

Next row: Knit to 2 sts before marker, K2tog, work ribbing as established to end (first half); with other ball of A and B, knit to end (second half).

Rep last 2 rows, working each side of arm opening with separate balls of yarn, and working K2tog before marker on RS rows as for back until arm opening is 10½ (10½, 11, 11)" from beg. End after completing a RS row.

Next row (WS): Purl across second half, pm, cut yarn leaving a 12"-long tail; BO 8 sts, removing marker when you come to it, replace marker, purl to end. Arm opening has been closed.

Continue working K2tog before marker on RS rows as for back, and working in St st until 19 (22, 25, 30) sts rem, piece should measure approx 27½ (28, 29, 29)" long from CO edge. End after completing a WS row.

SHAPE NECK:

Row 1 (RS): Cont shaping at marker as for back, knit to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1.

Row 2 (WS): Purl.

Work row 1 every RS row another 0 (3, 4, 5) times. Cont to work even at neck edge another 6 (3, 1, 1) rows—14 (14, 16, 20) sts rem. End after completing a WS row.

SHAPE SHOULDER:

Next row (RS): BO loosely 7 (7, 8, 10) sts, knit to end.

Next row (WS): Purl.

BO all sts loosely.

RIGHT FRONT

With A and B held tog, using 24" size 9 needle, CO 78 (90, 102, 114) sts.

Work same as back to row 17. Change to 24" size 8 needle.

Row 18 (RS): Work 17 sts in patt, knit and dec 5 (12, 19, 26) sts evenly across—73 (78, 83, 88) sts rem.

Row 19 (WS): P42 (44, 46, 46), pm, P13 (16, 19, 24), inc 1 st, turn, leave rem 17 sts on st holder—57 (62, 67, 72) sts on needle.

Work in St st for another 4 rows.

Row 24 (RS): Knit to marker, sm, skip, knit to end—56 (61, 66, 71) sts rem.

Work 3 rows even.

Work row 24 every 4 rows another 7 (8, 9, 9) times—49 (53, 57, 62) sts rem. End after completing a RS row.

SHAPE ARM OPENING:

Next row (WS): Purl to marker, CO 8 sts for first half; join second ball of A and B for second half, purl to end.

Continue working both halves of front with separate balls of A and B to top of arm opening as follows:

Next row (RS): Knit across second half; with other ball of A and B, K2, P2, K2, P2, sm, knit to end (first half).

Next row: Purl to marker, sm, work ribbing as established to end (first half); with other ball of A and B, K3, purl to end (second half).

Next row: Knit across second half; with other ball of A and B, K2, P2, K2, P2, sm, skip, knit to end (first half).

Rep last 2 rows, working each side of arm opening with separate balls of yarn, and working skip after marker on RS rows as for back until arm opening is 10½ (10½, 11, 11)" from beg. End after completing a WS row.

Next row (RS): Knit across second half, pm, cut yarn leaving a 12"-long tail; BO 8 sts, removing marker when you come to it, replace marker, purl to end. Arm opening has been closed.

Cont working skip after marker on RS rows as for back, and working in St st until 19 (22, 25, 30) sts rem, piece should measure the same as left front to neck shaping. End after completing a WS row.

SHAPE NECK:

Row 1 (RS): K1, skip, cont shaping at marker as for back, knit to end.

Row 2 (WS): Purl.

Work row 1 every RS row another 0 (3, 4, 5) times. Cont to work even at neck edge another 7 (4, 2, 2) rows. AT SAME TIME, shape as for back until 14 (14, 16, 20) sts rem. End after completing a RS row.

SHAPE SHOULDER:

Next row (WS): BO loosely 7 (7, 8, 10) sts, purl to end.

Next row (RS): Knit.

BO all sts loosely.

FINISHING

Using mattress st, sew side seams up to shoulders and neck. Using back-stitch, sew each end of arm opening.

LEFT FRONT BUTTON BAND

Transfer 17 sts from st holder to 24" size 8 needle. With RS facing you and needle pointing from left to right, rejoin yarns A and B.

Row 1 (RS): Inc in first st, work ribbing to end—18 sts.

Cont ribbing for another 11 (13, 15, 15) rows.

Next row (RS): *† Work 6 sts, C2F, work ribbing patt to end.

Work ribbing patt for 3 rows.

Work last 4 rows another 2 times†.

Work another 10 (12, 14, 14) rows in ribbing*.

Rep cable row from * to * another 4 times.

Rep from † to † once more, then work ribbing for 4 (6, 8, 8) rows.

Put all 18 sts on st holder. Using mattress st, sew button band up along left front.