



#142 First Night Pullover

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A playful romp of a sweater that's designed for warmth and ease of knitting, perfect for those spontaneous snowball fights and

New Year's Eve festivities. It's another top-down design worked almost entirely in the round and no sewing with a simple body shape and lovely decrease stripes. And its front is identical to the back, so you can throw it on any which way and start on those snow angels all the sooner.

Finished Sizes: 37½ (41½, 45½, 49½)''

Materials: Valley Yarns Berkshire 85% Wool/25% Alpaca, 141 yds per skein.
Color A: 4 (5, 6, 7) skeins color 23 Eggplant
Color B: 3 (4, 5, 6) skeins color 26 Periwinkle
Size 9 circular and double-pointed needles OR
SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE

Gauge:

4 sts and 4.5 rows per inch in pattern on size 9
OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE

Top of Back:

CO 75 (83, 91, 99) sts in A.
Working in rows, k1 stitch in B, knit charted pattern Z to last st, k1 in B.
Next row (wrong side): P1 stitch in B, purl charted pattern Z to last st, p1 in B.
Work in rows in this manner for 8½'' (8½'', 9'', 9'') ending with a RS row. Cut yarn. Put sts on holder, spare needle, or scrap yarn.

Top of Front:

With right side of back facing and color A, pick up 17 (21, 25, 29) sts ALONG CAST ON EDGE, then, skipping the center 41 sts along cast on edge, cast on 41 sts, then pick up the last 17 (21, 25, 29) sts along cast on edge. Purl 1 row in A.
Work as for top of back for 8½'' (8½'', 9'', 9'') ending with a RS row.

Main Body:

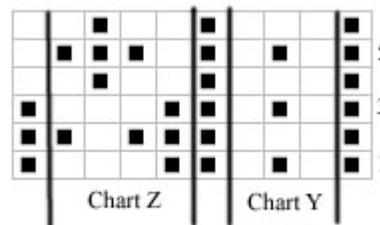
Cast on 3 sts at underarm in A, knit across back, then cast on 3 sts at other underarm and knit across front, joining in round. Working underarm sts in chart Y, work body in rounds until it measures approx. 23'' (24'', 25'', 26'') from cast on edge or desired length, ending with a rnd 3 or 6 on chart Z. Then, working just in color A, knit 1 rnd, purl 1 rnd, knit 1 rnd, purl 1 rnd. Bind off loosely.

Sleeves (make 2):

With color A, pick up 67 (67, 71, 71) sts around armhole, then 3 sts from underarm cast on edge [70 (70, 74, 74) sts]. Join in round, knit first st in B, work in chart Z to last 4 sts, knit 1 st in B, then work 3 sts in chart Y. Working in this manner, and working decreases into pattern, decrease on either side of chart Y every 4th rnd 9 times and then every 5th rnd 8 times [36 (36, 40, 40) sts remain]. Work until you've done a rnd 3 or 6 of chart, or until desired length if you aren't there already. Then in color A, knit 1 rnd, purl 1 rnd, knit 1 rnd, purl 1 rnd. Bind off loosely.

Finishing:

Sew in all loose ends. Block by soaking in Eucalan and laying flat to dry.



■ Color B
□ Color A