

SHREW



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FINISHED SIZE Approx. 8cm/ 3in tall

YARN Less than one 25g ball of the following yarn, the shades I used are written in *italic*:

Yarn **A** small amount lace weight or 2-ply/ lace-weight in brown *Cardiff Cashmere Prime shade 128 Sudan*

Yarn **B** small amount lace weight or 2-ply/ lace-weight in off-white *Cardiff Cashmere Prime shade 177 Neve*

Plus tiny amount lace weight or 2-ply/ lace-weight in pink *Isagar Alpaca shade pink*

KNITTING NEEDLES Pair size 1.75mm straight knitting needles

GAUGE 10 stitches x 12 rows over 2.5cm/ 1in with 1.75mm knitting needles and yarn A

EXTRAS Pair 3mm black eyes (*these tiny eyes require some kind of glue to fix in place as they have no backs to fix*); black sewing thread; small safety pin or stitch holder

SUPPLIERS

[Cardiff Cashmere](https://www.knittedhome.com) I bought from here - [KnittedHome.com](https://www.knittedhome.com)

Toy Safety Eyes I buy from here - [Etsy Sue's Country Collections](https://www.etsy.com/shop/SuesCountryCollections)

COLOURED MARKER GUIDE:

This guide is here to pull out and use together with the pattern should you wish to use similar coloured guides to mine for ease of following, especially at the making-up stage:

BABY PINK NECK

GREEN OUTER THIGH

RED BACK

ORANGE BELLY

TURQUOISE BELLY TO THIGH

PATTERN NOTES & TIPS:

. I generally cast on with Cable Cast On unless it's casting on in the middle of a row then I use [Backward Loop Cast-On method](#)

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

W+Tk bring working yarn to the front of the work, slip next stitch purl-wise onto the RH needle, take working yarn to the back, slip the slipped stitch back onto the LH needle, turn the knitting = W+Tk (wrap and turn knit)

W+Tp take working yarn to the back of the work, slip next stitch knit-wise onto the RH needle, bring working yarn to the front, slip the slipped stitch back onto the LH needle, turn the knitting = W+Tp (wrap and turn purl)

GENERAL ABBREVIATIONS

k = knit

p = purl

inc = increase

dec = decrease

k2tog/ k3tog = knit two together/ knit three together

p2tog/ p3tog = purl two together/ purl three together

RH/LH = right hand/ left hand RS/WS = right side/ wrong side

st/ sts =stitch/ stitches

skpo = slip one stitch, knit next stitch, pass slipped stitch over knit stitch to decrease by one stitch

kfb = knit into front then into back of stitch to increase by one stitch

plib = purl into front then knit into back of stitch to increase by one stitch

M1 = make one: with the right-hand needle point pick up the horizontal stitch that lies in-between two knitted stitches, place this picked up stitch onto the tip of the left-hand needle and knit it to increase by one

yo = bring yarn over the needle from back to front to make a stitch

Head

Beginning with the **Front of the Muzzle** with yarn **A** cast on 6 sts

Rows 1-6. Beginning with a knit row work six rows stocking stitch

Row 7. [Kfb] six times – 12sts

Row 8. Purl

Row 9. K1, kfb, k2, [kfb] four times, k2, kfb, k1 to end of row - 18sts

Row 10. Purl

Row 11. [K2, kfb] twice, k2, [kfb] twice, [k2, kfb] twice, k2 to end of row - 24sts

Row 12. Purl

Row 13. K1, kfb, k4, kfb, k10, kfb, k4, kfb, k1 – 28sts

Row 14. Purl 11, Turn (*flip work over so that knit-side faces you*)

Continue with **Right Cheek** as Follows:

Row 15. Knit 11 Right Cheek sts to end of the row

Row 16. P11, Turn

Row 17. K11 Right Cheek sts to end of the row

Row 18. P11, Turn

Row 19. K11 Right Cheek sts to end of the row

Cut yarn, slide all 11 Right Cheek sts onto a safety pin/ small stitch holder for now

Return to the 17 sts on the knitting needle in your left hand, with yarn **A** continue as follows:

Row 14. Purl

Row 15. Knit 11 Turn (*flip work over so that purl-side faces you*)

Continue with **Left Cheek** as Follows:

Rows 16-19. Beginning with a purl row work four rows stocking stitch on just the 11 Left Cheek stitches

Cut yarn, slide all 11 Left Cheek sts onto a circular needle or a safety pin/ small stitch holder for now

Return to the 6 sts on the knitting needle in your left hand, with yarn **A** continue with **Nose** as follows:

Rows 15-19. Beginning with a knit row work five rows stocking stitch

Cut yarn

Join all Right Cheek, Nose and Left Cheek sts as one row as follows:

Join yarn **A**

Row 20. Slip 11 Right Cheek stitches off their holder and onto a knitting needle, purl across all 11 Right Cheek sts; slip 6 Nose stitches off their holder and onto a knitting needle, purl across all 6 Nose sts; slip 11 Left Cheek stitches off their holder and onto a knitting needle, purl across all 11 Left Cheek sts - 28sts. **PM** (*place marker*) on the first and last stitch of the row for Left and Right **Neck**

Markers**Work short rows to shape Head Back**

Short Row 1. K10, skpo, k4, k2tog, k9, W+Tk (*wrap and turn knit, see page 3*)

Short Row 2. P8, p2tog, p4, p2tog, p8, W+Tp (*wrap and turn purl, see page 3*)

Short Row 3. [K1, skpo] three times, k4, [k2tog, k1] twice, k2tog, W+Tk

Short Row 4. P14, W+Tp

Short Row 5. [Skpo] three times, k2, [k2tog] three times, k2 to end of row - 12sts

Row 14. P2tog, p1, p2tog, p2, p2tog, p1, p2tog - 8sts

Cast off all 8 Head Back sts.

Join Head Back Seam

With RS together fold the Head Back Cast-Off Edge in half and join the small seam with back stitch. - *See Fig. 1, join Nose Seam as dotted lines A to B*

Join Nose Seam

With RS together fold the Muzzle Front Cast-On Edge in half and work back stitch to join the small seam that forms the front of the nose, so joining the two halves of the cast-on edge, Turn out to RS. - *See Fig. 1, join Nose Seam as dotted lines C to D*

Turn out to RS.

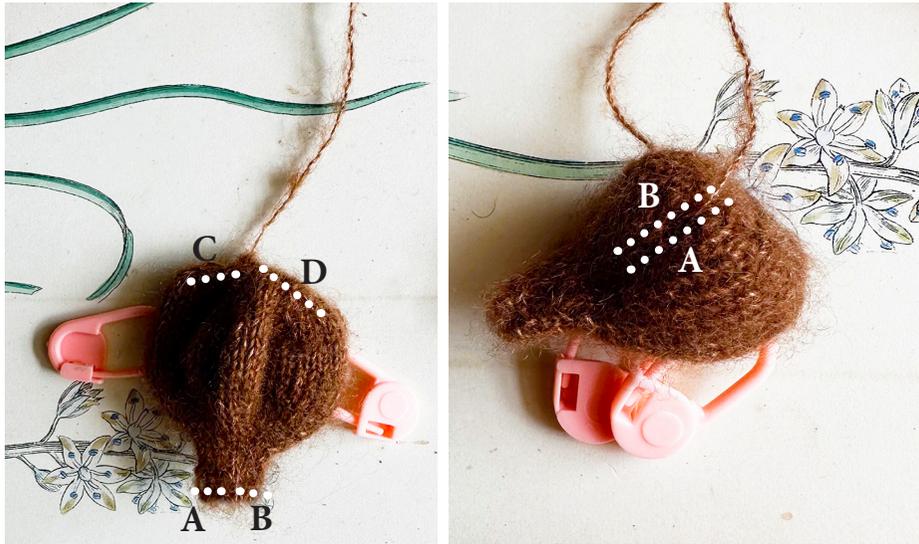


FIG. 1

Join Head Side Seams

With WS together, working on one side of the head at a time, join the two row end edges together with mattress stitch. - See Fig. 2, join Nose Side Seams as dotted lines A to B

Add Eyes

Push the eyes in place and glue/ fix in place. - See Fig. 3



FIG. 3

Neck

The Neck stitches are picked up and knitted from the Left Neck Marker, around the Head Back, either side of the Head Back Seam to the Right Neck Marker as follows:

With yarn A begin at the Left Neck Marker, RS facing, pick up and knit 7 sts evenly along left head side row ends to just before the bottom of the Head Back Seam; pick up 1 stitch at the seam; pick up and knit 7 sts evenly along right head side row ends to the Right Neck Marker - 15sts. - See Fig. 4, pick up and knit from A to B; pick up one stitch at C (seam) then pick up and knit from D to E

Row 1. Purl

Row 2. K3, skpo, k5, k2tog, k3 to end of row - 13sts

Row 3. Purl

Row 4. Cast on 3 sts, knit all 16 sts to end of row

Row 5. Cast on 3 sts, purl all 19 sts to end of row

Row 6. K7, kfb, k3, kfb, k7 to end of row - 21sts

Row 7. Purl

Row 8. Kfb, knit to last st, kfb - 23sts

Rows 9-11. Beginning with a purl row work three rows stocking stitch

Row 12. Kfb, knit to last st, kfb - 25sts

Rows 13-15. Beginning with a purl row work three rows stocking stitch

Row 16. K9, skpo, k3, k2tog, k9 to end of row - 23sts

Row 17. Purl



FIG. 4

SHREW'S LEFT HIND LEG**Work short rows to shape Left Hind Leg**

Short Row 1. Cast on 6sts, **PM** for Left **Outer Thigh Marker**, k7, W+Tk

Short Row 2. P1, W+Tp

Short Row 3. K2, W+Tk

Short Row 4. P3, W+Tp

Short Row 5. K4, W+Tk

Short Row 6. P5, W+Tp

Short Row 7. K6, W+Tk

Short Row 8. P7, W+Tp

Short Row 9. K8, W+Tk

Short Row 10. P9, W+Tp

Short Row 11. K8, skpo, k3, skpo, k1, k2tog, k9 to end of row - 26sts

SHREW'S RIGHT HIND LEG**Work short rows to shape Right Hind Leg**

Short Row 1. Cast on 6sts, **PM** for Right **Outer Thigh Marker**, P7, W+Tk

Short Row 2. K1, W+Tp

Short Row 3. P2, W+Tk

Short Row 4. K3, W+Tp

Short Row 5. P4, W+Tk

Short Row 6. K5, W+Tp

Short Row 7. P6, W+Tk

Short Row 8. K7, W+Tp

Short Row 9. P8, W+Tk

Short Row 10. K9, W+Tp

Short Row 11. P8, p2tog, p20 to end of row - 31sts

Row 18. Skpo, k8, skpo, k7, k2tog, k8, k2tog - 27sts

Row 19. Purl

Row 20. Skpo, k5, skpo, k2, skpo, k1, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k5, k2tog - 21sts

Row 21. Purl

Divide for Tail

Row 22. K6, skpo, k5 then slip those last 5 sts off the right-hand needle and onto a safety pin for Tail, k2tog, k6 to end - 14sts (*in other words 2 sets 7 sts either side of the held Tail sts*)

Row 23. Purl across all 14 sts (*purling under the held Tail sts*) **PM** on the first and last stitch of the row for Left and Right **Back Markers**

Row 24. K1, skpo, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 - 12sts

Row 25. Purl

Rows 26-27. Repeat last 2 rows once - 10sts

Cut yarn A, join on yarn **B**, continue with the **Belly** as follows:

Rows 28-33. Beginning with a knit row work six rows stocking stitch. **PM** on the first and last stitch of the row for Left and Right **Belly Markers**

Row 34. Kfb, knit to last st, kfb - 12sts

Row 35. Purl

Work short rows to shape Belly

Short Row 1. K11, W+Tk

Short Row 2. P10, W+Tp

Short Row 3. K9, W+Tk

Short Row 4. P8, W+Tp

Short Row 5. K7, W+Tk

Short Row 6. P6, W+Tp

Short Row 7. K9 to end of row

Row 36. Purl

Row 37. Skpo, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog - 10sts

Row 38. Purl. **PM** on the first and last stitch of the row for Left and Right **Belly to Thigh Markers**

Row 39. Skpo, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog - 8sts

Rows 40-33. Beginning with a knit row work 11 rows stocking stitch
Cast off all 8 Neck sts.

Join the Back to the Belly

Begin by matching the markers as follows:

Match Neck Marker to corner of Neck Cast-Off Edge.

Match Belly to Thigh to Outer Thigh Marker.

Match Belly Marker to Back Marker.

Then, working on one side at a time join Belly to Back with mattress stitch, leaving the opening at the bottom of the belly between the Belly Marker/ Back Marker and the fold near the colour change from back to belly open for the feet to be picked up and knitted. - *See Fig. 5, join back to belly where the dotted lines are marked*

Remove ALL markers

CHIN

With the top of the head away from you, begin two stitches before the left corner of the Neck Cast-Off Edge, with yarn **B** pick up and knit 2 sts; then pick up and knit 6 sts across the cast-off edge; pick up and knit 2 sts away from the cast-off edge sts – 10sts. - *See. Fig. 6, showing stitches picked up and knitted starting just before the neck cast-off edge (2 knitted stitches before), across the cast off edge and then ending just after the cast-off edge (2 knitted stitches after)*

Row 1. Purl

Row 2. Skpo, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog - 8sts

Rows 3-4. Repeat last 2 rows once - 6sts

Row 5. Purl

Row 6. Kfb, skpo, k2tog, kfb

Row 7. Purl

Rows 8-9. Repeat last 2 rows once - 6sts

Row 10. Skpo, k2, k2tog - 4sts

Row 11. [P2tog] twice - 2sts

Row 12. K2tog, cut yarn, thread end through the stitch, pull up and secure the end for Chin Point.

Join Chin to Neck

With WS facing, match the Chin Point to the Neck Point and work a stitch of two to hold in place.

Add a tiny amount of stuffing before joining the seams either side of the muzzle to completely close the head seams. - *See Fig. 7, join as dotted line A to B*

Sew nose detail with a few straight stitches with black thread. - *See Fig. 8*



FIG. 5



FIG. 6



FIG. 7



FIG. 8

ARMS {FORELEGS}

The arms/ forelegs are knitted independently and sewn on afterwards

Left Arm/ Foreleg

With yarn A cast on 6 sts

Rows 1-3. Beginning with a purl row work three rows stocking stitch

Row 4. Cast on 5 sts for Underarm, k11 to end of row

Row 5. Purl

Row 6. K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog - 9sts

Rows 7-8. Repeat last 2 rows once - 7sts

Rows 9-11. Beginning with a purl row work three rows stocking stitch

Row 12. Kfb, knit to end of row - 8sts

Cut yarn A, join on yarn C, continue as follows:

First Finger

Row 13. P2, Turn (*flip work over so knit-side faces*)

Row 14. K2, Turn

Row 15. P2, Turn

Row 16. K2tog, Fasten off. Cut yarn.

Second Finger

Rejoin yarn C to 6 sts on knitting needle, continue as follows:

Row 13. P2, Turn

Row 14. K2, Turn

Row 15. P2, Turn

Row 16. K2tog, Fasten off. Cut yarn.

Third Finger

*Rejoin yarn C to 4 sts on knitting needle

Row 13. P2, Turn

Row 14. K2, Turn

Row 15. P2, Turn

Row 16. K2tog, Fasten off. Cut yarn. **

Fourth Finger

Repeat from * to ** for final two stitches (*final finger, for a total of 4 fingers*)

Right Arm/ Foreleg

With yarn A cast on 6 sts

Rows 1-3. Beginning with a knit row work three rows stocking stitch

Row 4. Cast on 5 sts for Arm Back, p11

Row 5. Knit

Row 6. P2tog, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog - 9sts

Row 7. Knit

Rows 8-9. Repeat last 2 rows once - 7sts

Rows 10-11. Beginning with a purl row work two rows stocking stitch

Row 12. Pfb, purl to end of row - 8sts

Cut yarn A, join on yarn C, continue as Left Arm fingers reversing the shaping (*in other words:*

First Finger

Row 13. K2, Turn (*flip work over so knit-side faces*)

Row 14. P2, Turn

Row 15. K2, Turn

Row 16. P2tog, Fasten off. Cut yarn.)

Complete the Hand

Using a yarn sewing needle, weave in the yarn ends on all of the fingers. You can use the yarn to shape and strengthen them by sewing back and forth through the fingers.

Then take a needle and matching sewing thread and do the same as with the yarn, sewing back and forth through the fingers and around them to build up their shape and strength. - See Figs. 9 & 10



FIG. 9



FIG. 10

Complete the Arm/ Foreleg

Keeping the fingers splayed join the arm seam - the yarn endings are wrapped inside the arm as stuffing. These you can trim leaving the tail end from the seam you've just sewn intact. - *See Fig. 10*

Join the Arm/ Foreleg to the Body

Making sure you have the correct arm/ foreleg to correspond with the same side of the body - left arm/ left side in other words, place the top of the arm to the side of the body and carefully over sew around the top of the arm and just under the arm so joining it to the body - the arm seam lies under the arm, as the underarm. - *See Fig. 11*



FIG. 11

EARS *Make 2 alike*

With yarn **A** cast on 7 sts

Row 1. Purl

Cut yarn, thread and through the 7 sts, pull up to gather and use the end to join the ear to the side of the head by over sewing in place - the cast-on edge is the outer edge of the ear. - *See Fig. 12*

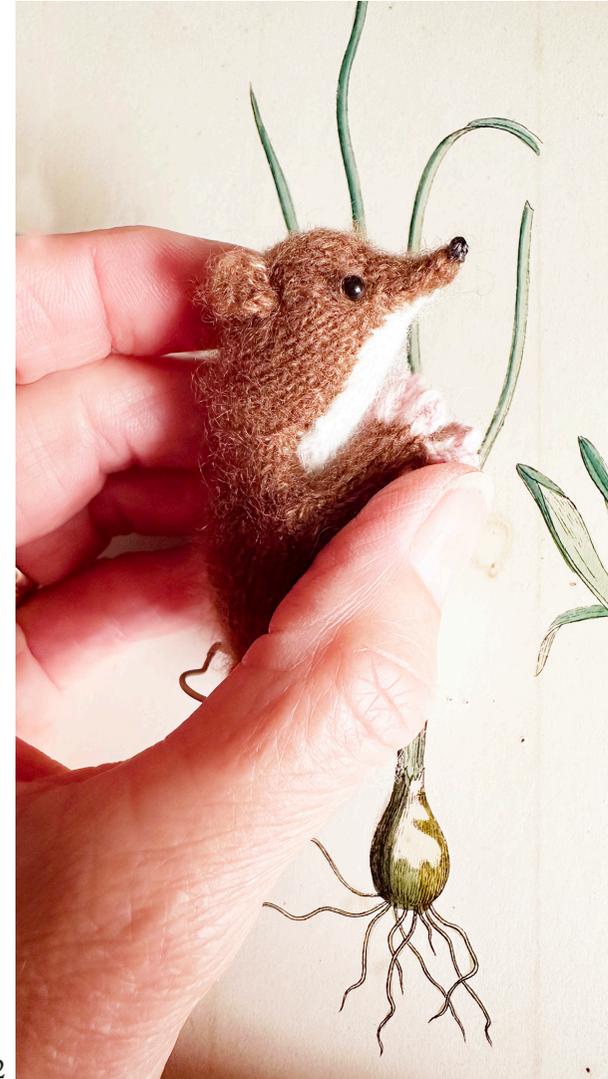


FIG. 12

Feet

The Feet sts are picked up and knitted across the row ends of the lower back as follows:

Left Foot

With the head towards you, shrew's left side facing you, with yarn A begin at the right side of the row ends from the lower back, pick up and knit sts across the opening from the right (*belly-end*) to the left (*tail-end*). - See Fig. 13, pick up and knit as dotted line shows from A to B

Row 1. Cast on 5 sts for Inner Foot and purl across all 11 sts

Row 2. [K2tog, k1] three times, k2tog - 7sts

Row 3. Purl

Cut yarn A, join on yarn C, continue as follows:

Rows 4-6. Beginning with a knit row work three rows stocking stitch

Row 7. Cast on 3 sts for Left Inner Foot, purl all 10 sts

Row 8. Cast on 3 sts for Left Outer Foot, knit all 13 sts

Row 9. Purl

Cast off all 13 Foot Sole sts.

Join Foreleg Seam

WS together, fold the foot at the Foot Sole Cast-Off Edge, join sole cast-off edge halves with mattress stitch. - See Fig. 14, join dotted lines A to B

Match the front and top of the foot row ends and mattress stitch the tiny seams to join the foot. - See Fig. 14, join dotted lines C to D

Join the leg part with mattress stitch then finally join the Inner Foot Cast-On Edge to the belly row ends. - See Figs. 13 & 14, join the dashed lines which are the belly row ends ('X') and the inner foot cast-on edge ('Y')

To create the Toes, thread up some yarn C. Make a long stitch and secure the end – so creating a long loop. See Fig. 15

Then work the threaded-up yarn in and around the looped stitch sewing back and forth through the 'toe' looped stitch, in and around to build up the shape and strength. Make two more toes similarly. - See Fig. 16



FIG. 13



FIG. 14

The toes are created by making a long loop, one loop per toe, into the foot sole (see below) Threaded-up yarn is then passed in and around this loop to create a solid looking toe.



FIG. 15



FIG. 16

Right Foot

With the head towards you, shrew's right side facing you, with yarn A begin at the right side of the row ends from the lower back, pick up and knit sts across the opening from the right (*tail-end*) to the left (*belly-end*).

Row 1. Purl

Row 2. Cast on 5 sts for inner foot and knit across all 11 sts

Row 3. [K2tog, k1] three times, k2tog - 7sts

Cut yarn A, join on yarn C, continue as follows:

Rows 4-6. Beginning with a purl row work three rows stocking stitch

Row 7. Cast on 3 sts for Right Inner Foot, knit all 10 sts

Row 8. Cast on 3 sts for Right Outer Foot, purl all 13 sts

Row 9. Knit

Cast off all 13 Foot Sole sts purl-wise.

TAIL

Slip 5 sts off the safety pin and onto a knitting needle ready to purl across, rejoin yarn A, continue as follows:

Row 1. [Pfb] twice, p1, [pfb] twice - 9sts

Rows 2-5. Beginning with a knit row work four rows stocking stitch

Row 6. K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog - 7sts

Row 7. Purl

Rows 8-11. Repeat last 2 rows twice - 3sts

Row 12. K3tog. Cut yarn, thread end through the last st, pull up and secure the end for Tail Point.

Join Tail Seam

WS together, join the tail from Tail Point to the first increase row of the tail.

Join the increases that first row (in other words the 2 increased sts at either end of that first tail row) from to the underside gap at the tail to fully close the seam. - *See Fig. 17*



FIG. 17

Sweater



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FINISHED SIZE Designed to fit SHREW

YARN Very small amount of the following yarn, the shades I used are written in *italic*:

Yarn A 2-ply/ lace-weight in pale yellow *Isager Alpaca 1 shade 59 (this is a lace-weight yarn)*

Yarn B 2-ply/ lace-weight in pale yellow *Isager Alpaca 1 shade E0*

KNITTING NEEDLES Pair size 1.75mm straight knitting needles

GAUGE 10 stitches x 12 rows over 2.5cm/ 1in with 1.75mm knitting needles and yarn A



SWEATER

Beginning at the Neck, with yarn **A** cast on 24 sts for Neck Edge

Row 1. [K1, p1] across

Rows 2-4. Repeat last row three times

Drop but do not cut yarn A, join yarn B, continue with yarn **B** for two rows as follows:

Row 5. K2, [kfb, k5] three times, kfb, k3 - 28sts

Row 6. Purl

Drop but do not cut yarn B, join yarn A, continue with yarn **A** for two rows as follows (*keep switching from A to B throughout the pattern so working a stripe pattern changing colour after 2 rows, unless otherwise stated*):

Sleeves set-up

Row 7. K4, kfb, k1, kfb, k2, kfb, k1, kfb, k4, kfb, k1, kfb, k2, kfb, k1, kfb, k4 to end of row - 36sts

Rows 8, 10 & 12. Purl

Row 9. K5, kfb, k1, kfb, k4, kfb, k1, kfb, k6, kfb, k1, kfb, k4, kfb, k1, kfb, k5 to end of row - 44sts

Row 11. K6, kfb, k1, kfb, k6, kfb, k1, kfb, k8, kfb, k1, kfb, k6, kfb, k1, kfb, k6 to end of row - 52sts

Row 13. K7, kfb, k1, kfb, k8, kfb, k1, kfb, k10, kfb, k1, kfb, k8, kfb, k1, kfb, k7 to end of row - 60sts

Row 14. Purl

Divide Sleeves as follows:

Row 15. (yarn **A**) K22, Turn (*flip work over so purl-side faces*)

Right Sleeve

Row 16. (yarn **A**) [P1, k1] six times, Turn (*flip work over so knit-side faces*)

Row 17. (yarn **A**) [P1, k1] six times, Turn (*flip work over so purl-side faces*)

Cast off in p1, k1 rib all 12 Right Cuff sts.

RS facing, rejoin yarn **A** to 38 sts on your left needle, continue as follows:

Row 15. K28, Turn (*flip work over so purl-side faces*)

Left Sleeve

Row 16. (yarn **A**) [P1, k1] six times, Turn (*flip work over so knit-side faces*)

Row 17. (yarn **A**) [P1, k1] six times, Turn (*flip work over so purl-side faces*)

Cast off in p1, k1 rib all 12 Left Cuff sts.

Left Back

RS facing, rejoin yarn **A** to 10 Left Back sts on your left needle, continue as follows:

Row 15. K10

You'll now work to join Left Back, Front and Right Back as follows:

Row 16. (yarn **A**) P9, [pfb] three times, p12, [pfb] three times, p9 to end of row - 42sts

Drop but do not cut yarn A, continue with yarn **B** as follows:

Row 17. Knit all 42 sts

Row 18. Purl

Cut yarn B, continue with yarn **A** as follows:

Row 19. [K1, p1] across

Rows 20-22. Repeat last row three times

Cast off in k1, p1 rib all 42 Waistband sts.

Join Sleeves and Back Seam

Weave in all the little loose ends.

WS facing, match the row ends that run from the Neck Cast-on edge to the Waist cast-off edge - match the stripe pattern as accurately as you can and mattress stitch the seam from neck edge to waist edge.

Working on one sleeve at a time, and one side of the sleeve cuff at a time, align the Sleeve Cuff Cast-off edge to the Underarm Cast-on edge and mattress stitch to join the cuff onto the waistband from the sleeve cuff edge to the split. - *See Fig. 1, joining dotted lines for back seam, dashed line for underarm seams*



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