



#143 Bridge of Flowers Pullover

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Inspired by the beautiful 3-season garden on the footbridge that connects Buckland and Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, this sweater is a celebration of old-world knitting techniques and

motifs. It's knit almost entirely in the round from the bottom up with minimal shaping and lovely decrease stripes.

Finished Sizes: 37" (44", 51")

Materials: Valley Yarns Amherst, 100% merino wool, 109 yds per skein

Color A: 7 (9, 11) skeins Regatta

Color B: 6 (8, 10) skeins Navy

Color C: 1 (1, 2) skeins Honey Gold

Size 8 circular and double-pointed needles OR
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4½ sts and 6 rows per inch on size 8 needles
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Lower Body:

In color C, cast on 168 (196, 228) sts.

Join in round, marking beginning of rnd, and purl 84 (98, 114) sts, place marker, purl to end of rnd. Purl 2 more rnds.

Next Rnd: *Knit 2 in color A, knit 2 in color B, rep from * around.

Rnd 2: *Knit 2 in A, purl 2 in B, rep from * around. (Corrugated Ribbing)

Repeat rnd 2 a total of 8 times. Knit 1 rnd C, purl 1 rnd C.

Now work body in charted patterns, working chart Y first at each marker, then moving on to chart Z, starting and ending at the designated spots on the chart for your size. Work in this manner for 14½ (15, 15½)".

Dividing for armholes:

Back: Work rnd to half-way marker, knit 1 st in A. Turn work and purl back in pattern to 4 sts before beginning marker, purl 1 in A, slip the 3 center sts of chart Y onto a stitch holder or scrap yarn. Turn work and knit this section in rows for 8 (9, 10)" ending with a RS row. Do not bind off.

Slip sts onto holder, scrap yarn, or spare circular needle.

Front: Picking up where you left off on the body, slip the center 3 sts of chart Y onto holder or scrap yarn, then work in rows same as for the back for 5 (6, 7)" ending with a WS row. Work 31 (39, 46) sts, slip center 19 (18, 19) sts to holder or scrap yarn, work remaining 31 (39, 46) sts WITH NEW BALL OF YARN.

Work each side of front separately in pattern, decreasing at neck edge each row 6 times, then every other row 6 times. Then work both sides even until equal in length to the back section, if they aren't already, ending with a RS row. Do not bind off, but Kitchener stitch the shoulders together with color A, putting center 43 (44, 43) back sts on a holder or scrap yarn.

Sleeves (make 2):

With color A, pick up 73 (81, 93) sts around armhole, place marker, take 3 underarm sts off holder and work in pattern, place marker and join in round. 76 (84, 96) sts.

K1 st in A, work in chart Z, starting and ending at designated location for your size, to 1 st before marker, k1 A, work the next 3 sts as the center sts of chart Y.

Work sleeves in this manner, decreasing 1 st on the outside of each marker every 6th (5th, 4th) round 16 (20, 24) times. 44 (44, 48) sts remain. Knit 1 rnd in C. Purl 1 rnd in C, decreasing 8 sts evenly around. 36 (36, 40) sts.

Next rnd: *K2 A, k2 B, rep from * around.

Rnd 2: *K2 A, p2 B, rep from * around.

Repeat rnd 2 for a total of 8 rnds.

Knit 1 rnd C. Purl 3 rnds C. Bind off loosely.

Neckband:

With color C, knit 43 (44, 43) back sts off holder, pick up 17 sts along left neck edge, knit 19 (18, 19) sts off front holder, pick up 17 sts along right neck edge and join in round (96 sts). Purl 1 rnd.

Next rnd: *K2 A, k2 B, rep from * around.

Rnd 2: *K2 A, p2 B, rep from * around.

Repeat rnd 2 a total of 8 rnds.

Knit 1 rnd C. Purl 1 rnd C, decreasing 16 sts evenly around. Purl 2 more rnds C. Bind off loosely.

Finishing:

Sew in all loose ends. Soak in Eucalan as directed and lay flat to dry.

