

## Child's round neck sweater with set in sleeves and x-box motif

**Sizes:** to fit 26, 28, 30 & 32 inch chest

**Materials:** Stylecraft Life double knitting in colours required: main colour 200/300g

**Needles:** 3.25mm & 4mm

**Tension:** 22 stitches and 30 rows to 4 inches over stocking stitch on 4mm needles.



**Note:** If wanted cast on (and cast off) with a contrast colour. Work the back first so that you can use this as a guide to position the motif on the front (not forgetting that the neck is lower on the front!). When working the motif twist the yarns when changing colour to avoid making a hole.

### FRONT

Using No 3.25mm needles cast on [79- 85- 91-97] stitches

Work in K1, P1 rib for [2¼- 2½- 2½-2½ inches]

Change to No 4mm needles and work in stocking stitch incorporating the chart.

When the work measures [10¾- 11¾- 12½-13¼ inches] (continuing with the chart) \_\_\_\_\_ rows

**Shape the armholes** by casting off [3- 3- 3- 4] stitches at the beginning of the next two rows

Then decrease 1 stitch at both ends of every row until [61- 65- 69- 73] stitches remain\*\*

Continue on these stitches until the armhole measures [3¼- 3¾- 3¾- 4¼ inches] finishing on a knit row

**Divide for the neck:** Purl [37- 40- 43- 45] stitches.

Place last [13- 15- 17- 17] stitches onto a stitch holder purl to end of row.

Working on these stitches decrease 1 stitch at neck edge on every row until [16- 17- 18- 20] stitches remain.

Continue without further decreasing until armhole measures [5½- 6- 6- 6½ inches]

**Shape shoulders** by casting off [5- 5- 6- 6] stitches at armhole edge on next row.

Work 1 row then cast off [5- 6- 6- 7] stitches at the armhole edge on next row.

Work 1 row.

Cast off remaining [6- 6- 6- 7] stitches.

Rejoin yarn to remaining group of stitches and complete to match other half reversing all shapings.

### BACK

Omitting motif, work as Front to \*\*

Continue on these stitches until work measures same as the Front up to shoulder shaping. Finishing at end of a purl row.

**Shape shoulders** by casting off [5- 5- 6- 6] stitches at beginning of next 2 rows, then [5- 6- 6- 7] stitches at beginning of following 2 rows.

Then [6- 6- 6- 7] stitches at the beginning of the next 2 rows.

Put remaining [29- 31- 33- 33] stitches on a stitch holder

### SLEEVES

Using No. 3.25mm needles cast on [43- 43- 45- 47] stitches.

Work in knit 1, purl 1 rib for [2¼- 2½- 2½- 2¾ inches] \_\_\_\_\_ rows

Change to 4mm needles and proceed in stocking stitch, increasing 1 stitch at both ends of 5th and every following 6th row until there are [51- 53- 57- 59] stitches then on every following 8th row until there are [59- 63- 67- 71] stitches

Continue on these stitches until work measures [11- 12¼- 14- 15 inches] from beginning, finishing at end of a purl row \_\_\_\_\_ rows

Shape top by casting off [3- 3- 3- 4] stitches at beginning of next 2 rows.

Decrease 1 stitch at both ends of next and every row until [41- 43- 45- 47] stitches remain

Work [2- 3- 2- 2] rows

Decrease 1 stitch at each end of the next row and every following 4th row until [33- 35- 39- 39] stitches remain.

Then on every following alternate row until 25 stitches remain.

Work 1 row.

Cast off 3 stitches at the beginning of next 4 rows.

Cast off remaining 13 stitches.

### NECKBAND

Using a back stitch seam join the right shoulder of Back & Front

With right side facing and using 3.25mm needles pick up and knit 21 stitches down left side neck, knit [13- 15- 17- 17] from stitch holder, pick up and knit 20 stitches up right side neck, knit [29- 31- 33- 33] stitches from back neck stitch holder – [83- 87- 91- 91] stitches.

Work 6 rows in knit 1, purl 1 rib.

Cast off loosely in rib using a size larger needle.

**To make up:** Press. Join left shoulder & neckband.

Sew sleeves in position and join side and sleeve seams.

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