Stag Head Pullover
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Finished measurements
36½ (40, 43½, 47, 50¾, 54¼, 57¾, 61¼)" [92.5 (101.5, 110.5, 119.5, 129, 138, 146.5, 155.5) cm] bust circumference; sample shown in size 40" [101.5 cm] with 6" [15 cm] positive ease
Suggested ease: 4" [10 cm] to 6" [15 cm] positive ease

Yarn
Erin by Imperial Yarn Co.
(100% wool; 4 oz / 225 yards [206 meters])
• 5 (5, 6, 6, 7, 7, 7, 8) skeins in Rain
OR
1045 (1120, 1245, 1310, 1465, 1520, 1640, 1715) yards [959 (1027, 1140, 1200, 1343, 1391, 1503, 1568) meters] in light worsted weight yarn

Needles
• One pair each in sizes US 5 and 7 [3.75 and 4.5 mm]
• One 16" [40 cm] circular needle (circ) in size US 5 [3.75 mm]
Or size to obtain gauge

Notions
• Stitch markers
• Cable needle
• Tapestry needle

Gauge
18 sts and 26 rows = 4" [10 cm] in stockinette stitch with larger needles, after blocking.

Body panel = 16" [40.5 cm], after blocking.

Notes
Pullover is worked in pieces, then seamed together. Stitches are picked up around neck for rib trim.

Back
Using smaller needles and the alternating cable cast on, CO 122 (130, 138, 146, 158, 166, 174, 182) sts.
Row 1: (RS) *K2, p2, rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.
Row 2: (WS) *P2, k2, rep from * to last 2 sts, p2.
Cont in rib for 2½" [6.5 cm], ending after a RS row.
Change to larger needles.
Next row *dec row:* (WS) Purl to end and using p2tog, decrease 12 (12, 12, 12, 16, 16, 16, 16) sts evenly across row—110 (118, 126, 134, 142, 150, 158, 166) sts rem.

Begin stitch patterns
Next row: (RS) K12 (16, 20, 24, 28, 32, 36, 40), pm, work Row 1 of Body Panel over 86 sts, pm, k12 (16, 20, 24, 28, 32, 36, 40).
Cont in St st and Body Panel for 17 (15, 19, 15, 21, 17, 21, 19) more rows.

Begin side shaping
Next row *dec row:* (RS) K2, k2tog, cont to work in St st and Body Panel to last 4 sts, ssk, k2 (2 sts dec'd)—108 (116, 124, 132, 140, 148, 156, 164) sts rem.
Rep *dec row* every 8 rows six more times—96 (104, 112, 120, 128, 136, 144, 152) sts rem.
Work 19 rows even.
Pc meas approx 15¾ (15½, 16, 15½, 16¼, 15¾, 16¼, 16)" [40 (39.5, 40.5, 39.5, 41.5, 40, 41.5, 40.5) cm] from beg.

Begin armhole shaping
Next row: (RS) BO 2 (3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5) sts, work to end—94 (101, 109, 116, 124, 132, 139, 147) sts rem.
Next row: (WS) BO 2 (3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5) sts, work to end—92 (98, 106, 112, 120, 128, 134, 142) sts rem.

Next row: BO 2 (2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 5, 6) sts, work to end—90 (96, 103, 109, 116, 123, 129, 136) sts rem.

Next row: BO 2 (2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 5, 6) sts, work to end—88 (94, 100, 106, 112, 118, 124, 130) sts rem.

Next row *dec row:* (RS) K1, k2tog, work to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 (2 sts dec'd)—86 (92, 98, 104, 110, 116, 122, 128) sts.

Rep *dec row* every RS row 2 (3, 3, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9) more times—82 (86, 92, 98, 100, 104, 106, 110) sts rem.

Next row: (WS) P1, k1, work as est to last 2 sts, k1, p1.

Next row: K1, p1, work to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

Cont as est until pc meas 7 (7½, 8, 8½, 9, 9½, 10, 10½)" [18 (19, 20.5, 21.5, 23, 24, 25.5, 26.5) cm] from underarm, ending after a WS row.

Begin shoulder and neck shaping
Mark center 26 sts.

Next row: (RS) BO 4 sts, work to end—78 (82, 88, 94, 96, 100, 102, 106) sts rem.

Next row: (WS) BO 4 sts, work to end—74 (78, 84, 90, 92, 96, 98, 102) sts rem.

Rep the last 2 rows one more time—66 (70, 76, 82, 84, 88, 90, 94) sts rem.

Next row: (RS) BO 4 (4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 7) sts, work to m, join a new ball of yarn and BO center 26 sts, work to end—20 (22, 25, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34) sts rem for left shoulder, 16 (18, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27) sts for right.

Next row: (WS) BO 4 (4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 7) sts, work to neck; then BO 5 (5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 6) sts, work to end—16 (18, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27) sts left shoulder, 11 (13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21) sts for right.

Next row: BO 4 (4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7) sts, work to neck; then BO 5 (5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 6) sts, work to end—11 (13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21) sts for left shoulder, 7 (9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 13, 14) sts for right.

Next row: BO 4 (4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7) sts, work to neck; then BO 4 (5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7) sts, work to end—7 (9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 13, 14) sts for left shoulder, 3 (4, 5, 6, 7, 7, 7, 7) sts for right.

Next row: (RS) BO rem right sts; then BO 4 (5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7) sts, work to end—3 (4, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7, 7) sts for left shoulder.

Next row: (WS) BO rem sts.

Front
Work Front same as for Back through armhole shaping, except once you have worked Rows 1–8 of Body Panel a total of 4 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7) times, begin with Row 1 of Stag Panel and cont in Stag Panel for remainder of Front. Note varying stitch counts in Stag Panel and account for this when counting stitches on shaping rows.

Last row worked in body before underarm will be Row 54 (52, 48, 44, 42, 38, 34, 32) of Stag Panel. Once you reach Row 87 of Stag Panel, there will be 78 (82, 88, 94, 96, 100, 102, 106) sts on needle. Begin neck shaping on the following WS row.

Begin neck shaping
Mark center 16 (18, 18, 18, 18, 22, 22, 24) sts for neck.

Next row: (WS) Work to neck m, join a new ball of yarn and BO center 16 (18, 18, 18, 18, 22, 22, 24) sts, work to end—31 (32, 35, 38, 39, 39, 40, 41) sts rem for each shoulder. Cont working chart over rem sts.

Next row: (RS) Work to neck; then BO 4 sts, work to end.

Next row: Work to neck; then BO 4 sts, work to end—27 (28, 31, 34, 35, 35, 36, 37) sts rem for each shoulder.

Next row: (RS) Work to neck; then BO 3 sts, work to end.

Next row: Work to neck; then BO 3 sts, work to end—24 (25, 28, 31, 32, 32, 33, 34) sts each.

Next row: (RS) Work to neck; then BO 2 sts, work to end.

Next row: Work to neck; then BO 2 sts, work to end—22 (23, 26, 29, 30, 30, 31, 32) sts each.

Next row: (RS) Work to neck; then BO 1 st, work to end.

Next row: Work to neck; then BO 1 st, work to end—21 (22, 25, 28, 29, 29, 30, 31) sts each.

Rep the last 2 rows three more times—18 (19, 22, 25, 26, 26, 27, 28) sts rem for each shoulder.

Work even until front meas same as back at armhole edge, ending after a WS row.

Begin shoulder shaping
Next row: (RS) BO 4 sts, work to neck; then work to end.
Next row: (WS) BO 4 sts, work to neck; then work to end—14 (15, 18, 21, 22, 22, 23, 24) sts rem for each shoulder.
Rep the last 2 rows one more time—10 (11, 14, 17, 18, 18, 19, 20) sts rem for each shoulder.
Next row: (RS) BO 4 (4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 7) sts, work to neck; then work to end.
Next row: BO 4 (4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 7) sts, work to neck; then work to end—6 (7, 9, 11, 12, 12, 13, 13) sts rem for each shoulder.
Next row: (RS) BO 4 (4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7) sts, work to neck; then work to end.
Next row: BO 4 (4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7) sts, work to neck; then work to end—2 (3, 4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6) sts rem for each shoulder.
Next row: (RS) BO rem sts to neck; then work to end.
Next row: BO rem sts.

Sleeves (make 2)
Using smaller needles and the alternating cable cast on, CO 42 (42, 46, 46, 50, 50, 54, 54) sts.
Do not join.
Row 1: (RS) *K2, p2, rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.
Row 2: (WS) *P2, k2, rep from * to last 2 sts, p2.
Cont in rib for 2" [5 cm], ending after a RS row.
Change to larger needles.
Next row *dec row:* (WS) Purl to end and using p2tog, dec 6 (6, 8, 8, 8, 8, 10, 10) sts evenly across row—36 (36, 38, 38, 42, 42, 44, 44) sts rem.

Begin stitch patterns
Next row: (RS) K3 (3, 4, 4, 6, 6, 7, 7), pm, work Row 1 of Sleeve Panel over 30 sts, pm, k3 (3, 4, 4, 6, 6, 7, 7).
Cont in St st and sleeve panel for 9 (9, 5, 5, 3, 1, 1, 1) more rows.

Begin sleeve shaping
Next row *inc row:* (RS) K2, m1-L, work to last 2 sts, m1-R, k2 (2 sts inc'd)—38 (38, 40, 40, 44, 44, 46, 46) sts.

Rep *inc row* every 12 (10, 8, 6, 6, 4, 4, 4) rows 2 (8, 8, 6, 13, 1, 4, 7) more times, then every 14 (0, 10, 8, 8, 6, 6, 6) rows 4 (0, 2, 6, 1, 14, 12, 10) times—50 (54, 60, 64, 72, 74, 78, 80) sts on needle.
Work even until pc meas 17" [43 cm] from beg, ending after a WS row.

Begin cap shaping
Next row: (RS) BO 2 (3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5) sts, work to end—48 (51, 57, 60, 68, 70, 73, 75) sts rem.
Next row: (WS) BO 2 (3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5) sts, work to end—46 (48, 54, 56, 64, 66, 68, 70) sts rem.
Next row: BO 2 (2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 5, 6) sts, work to end—44 (46, 51, 53, 60, 61, 63, 64) sts rem.
Next row: BO 2 (2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 5, 6) sts, work to end—42 (44, 48, 50, 56, 56, 58, 58) sts rem.
Next row *dec row:* (RS) K1, k2tog, work to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 (2 sts dec'd)—40 (42, 46, 48, 54, 54, 56, 56) sts.
Rep *dec row* every RS row 3 (3, 3, 3, 5, 5, 5, 5) more times, every 4 rows 2 (2, 2, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0) times, then every RS row 3 (3, 3, 3, 6, 6, 6, 6)—24 (26, 30, 32, 32, 32, 34, 34) sts.
Next row: (RS) BO 2 sts, work to end—22 (24, 28, 30, 30, 30, 32, 32) sts.
Next row: (WS) BO 2 sts, work to end—20 (22, 26, 28, 28, 28, 30, 30) sts.
Next row: BO 3 sts, work to end—17 (19, 23, 25, 25, 25, 27, 27) sts.
Next row: BO 3 sts, work to end—14 (16, 20, 22, 22, 22, 24, 24) sts rem.
Next row: BO rem sts.

Finishing
Weave in ends. Block to measurements
Sew shoulder seams. (Note that front shoulders contain 1 fewer stitch than back.)
Set in sleeves, then seam sides and sleeves.

Neck trim

With smaller circ and RS facing, beg at center of back neck, pick up and knit 90 (92, 92, 92, 92, 96, 96, 98) sts around neck opening.
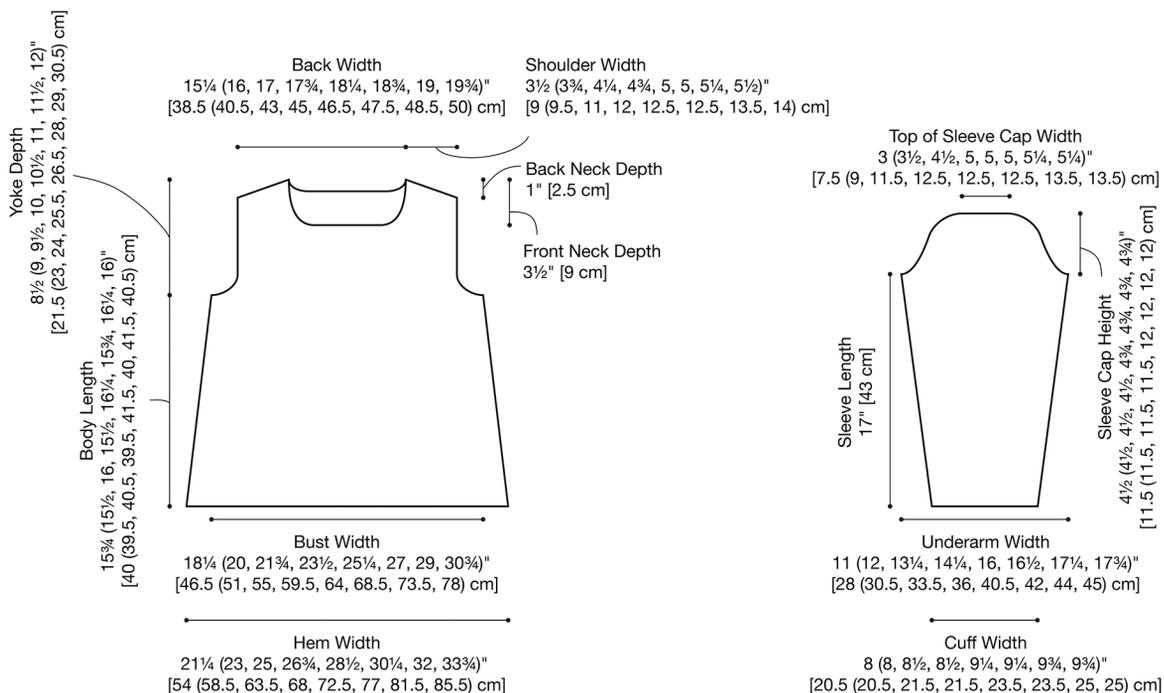Pm for BOR.
Next rnd: *K1, p1; rep from * to end.
Cont in rib for 1¼" [3 cm].
Next rnd: Using the tubular bind off (or your pre-ferred stretchy bind off), BO all sts.

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Yoke Depth
8½ (9, 9½, 10, 10½, 11, 11½, 12)"
[21.5 (23, 24, 25.5, 26.5, 28, 29, 30.5) cm]

Body Length
15¾ (15½, 16, 15½, 16¼, 15¾, 16¼, 16)"
[40 (39.5, 40.5, 39.5, 41.5, 40, 41.5, 40.5) cm]

Back Width
15¼ (16, 17, 17¾, 18¼, 18¾, 19, 19¾)"
[38.5 (40.5, 43, 45, 46.5, 47.5, 48.5, 50) cm]

Shoulder Width
3½ (3¾, 4¼, 4¾, 5, 5, 5¼, 5½)"
[9 (9.5, 11, 12, 12.5, 12.5, 13.5, 14) cm]

Back Neck Depth
1" [2.5 cm]

Front Neck Depth
3½" [9 cm]

Bust Width
18¼ (20, 21¾, 23½, 25¼, 27, 29, 30¾)"
[46.5 (51, 55, 59.5, 64, 68.5, 73.5, 78) cm]

Hem Width
21¼ (23, 25, 26¾, 28½, 30¼, 32, 33¾)"
[54 (58.5, 63.5, 68, 72.5, 77, 81.5, 85.5) cm]

Top of Sleeve Cap Width
3 (3½, 4½, 5, 5, 5, 5¼, 5¼)"
[7.5 (9, 11.5, 12.5, 12.5, 12.5, 13.5, 13.5) cm]

Sleeve Cap Height
4½ (4½, 4½, 4½, 4¾, 4¾, 4¾, 4¾)"
[11.5 (11.5, 11.5, 11.5, 12, 12, 12, 12) cm]

Sleeve Length
17" [43 cm]

Underarm Width
11 (12, 13¼, 14¼, 16, 16½, 17¼, 17¾)"
[28 (30.5, 33.5, 36, 40.5, 42, 44, 45) cm]

Cuff Width
8 (8, 8½, 8½, 9¼, 9¼, 9¾, 9¾)"
[20.5 (20.5, 21.5, 21.5, 23.5, 23.5, 25, 25) cm]

KEY

- ☐ Knit on RS; Purl on WS
- ⊡ Purl on RS; Knit on WS
- ◼ no stitch (ignore this space)
- p2tog (1 st dec'd)
- k-tbl: knit 1 through the back loop
- 2/2 RT: Sl 2 to CN, hold to back, k2, k2 from CN
- 2/2 LT: Sl 2 to CN, hold to front, k2, k2 from CN
- 2/1 RT: Sl 1 to CN, hold to back, k2, k1 from CN
- 2/1 LT: Sl 2 to CN, hold to front, k1, k2 from CN
- 1/1 RC: Sl 1 to CN, hold to back, k1, p1 from CN
- 1/1 LC: Sl 1 to CN, hold to front, p1, k1 from CN
- 1/1 RT: Sl 1 to CN, hold to back, k1, k1 from CN
- 1/1 LT: Sl 1 to CN, hold to front, k1, k1 from CN
- 2/2 RC: Sl 2 to CN, hold to back, k2, p2 from CN
- 2/2 LC: Sl 2 to CN, hold to front, p2, k2 from CN
- 1/2 RC: Sl 2 to CN, hold to back, k1, p2 from CN
- 1/2 LC: Sl 1 to CN, hold to front, p2, k1 from CN
- 2/1 RC: Sl 1 to CN, hold to back, k2, p1 from CN
- 2/1 LC: Sl 2 to CN, hold to front, p1, k2 from CN
- 1/2 RT: Sl 2 to CN, hold to back, k1, k2 from CN
- 1/2 LT: Sl 1 to CN, hold to front, k2, k1 from CN
- 2/3 RT: Sl 3 to CN, hold to back, k2, k3 from CN
- 2/3 LT: Sl 2 to CN, hold to front, k3, k2 from CN
- 3/1 RT: Sl 1 to CN, hold to back, k3, k1 from CN
- 3/1 LT: Sl 3 to CN, hold to front, k1, k3 from CN
- 3/1 RC: Sl 1 to CN, hold to back, k3, p1 from CN
- 3/1 LC: Sl 3 to CN, hold to front, p1, k3 from CN
- 3/2 RC: Sl 2 to CN, hold to back, k3, p2 from CN
- 3/2 LC: Sl 3 to CN, hold to front, p2, k3 from CN
- 4/1 RC: Sl 1 to CN, hold to back, k4, p1 from CN
- 4/1 LC: Sl 4 to CN, hold to front, p1, k4 from CN
- 4/2 RC: Sl 2 to CN, hold to back, k4, p2 from CN
- 4/2 LC: Sl 4 to CN, hold to front, p2, k4 from CN
- 4/2 RC-dec: Sl 2 to CN, hold to back, k4, p2tog from CN (1 st dec'd)
- 4/2 LC-dec: Sl 4 to CN, hold to front, p2tog, k4 from CN (1 st dec'd)
- 4/3 RT: Sl 3 to CN, hold to back, k4, k3 from CN
- 4/3 LT: Sl 4 to CN, hold to front, k3, k4 from CN
- 4/3 RC: Sl 3 to CN, hold to back, k4, p3 from CN
- 4/3 LC: Sl 4 to CN, hold to front, p3, k4 from CN
- 2/2 RT-inc: Sl 2 to CN, hold to back, k2, (k1, yo, k1) from CN (1 st inc'd)
- 2/2 LT-inc: Sl 2 to CN, hold to front, (k1, yo, k1), k2 from CN (1 st inc'd)
- 4/2 RT-inc: Sl 2 to CN, hold to back, k4, (yo, k1, yo, k1) from CN (2 sts inc'd)
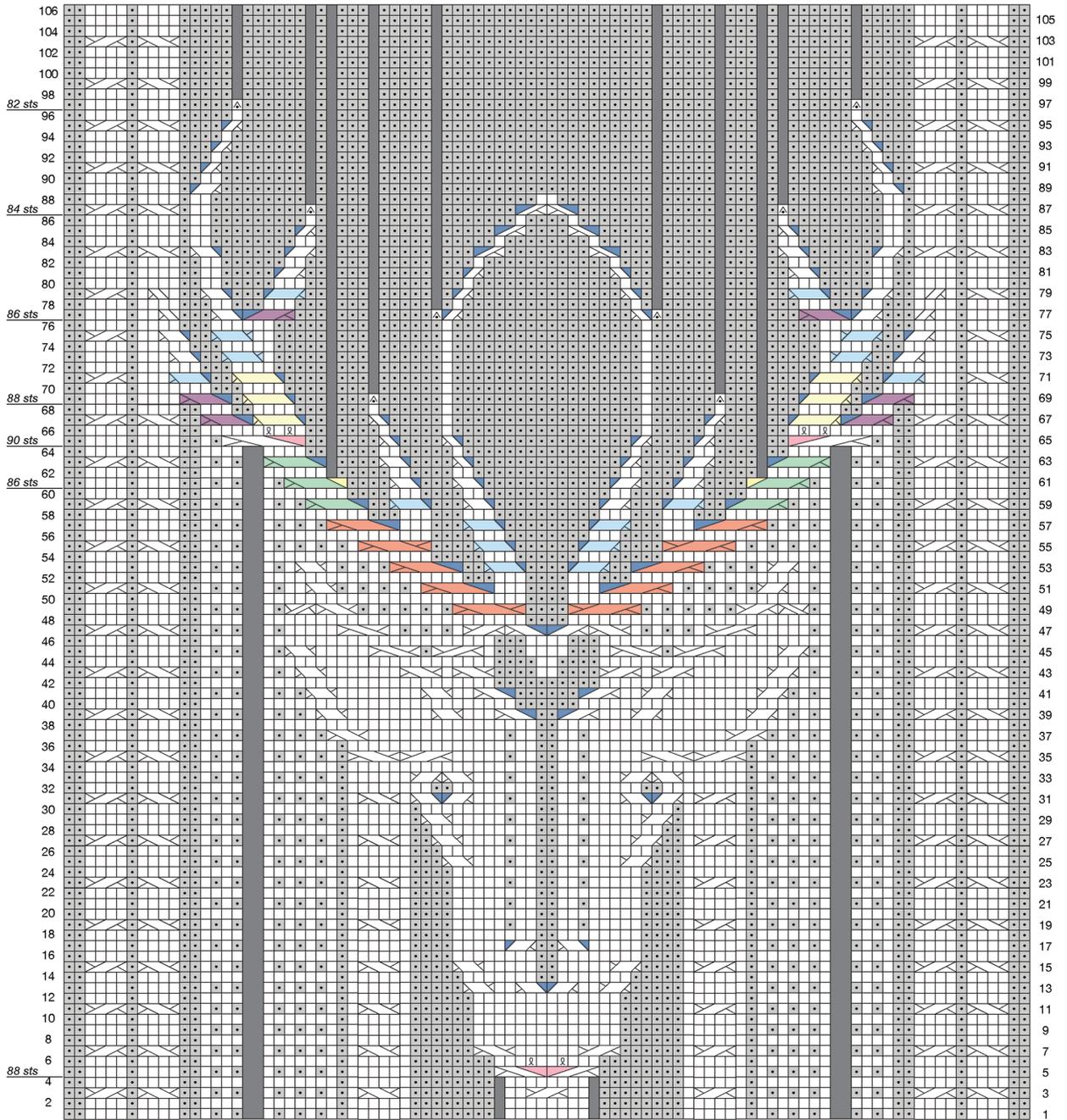- 4/2 LT-inc: Sl 4 to CN, hold to front, (k1, yo, k1, yo), k4 from CN (2 sts inc'd)

Body Panel
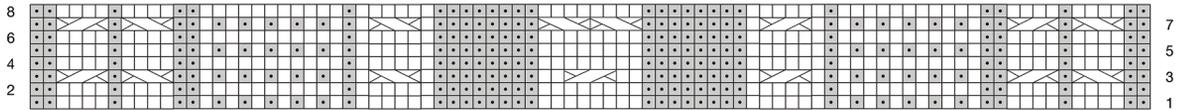
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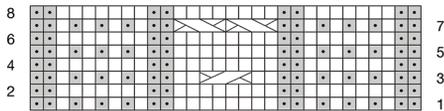
Stag Panel

abbreviations

approx: approximately
BO: bind off
BOR: beginning of round
circ: circular
CO: cast on
dec('d): decrease(d)
k: knit
k2tog: Knit 2 sts together (1 st decreased).
LH: left hand
m: marker
m1-L: Insert LH needle from front to back under horizontal strand between st just worked and next st, knit lifted strand through the back loop (1 st increased).
m1-R: Insert LH needle from back to front under horizontal strand between st just worked and next st, knit lifted strand through the front loop (1 st increased).
meas: measure(s)
p: purl
p2tog: Purl 2 sts together (1 st decreased).
pc(s): piece(s)
pm: place marker
rep: repeat
RH: right hand
RS: right side
rnd(s): round(s)
ssk (slip, slip, knit): Slip 2 sts one at a time knitwise to the RH needle; return sts to LH needle in turned position and knit them together through the back loops (1 st decreased).
st(s): stitch(es)
WS: wrong side

techniques

Tubular bind off
www.youtube.com/watch?v=FNbanlVzbxw&feature=youtu.be

stitches
Stockinette stitch flat
Knit on RS, purl on WS.

Stockinette stitch in the rnd
Knit every rnd.