

High-neck sweater

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MEASUREMENTS

To fit bust 81-86(91-97:102-107)cm; Finished measurements Bust 93(104:115)cm; Length to shoulder 75(77:79)cm; Sleeve length 47(48:49)cm

MATERIALS

11(13:14) 100gm balls of Rowan Cocoon in Lavender Ice 811.

Pair each of 6mm and 7mm knitting needles, Cable needle.

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TENSION

15 sts and 19 rows to 10cm square over patt using 7mm needles.

ABBREVIATIONS

beg beginning; **cm** centimetres; **C15B** slip next 8 sts onto cable needle and hold at back of work, k1 tbl, [p1, k1 tbl] 3 times, then [p1, k1 tbl] 4 times from cable needle; **cont** continue; **dec** decrease; **foll** following; **inc** increase; **k** knit; **p** purl; **patt** pattern; **rem** remaining; **rep** repeat; **RS** right side; **st(s)** stitch(es); **tbl** through back loop; **yf** yarn forward to make 1 st between k sts.

BACK

With 7mm needles, cast on 82(90:98) sts. **Row 1** (RS) Knit. **Row 2** K1, * yf, k2, lift the yf over last 2 sts and off right needle; rep from * to last st, k1. **Row 3** Knit. **Row 4** K2, * yf, k2, lift the yf over last 2 sts and off right needle; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2. These

4 rows **form** patt and are repeated. Cont in patt until back measures 12cm, ending with RS facing for next row. Keeping patt correct, dec 1 st at each end of next row and 5 foll 6th rows. 70(78:86) sts. Cont straight until back measures 36(37:38)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape armholes

Keeping patt correct, cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. 64(72:80) sts. Dec 1 st at each end of next row and 3 foll RS rows. 56(64:72) sts. Cont straight until armhole measures

29(30:31)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape back neck and shoulders

Next row (RS) Patt 14(18:21) sts and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder. Work each side of neck separately. Cast off 3 sts at beg of next row, 4(6:7) sts at beg of foll row, then 3 sts at beg of next row. Cast off rem 4(6:8) sts. With RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem sts, cast off centre 28(28:30) sts, patt to end. Complete to match first side, reversing shapings.

FRONT

Work as given for Back until 8(8:10) rows less have been worked than on Back to beg of back neck and shoulder shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape front neck

Next row (RS) Patt 12(16:20) sts and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder. Work each side of neck separately. Keeping patt correct, dec 1 st at neck edge of next 2 rows, then on foll 2(2:3) alt rows. 8(12:15) sts. Work 3 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape shoulder

Cast off 4(6:7) sts at beg of next row. Work 1 row. Cast off rem 4(6:8) sts. With RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem sts, cast off centre 32 sts, patt to end. Complete to match first side, reversing shapings.

SLEEVES

With 6mm needles cast on 49(51:53) sts. **Row 1** (RS) K1, [p1, k1] to end. **Row 2** P1, [k1, p1] to end. These 2 rows **form** rib. Rib a further 20 rows and dec 1 st at end of last row, so ending with RS facing for next row. 48(50:52) sts. Change to 7mm needles. Beg with patt row 1, work in patt as given for Back and inc 1 st at each end of 5th row and foll 9(10:11) RS rows, then on every foll 4th row until there are 86(90:94) sts, taking inc sts into patt. Cont

straight until sleeve measures 47(48:49)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape top

Keeping patt correct, cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. 80(84:88) sts. Dec 1 st at each end of next 4 rows, ending with RS facing for next row. 72(76:80) sts. Cast off 10(11:12) sts at beg of next 4 rows. Cast off rem 32 sts.

COLLAR

Join right shoulder seam. With RS facing and 6mm needles, pick up and k10(10:12) sts down left front neck, 32 sts from centre front, 10(10:12) sts up right front neck, then 39(39:41) sts from back. 91(91:97) sts. Beg with row 2, work in rib as given for Sleeves until collar measures 16cm from pick-up row, ending with RS facing for next row. Cast off in rib.

TO MAKE UP

Sew sleeves into armholes, easing to fit. Join side and sleeve seams.

HEM BAND

With 7mm needles, cast on 19 sts. **Row 1** (RS) P2, k1 tbl, [p1, k1 tbl] 7 times, p2. **Row 2** K2, p1 tbl, [k1, p1 tbl] 7 times, k2. **Row 3** P2, C15B, p2. **Row 4** As row 2. **Rows 5 to 14** Rep rows 1 and 2, 5 times. These 14 rows **form** patt and are repeated. Cont in patt until hem band measures 93(103:115)cm, ending with RS facing for next row. Cast off. Join cast on and cast off ends of hem band, then sew one row-end edge to lower edge of back and front, easing to fit.

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