

Rib Lace  
Raglan

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Rib Lace Raglan is a minimal and beautiful raglan sweater. Columns of knit stitches are broken up by columns of simple lace. The lace pattern is only two stitches (yarn over and knit 2 together) and has a two-row repeat, so it is quickly memorized and easy to knit. Rib Lace Raglan uses an all over lace texture while still being very full coverage. Enjoy knitting and wearing this sweater in any season. Post your makes to Instagram using #RibLaceRaglan and tag me @JamesNWatts.

## YARN

Purl Soho Santolina- 328 yards (*300 meters*) per 100 gram skein. 70% organically grown cotton, 20% rayon from bamboo, 10% hemp. Sport/fingering weight.

Sample was knit in Colorway "Teal Spruce"

## SIZING

XS(S, M, L, XL) (XXL, 3X, 4X, 5X)

To fit a chest size of:

30(34, 38, 42, 46) (50, 54, 58, 62)"

[76 (86.5, 96.5, 106.5, 117)(127, 137, 147.5, 157.5)cm]

Sweater has a finished chest measurement of:

36(38.5, 43.25, 48, 50.5) (55.25, 60, 62.5, 67.25)"

[91.5 (98, 110, 122, 128.5)(140.5, 152.5, 159, 171)cm]

## YARDAGE

390(404, 475, 527, 584) (627, 732, 779, 903) yards

357(369, 434, 482, 534) (573, 669, 712, 826) meters

Above yardage is for short sleeves. To knit long sleeves you will need about:

601(634, 724, 795, 872) (953, 1077, 1143, 1287) yards

[550(580, 662, 727, 797) (871, 985, 1045, 1177) meters]

## GAUGE

17sts x 30 rows = 4" x 4" in lace pattern, blocked, knit with US 5 (3.75mm) needles or any needle size that you can achieve gauge with.

Pattern is knit in the round past the neck shaping; for the most accurate gauge swatch you should swatch in the round. There's an easy way to do this where you don't actually join in the round. Instead, you swatch on a circular needle, and after every row, slide all stitches back to the other needle and float the working yarn across the back, leaving enough slack that you can lay the swatch flat. If this doesn't make sense to you, search "how to swatch in the round" on YouTube and you will find several tutorial videos.

### To knit a gauge swatch:

CO 29 sts.    **29 sts with 4 mm**

Row 1 (RS): k2, \*k3, yo, k2tog, repeat from \* until 2 sts remain, k2. Slide all sts back to other needle and float working yarn across the back.

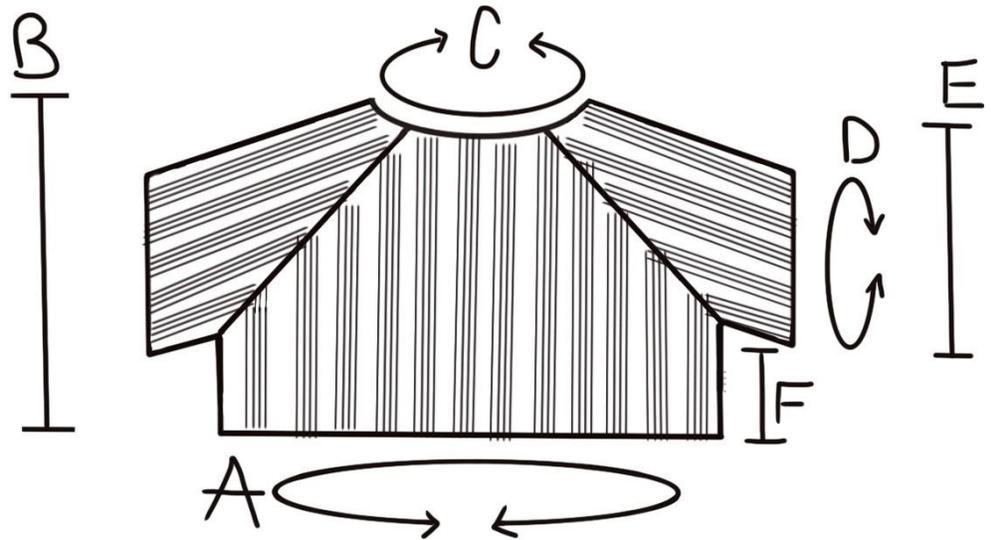
Row 2(RS): p2, \*k3, k2tog, yo, repeat from \* until 2 sts remain, p2. Slide all sts back to other needle and float working yarn across the back.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 for a few more than 30 rows, wet block, and measure for gauge. If you leave enough slack in the working yarn behind the swatch, then there's no need to cut the floats. That way if you are running out of yarn to knit your sweater, then you can unravel your swatch.

## NEEDLES AND NOTIONS

- US 5 (3.75mm) circular knitting needles, or any size that gets gauge.
- US 3 (3.25mm) circular knitting needles, or any size that gets good tension for icord bind off.
- 8 ring stitch markers, 1 of which should be unique to mark the beginning of round.
- Darning needle for weaving in ends.
- Locking stitch marker for row counting.

## SCHEMATIC



SCHEMATIC- inches	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3X	4X	5X
A. Chest Circumference	36	38.5	43.25	48	50.5	55.25	60	62.5	67.25
B. Length from Shoulder to Hem	14.5	16.25	16.25	16.25	17.75	17.75	19.5	19.5	21
C. Neckline Circumference	19.25	19.25	19.25	21.5	21.5	21.5	24	24	24
D. Sleeve Circumference	13.25	14.5	15.5	16.75	18	20.5	21.5	22.75	24
E. Yoke Depth	8.75	8.75	9.5	9.5	10.5	11.25	12	12.75	13.5
F. Length from Underarm to Hem	4.75	6.5	5.75	5.75	6.25	5.5	6.5	5.75	6.5

SCHEMATIC- CM	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3X	4X	5X
A. Chest Circumference	91.5	98	110	122	128.5	140.5	152.5	159	171
B. Length from Shoulder to Hem	37	41.5	41.5	41.5	45	45	49.5	49.5	53.5
C. Neckline Circumference	49	49	49	54.5	54.5	54.5	61	61	61
D. Sleeve Circumference	33.5	37	39.5	42.5	45.5	52	54.5	58	61
E. Yoke Depth	22	22	24	24	26.5	28.5	30.5	32.5	34.5
F. Length from Underarm to Hem	12	16.5	14.5	14.5	16	14	16.5	14.5	16.5

ABBREVIATIONS	
BOR	Beginning of round
BO	Bind off
CO	Cast on
k	Knit
k2tog	Knit two together
k2togtbl	Knit two together through back loop
m1L	Make one left
m1pL	Make one purl left
m1pR	Make one purl right
m1R	Make one right
pm	Place marker
pfb	Purl front and back
rm	Remove marker
sl	Slip
sm	Slip marker
st(s)	Stitch(es)
yo	Yarn over

As You work your way through the yoke, check your stitch counts at the end of each section on the “Yoke Stitch Count Table” on page 10.

## START—NECKLINE SHAPING

On US 5 (3.75mm) needles or whichever size you got gauge with, using a long tail cast on, loosely CO 57(57, 52, 57, 57) (57, 62, 62, 57) sts.

XS and S only (WS): p to end of row, skip to Stitch Marker Placement.

All sizes except XS and S Increase Row (WS): p (-, 1, 3, 3) (3, 1, 1, 8) sts, \*p(-, 4, 4, 4) (4, 5, 5, 1) sts, pfb, repeat from \* until (-, 1, 4, 4) (4, 1, 1, 9) sts remain, p to end of row.

57(57, 62, 67, 67) (67, 72, 72, 77) sts total.

Stitch Marker Placement: Place stitch markers at the following intervals: 2 sts, pm, 3 sts, pm, 7 sts, pm, 3 sts, pm, 27(27, 32, 37, 37) (37, 42, 42, 47) sts, pm, 3 sts, pm, 7 sts, pm, 3 sts, pm, 2 sts.

Row 1 (RS): k1, m1R, k1, m1L, sm, k3, sm, \*m1R, yo, k2tog, [k3, yo, k2tog] to marker, m1L, sm, k3, sm, repeat from \* until you have slipped the last marker, m1R, k1, m1L, k1. (10 sts increased)

Row 2 (WS): p1, yo, p2tog, p1, sm, p3, sm, \*p1, yo, p2tog, [p3, yo, p2tog] to 1 st before marker, p1, sm, p3, sm, repeat from \* until you have slipped the last marker, p1, yo, p2tog, p1.

Row 3 (RS): k1, m1R, yo, k2tog, k1, sm, k3, sm, \*k1, yo, k2tog, [k3, yo, k2tog] to 1 st before marker, k1, sm, k3, sm, repeat from \* until you have slipped the last marker, k1, yo, k2tog, m1L, k1. (2 sts increased)

Row 4 (WS): p2, yo, p2tog, p1, m1pL, sm, p3, sm, \*m1pR, p1, yo, p2tog, [p3, yo, p2tog] to 1 st before marker, p1, m1pL, sm, p3, sm, repeat from \* until you have slipped the last marker, m1pR, p1, yo, p2tog, p2. (8 sts increased)

Row 5 (RS): k1, m1R, k1, yo, k2tog, k2, sm, k3, sm, \*k2, yo, k2tog, [k3, yo, k2tog] to 2 sts before marker, k2, sm, k3, sm, repeat from \* until you have slipped the last marker, k2, yo, k2tog, k1, m1L, k1. (2 sts increased)

Row 6 (WS): p3, yo, p2tog, p2, sm, p3, sm, \*p2, yo, p2tog [p3, yo, p2tog] to 2 sts before marker, p2, sm, p3, sm, repeat from \* until you have slipped the last marker, p2, yo, p2tog, p3.

Row 7 (RS): k1, m1R, k2, yo, k2tog, k2, m1L, sm, k3, sm, \*m1R, k2, yo, k2tog, [k3, yo, k2tog] to 2 sts before marker, k2, m1L, sm, k3, sm, repeat from \* until you have slipped the last marker, m1R, k2, yo, k2tog, k2, m1L, k1. (10 sts increased)

Row 8 (WS): p4, yo, p2tog, p3, sm, p3, sm, \*[p3, yo, p2tog] to 3 sts before marker, p3, sm, p3, sm, repeat from \* until you have slipped the last marker, p3, yo, p2tog, p4.

Row 9 (RS): k1, m1R, k3, yo, k2tog, k3, sm, k3, sm, \*[k3, yo, k2tog] to 3 sts before marker, k3, sm, k3, sm, repeat from \* until you have slipped the last marker, k3, yo, k2tog, k3, m1L, k1. (2 sts increased)

Row 10 (WS): p5, yo, p2tog, p3, m1pL, sm, p3, sm, \*m1pR, [p3, yo, p2tog] to 3 sts before marker, p3, m1pL, sm, p3, sm, repeat from \* until you have slipped the last marker, m1pR, p3, yo, p2tog, p5. (8 sts increased)

Row 11 (RS): k1, m1R, k4, yo, k2tog, k4, sm, k3, sm, \*k1, [k3, yo, k2tog] to last 4 sts, k4, sm, k3, sm, repeat from \* until you have slipped the last marker, k4, yo, k2tog, k4, m1L, k1. (2 sts increased)

Row 12 (WS): p1, yo, p2tog, p3, yo, p2tog, p4, sm, p3, sm, \*p1, [p3, yo, p2tog] to last 4 sts, p4, sm, p3, sm, repeat from \* until you have slipped the last marker, p4, yo, p2tog, p3, yo, p2tog, p1.

Row 13 (RS): k1, m1R, yo, k2tog, k3, yo, k2tog, k4, m1L, sm, k3, sm, \*m1R, k1, [k3, yo, k2tog] to last 4 sts, k4, m1L, sm, k3, sm, repeat from \* until you have slipped the last marker, m1R, k4, yo, k2tog, k3, yo, k2tog, m1L, k1. (10 sts increased)

At the end of Row 14 below, you will cast on stitches for the front of the neck and transition into working in the round in the following section. If you want to follow along with a tutorial video, here it is~

<https://youtu.be/rf2OzVzysW4>

Row 14 (WS): p2, yo, p2tog, [p3, yo, p2tog] to marker, sm, p3, sm, \*yo, p2tog, [p3, yo, p2tog] to marker, sm, p3, sm, repeat from \* until you have slipped the last marker, yo, p2tog, [p3, yo, p2tog] to last 2 sts, p2. Turn work to RS, using a cable cast on, CO 9(9, 14, 19, 19) (19, 24, 24, 29) sts. Cut yarn. Looking at the RS, the stitches you just cast on are on your left needle, slip all stitches from the right needle to the left needle until you reach the first stitch marker. You should have slipped 14 sts. This will now be your beginning of round, choose a unique stitch marker for this position.

Work from ball end of your yarn as you start Round 1 below. Your work will be properly joined in the round in the first section of Round 1. Be sure that your work is not twisted before joining in the round.

## BEGIN WORKING YOKE IN THE ROUND

Round 1: \*m1R, yo, k2tog, [k3, yo, k2tog] to marker, m1L, sm, k3, sm. Repeat from \* to end of round. (8 sts increased)

Round 2: \*k1, k2tog, yo [k3, k2tog, yo] to 1 st before marker, k1, sm, k3, sm. Repeat from \* to end of round.

Round 3: \*k1, yo, k2tog, [k3, yo, k2tog] to 1 st before marker, k1, sm, k3, sm. Repeat from \* to end of round.

Round 4: \*m1R, k1, k2tog, yo, [k3, k2tog, yo] to 1 st before marker, k1, m1L, sm, k3, sm. Repeat from \* to end of round. (8 sts increased)

Round 5: \*k2, yo, k2tog, [k3, yo, k2tog] to 2 sts before marker, k2, sm, k3, sm. Repeat from \* to end of round.

Round 6: \*k2, k2tog, yo, [k3, k2tog, yo] to 2 sts before marker, k2, sm, k3, sm. Repeat from \* to end of round.

Round 7: \*m1R, k2, yo, k2tog, [k3, yo, k2tog] to 2 sts before marker, k2, m1L, sm, k3, sm. Repeat from \* to end of round. (8 sts increased)

Round 8: \*k3, k2tog, yo, [k3, k2tog, yo] to 3 sts before marker, k3, sm, k3, sm. Repeat from \* to end of round.

Round 9: \*k3, yo, k2tog, [k3, yo, k2tog] to 3 sts before marker, k3, sm, k3, sm. Repeat from \* to end of round.

Round 10: \*m1R, k3, k2tog, yo, [k3, k2tog, yo] to 3 sts before marker, k3, m1L, sm, k3, sm. Repeat from \* to end of round. (8 sts increased)

Round 11: \*k4, yo, k2tog, [k3, yo, k2tog] to 4 sts before marker, k4, sm, k3, sm. Repeat from \* to end of round.

Round 12: \*k4, k2tog, yo, [k3, k2tog, yo] to 4 sts before marker, k4, sm, k3, sm. Repeat from \* to end of round.

Round 13: \*m1R, k4, yo, k2tog, [k3, yo, k2tog] to 4 sts before marker, k4, m1L, sm, k3, sm. Repeat from \* to end of round. (8 sts increased)

Round 14: \*k2tog, yo, [k3, k2tog, yo] to marker, sm, k3, sm. Repeat from \* to end of round.

Work previous 14 rounds 2(2, 2, 1, 2) (2, 1, 2, 2) more times.

Sizes XS and S skip to “End of Yoke”

### 10 ROUND INCREASE REPEAT

All sizes except for XS and S:

Round 1: \*m1R, yo, k2tog, [k3, yo, k2tog] to marker, m1L, sm, k3, sm. Repeat from \* to end of round. (8 sts increased)

Round 2: \*k1, k2tog, yo [k3, k2tog, yo] to 1 st before marker, k1, sm, k3, sm. Repeat from \* to end of round.

Round 3: \*m1R, k1, yo, k2tog, [k3, yo, k2tog] to 1 st before marker, k1, m1L, sm, k3, sm. Repeat from \* to end of round. (8 sts increased)

Round 4: \*k2, k2tog, yo [k3, k2tog, yo] to 2 sts before marker, k2, sm, k3, sm. Repeat from \* to end of round.

Round 5: \*m1R, k2, yo, k2tog [k3, yo, k2tog] to 2 sts before marker, k2, m1L, sm, k3, sm. Repeat from \* to end of round. (8 sts increased)

Round 6: \*k3, k2tog, yo, [k3, k2tog, yo] to 3 sts before marker, k3, sm, k3, sm. Repeat from \* to end of round.

Round 7: \*m1R, k3, yo, k2tog, [k3, yo, k2tog] to 3 sts before marker, k3, m1L, sm, k3, sm. Repeat from \* to end of round. (8 sts increased)

Round 8: \*k4, k2tog, yo, [k3, k2tog, yo] to 4 sts before marker, k4, sm, k3, sm. Repeat from \* to end of round.

Round 9: \*m1R, k4, yo, k2tog, [k3, yo, k2tog] to 4 sts before marker, k4, m1L, sm, k3, sm. Repeat from \* to end of round. (8 sts increased)

Round 10: \*k2tog, yo, [k3, k2tog, yo] to marker, sm, k3, sm. Repeat from \* to end of round.

Work previous 10 rounds -- (-- , 0, 1, 1) (2, 3, 3, 3) more times.

### END OF YOKE

Round 1: \*yo, k2tog [k3, yo, k2tog] to marker, sm, k3, sm, repeat from \* to end of round.

Round 2: \*k2tog, yo [k3, k2tog, yo] to marker, sm, k3, repeat from \* to end of round.

Work previous 2 rounds 5(5, 3, 5, 2) (0, 4, 0, 3) more times.

### REMAINDER OF BODY

In the following round, you will place the sleeve stitches on stitch holders, spare needles/cables, or waste yarn. The back raglan seams will join the body, and the front raglan seams will join the sleeves.

Body Set Up Round: yo, k2tog, [k3, yo, k2tog] to marker, rm, slip 3 raglan seam sts to stitch holder, rm, slip all sleeve sts to same holder, rm, turn work to WS, using a Cable Cast On, CO 5(10, 5, 10, 5) (5, 10, 5, 10) sts across underarm, turn work to RS, k3, rm, yo, k2tog, [k3, yo, k2tog] to marker, rm, k3, rm, slip all sleeve sts to stitch holder, rm, slip 3 raglan seam sts to stitch holder, turn work to WS, CO 5(10, 5, 10, 5) (5, 10, 5, 10) sts, turn work to RS, sm.

Round 1: [k2tog, yo, k3] to end of round.

Round 2: [yo, k2tog, k3] to end of round.

Repeat rounds 1-2 until body measures about 4.75(6.5, 5.75, 5.75, 6.25) (5.5, 6.5, 5.75, 6.5)'' or 12 (16.5, 14.5, 14.5, 16)(14, 16.5, 14.5, 16.5) cm from the underarm, about 37(50, 44, 44, 48) (42, 50, 44, 50) rounds.

Try on before binding off, to lengthen, continue knitting in pattern.

When sweater is at desired length, BO in knit, cut yarn. When binding off you need to keep your tension just right so that it's not too loose for the edge of the fabric, but also not overly tight where it cinches in the sweater. If the tension is just right, the fabric will not curl. Alternatively, you can do a 2 stitch icord bind off. (see the end of the Long Sleeve Modification section for details on that technique)

## SLEEVES

Try on your sweater before you begin to get an idea of how long you want to knit your sleeves. Most sizes will already sit at or near a good short sleeve length on most bodies. You still have to knit at least two rounds so that the sleeve is properly joined in the round and the underarm is tidy. I suggest putting a locking stitch marker on any stitch on the first round to help you keep track of how many rows you knit so you can do the same for your second sleeve.

The right sleeve and left sleeve are slightly different. Remember the front of the sweater has the raglan seams going to the sleeves, and the back of the sweater has the raglan seams going to the body.

### Right Sleeve

Transfer sleeve stitches (and raglan seam stitches) from holder to needles short enough to knit in the round or long enough to do magic loop.

Place marker, pick up and knit 5(10, 5, 10, 5) (5, 10, 5, 10) sts across the cable cast on stitches at the underarm of sweater body.

Round 1: [yo, k2tog, k3] to end of round

Round 2: [k2tog, yo, k3] to end of round.

Repeat Rounds 1-2 until sleeve is at desired length. For short sleeves, bind off in knit. Cut yarn. Alternatively, you can do a 2 stitch icord bind off. (see the end of the Long Sleeve Modification section for details on that technique)

### Left Sleeve

Follow the right sleeve instructions until you reach round 1, then continue below.

Round 1: [k3, yo, k2tog] to end of round.

Round 2: [k3, k2tog, yo] to end of round.

Repeat Rounds 1-2 until sleeve is at desired length. For short sleeves, bind off in knit. Cut yarn.

### Long Sleeve Modification

This sweater is graded primarily to be knit as a short sleeve garment but can easily be modified to be a long sleeve sweater.

Long sleeves are knit without shaping, smaller sizes will have a more fitted look, and larger sizes will have more of a balloon sleeve shape.

Continue repeating Rounds 1-2 until sleeve is wrist length. Arm length varies highly across body types and is much more closely correlated to height rather than chest circumference, but you will probably need to knit somewhere between 13-17 inches to reach a full-length sleeve. Try on as you go.

When sleeve is at desired length, knit one or two decrease rounds until sleeve is about 38 stitches, the appearance of the finished sleeve really won't be affected by how perfectly these decreases are spaced out. Sizes XS through L can be decreased down to 38 sts in one round using k2togs and knit stitches. Sizes XL through 5XL k2tog every stitch for one round, and then knit a second decrease round

knitting k2togs until you reach 38 stitches, after which you can knit to end of round.

I knit a two-stitch Icord bind off for the long sleeve version. Knowing that I tend to knit icord loosely, I sized down to a size 3 needle. Many knitters naturally knit icords tightly and may not need to change needle sizes. Finished cuff should be about 9 inches so that you can fit your hand through. Don't wait until you finish the icord bind off to check if its going to fit. Once you have knit about 12 icord bind off stitches, check that when stretched, your bind off is about 2 inches per 8 stitches, adjust your tension or needle size accordingly.

Icord Bind Off: Using a cable cast on, CO 2 sts. \*k1, k2togtbl, sl 2 sts from right needle to left needle. Repeat from \* until only 2 sts remain. K2togtbl. Check that you can fit your hand through before cutting yarn. If the fit is sufficient, cut yarn and thread tail through a darning needle and neatly join the beginning and end of your icord bind off.

## NECKLINE

Neckline is finished with an applied icord. The icord is very minimal in appearance but gives structure to the neckline so that it doesn't roll. Stitches are picked up and then you work a two stitch icord bind off. You want your icord tension to be such that your neckline sits neatly without rolling, but not overly tight, it should not greatly cinch in the neckline. I used a size US 3 needle because I naturally knit my icords loosely. You may find that you don't need to size down. Check as you go that the tension of your applied icord matches the tension of your lace stitch along the neckline and adjust as needed.

On US 3 needle or any size needed to achieve lovely icord tension, use a long tail cast on and CO 2 sts. Then start at one of the back raglan seams and begin picking up and knitting into every stitch along the neckline. You should have about 80(80, 80, 90,

90) (90, 100, 100, 100) sts total. Prepare to join and work in round.

Bind off: \*k1, k2togtbl, sl 2 sts from right needle to left needle. Repeat from \* until only 2 sts remain. K2togtbl. Check that you can fit your head through before cutting yarn. If the fit is sufficient, cut yarn and thread tail through a darning needle and neatly join the beginning and end of your icord bind of

## FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Wet block. Enjoy!

Yoke Stitch Count Table	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3X	4X	5X
End of Neckline Shaping Total	120	120	130	140	140	140	150	150	160
Single Sleeve Panel	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
Single Body Panel	37	37	42	47	47	47	52	52	57
First Time Through Rounds 1-14 Total	160	160	170	180	180	180	190	190	200
Single Sleeve Panel	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27
Single Body Panel	47	47	52	57	57	57	62	62	67
Second Time Through Rounds 1-14 Total	200	200	210	220	220	220	230	230	240
Single Sleeve Panel	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37
Single Body Panel	57	57	62	67	67	67	72	72	77
Third Time Through Rounds 1-14 Total	240	240	250		260	260		270	280
Single Sleeve Panel	47	47	47		47	47		47	47
Single Body Panel	67	67	72		77	77		82	87
First Time Through Rounds 1-10 Total			290	260	300	300	270	310	320
Single Sleeve Panel			57	47	57	57	47	57	57
Single Body Panel			82	77	87	87	82	92	97
Second Time Through Rounds 1-10 Total				300	340	340	310	350	360
Single Sleeve Panel				57	67	67	57	67	67
Single Body Panel				87	97	97	92	102	107
Third Time Through Rounds 1-10 Total						380	350	390	400
Single Sleeve Panel						77	67	77	77
Single Body Panel						107	102	112	117
Fourth Time Through Rounds 1-10 Total								430	440
Single Sleeve Panel								87	87
Single Body Panel								122	127