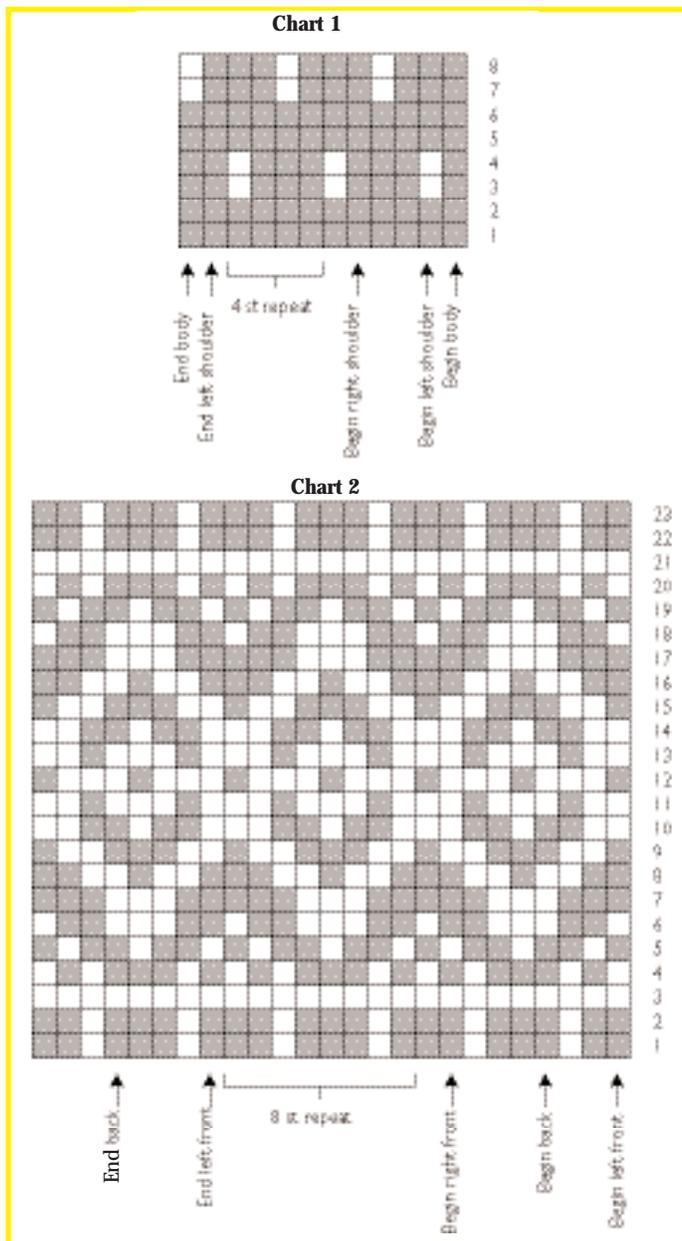


- Gray (Color A)
- Off-white (Color B)

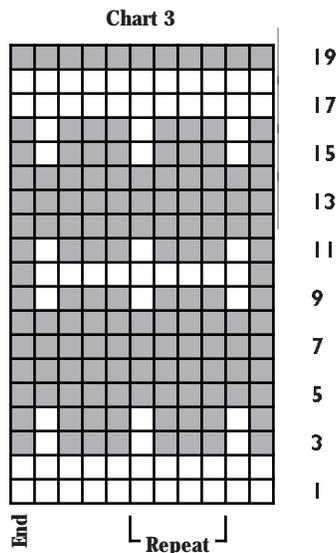


between the 124th and 125th sts. Work the 8-round repeat 11 times, then work round 1 once more, ending 11 sts before left underarm marker.

**RESERVE UNDERARM AND NECK STITCHES AND MAKE STEEKS**

Next Round (round 2 of chart 1): Place next 22 sts on holder for left underarm. Place marker and cast on 5 sts using the backward loop method (see page 124). Place marker for end of steak. Work in pattern for 36 sts. Place next 29 sts on holder. Make a 5-st steak just like the first. Place marker for end of neck steak. Join again by knitting next st on left needle.

Work in pattern to 12 sts before right underarm marker. Place next 22 sts, including marker, on holder. Place marker and cast on 5 sts using the backward loop method. Place marker for end of right armhole steak. Join again by knitting into next stitch on left needle. Work to end of round—190 sts on needle including steeks.



**SHAPE ARMHOLE**

Decreases for armhole shaping are worked on either side of each armhole steek. Remember to alternate colors on steek sts and keep the pattern as established.

Next Round (round 3 of chart 1): K1, ssk, work in pattern to 3 sts before right armhole steek, k2tog, k1, knit steek sts, k1, ssk. Work in pattern to 3 sts before left armhole steek, k2tog, k1, knit to end of round. Repeat these decreases every other round 9 more times (10 times total)—150 sts on needle including steeks.

Continue with chart 1 through round 6. On next round begin chart 2, making sure to start at indicated st for each front and the back. Complete chart 2.

**SHAPE NECK**

Change to chart 1 aligning first st over previous chart 1 pattern.

Decreases for neck shaping are worked on either side of the neck steek.

Next Round: Knit to 3 sts before neck steek, k2tog, k1, knit steek sts, k1, ssk, knit to end of round.

Repeat these decreases every 6th round 2 more times (3 times total)—144 sts on needle.

Next round: Decrease 1 st (not steek sts) at each front armhole edge only, working as follows: K1, k2tog, knit across front sts to last 3 sts before right armhole steek, ssk, k1, knit to end of round (no decreases made on back sts). Knit 3 rnds even.

**STITCHING AND CUTTING**

Machine stitch and cut steeks for front opening and armholes. (See page 129 for techniques.)

**SHOULDERS**

Reserve 22 sts for each shoulder, front and back. With wrong sides together, bind off shoulders together (see three-needle bind-off on page 127). Bind off the left

shoulder from neck to shoulder, the right from shoulder to neck. Keep the center 39 sts on the holder for the back neck.

**PLACKET**

With larger needle, color A, and beginning on right front, pick up by knitting 42 sts to shoulder, knit 39 back neck sts, pick up by knitting 42 sts to bottom of placket—123 sts on needle. Turn and knit one row. Work chart 3. Note: You are working back and forth (not circularly)—read RS chart rows from right to left, WS chart rows from left to right. When chart 3 is complete, knit one WS row (folding ridge).

**Placket Facing**

Change to middle size needle and beginning with a knit row, work St st for 22 rows. Place all sts on holder.

**Attach Placket to Front**

Pick up by knitting 15 sts across bottom of each side of placket (patterned portion)—30 sts. Slip 29 front sts from holder onto needle, and inc 1 st—30 sts. With wrong sides together and using the three-needle bind-off (see page 127) bind off placket and front sts on holder together. Tack down live sts of facing to inside, covering cut edge.

**ARMHOLE BANDS**

The armhole bands are worked circularly with a facing.

With smaller 16" (40-cm) needle and color A, begin at the middle of underarm and pick up by knitting 100 sts around armhole including underarm sts. Join and purl one round (folding ridge). Knit 8 rounds. Place all sts on holder. Tack down live sts of facing to inside, covering cut edge.

**FINISHING**

Weave in all ends. Wash and block.