

stitch guide

+ HEM PATTERN

Rows 1, 3, 5, and 7 (RS) Knit with MC.

Rows 2, 4, 6 (WS) Purl with MC.

Row 8 Drop MC, join CC, and purl across.

Row 9 K1 (selvedge st; see Notes), *k2tog, yo; rep from * to last st, k1 (selvedge st).

Row 10 Cut off CC, leaving a 6" (15 cm) tail. Pick up MC and purl across.

Rows 11, 13, and 15 Knit.

Rows 12 and 14 Purl.

Row 16 Cut off MC yarn, leaving a 6" (15 cm) tail. Join CC and purl across.

Row 17 K1, *k2tog; rep from * to last st, k1.

Row 18 With larger needle, p1, *k1, k1 into the strand between the two needles (do not twist the strand) to inc 1 st; rep from * to last st, p1.

Cut off CC, leaving a 6" (15 cm) tail.

+ SPOT PATTERN (multiple of 4 sts)

Rows 1 and 3 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 (WS) Purl.

Row 4 *K1, p3; rep from *.

Repeat Rows 1–4 for pattern.

BACK

With MC, smaller straight needles, and using the knitted method (see Glossary), CO 82 (90, 98) sts. Work 18 rows of hem patt (see Stitch Guide), changing to larger needle for Row 18. Join MC.

Next row (RS) K1, use the backward-loop method (see Glossary) to CO 1 st, knit to end—83 (91, 99) sts.

Set-up row (WS) P1 (selvedge st; see Notes), p2, work Row 4 of spot patt to last 4 sts, k1, p2, p1 (selvedge st).

Maintaining selvedge sts, work Rows 1–4 of spot patt across center 81 (89, 97) sts **18 (20, 22) times**.

Shape Armholes

Cont in patt, BO 6 (6, 7) sts at beg of next 2 rows—71 (79, 85) sts rem. Cont in patt for 41 (45, 50) more rows, ending with Row 3 (3, 4) of patt.

Shape Neck

Cont in patt, work 21 (23, 24) sts, place next 29 (33, 37) sts on holder for back neck, join a second ball of yarn, work to end—21 (23, 24) sts rem each side. Working each side separately in patt and working the first and last st of each section as a selvedge st, dec 1 st inside selvedge st at each neck edge every RS row 3 times, then work 0 (0, 1) row even, ending with a RS row—18 (20, 21) sts rem each side. Place sts on holders.

FRONT

CO and work as for back until 17 (19, 21) reps of spot patt have been worked, ending with Row 4 (WS) of patt. Mark center 27 sts for intarsia motif.

Next row (RS; Row 1 of spot patt) Work in patt to marked center sts, work Row 1 of desired animal chart over next 27 sts (see Notes), work to end in patt.

Maintaining spot patt each side of marked sts and joining CC when necessary, work Rows 1–4 of chosen animal chart.

Shape Armholes

(RS; Row 5 of chart) Cont in patt, BO 6 (6, 7) sts at beg of next 2 rows—71 (79, 85) sts rem. Cont in patts, work through Row 31 of animal chart, ending with Row 3 of spot patt. Cut off CC, leaving a 4" (10 cm) tail. Cont with MC, work spot patt across all sts for 10 (9, 10) more rows, ending with Row 1 (4, 1) of patt—37 (36, 37) rows in armholes; armholes measure about 3" (7.5 cm).

Shape Neck

(WS) Cont in patt, work 27 (30, 32) sts, place next 17 (19, 21) sts on holder for front neck, join second ball of yarn, work to end—27 (30, 32) sts rem each side. Cont in patt, at each neck edge BO 3 sts once, then BO 2 sts once, then dec 1 st inside selvedge sts every RS row 4 (5, 6) times—18 (20, 21) sts rem each side. Work 0 (2, 8) more row(s) in patt. Place sts on holders.