

underarm; knit to 4 (6) sts past second marker and place last 8 (12) sts on holder for left underarm, knit 44 (47). Break off yarn and place both fronts on holders, leaving only the center 62 (70) sts on needle for back. Knit one more (WS) row.

BACK

Shape Armholes

Next Row (RS): K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Repeat this shaping every other row 6 (8) more times (7 [9] times total)—48 (52) sts on needle.

Work in pattern until armhole measures 9 (9½)" (23 [24] cm) from underarm, ending with a WS row.

Shape Shoulders

Shoulders are shaped with short rows as follows. (See page 126 for short-row techniques.)

Set 1: *Knit to last 4 (4) sts, slip and wrap next st, turn and repeat from *. Turn.

Set 2: *Knit to last 7 (8) sts, slip and wrap next st, turn and repeat from *. Turn.

Set 3: *Knit to last 11 (12) sts, slip and wrap next st, turn and repeat from *. Turn and knit to end. Knit one more row, hiding the wraps. Place the 11 (12) sts for each shoulder and the center 26 (28) sts on separate holders.

LEFT FRONT

Place left-front sts on needle. Attach yarn at neck edge and work one WS row.

Shape Armhole

Next Row (RS): K1, ssk, knit to end. Repeat this shaping every other row 6 (8) more times (7 [9] times total)—37 (38) sts on needle. Work in pattern until armhole measures 9 (9½)" (23 [24] cm) from underarm, ending with a RS row.

Shape Shoulder

Set 1: Work to last 4 (4) sts, wrap and turn, work (a RS Row) to end.

Set 2: Work to last 7 (8) sts, wrap and turn, work (a RS Row) to end.

Set 3: Work to last 11 (12) sts, wrap and turn, work (a RS Row) to end.

Knit one more row, hiding wraps. Place the 11 (12) shoulder sts and the 26 lapel sts on separate holders.

RIGHT FRONT

Place right-front sts on needle. Attach yarn at armhole edge and work one WS row.

Shape Armhole

Next Row (RS): Work in pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. Repeat this shaping every other row 6 (8) more times (7 [9] times total)—37 (38) sts on needle. Work in pattern until armhole measures 9 (9½)" (23 [24] cm) from underarm, ending with a WS row.

Shape Shoulder

Set 1: Work to last 4 (4) sts, wrap and turn, work (a WS Row) to end.

Set 2: Work to last 7 (8) sts, wrap and turn, work (a WS Row) to end.

Set 3: Work to last 11 (12) sts, wrap and turn, work (a WS Row) to end.

Knit 2 more rows, hiding wraps. Place the 11 (12) shoulder sts and the 26 lapel sts on separate holders.

SHOULDERS

With wrong sides held together, bind off shoulders together (see three-needle bind-off on page 127).