

Orphans for Orphans Sweater

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THIS COZY SWEATER IS MADE USING A NOVEL CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUE THAT KEEPS THE KNITTING INTERESTING AND THE FINISHING MINIMAL. THE CENTER FRONT AND BACK ARE WORKED IN SIMPLE RECTANGULAR PANELS; STITCHES ARE PICKED UP FROM THOSE PANELS TO KNIT THE SIDES AND SLEEVES ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE CUFF. WITH SIDE SEAMS KNIT OR GRAFTED TOGETHER, LITTLE SEWING IS REQUIRED AT THE END. LIKE MANY PROJECTS IN THIS BOOK, THIS ONE IS A BLANK SLATE ONTO WHICH YOU CAN APPLY YOUR FAVORITE STITCH PATTERNS AND COLOR COMBINATIONS. IT'S DESIGNED TO USE UP "ORPHAN" BALLS OF YARN IN YOUR STASH.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

23 (26, 29)" chest

YARN: 350 (475, 600) yards worsted-weight yarn

Shown in Green Mountain Spinnery Mountain Mohair (70% wool/30% mohair)

NEEDLES: One pair straight needles size US 8 (5 mm)

One 24" circular (circ) needle size US 8 (5 mm)

Change needle size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

NOTIONS: Stitch holders, yarn needle, crochet hook size G/6 (4 mm), stitch markers (optional), cable needle (cn) (optional)

GAUGE: 16 sts and 24 rows = 4" (10 cm) in Stockinette stitch (St st)

NOTES: If choosing different stitch patterns for Front and Back Panels, take care to match gauge.

CABLE PATTERN: (CP) (optional) (10 sts; 4-row repeat)

Rows 1 and 3: (WS) k2, p6, k2.

Row 2: (RS) P2, slip next 2 sts to cn, hold in front, k2, k2 from cn, k2, p2.

Row 4: P2, k2, slip next 2 sts to cn, hold in back, k2, k2 from cn, p2.

Repeat Rows 1–4.

Front Panel

CO 20 (21, 22) sts. Begin in St st (or desired stitch or stripe pattern); work

even until piece measures 9½ (11½, 14)" from beginning. BO all sts loosely.

Back Panel

CO 20 (21, 22) sts. Work as for Front Panel in St st (or desired stitch or stripe pattern); work even until piece measures 11½ (13½, 16)" from beginning. BO all sts loosely.

Sides

Lay both panels in front of you with the Back on the left, the Front on the right, and the bound-off (neck) edges facing each other. With circ needle, and beginning at lower right corner of Front Panel, pick up and knit 36 (43, 52) sts along the side of the Front Panel. Using the Backward-Loop Cast-On (see page 126), CO 20 sts for neck opening. Beginning at upper left corner of Back Panel, pick up and knit 42 (51, 58) sts along the side of the Back Panel—98 (114, 130) sts total. After picking up side sts, turn work so WS is facing. *

PLAIN VERSION: Work in St st (or desired stitch or stripe pattern) for 3½ (4½, 5)", ending with a WS row.

CABLED SLEEVE VERSION: Beginning at *, work the cable pattern as follows:
Rows 1 and 3 (WS): Purl 44 (52, 60) sts, place marker (pm), CP, pm, p44 (52, 60).
Row 2 (RS): Knit to marker, CP, knit to end.
Row 4: Knit to marker, CP, knit to end.

Work as established for 3½ (4½, 5)", ending with a WS row.

Knit 25 (31, 37) sts and place on holder. Work across center 48 (52, 56) sts in pattern as established, place remaining 25 (31, 37) sts on holder.

Note: Sts on holders are joined later using Three-Needle BO or Kitchener st to form side seams. If you prefer to sew side seams, BO sts on holders on last RS row.

Sleeves

Working on center 48 (52, 56) sts, dec 1 st each side every 4th row 11 (12, 13) times. Continue in pattern until sleeve measures 7½ (9, 9½)" from beginning, ending with a WS row—26 (28, 30) sts remain.

CUFF: Work 6 rows in garter stitch, ribbing, or any stitch pattern that prevents the edge from rolling. BO all sts loosely in pattern.



Make second side and sleeve to match the first.

Finishing

Transfer side sts to needles and join side seams using Three-Needle BO (see page 127) or Kitchener st (see page 126). If you bound off sts earlier, join using Mattress st. Sew Sleeve seams.

Neck Edge

Using crochet hook, work one row of single crochet around entire neck

opening. Work one row of Backward Crochet (see page 126) and fasten off.

Lower Edge Band

Using circular needle, pick up and knit 1 st in each st around lower edge of garment. Work same st pattern as for sleeve cuff until Band measures 2" from pick up row. BO all sts loosely in pattern. ★

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