

## BACK

With larger needle, CO 83 sts. Purl 1 (WS) row. Rep Rows 1–4 of patt st (see Stitch Guide) until piece measures 28" (71 cm) from CO, ending with a WS row. BO all sts.

## FRONT (make 2)

With larger needle, CO 31 sts. Purl 1 (WS) row. Rep Rows 1–4 of patt st until piece measures 28" (71 cm) from CO, ending with a WS row. BO all sts.

## SLEEVES

With larger needle, CO 45 sts. Purl 1 (WS) row. Rep Rows 1–4 of patt st until piece measures 20" (51 cm) from CO, ending with a WS row. BO all sts.

## FINISHING

### Join Shoulders

With RS tog and side edges aligned, use slip-stitch crochet (see Glossary, page 124) to join fronts to back at shoulders.

### Sleeve Seams

Along each cuff edge of sleeve, pick up and knit 100 sts evenly spaced.

Turn work, and with WS facing, BO all sts kwise for garter ridge on RS.

Fold sleeve with RS tog so that CO and BO edges meet. Join CO to BO edge using slip-stitch crochet. With iron set for rayon, firmly press seams. Mark 10" (25.5 cm) down from shoulder on front and back at side edges. With larger needle and RS facing, pick up and knit 100 sts between markers. With WS facing, BO all sts kwise for garter ridge on RS. Mark midpoint of sleeve and match to shoulder seam. Sew sleeve to garter edging using the mattress st with ½-st seam allowance (see Glossary, page 123).

### Neckband

With smaller needle, CO 14 sts.

**Row 1:** K11, sl 3 sts pwise with yarn in front.

**Row 2:** Knit.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 until piece measures 56" (142 cm) from CO, ending with Row 1. Leave sts on needle; do not cut yarn. Pin band in place, starting at lower edge of front, stretching band slightly to prevent sagging, and keeping knitted cord (slipped sts) at outside edge. Beg at lower front edge, use the mattress st to sew band up one front, across back neck, and down other front. If necessary, add or subtract rows in the band for an exact fit,



ending with Row 1 of patt. To finish, knit the first 2 sl sts tog, then work the remainder of the row as a normal BO. Sew rem band in place.

Weave in loose ends.

With iron set to rayon, press entire kimono to compress yarn and create drape.