Men’s Knitting Patterns:

4 Free Men’s Sweater Patterns
GUYS CAN BE HARD TO PLEASE WHEN IT COMES TO KNITTED SWEATERS. THEY SEEM TO LIKE CLASSIC, SIMPLE SWEATERS, WITH THE OCCASIONAL STRIPE OR CABLE THROWN IN.

I’ve gathered four sweater designs here for you, all beautiful and guy-approved. I’m sure you’ll find at least one for the man in your life!

The Surf Stripe Raglan is an easy men’s raglan pullover with a fun stripe pattern. Worked in the round from the bottom up, this sweater takes its interest from a guy-gearied set of colors.

In Terry’s Pullover, Carol Feller features lattice cables framing a V-neck. A gentle shawl collar and ribbed sleeve detail create masculine elegance, and a rustic but easy-care yarn, seamless knitting, and interesting charts make a great project for wearer and knitter.

In Rhapsody in Tweed, Kathy Zimmerman has combined wide and narrow open cables with mini-cable ribs, playing them in a rhythmic pattern against a reverse stockinette-stitch background.

Hana Jason’s Woven Bands Pullover is a sure winner. It’s worked sideways in one piece from cuff to cuff. Linen stitch adds a simple, straightforward embellishment to collar, cuffs, and yoke. There’s just the right amount of detail in this sweater.

A nice collection, don’t you agree? Knit your man one of these sweaters—I think he’ll love it.

Cheers,

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surf stripes raglan
christine lorin
easy

Sizes 39 (42, 45, 48, 51, 54)” chest circumference; shown in size 42”

Yarn Mission Falls 1824 Wool (100% superwash merino; 85 yd [78 m]/50 g):
  • #004 charcoal (A), 4 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6) balls
  • #003 oyster (B), 2 (2, 3, 3, 3, 3) balls
  • #001 natural (C), 2 (2, 3, 3, 3, 3) balls
Mission Falls 1824 Wool Tricolors (100% superwash merino; 85 yd [78 m]/50 g):
  • #664 surf (D), 7 (8, 8, 9, 10, 10) balls

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Gauge 16 sts and 22 rows = 4” in St st in the rnd

Tools
  • Size 9 (5.5 mm): 16” and 32” circular (cir) needles
  • Size 9 (5.5 mm): set of double-pointed needles (dpn)
  • Markers (m)
  • Stitch holders
  • Yarn needle

Notes
The sleeves and lower body should end at the same point in the stripe pattern so that the pattern can continue smoothly into the yoke.

When working the traveling jogless jog at each color change, the beginning of the round will move one stitch to the left. For this reason, do not work it on the yoke or sleeves.

Stitches

Traveling Jogless Jog: Work each 3-rnd stripe of body as foll:

_Rnd 1:_ With new color, knit 1 rnd.
_Rnd 2:_ Remove beg-of-rnd m, sl first st of rnd pwise with yarn in back (wyb), replace m for new beg of rnd, knit to end.
_Rnd 3:_ Knit.

3x1 Rib: (multiple of 4 sts)
_Rnd 1:_ *K3, p1; rep from * around.
Rep Rnd 1 for patt.

Body Stripe Sequence: Work body in color sequence as foll:
  [3 rnds D, 3 rnds A] 7 (7, 8, 8, 8, 8) times
  [3 rnds D, 3 rnds B] 6 (6, 5, 6, 6, 6) times
  3 (2, 3, 2, 3, 2) rnds D
  2 (0, 1, 0, 1, 0) rnd(s) B
There is a total of 83 (80, 82, 86, 88, 88) rnds to underarm.

Sleeve Stripe Sequence: Work sleeves in color sequence as foll:
  [3 rnds D, 3 rnds A] 10 (11, 12, 12, 11, 11) times
  [3 rnds D, 3 rnds B] 6 (6, 5, 6, 6, 6) times
  3 (2, 3, 2, 3, 2) rnds D
  2 (0, 1, 0, 1, 0) rnd(s) B
There is a total of 101 (104, 106, 110, 106, 104) rnds to underarm.

Yoke Stripe Sequence: Work yoke in sequence as foll (not including joining rnd):
  2 (0, 0, 0, 0, 0) rnds D
  0 (2, 0, 2, 0, 2) rnds B
  3 (0, 0, 0, 0, 0) rnds C
  [3 rnds D, 3 rnds B] 0 (0, 1, 1, 1, 1) time
  [3 rnds D, 3 rnds C] 6 (7, 7, 7, 8, 8) times
  2 (2, 0, 1, 1, 2) rnd(s) D
There is a total of 43 (46, 48, 51, 55, 58) rnds to back neck.

BODY

With A and longer cir needle, CO 156 (168, 180, 192, 204, 216) sts. Place marker (pm) and join in the rnd. Work in 3x1 rib (see Stitches) until piece measures 1” from CO. Join D and, working traveling jogless jog (see Stitches), work body stripe sequence (see Stitches)—83 (80, 82, 86, 88, 88) rnds in stripe patt; piece measures about 16½ (16, 16½, 17, 17½, 17”) from CO. BO for underarms: With B (D, B, D, B, D), *BO 12 (14, 16, 18, 20) sts, k66 (70, 74, 78, 84, 88) front sts, BO 12 (14, 16, 18, 20) sts, k66 (70, 74, 78, 84, 88) back sts—132 (140, 148, 156, 168, 176) sts rem: 66 (70, 74, 78, 84, 88) sts each for front and back. Leave sts on needle.

SLEEVES

With A and dpn, CO 40 (44, 44, 48, 48, 52) sts. Pm and join in the rnd. Work in 3x1 rib until piece measures 1½” from CO, Inc 2 (0, 2, 0, 2, 0) sts on last rnd—42 (44, 46, 48, 50, 52) sts. Join D and work sleeve stripe sequence (see Stitches) for 101 (104, 106, 110, 106, 104) rnds, while shaping sleeve as foll: Inc 1 st each side of m every 6 rows 4 (6, 8, 10, 13, 14) times, then every 12 rows 5 (4, 3, 2, 0, 0) times—60 (64, 68, 72, 76, 80) sts. Work even to end of stripe sequence—piece measures about 20 (20%, 20%, 21%, 20%, 20%)” from CO. Underarm: With B
(D, B, D, B, D), BO 6 (7, 8, 9, 10) sts, knit to last 6 (7, 8, 9, 10) sts of rnd, BO rem sts—48 (50, 52, 54, 58, 60) sts rem. Place sts on holder.

**Yoke**

Working all sts with RS facing onto longer cir needle, join pieces as foll:
With D (B, B, B, B, B), k48 (50, 52, 54, 58, 60) sleeve sts, pm, k66 (70, 74, 78, 84, 88) front sts, pm, k48 (50, 52, 54, 58, 60) sleeve sts, pm, k66 (70, 74, 78, 84, 88) back sts, pm for new beg of rnd—228 (240, 252, 264, 284, 296) sts total. Rnd now beg at raglan line between back and left sleeve. Work yoke stripe sequence (see Stitches) while shaping raglans as foll: Work 1 (2, 2, 3, 3, 2) rnd(s) even.

**Rnd 1:** (dec rnd) *Ssk, knit to 2 sts before m, k2tog, sl m, ssk; rep from * 2 more times, knit to last 2 sts of rnd, k2tog—8 sts dec’d.

**Rnd 2:** Knit.

Rep last 2 rnds 14 (15, 16, 16, 18, 20) more times—108 (112, 116, 128, 132, 128) sts rem: 36 (38, 40, 44, 46, 46) sts each for front and back, 18 (18, 18, 20, 20, 18) sts for each sleeve; yoke measures about 6 (6½, 6½, 7, 7½, 8½)” measured straight up center back. Cut yarn. Shape front neck: Sl 18 (18, 18, 20, 20, 18) sleeve sts and first 15 sts of front pwise to right needle; cont stripe sequence as established, rejoin yarn and BO 6 (8, 10, 14, 16, 16) center-front neck sts, *knit to 2 sts before m, k2tog, sl m, ssk; rep from * 3 more times, knit to end—94 (96, 98, 106, 108, 104) sts rem: 34 (36, 38, 42, 44, 44) sts for back, 16 (16, 16, 18, 18, 16) sts for each sleeve, 14 sts for each side of front. Cont in stripe patt, beg working in rows in St st (knit on RS; purl on WS).

**Row 1:** (WS) P2tog, purl to last 2 sts, ssp—2 sts dec’d.

**Row 2:** (RS) *Knit to 2 sts before m, k2tog, sl m, ssk; rep from * 3 more times, knit to end—8 sts dec’d.

Rep last 2 rows 4 (4, 4, 5, 5, 5) more times—44 (46, 48, 46, 48, 44) sts rem.

**Sizes 39 (42, 45)” only:** Rep Row 1 once more.

**Sizes 48 (51, 54)” only:** (WS) Purl.

All sizes: 42 (44, 46, 48, 48, 44) sts rem: 24 (26, 28, 30, 32, 32) back sts, 6 (6, 6, 6, 6, 4) sleeve sts, and 3 (3, 3, 2, 2, 2) sts for each front.

**Neckband:** With C and shorter cir needle, work as foll:

**Sizes 39 (42, 45, 48, 51)” only:** Knit to end, working 8 raglan decs as established (removing m), then pick up and knit 6 (6, 6, 8, 8) sts along left-front neck, 6 (8, 10, 14, 16) sts along front neck BO, then 6 (6, 6, 8, 8) sts along right-front neck—52 (56, 60, 68, 72) sts total.

**Size 54” only:** Knit to end, working raglan decs on fronts and back only (omitting 2 decs on each sleeve and removing m), then pick up and knit 8 sts along left-front neck, 16 sts along front neck BO, then 8 sts along right-front neck—72 sts total.

**All sizes:** Pm and join in the rnd. Work in 3×1 rib until band measures 1½”. BO all sts in rib.

**FINISHING**

Block to measurements. Sew underarm seams. Weave in ends.
**TERRY’S PULLOVER**
**Carol Feller**

**Finished Size** 37 (41¼, 44¾, 48¾, 53)” chest circumference. Sweater shown measures 41¼”.

**Yarn** Bergère de France Irland (80% wool, 13% acrylic, 7% viscose; 77 yd (70 m)/ 10 g); daisy (can), 13 (15, 16, 18, 20) skeins.

**Needles** Body and sleeves—size 7 (4.5 mm): 32” circular (cir) and straight. Ribbing—size 6 (4 mm): 32” circular (cir) and straight. Ribbing—size larger needles.

**Gauge** 19 sts and 25 rows = 4” in St st on larger needles.

**Stitch Guide**

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Rep Rows 1 and 2 for patt.

**Body**

With smaller cir needle, CO 176 (196, 212, 232, 252) sts. Place marker (pm) and join in the rnd. **Next rnd:** *K2, p2; rep from * around. Cont in rib until piece measures 3” from CO. Change to larger cir needle and work in St st (knit every rnd) until piece measures 16¼” from CO. **Shape armholes:** BO 2 (3, 3, 4, 5) sts, k84 (92, 100, 108, 116), BO 4 (6, 6, 8, 10) sts, k84 (92, 100, 108, 116), BO 2 (3, 3, 4, 5) sts—84 (92, 100, 108, 116) sts rem each for front and back. Break yarn and set aside.

**Sleeves**

With smaller straight needles, CO 54 (54, 54, 62, 62) sts. Place marker (pm) and join in the rnd. **Next row:** (RS) K22 (22, 22, 26, 26), work 10 sts in rib, knit to end. **Next row:** P22 (22, 22, 26, 26), work 10 sts in rib, purl to end. **Inc row:** (RS) K1, M1R (see Glossary), work in St st (knit every rnd) until piece measures 3” from CO, ending with a WS row. Change to larger straight needles. **Next row:** (RS) K22 (22, 22, 26, 26), work 10 sts in rib, knit to end. **Next row:** P22 (22, 22, 26, 26), work 10 sts in rib, purl to end. **Dec row:** (RS) K1, ssk, [work to 2 sts before m, k2tog, sl m, ssk] 3 times, work in patt to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1—8 sts dec’d. Work 1 WS row in patt. Rep last 2 rows 14 more times, using lattice sts for raglan decs as necessary—102 (110, 118, 122, 130) sts rem. **Dec row:** (RS) K1, ssk, [work in patt to 2 sts before raglan m, k2tog, sl m, ssk] 4 times, work to lattice m, work Upper Front chart, k1—8 sts dec’d. Work 1 WS row in patt. Rep last 2 rows 3 more times—62 (70, 78, 82, 90) sts rem. Place sts on holder.

**Finishing**

Block to measurements. Sew underarm and sleeve seams. **Collar:**

**Sizes 37 (41¼, 44¾)” only:** With smaller cir needle and RS facing, pick up and knit 31 (29, 31) sts along right-front lattice edge, work 18 (20, 22) held sts in patt, ssk22 (26, 30) held sts, k2tog, work 18 (20, 22) held sts in patt, pick up and knit 31 (29, 31) sts along left-front lattice edge—122 (126, 138) sts total.

**Sizes 48¾ (53)” only:** With smaller cir needle and RS facing, pick up and knit 30 (32) sts along right-front lattice edge, work 82 (90) held sts in patt, pick up and knit 30 (32) sts.

**Notes**

- When binding off stitches at center of neck lattice, work k2tog above each cable to avoid cable flare.

**Yoke**

**Join body and sleeves:** With larger cir needle, k84 (92, 100, 108, 116) front sts, pm for raglan, work 70 (74, 78, 84, 88) sleeve sts in patt, pm for raglan, k84 (92, 100, 108, 116) back sts, pm for raglan, work 70 (74, 78, 84, 88) sleeve sts in patt—308 (332, 356, 384, 408) sts total. Pm and join in the rnd. **Dec rnd:** Sk2, *work to 2 sts before m, k2tog, sl m, ssk; rep from * 2 more times, work to 2 sts before m, k2tog—8 sts dec’d. Work 1 rnd even. Rep last 2 rnds 3 (5, 7, 10, 12) more times—276 (284, 292, 296, 304) sts rem: 76 (80, 84, 86, 90) sts each for front and back; 62 sts for each sleeve. **Lattice set-up rnd:** Sk2, k18 (20, 22, 23, 25), pm for beg of lattice, [k4, M1] 8 times, k4, pm for end of lattice, [work to 2 sts before raglan m, k2tog, sl m, ssk] 3 times, work to 2 sts before m, k2tog. **Next rnd:** Knit to m, work Lattice chart to m, knit to m, work in patt to end of rnd. **Dec rnd:** Sk2, [work in patt to 2 sts before raglan m, k2tog, sl m, ssk] 3 times, work in patt to 2 sts before raglan m, k2tog—8 sts dec’d. Rep last 2 rnds 4 more times—236 (244, 252, 256, 264) sts rem. **Divide for neck:** Knit to lattice m, work Row 11 of Lattice chart, BO 14 sts (see Notes), place st rem from BO onto left needle, break yarn, turn work—222 (230, 238, 242, 250) sts rem. With WS facing, rejoin yarn to left front, p1 (selvedge st; work in St st), work Row 1 of Upper Front chart to m, work in patt to next lattice m, work Row 1 of Upper Front chart to last st, p1 (selvedge st; work in St st). Working back and forth in rows, cont as foll: **Dec row:** (RS) K1, work Upper Front chart, [work to 2 sts before raglan m, k2tog, sl m, ssk] 4 times, work to lattice m, work Upper Front chart, k1—8 sts dec’d. Work 1 WS row in patt. Rep last 2 rows 14 more times, using lattice sts for raglan decs as necessary—102 (110, 118, 122, 130) sts rem. **Dec row:** (RS) K1, ssk, [work in patt to 2 sts before raglan m, k2tog, sl m, ssk] 4 times, work in patt to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1—10 sts dec’d. Work 1 WS row in patt. Rep last 2 rows 3 more times—62 (70, 78, 82, 90) sts rem. Place sts on holder.

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along left-front lattice edge—142 (154) sts total.

All sizes:
Do not join. Beg with a WS row, work 11 rows in 2x2 rib in rows, ending with a WS row. Work short-rows (see Glossary) as foll: Work 61 (63, 69, 71, 77) sts in patt, pm for center of collar, work in patt to 8 (10, 14, 18, 20) sts past m, wrap next st, turn; work in patt to 8 (10, 14, 18, 20) sts past m, wrap next st, turn. Working wraps tog with wrapped sts as you come to them, *work to m, work to 3 sts past last wrapped st, wrap next st, turn; work to m, work to 3 sts past last wrapped st, wrap next st, turn; rep from * 7 more times—18 short-rows total. With RS facing, work to end of row. Work 1 WS row. With RS facing, BO all sts in patt. Sew selvedge edge of collar to 14 BO sts of front, lapping right front over left front. Weave in loose ends. Block again, if desired.

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Woven Bands Pullover

Hana Jason

Stitch Guide

Linen Stitch: (odd number of sts)
Row 1: (RS) *K1, sl 1 with yarn in front (wyf); rep from * to last st, k1.
Rows 2 and 4: Purl.
Row 3: K1, *k1, sl 1 wyf; rep from * to end.
Rep Rows 1–4 for patt.

Notes

◆ This sweater is worked with a one-piece construction and unfinished edges for a raw, deconstructed look. If desired, finish neck edge with a single row of reverse single crochet or by picking up stitches all around, working in stockinette for ¾", and binding off loosely for a roll-neck collar.
◆ Work moves from the right-sleeve cuff, to the body, to the front and back panels in separate pieces, to the rejoined body, down to the left-sleeve cuff.
◆ Work linen-stitch portions loosely and block carefully to maintain gauge over pattern changes.

Sweater

Right sleeve: CO 39 (39, 43, 45) sts.
Purl 1 WS row, placing markers (pm) to mark center 13 sts. Work 8 rows in linen st (see Stitch Guide), ending with a WS row. Set-up row: (RS) Knit to m, sl m, p1, work 11 sts in linen st, p1, sl m, knit to end. Work in patt for 3 (3, 5, 5) more rows, ending with a WS row. Inc row: (RS) K1, M1 (see Glossary), work to last st, M1, k1—2 sts inc’d. Cont in patt, rep Inc row every 4 (4, 4, 8, 8)th row 9 (9, 11, 2, 2) times, then every 6 (6, 8, 4, 4)th row 3 (3, 1, 10, 10) time(s), ending with a WS row—65 (65, 69, 69, 71) sts. Work 2 rows even. Piece should measure about 17½ (17½, 17½, 18½, 18½)” from CO.

Body:

At end of next RS row, CO 56 (56, 56, 56, 60) sts using the backward-loop method (see Glossary) for the back. Next row: (WS) P7, k1, work in patt to end, CO 56 (56, 56, 56, 60) sts for front—177 (177, 181, 181, 191) sts total. Next row: (RS) Work linen st over 7 sts (lower edge), p1, work in patt to last 8 sts, p1, work linen st over last 7 sts. Work as established for 15 (17, 19, 21, 23) more rows. Shape linen st panel for neck: Beg on next RS row, discontinue purl channels on each side of central linen st panel and widen panel by working 2 sts more in linen st on each side (15 sts in linen st on this row), then 19 sts in linen st on foll RS row, then 23 sts in linen st on foll RS row. Work 1 WS row in established patt. Split neck: Work one short-row (see Glossary) as foll: (RS) Work 88 (88, 90, 90, 92) sts over 16 (16, 16, 16, 17)” on each side—226 (226, 234, 234, 244) sts total. Next row: (WS) PO 41 (43, 43, 43, 43) sts using the backward-loop method (see Glossary) to cont. Work even until back measures about 17½ (17½, 18¼, 18½, 20)” from CO—287 (295, 303, 311, 321) sts total. Next row: (RS) Cut yarn and fasten off all sts. Finish off ends securely. See Notes about linen st gauge.

 Finished Size 40 (42, 44, 46, 48)” chest circumference. Sweater shown measures 42”, worn with minimal ease.
 Yarn Cascade Ecological Wool (100% wool; 478 yd [437 m]/250 g): #8087 brown, 2 (2, 2, 3, 3) skeins.
 Needles Size 10½ (6.5 mm): 32” circular (cir). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.
 Notions Stitch holders or spare cir needle; tapestry needle.
 Gauge 14 sts and 16 rows = 4” in St st. See Notes about linen st gauge.

Hana Jason

Hana Jason loves wool, simple sweaters, and men in simple wool sweaters.
95) sts in patt to center st (while adding 3 sts to beg of linen st panel), wrap next st, turn. Work on front panel of sweater only (leaving 88 [88, 90, 90, 95] sts on holder for back). *Cont to widen neck linen st panel by working 3 sts more in linen st each RS row 2 more times, and at the same time dec 1 st at neck edge every row 7 times—81 (81, 83, 83, 88) sts rem for front. Work even in patt until neck measures 7½ (8, 8½, 9, 9½)" from beg of split, ending with a RS row. Narrow neck linen st panel by working 3 sts less in linen st each RS row 3 times and at the same time inc 1 st at neck edge every row 7 times—88 (88, 90, 90, 95) sts*. Place front sts on holder. Back: With RS facing, join yarn to neck split at right shoulder and rep from * to *. Joining row: Work across all sts in patt, narrowing neck linen st panel by working 3 sts less on each side and CO 1 st over neck gap—177 (177, 181, 181, 191) sts; front and back are now joined. Cont narrowing neck panel by working 3 sts less in linen st each side once more, then 2 sts less each side on RS rows 2 more times—11 sts rem in linen st panel. Next RS row: Work to 1 st before linen st panel, pl, work 11 sts in linen st, pl, work to end in patt. Work in patt for 13 (15, 17, 19, 21) more rows, ending with a WS row. Left sleeve: (RS) BO 56 (56, 56, 56, 60) sts loosely for front, work to end in patt. Next row: (WS) BO 56 (56, 56, 56, 60) sts loosely for back, work to end in patt—65 (65, 69, 69, 71) sts rem for left sleeve. Work 2 rows even. Dec row: (RS) K1, k2tog, work to last 3 sts, ssk (see Glossary), k1—2 sts dec'd. Cont in patt, rep Dec row every 6 (6, 6, 8, 4)th row 2 (2, 0, 9, 9) times (working 8 rows even for 3rd size), then every 4 (4, 4, 8, 8)th row 10 (10, 12, 3, 3) more times—39 (39, 43, 43, 45) sts rem. Work 5 rows even, ending with a WS row. Work 8 rows in linen st. BO all sts loosely. 

Finishing
Block piece to measurements. Sew side and sleeve seams. Weave in ends.
**Rhapsody in Tweed**  
**Design by Kathy Zimmerman**

According to Webster, a rhapsody is a “musical composition . . . having an improvisatory character.” In her Aran-inspired, textured pullover, Kathy Zimmerman has combined wide and narrow open cables with mini-cable ribs, playing them in a rhythmic pattern against a reverse stockinette-stitch background. The rustic tweed yarn adds a grainy undertone to the mix.

**Finished Size** 40 (44, 48, 52, 56)” (101.5 [112, 122, 132, 142] cm) bust/chest circumference, slightly stretched. Sweater shown measures 48” (122 cm).

**Yarn** Tahki Donegal Tweed (100% wool; 183 yd [167 ml/100 g]: #866 gray tweed, 8 (9, 10, 11, 12) balls.

**Needles** Body and sleeves—Size 8 (5 mm): straight. Edgings—Size 6 (4 mm): straight and 16” (40-cm) circular (cir). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

**Notions** Cable needle (cn); markers (m); stitch holders; tapestry needle.

**Gauge** 22 sts and 22 rows = 4” (10 cm) in mini-cable rib pattern on larger needles, slightly stretched; 66 sts in central cable panel = 11” (28 cm) wide.

**Notes** Work all increases and decreases one stitch in from the edges. Work all M1 (make-one) increases as if to purl (M1 pwise; see Glossary).

**Back** With larger needles, CO 102 (114, 126, 138, 150) sts. Set-up row: (WS) [K3, p3] 4 (5, 6, 7, 8) times, place marker (pm), k5, [p1, M1 pwise] 3 times, k5, p3, k6, [p1, M1 pwise] 3 times, k4, [p1, M1 pwise] 3 times, k6, p3, k5, [p1, M1 pwise] 3 times, k5, pm, [p3, k3] 4 (5, 6, 7, 8) times—114 (126, 138, 150, 162) sts. Slipping markers every row and beg with Row 7 (7, 1, 1, 1), work according to Rhapsody Cable chart (page 13) for 138 (138, 134, 144, 144) rows, ending with Row 24 of chart—piece should measure about 25 (25, 26, 26, 26)” (63.5 [63.5, 66, 66, 66] cm) from beg. **Shape neck:** Keeping in patt, work 43 (49, 55, 61, 67) sts, join new yarn and BO center 28 sts in patt, and at the same time dec as foll: P6, dec 3 sts over cable by placing next 3 sts onto cn and hold cn in front, [knit 1 st from cn tog with corresponding st on left needle] 3 times, p1, p2tog, p1, dec 3 sts over cable by placing next 3 sts onto cn and hold cn in back, [knit 1 st from cn tog with corresponding st on left needle] 3 times, p6, work to end—43 (49, 55, 61, 67) sts rem each side. Working each side separately, at each neck edge, BO 3 (3, 3, 3, 4) sts once, then BO 2 (3, 3, 4, 4) sts once—38 (43, 49, 54, 59) sts rem each side. Place sts on holders.

**Front** Work as for back through 130 (130, 136, 136, 136) rows of Rhapsody Cable chart, ending with Row 16 of chart—piece should measure about 23½ (23½, 24½, 24½, 24½)” (59.5 [59.5, 63, 63, 63] cm) from beg. **Shape neck:** (RS) Keeping in patt, work 46 (52, 58, 64, 70) sts, join new yarn and BO center 22 sts, work to end—46 (52, 58, 64, 70) sts rem each side. Working each side separately, at each neck edge, BO 3 sts once, then BO 2 sts 1 (1, 1, 2, 3) time(s), then BO 1 st 3 (4, 3, 2) times—38 (43, 49, 54, 59) sts rem each side. Work even until piece measures same as back. Place sts on holders.

**Sleeves** With smaller straight needles, CO 45 (45, 45, 51, 51) sts. Set-up row: (WS) K3, *p3, k3; rep from *. Beg with Row 1, work Sleeve chart for 4 rows, ending with a WS row. Change to larger According to Webster, a rhapsody is a “musical composition . . . having an improvisatory character.” In her Aran-inspired, textured pullover, Kathy Zimmerman has combined wide and narrow open cables with mini-cable ribs, playing them in a rhythmic pattern against a reverse stockinette-stitch background. The rustic tweed yarn adds a grainy undertone to the mix.

**Finished Size** 40 (44, 48, 52, 56)” (101.5 [112, 122, 132, 142] cm) bust/chest circumference, slightly stretched. Sweater shown measures 48” (122 cm).

**Yarn** Tahki Donegal Tweed (100% wool; 183 yd [167 ml/100 g]: #866 gray tweed, 8 (9, 10, 11, 12) balls.

**Needles** Body and sleeves—Size 8 (5 mm): straight. Edgings—Size 6 (4 mm): straight and 16” (40-cm) circular (cir). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

**Notions** Cable needle (cn); markers (m); stitch holders; tapestry needle.

**Gauge** 22 sts and 22 rows = 4” (10 cm) in mini-cable rib pattern on larger needles, slightly stretched; 66 sts in central cable panel = 11” (28 cm) wide.

**Notes** Work all increases and decreases one stitch in from the edges. Work all M1 (make-one) increases as if to purl (M1 pwise; see Glossary).

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needles. Cont in pat as established, inc 1 st at each end of needle every other row 13 (14, 17, 12, 14) times, then every 4th row 14 (14, 13, 16, 16) times, working new sts into patt—99 (101, 105, 107, 111) sts. Cont even until piece measures 161⁄2 (17, 171⁄2, 18, 181⁄2)" (42 [43, 44.5, 45.5, 47] cm) from beg, ending with a WS row. BO all sts loosely in patt.

**Finishing**

Transfer shoulder sts from holders to smaller needles. With RS of pieces facing each other and working on the WS with main-size needle, use the three-needle method (see Glossary) to BO shoulders sts tog. **Neck:** With smaller cir needle, RS facing, and beg at left shoulder seam, pick up and knit 18 sts along left side of front neck, 22 sts across center front neck, 18 sts along right side of front neck, and 39 (39, 39, 45, 45) sts across back neck—97 (97, 97, 103, 103) sts total. Pm and join for working in the rnd.

**Rnd 1:** [K3, p3] 3 times, k3, p5, 3/3RC over 6 sts directly above cable at center front, p5, [k3, p3] 10 (10, 10, 11, 11) times. **Rnd 2, 4, and 6:** [1/2RC, p3] 3 times, 1/2RC, p5, k6, p5, [1/2RC, p3] 10 (10, 10, 11, 11) times. **Rnd 3 and 5:** [K3, p3] 3 times, k3, p5, k6, p5, [k3, p3] 10 (10, 11, 11, 11) times. Rep Rnds 1–6 two more times—18 rnds total. BO all sts loosely in patt, and at the same time dec 3 sts over cable at center front as foll: place 3 sts onto cn and hold cn in back, [knit 1 st from cn tog with corresponding st on left needle] 3 times. Measure down 9 (91⁄4, 91⁄2, 93⁄4, 10)" (23 [23.5, 24, 25, 25.5] cm) from shoulder seam along each side of front and back and place markers for sleeve placement. Fold sleeves in half at shoulder and mark center of BO edge. With yarn threaded on tapestry needle, sew sleeves to body between markers, matching center top edge of sleeve to shoulder seam. Sew sleeve and side seams. Weave in all loose ends. Block lightly to measurements.

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### Rhapsody Cable

**1/2RC:** sl 2 sts onto cn and hold in back, k1, k2 from cn

**3/1RPC:** sl 1 st onto cn and hold in back, k3, p1 from cn

**3/1LPC:** sl 3 sts onto cn and hold in front, p1, k3 from cn

**3/3RC:** sl 3 sts onto cn and hold in back, k3, k3 from cn

**3/3LC:** sl 3 sts onto cn and hold in front, k3, k3 from cn

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Right Slant (M1R)

With left needle tip, lift strand between needles from back to front (Figure 1). Knit lifted loop through the front (Figure 2).

Purlwise (M1P)

With left needle tip, lift strand between needles from back to front (Figure 1). Purl lifted loop (Figure 2).

Backward-Loop Cast-on

*Loop working yarn and place it on needle backward so that it doesn’t unwind. Repeat from *.

Short-Rows (Knit Side)

Work to turning point, slip next stitch purlwise (Figure 1), bring the yarn to the front, then slip the same stitch back to the left needle (Figure 2), turn the work around and bring the yarn in position for the next stitch—one stitch has been wrapped and the yarn is correctly positioned to work the next stitch. When you come to a wrapped stitch on a subsequent knit row, hide the wrap by working it together with the wrapped stitch as follows: Insert right needle tip under the wrap from the front; Figure 3), then into the stitch on the needle, and work the stitch and its wrap together as a single stitch.

Three-Needle Bind-off

Place stitches to be joined onto two separate needles. Hold them with right sides of knitting facing together. Insert a third needle into first stitch on each of the other two needles and knit them together as one stitch. *Knit next stitch on each needle the same way. Pass first stitch over second stitch. Repeat from * until one stitch remains on third needle. Cut yarn and pull tail through last stitch.

Raised (M1) Increases

Left Slant (M1L) and Standard M1

With left needle tip, lift strand between needles from front to back (Figure 1). Knit lifted loop through the back (Figure 2).

Ssk Decrease

Slip two stitches knitwise one at a time (Figure 1). Insert point of left needle into front of two slipped stitches and knit them together through back loops with right needle (Figure 2).

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