

Row 1- \*k into the front and back of the next st (inc. made), slip marker, inc, k to within 1 st of next marker\* rep at each marker.

Row 2- purl.

Row 3- k to within 1 st of marker, \*inc, slip marker, inc, k to within 1 st of next marker\* rep at each marker, k to end of row.

Row 4- purl.

Repeat the last 2 rows 2 more times.

Next row- inc, k to within 1 st of marker, \*inc, slip marker, inc, k to within 1 st of next marker\*, rep at each marker, k to last st, inc.

Next row- p.

Next row- inc,\*k to within 1 st of next marker, inc, slip marker, inc\*, rep at each marker, k to last st, inc.

Repeat these last 2 rows until there are 42 (44, 46, 48, 50, 52) 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 20 (22,24, 26, 28, 30) sts, join the work into a round, being careful not to twist the work. Place a different color marker at this point to mark the beginning of the round. K 1 round.

Next round- \* k to within 1 st of marker, inc, slip marker, inc\*, rep at each marker. Make sure you do not increase at the marker that begins the round.

Next round- knit.

Continue to work the last 2 rounds until there are 76 (84, 92, 100, 108, 116) sts between the back markers.

### **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 8 (10, 12, 14, 16, 18) sts and join to the back sts. K across the back sts to the next marker, k 1, slip all the sts between here and the next marker on to a length of yarn to hold for the right sleeve.

Cast on 8 (10, 12, 14, 16, 18) sts, placing a marker after 4 (5, 6, 7, 8, 9) sts. This marker is the new beginning of the round. Remove the other beginning marker.

You are now working on the body sts only. You will have 170 (190, 210, 230, 250, 270) sts. You will continue in Stockinette stitch.

If you would like waist shaping, when the work measures 16 inches from top of shoulder, change to the smaller 24 inch needle and knit for 2 inches. Change back to larger needle.

Knit every round until work measures 23 ins from the top of the shoulder or 1 inch less than desired length.

K1 round, decreasing 2 sts evenly to 168 (188, 208, 228, 248, 268) sts.

Change to smaller 24 inch needle and work 6 rounds of 2x2 rib

Bind off loosely.

### **Neckband-**

With the smaller 16 inch needle with knit side facing you, beginning at back right 'seam', join yarn and pick up 28 (30, 32, 33, 36, 38) sts across back of neck, 13 (13, 13, 14, 15, 15) sts across top of left sleeve; 10 sts down side of neck; 18 (20, 22, 23, 26, 28) sts across front of neck; 10 sts up side of neck; 13 (13, 13, 14, 15, 15) sts across top of right sleeve. You will have 92 (96, 100, 104, 112, 116) sts. Join into round and work 6 rounds of 2x2 rib. Bind off very loosely.

If you prefer a rolled neck, pick up sts as above, and knit every round for 3½ inches. Bind off very loosely.

### **Sleeves-**

Slip the sleeve sts on to the larger 16 inch circular needle. Joining yarn at right edge of armhole, pick up 10 (12, 15, 17, 18, 20) sts across the armhole, placing a marker after 6 (7, 8, 9, 10, 11) sts. This marker is the beginning of the round.

You will have 70 (78, 88, 96, 104, 112) sts.

K 6 rounds.

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

Repeat this round every 6<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>) round until there are 52 (56, 60, 60, 64, 68) sts, changing to larger double point needles when necessary.

For a petite size, space the decreases one round closer together. For a tall size, space them one round farther apart. Work in stockinette st on these stitches, until sleeve measures 19 (18, 17, 16, 15, 15) ins from the armhole or until it reaches the wrist bone when tried on. Change to smaller double point needles, and work 6 rounds of 2x2 rib. Bind off.