

GAUGE SWATCH

With one strand each of MC1 and MC2 held tog and larger needle, CO 12 sts. Slipping the first st of every row (see Notes), knit 24 rows.

SET-UP ROW: (RS) Sl 1 pwise wyb, k10, knit into the front and back of the next st (k1f&b), pick up and knit 12 sts in the back loops of the chain edge sts along the selvedge edge—25 sts total.

ROW 1: (WS) Sl 1 pwise wyf, p23, k1.

ROW 2: (RS) Sl 1 pwise wyb, k2tog, k9, M1 (see Glossary), k1, M1, k9, ssk, k1.

ROWS 3–8: Rep Rows 1 and 2 three times.

ROW 9: (WS) Sl 1 pwise wyf, k24.

ROW 10: Rep Row 2.

ROWS 11–20: Rep Rows 1–10 once.

Rep the last 2 rows once more. BO all sts. Block as described on page 33.

FRONT

Shoulder Straps

With one strand each of MC1 and MC2 held tog and larger needle, CO 12 (15, 19) sts. Working back and forth in rows and slipping the first st of every row (see Notes), knit 24 (30, 38) rows.

SET-UP ROW: (RS) Sl 1 pwise wyb, k10 (13, 17), knit into the front and back of the next st (k1f&b), pick up and knit 12 (15, 19) sts in the back loops of the chain edge sts along the selvedge edge—25 (31, 39) sts total.

ROW 1: (WS) Sl 1 pwise wyf, p23 (29, 37), k1.

ROW 2: (RS) Sl 1 pwise wyb, k2tog, k9 (12, 16), M1 (see Glossary), k1, M1, k9 (12, 16), ssk, k1.

ROWS 3–8: Rep the last 2 rows 3 more times.

ROW 9: (WS) Sl 1 pwise wyf, k24 (30, 38).

ROW 10: Rep Row 2.

Rep Rows 1–9 once more. Place sts on a holder. Make another piece to match but leave the sts on the needle.

Shape Front Neck

(RS) Sl 1 pwise wyb, k2tog, k9 (12, 16), M1, k1, M1, k9 (12, 16), ssk, k1 across strap sts, use the backward-loop method (see Glossary) to CO 49 sts, k1, k2tog, k9 (12, 16), M1, k1, M1, k9 (12, 16), ssk, k1 across sts of other strap—99 (111, 127) sts total.

ROW 1: (WS) Sl 1 purlwise wyf, purl to last st, k1.

ROW 2: (RS) Sl 1 pwise wyb, k2tog, k9 (12, 16), M1, k1, M1, k9 (12, 16), ssk, k1, k2tog, k22, M1, k1, M1, k22, ssk, k1, k2tog, k9 (12, 16), M1, k1, M1, k9 (12, 16) ssk, k1.

ROWS 3–8: Rep Rows 1 and 2 three times.

ROW 9: (WS) Sl 1 pwise wyf, knit to end.

ROW 10: Rep Row 2.

Rep Rows 1–9 once more. Place sts onto a holder; set aside.

BACK

With one strand each of MC1 and MC2 held tog and RS facing, pick up and knit 12 (15, 19) sts along CO edge of left shoulder diamond, pick up and knit 1 st at corner, then pick up and knit 12 (15, 19) more sts along the final edge of the diamond; use the backward-loop method to CO 49 sts, then pick up and knit 25 (31, 39) sts along right shoulder strap as before—99 (111, 127) sts total. Work back and forth in patt as for front, working Rows 1–10 of neck shaping three times, then work Rows 1–9 once more.

