

Linda's ribbed sweater



To fit: 30-32-34-36-38 inch chest

Materials: 250g to 350g Sirdar Denim Tweed double knitting yarn; 3.25mm needles & 4mm needles

Tension: 22 stitches x 28 rows = 4 inches

BACK:

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 86-90-96-100-106 stitches. Work 2½ inches in knit 1 purl 1 rib.

Change to 4mm needles, and continue in knit 2, purl 2 rib until the work measures 15½ from cast on edge - place a marker (for start of armholes). Continue for a further 7½-8-8½-9-9 inches. *Next Row:* Cast off 29-30-33-34-37 stitches, work 28-30-30-32-32 stitches including stitch on needle, cast off remaining 29-30-33-34-37 stitches. Slip stitches onto a stitch holder.

FRONT:

Work as for back until armhole measures 5-5¼-5¾-6-6 inches finishing on a right side row.

Shape neck:

Work 51-53-56-58-61, slip last 16 stitches onto a holder, work to end.

**Continue on the last set of stitches as follows:

- Decrease 1 stitch at the neck edge on every row until 29-30-33-34-37 stitches remain.

Continue without further decreases until armhole measures the same as the back finishing at armhole edge.

Cast off.**

Rejoin yarn to remaining stitches at neck edge. Work as instructions given for other side from ** to **

SLEEVES:

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 36-38-40-42-42 stitches.

Work 2-2-2-2½-2½ inches in knit 1, purl 1 rib.

Change to 4mm needles and continue in knit 2, purl 2 rib.

Increase 1 stitch at each end of the 3rd and every following 4th row until there are 56-70-78-90-90 stitches.

For sizes 30-32-34 inch size: Increase 1 stitch at each end of following 6th row until there are 74-80-84 stitches.

All sizes: continue until the sleeve measures 17½-18-18-18½-18½ inches.

Cast off loosely.

NECKBAND:

Join right shoulder seam. With right sides facing and using 3.25 mm needles, pick up and knit 16-18-18-20-20 stitches down left side of neck, knit 16 stitches from front neck stitch holder, pick up and knit 17-19-19-21-21 stitches up right side neck and knit 28-30-30-32-32 stitches from back neck stitch holder - 77-83-83-89-89 stitches. Work 10 rows of knit 1, purl 1 rib. Cast off using a larger needle.

MAKING UP:

Join left shoulder seam. Join side seams to markers. Sew sleeves in. Fold over the neckband and stitch loosely.

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