

Repeat these last 2 rows until there are 19 (19, 20, 21) sts between the back markers (these are the second and third markers that you placed). At the end of this last increase row, cast on 1 (2, 2, 3) sts.

P the next row, and at the end of this p row, cast on 1 (2, 2, 3) sts.

Next row- k, increasing before and after each marker.

Next row- p.

Continue to work as established, increasing before and after each marker on the knit side of the work only, until there are 33 (37, 40, 43) sts between the back markers.

P 1 row.

Divide for sleeves- K to first increase marker, remove it (remove all markers now as you come to them), k 1. Using a blunt darning needle and scrap yarn, slip all the sts between here and the next marker on to the length of yarn to hold for the left sleeve. Cast on to the right tip of the needle 6 (6, 8, 8) sts and join to the back sts. K across the back sts to the next marker, k 1, slip all the sts from here to the next marker on to a length of yarn for the right sleeve. Cast on 6 (6, 8, 8) sts as before, k to end of row.

You are now working on the body sts only. Work in stockinette stitch until work measures 19 ins from the top of the shoulder or 3 ins less than desired length, ending after working a p row.

Next row- k1, p1 to end of row.

Next row- p.

Repeat the last 2 rows for 3 ins. Bind off loosely.

Sleeves- Slip the sleeve sts on to 2 of the double point needles. Using a third double point needle, join yarn to right edge of armhole and pick up 9 (9, 11, 11) sts across the armhole, placing a marker after 4 (4, 5, 5) sts. This is the beginning of the round.

K 2 rounds.

Decrease round- k 1, ssk, k to within 3 sts of marker, k 2 tog, k 1.

Repeat this round every 3rd round 3 times, then every 4th round till you have 20 (20, 22, 24) sts.

K every round until sleeve measures 16 (15, 14, 13) ins from the armhole or until it is 3 ins less than the desired length.

Change to smaller double point needles.

Next round- k 1, p 1 around.

Next round- k.

Repeat the last 2 rounds until you have 3 ins of rib.

Bind off.

Collar-

Using the 24 inch circular needle, with the wrong side of work facing you, pick up 37 (37, 39, 41) sts across neck opening.

P 1 row.

Next row- k 1, p 1 to end of row, ending with a k st.

Next row- p to end of row.

Repeat the last 2 rows until collar measures 4 ½ ins.

Bind off very loosely.

Zipper-

Pin the zipper in place carefully, making sure that you do not stretch the front edges. Sew in place by hand, using sewing thread and a backstitch.

If you prefer a button closure-

Left band- using the smaller 24 inch needle with the right side of work facing you, beginning at left front neck edge, pick up 3 sts for every 4 rows. Count these sts and make a note of the number. K 3 rows. Bind off loosely.

Right band- with the right side of work facing you, beginning at right front lower edge, pick up sts as for the left band, making sure the number of sts is the same as left band.

Buttonholes- using safety pins, mark 2 sts for each buttonhole desired, spacing them about 3 ins apart, and 2 sts from upper and lower edge of band.

Buttonhole row- *k to marked sts, bind them off*, rep, k to end of row.

Next row- *k to bound off sts, cast on 2 sts firmly* rep, k to end of row. K 1 more row, then bind off loosely.

Sew buttons on the left band, matching the buttonholes.

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