turn. Leave the 15 collar sts on a separate holder. – 28 (32) sts

Row 28: p all sts

Row 29: k until last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 27 (31) sts

Row 30: p all sts

Row 31: k until last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 26 (30) sts

Row 32: p all sts

Begin sloped bindoff (see *Abbreviations & Techniques*)

Row 33: bind off 4 sts, work until last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 21 (25) sts

Row 34: p until last st, sl1pw

Row 35: bind off 4 sts, work until last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 16 (20) sts

Row 36: p until last st, sl1pw

Row 37: bind off 4 sts, work until last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 11 (15) sts

Row 38: p until last st, sl1pw

Row 39: bind off rem 11 (15) sts

Size 7-10 only

Row 11: Repeat row 9

Row 12: Repeat row 10

Row 13: k35 (39, 43, 47), (p1, k1) 8 times, k1

Row 14: k1, (p1, k1) 8 times, p until end

Row 15: Repeat row 13

Row 16: Repeat row 14

Row 17: k31 (35, 39, 43), (p1, k1) 10 times, k1

Row 18: k1, (p1, k1) 10 times, p until end

Row 19: Repeat row 17

Row 20: Repeat row 18

Row 21: k27 (31, 35, 39), (p1, k1) 12 times, k1

Row 22: k1, (p1, k1) 12 times, p until end

Row 23-28: Repeat rows 17 & 18 (6 rows)

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Row 29: k34 (38, 42, 46), k2tog, k1, turn. Leave the 15 collar sts on a separate holder. – 36 (40, 44, 48) sts

Row 30: p all sts

Row 31: k until last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 35 (39, 43, 47) sts

Row 32: p all sts

Row 33: k until last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 34 (38, 42, 46) sts

Row 34: p all sts

Begin sloped bindoff (see *Abbreviations & Techniques*)

Row 35: bind off 4 sts, work until last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 29 (33, 37, 41) sts

Row 36: p until last st, sl1pw

Row 37: bind off 4 sts, work until last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 24 (28, 32, 36) sts

Row 38: p until last st, sl1pw

Row 39: bind off 4 sts, work until last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 19 (23, 27, 31) sts

Row 40: p until last st, sl1pw

Row 41: bind off 4 sts, work until last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 14 (18, 22, 26) sts

Row 42: p until last st, sl1pw

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Row 43: bind off rem 14 (18) sts

Size 9 & 10 only

Row 43: bind off 4 sts, work until last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 17 (21) sts

Row 44: p until last st, sl1pw

Row 45: bind off rem 17 (21) sts

RIGHT FRONT

Rejoin yarn on right side of work.

Row 1 (rs): k1, (k1, p1) twice, k until end

Row 2: p24 (27, 31, 35, 39, 43, 47, 51, 55, 59), (k1, p1) twice, k1

Row 3: repeat row 1

Row 4: repeat row 2

Row 5: k1, (k1, p1) 4 times, k until end

Row 6: p20 (23, 27, 31, 35, 39, 43, 47, 51, 55), (k1, p1) 4 times, k1

Row 7: repeat row 5

Row 8: repeat row 6

Row 9: k1, (k1, p1) 6 times, k until end

Row 10: p16 (19, 23, 27, 31, 35, 39, 43, 47, 51), (k1, p1) 6 times, k1

Size 1 & 2 only

Rows 11-22: Repeat rows 9 & 10 (12 rows)

Row 23: repeat row 9

Row 24: p16 (19), turn. Leave the 13 collar sts on a separate holder.

Row 25: k1, ssk, k until end – 15 (18) sts

Row 26: p all sts

Row 27: k1, ssk, k until end – 14 (17) sts

Row 28: p all sts

Row 29: k1, ssk, k until end – 13 (16) sts

Begin sloped bindoff (see *Abbreviations & Techniques*)

Row 30: bind off 4 sts, p until end – 9 (12) sts

Row 31: k1, ssk, k until last st, sl1kw – 8 (11) sts

Row 32: bind off 4 sts, p until end – 4 (7) sts

Row 33: k1, ssk, k until last st, sl1kw – 3 (6) sts

Row 34: p all sts

Row 35: bind off rem 3 (6) sts

Size 3 & 4 only

Row 11: Repeat row 9

Row 12: Repeat row 10

Row 13: k1, (k1, p1) 8 times, k until end

Row 14: p19 (23), (k1, p1) 8 times, k1

Rows 15-22: Repeat rows 13 & 14 (8 rows)

Row 23: repeat row 13

Row 24: p23 (27), turn. Leave the 13 collar sts on a separate holder.

Row 25: k1, ssk, k until end – 22 (26) sts

Row 26: p all sts

Row 27: k1, ssk, k until end – 21 (25) sts

Row 28: p all sts

Row 29: k1, ssk, k until end – 20 (24) sts

Begin sloped bindoff (see *Abbreviations & Techniques*)

Row 30: bind off 4 sts, p until end – 16 (20) sts

Row 31: k1, ssk, k until last st, sl1kw – 15 (19) sts

Row 32: bind off 4 sts, p until end – 11 (15) sts

Row 33: k1, ssk, k until last st, sl1kw – 10 (14) sts

Row 34: bind off 4 sts, p until end – 6 (10) sts

Row 35: k1, ssk, k until last st, sl1kw – 5 (9) sts

Row 36: p all sts

Row 37: bind off rem 5 (9) sts

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Row 11: Repeat row 9
Row 12: Repeat row 10
Row 13: k1, (k1, p1) 8 times, k until end
Row 14: p27 (31), (p1, k1) 8 times, k1
Row 15: Repeat row 13
Row 16: repeat row 14
Row 17: k1, (k1, p1) 10 times, k until end
Row 18: p23 (27), (p1, k1) 10 times, k1
Rows 19-24: Repeat rows 17 & 18 (6 rows)
Row 25: repeat row 17
Row 26: p29 (33), turn. Leave the 15 collar sts on a separate holder.
Row 27: k1, ssk, k until end – 28 (32) sts
Row 28: p all sts
Row 29: k1, ssk, k until end – 27 (31) sts
Row 30: p all sts
Row 31: k1, ssk, k until end – 26 (30) sts

Begin sloped bindoff (see *Abbreviations & Techniques*)

Row 32: bind off 4 sts, p until end – 22 (26) sts
Row 33: k1, ssk, k until last st, sl1kw – 21 (25) sts
Row 34: bind off 4 sts, p until end – 17 (21) sts
Row 35: k1, ssk, k until last st, sl1kw – 16 (20) sts
Row 36: bind off 4 sts, p until end – 12 (16) sts
Row 37: k1, ssk, k until last st, sl1kw – 11 (15) sts
Row 38: p all sts
Row 39: bind off rem 11 (15) sts

Size 7-10 only

Row 11: Repeat row 9
Row 12: Repeat row 10
Row 13: k1, (k1, p1) 8 times, k until end
Row 14: p35 (39, 43, 47), (p1, k1) 8 times, k1
Row 15: Repeat row 13
Row 16: repeat row 14
Row 17: k1, (k1, p1) 10 times, k until end
Row 18: p31 (35, 39, 43), (p1, k1) 10 times, k1
Row 19: repeat row 17
Row 20: repeat row 18
Row 21: k1, (k1, p1) 12 times, k until end
Row 22: p27 (31, 35, 39), (p1, k1) 12 times, k1
Rows 23-26: Repeat rows 21 & 22 (4 rows)
Row 27: repeat row 21
Row 28: p37 (41, 45, 49), turn. Leave the 15 collar sts on a separate holder.

Row 29: k1, ssk, k until end – 36 (40, 44, 48) sts
Row 30: p all sts
Row 31: k1, ssk, k until end – 35 (39, 43, 47) sts
Row 32: p all sts
Row 33: k1, ssk, k until end – 34 (38, 42, 46) sts

Begin sloped bindoff (see *Abbreviations & Techniques*)

Row 34: bind off 4 sts, p until end – 30 (34, 38, 42) sts
Row 35: k1, ssk, k until last st, sl1kw – 29 (33, 37, 41) sts
Row 36: bind off 4 sts, p until end – 25 (29, 33, 37) sts
Row 37: k1, ssk, k until last st, sl1kw – 24 (28, 32, 36) sts
Row 38: bind off 4 sts, p until end – 20 (24, 28, 32) sts
Row 39: k1, ssk, k until last st, sl1kw – 19 (23, 27, 31) sts
Row 40: bind off 4 sts, p until end – 15 (19, 23, 27) sts
Row 41: k1, ssk, k until last st, sl1kw – 14 (18, 22, 26) sts

Size 7 & 8 only

Row 42: p all sts
Row 43: bind off rem 14 (18) sts

Size 9 & 10 only

Row 42: bind off 4 sts, p until end – 18 (22) sts
Row 43: k1, ssk, k until last st, sl1kw – 17 (21) sts
Row 44: p all sts
Row 45: bind off rem 17 (21) sts

BACK

Rejoin yarn on right side of work. Work back and forth in stockinette st until your piece measures to the same point as where you began the sloped shoulder bind off for the front. End on a wrong side row.

Begin shoulder shaping

Row 1 (rs): Bind off 4 sts, k until end – 54 (61, 68, 76, 84, 92, 100, 108, 116, 124) sts
Row 2 (ws): Bind off 4 sts, p until last st, sl1pw – 50 (57, 64, 72, 80, 88, 96, 104, 112, 120) sts
Row 3: Bind off 4 sts, k until last st, sl1kw – 46 (53, 60, 68, 76, 84, 92, 100, 108, 116) sts
Row 4: Bind off 4 sts, p until last st, sl1pw – 42 (49, 56, 64, 72, 80, 88, 96, 104, 112) sts

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Row 5: Bind off 4 sts, k until last st, sl1kw – 52 (60, 68, 76, 84, 92, 100, 108) sts

Row 6: Bind off 4 sts, p until last st, sl1pw – 48 (56, 64, 72, 80, 88, 96, 104) sts

Sizes 7-10 only

Row 7: Bind off 4 sts, k until last st, sl1kw – 76 (84, 92, 100) sts

Row 8: Bind off 4 sts, p until last st, sl1pw – 72 (80, 88, 96) sts

Row 9: Bind off 4 sts, k until last st, sl1kw – 68 (76, 84, 92) sts

Row 10: Bind off 4 sts, p until last st, sl1pw – 64 (72, 80, 88) sts

All Sizes

Next row: bind off 3 (6, 5, 9, 11, 15, 14, 18, 17, 21) sts, k until last st, sl1kw – 39 (43, 43, 47, 53, 57, 50, 54, 63, 67) sts

Next row: bind off 3 (6, 5, 9, 11, 15, 14, 18, 17, 21) sts, p until end – 36 (37, 38, 38, 42, 42, 36, 36, 46, 46) sts rem. Break yarn and set aside for back collar piece (Photo 2).

Using the horizontal invisible seaming technique, sew shoulders together (Photo 3).

SLEEVES

Pick up 24 (24, 28, 28, 32, 32, 36, 36, 40, 40) sts from bottom of the armhole to the top, then another 24 (24, 28, 28, 32, 32, 36, 36, 40, 40) sts from the top to the bottom. - 48 (48, 56, 56, 64, 64, 72, 72, 80, 80) sts total. Pm and join in the round.

Work in stockinette st for 16 (16, 14, 12, 6, 10, 10, 12, 6, 8) rounds.

Decrease round: k1, k2tog, knit until the last 3 sts, ssk, k1 – 2 sts decreased

Repeat decrease row every 13th round an additional 1 (3, 2, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) more times, then every then every 9th round 2 (0, 3, 3, 3, 2, 3, 4, 0, 0) more times, then every 7th round every 0 (0, 0, 0, 6, 7, 6, 5, 8, 8) more times, then every 5th round every 0 (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,

0, 0, 3, 3) more times – 40 (40, 44, 44, 44, 44, 52, 52, 56, 56) sts.

Work even until piece measures 16 (16, 16½, 16½, 17, 17, 18, 18, 18½, 18½)"/41 (41, 42, 42, 43, 43, 44, 44, 45, 45)cm from sleeve cast on edge or until desired length.

Decrease round: k1, p2tog, k2tog, (p1, k1) until the last 5 stitches, p2tog, k2tog, p1 – 4 sts decreased. - 36 (36, 40, 40, 40, 40, 48, 48, 52, 52) sts

Cuffs

Switch to 5mm dpns. Work in 1x1 ribbing for 2"/5cm. Bind off using the tubular method.

COLLAR

Switch to 5mm needles.

Tip! I suggest using a contrasting yarn as a lifeline for the front left and front right, so you know where to seam the collar.

Set up row: Starting with the stitches set aside for the right collar, k1, (k1, p1) 6 (6, 6, 6, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7) times. Pick up and continue rib pattern for 11 (11, 11, 11, 13, 13, 13, 13, 15, 15) sts towards the right shoulder, continue rib pattern across 36 (37, 38, 38, 42, 42, 36, 36, 46, 46) back sts, pick up and continue rib pattern for 10 (11, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 14, 14) sts towards the left collar, (p1, k1) 6 (6, 6, 6, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7) times, k1 across left collar stitches. – 83 (85, 87, 87, 97, 97, 91, 91, 105, 105) sts

Next row (ws): k1 (garter edge st), work in ribbing until last st, k1 (garter edge st)

Continue in ribbing, maintaining the garter edge st, until collar measures approx 5.5" from bottom of collar or until the top of your zipper can fit in between the collar fabric once it is folded inwards (Photo 4).

Bind off loosely.

Right Collar Icord

Set up row: Using 5mm dpns, cast on 2 sts. With the front side of the sweater facing you, pick up and knit one

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stitch from the right collar edge (Photo 5). Slide all stitches to the end to begin working your icord. (Photo 6, 3 sts on needle).

Row 2: k2, slip next st knitwise, pick up the next st on the collar and knit it together with the previous slipped stitc. This is essentially an ssk, except the following stitch is picked up rather than already on your left needle. Slide your stitches to the end of your needle.

Continue working your icord in this manner, picking up 1 st at every row until you reach the bind off edge of the collar. Instead of knitting the last two stitches together, pick up and knit the last stitch (Photo 7, 4 sts total).

Right Collar Zipper Facing

*You will now continue working the icord, this time across 4 sts, until the facing is long enough to reach the bottom stop of the zipper when the collar is folded inwards (Photo 8 & 9). Note the length for the left side. Leave the 4 sts on a stitch holder to be returned to later. The tail just needs to be long enough to weave ends in.**

Left Collar Icord

Using your 5mm dpns, cast on 3 sts. Turn your work (your yarn should be coming from your far right stitch). Making sure your yarn is at the back of your work, pick up an edge stitch from the bottom left collar (4 sts). Knit this stitch together with the next stitch on your left needle. This is essentially a k2tog, except the first stitch is picked up rather than already on your left needle. Knit the next two sts (3 sts on needle). Slide these 3 stitches to the end of your needle to begin your icord.

Continue working your icord, picking up and knitting a stitch from the left opening, until you reach the bind off edge of the collar. Pick up a stitch from the edge so that you have 4 sts on your needle.

Left Collar Zipper Facing

Repeat from * to **.

I highly recommend blocking your garment before proceeding with the next step. Because of the ribbing, it will be more difficult to install the zipper.

ZIPPER INSTALLATION

You might find it helpful to spray the icord edge with a bit of water to help stretch out the knit fabric while pinning.

Begin securing the zipper to the icord edge using pins, from the bottom up. To replicate the sample as shown, leave approx ½ cm of the zipper fabric showing between the teeth and your knit. Gently pull on your knit fabric while pinning, holding all the pieces tautly while pinning to prevent puckering.

Measure a piece of thread approx. 4 times the length of the zipper and thread it through your sewing needle, doubling the thread. Tie the ends a few times to form a large enough knot that the thread won't slip through the first stitch.

Begin from the bottom of the zipper. Insert the needle from the right to the wrong side, so your knot is buried in the icord. Hand sew from the bottom to the top, ensuring your stitches sit only in the "V's" of the edge stitches (Photos 10 & 11).

Once you reach the top of the collar, flip the sweater and begin pinning the icord facing to the back of the zipper in the same manner as before (Photo 12). Begin sewing from the top back down to the bottom, this time sewing into BOTH the facing and the icord edge (Photo 13). Break thread and sew in loose ends. Repeat for the other side of the zipper.

Turn your work inside out so the back of your zipper is facing you. The right side zipper facing stitches should be to the left (on a stitch holder) and the left side zipper facing stitches to your right (Photo 14).

Use the thumb cast on method and cast on 3 sts and the knit across the 4 stitches on your stitch holder (Photo 15, 11 sts).

Turn your work and purl across the 11 sts.

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Next row: k all sts

Repeat the last two rows until you reach the end of the zipper fabric. Bind off all sts and whip stitch the cast off edge to the body (Photo 16). This piece will prevent chafing against your skin.

Collar Finishing

With the sweater still inside out, thread approx 35"/89cm length of yarn to a tapestry needle and whip stitch the facing to the main body fabric (Photo 17). Flip your work occasionally to see that nothing is visible on the right side. Once you reach the bottom edge of the collar, line up the ribbing from the cast off edge of the collar and the body (Photo 18). Use the horizontal invisible seaming technique to seam the collar all the way around to the other side (Photo 19). Break yarn and weave in any loose ends. You may wish to lightly block the collar/zipper after installation for a clean finish.

DRAWSTRING

Using 3.5mm dpns and your worsted weight yarn, use the longtail method to cast on 2 sts.

Instead of flipping your work to work on the wrong side, slide your sts to the far end of your needle (this is now

your left needle and your other needle is now your right). Knit all sts.

Continue repeating this step, creating a tube-like cord until your drawstring reaches 45"/114cm (If you prefer a drawstring with two ends, you will need to lengthen the drawstring). Bind off and leave several inches to sew in afterwards.

Secure a safety pin to one end of your cord and feed it into one of the openings of your drawstring until it comes out the other opening (Photo 20). Feed the toggle through *both* ends of the drawstring (Photo 21). Using the horizontal invisible seam, sew the ends together. Alternatively, you can opt for loose ends.

Tip! If the drawstring join isn't smooth, shift that part of the drawstring to the inside of the hem where it's not visible.

If you wish, block the project once again using your preferred method. Your new Billie Zip is now ready to wear! Share your finished garments by tagging [#BillieZip](#) and [@knitwearbyjoan](#) ♥

1 – fold your work and knit the next round with the cast on edge to create a folded hem



2 – set aside remaining sts for back collar piece



3 – horizontal invisible seam on shoulders



4 – completed collar at 5½"



5 – right collar icord, after picking up and knitting one stitch from right collar edge



6 – right collar icord, after sliding sts to the end of needle



7 – after reaching the top of the right collar icord



8 – continue working icord. You are no longer picking up any stitches from the ain piece



9 – ensure the facing piece is long enough to cover the zipper once the collar is folded in



10 – when hand sewing, insert your needle into the “v’s” of the edge stitches



11 – remove pins as you make progress in your sewing



12 – once you reach the top of the collar, flip the sweater and begin pinning the icord facing to the back of the zipper



13 – begin sewing from the top back down to the bottom, into BOTH the facing and icord edge for reinforcement



14 – arrange your work so that the right side zipper facing stitches are on the left (on a st holder) and the left side zipper is on your right (on your needle)



15 – use the thumb cast on method and cast on 3 sts and knit across the 4 sts on your stitch holder



16 – whip stitch bind off edge to the body



17 – whip stitch the facing to the main body fabric



18 – line up the ribbing from the bind off edge of the collar and the body



19 – use the horizontal invisible seaming technique to seam collar all the way around to the other side



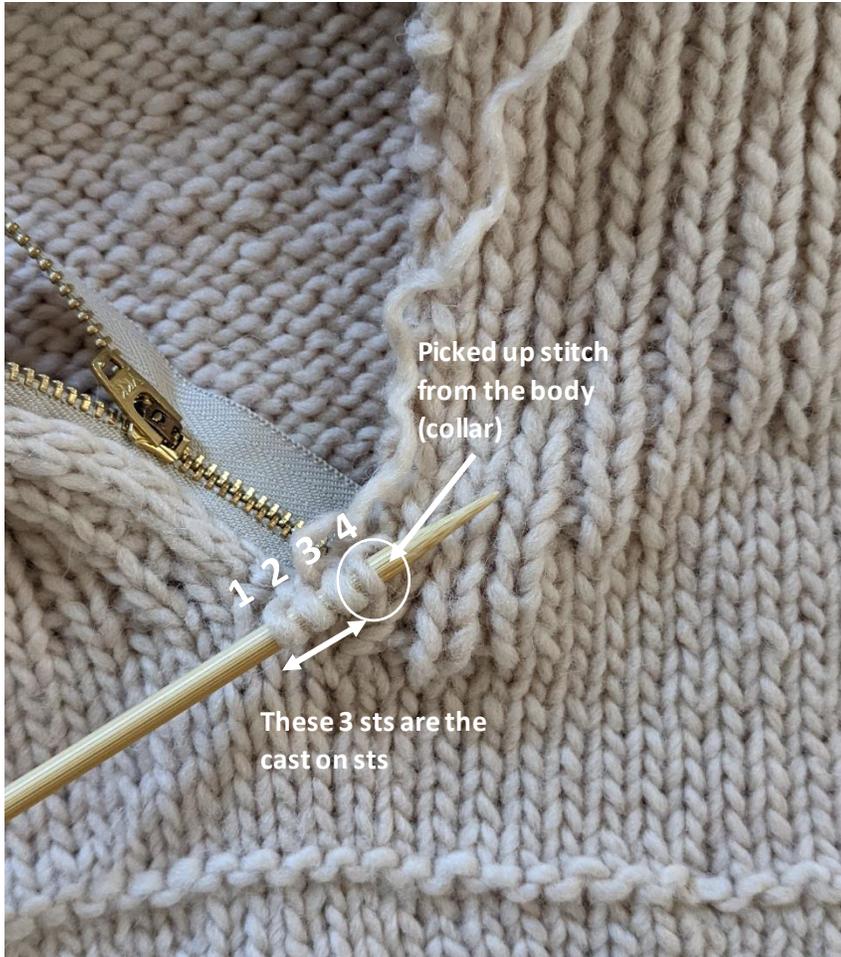
20 – secure a safety pin to one end of the cord and feed it into one of the openings of the drawstring until it comes out the other opening



21 – using a tapestry needle, feed the toggle through both ends of the draw string



Left Collar Icord Photo Instructions



For the left collar icord, you will be working from right to left. Similar to the right collar icord, because you are working an icord you will not be flipping your work and will be working on the right side only at all times.

Using your 5mm dpns, cast on 3 sts. Depending on your cast on method, you may need to flip your needle so that your yarn is coming from your far right stitch.

*With the right side of your work facing you and beginning from the bottom of your collar, use your left needle to pick up one stitch from the collar on the body (stitch #4). Your yarn should still be at the back of your work at this point.



Next, using your right needle, knit stitches #3 & 4 together.

Knit stitch #2. Then knit stitch #1. You will now have 3 sts remaining on your right hand needle.

Slide the sts over to the end of your needle: your right hand needle will now be your left hand needle. **

Repeat from * to ** until all the sts have worked and you reach the top of the collar.