

Right front:

Row 1: (RS) K1 (marked st), k2tog, knit to 3 sts before next marked st, k2tog, k1, turn—2 sts dec'd.

Row 2: (WS) Knit across sts just worked.

Row 3: K1, k2tog, knit to 3 sts before turning point at end of section, k2tog, k1, turn—2 sts dec'd.

Rep Rows 2 and 3 until 4 sts rem. On the next row, k2tog twice—2 sts rem. On the foll row, k2tog, cut yarn, and draw through rem st.

Right back and left back: For right back, rejoin yarn with RS facing and work as for right front over next group of sts. Rep over foll group of sts for left back. Sew back sections together along center back seam.

Left front: Left front section has 1 extra st because 1 extra was added at the left front edge when collar divided. Work as for right front until 5 sts rem. On the foll row, k2tog, k1, k2tog—3 sts rem. On the foll row, k3tog, cut yarn and draw through rem st.

ZIPPERED COLLAR

Break yarn. Sl sts on needle to valley st at center front. With RS facing, rejoin CC1 for two-tone squares version or CC2 for striped squares version to center front valley st—276 (292) sts; 4 marked sts: 1 at each shoulder and center front and back; 4 sections of 68 (72) sts between the marked sts. Next dec section of collar is worked back and forth in rows of mitered garter st as foll: *Set-up row:* (RS) K1 (now edge st, formerly valley st), k2tog, *knit to 2 sts before next valley st, ssk, k1 (valley st), k2tog; rep from * 2 more times, knit to end without decreasing, mark last st (edge st)—269 (285) sts rem; 5 marked sts: 1 at each shoulder, 1 at center back, 1 on each side of front opening; 4 sections of 66 (70) sts each between the marked sts.

Row 1: (WS) Knit.

Row 2: (RS) K1 (edge st), k2tog, *knit to 2 sts before next valley st, ssk, k1 (valley st), k2tog; rep from * 2 more times, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1—8 sts dec'd.

Rep the last 2 rows 16 (17) more times, then work Row 1 once more—133 (141) sts rem; 18 (19) garter ridges in CC; 5 marked sts: 1 at each shoulder, 1 at center back, 2 on each side of front opening; 4 sections of 32 (34) sts each bet marked sts. Change to MC and complete as for foldover collar, beg from where foldover collar has 133 (141) sts, using CC3 for striped version.

COLLAR FACING (BOTH VERSIONS; OPTIONAL FOR FOLDOVER COLLAR)

With CC1, shorter cir needle, and RS of garment facing, pick up and knit 96 (104) sts along now straight top edge of collar. Work St st back and forth in rows until facing measures 2½" (6.5 cm) from pick-up row, ending with a WS row. *Next row:* (RS) K24 (26), join second ball of yarn and BO center 48 (52) sts, work to end—24 (26) sts each side. On the foll WS row, p24 (26) across first section, CO 6 sts, work to end across second section. On the next RS row, k24 (26) across first section, CO 6 sts, work across all sts of second section—30 (32) sts at each side; 6 sts CO at shoulder seam for each side. Purl 1 row. *Dec row:* (RS) Working each side separately, for first section work to last 2 sts, k2tog; for second section, ssk, work to end—1 st dec'd at each side. Work 1 row even. Rep the shaping of the last 2 rows 23 (25) more times—6 sts rem at each side. Work even until facing reaches to top of yoke squares. BO rem sts.

SLEEVES

With shorter cir needle, CC1 for two-tone version or CC2 for striped version, RS facing, and beg at base of half-square at left front, pick up and knit 24 (26) sts along selvedge of each of the 4 half-squares at left armhole edge—96 (104) sts. Do not join. Knit 7 rows—4 garter ridges. Change to MC. *Dec row:* (RS) K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, ssk, k1—2 sts dec'd. Knit 5 rows. Cont in garter st, rep the shaping of the last 6 rows 22 (21) more times—50 (60) sts rem. Work even in garter st until piece measures 15 (16)" (38 [40.5] cm) from pick-up row, or desired length. BO all sts. Work right sleeve in the same manner, picking up along 4 half-squares at right armhole.

FINISHING

ZIPPER

For zippered collar, align top of zipper with upper edge of collar and sew in place using sewing needle and thread (see Glossary, page 141). With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, close any gap at center front below zipper if necessary. With sewing needle and thread, sew center front edges of collar facing to zipper tape so as to cover zipper tape with facing.

With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, tack shaped lower edge of facing to inside of sweater as invisibly as possible. Sew sleeve and side seams. Weave in loose ends. Carefully steam-press on WS under a damp cloth.