#457 Oak Grove Pullover

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This casual pullover sports a variety of textures. The inset neckline is worked in seed stitch, the deep cuffs of the sleeves feature a winding cable pattern, and the body is in plain stockinette. The drape and shine of Valley Yarns Deerfield highlight the mix of subtle patterns.

Finished Sizes:
34.5 (39, 43.25, 47, 51.25)"
Sample shown in size 34.5"

Yarn:
10 (11, 12, 14, 16) sks Valley Yarns Deerfield (80% Baby Alpaca/20% Silk, 50g/109yds) color Soft Chestnut

Needles:
US size 5 (3.75 mm) straight or circular needles
US size 3 (3.25 mm) 24", 32" or 40" circular needles for neckline

Other Materials:
cable needle (cn)
stitch markers in color A
stitch markers in color B

Gauge:
22 sts and 30 rows = 4" in Stockinette stitch with larger needles.
25 sts and 36 rows = 4" in Cable st with larger needles.

Seed Stitch (even number of sts):

Row 1 (RS): K1, *k1, p1; rep from * to last st, k1.

Row 2 (WS): K1, *p1, k1; rep from * to last st, k1.

Repeat rows 1-2 for pattern

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BACK

CO 95 (107, 119, 129, 141) sts.
Work in seed st until piece measures .75" from beg, ending with a WS row.
Next row, adding dart markers (RS): K19 (21, 24, 26, 28), pm, k57 (65, 71, 77, 85), pm, k to end.
Next row (WS): Purl.
Continue in St st until piece measures 3.5" from beg, ending with a WS row.

Waist shaping:

Next row, decrease row (RS): K to marker, sm, ssk, k to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, sm, k to end.
Continuing to work in St st, work decrease row every 8th row 3 times more – 87 (99, 111, 121, 133) sts.
Work even until piece measures 8.75" from CO edge, ending with a WS row.
Next row, increase row (RS): K to marker, sm, m1, k to marker, m1, sm, k to end.
Continuing to work in St st, work increase row every 8th row once more, then every 10th row 2 times – 95 (107, 119, 129, 141) sts.
Work even until piece measures 14.75" from CO edge, ending with a WS row.

Armhole shaping:

BO 5 (7, 8, 11, 11) sts at beg of next 2 rows -- 85 (93, 103, 107, 119) sts
Next row (RS): K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.
Next row (WS): Purl.
Rep these two rows 5 (6, 8, 8, 11) times more – 73 (79, 85, 89, 95) sts.
Work even until armhole depth measures 6.75 (7.25, 7.75, 8.25, 8.75)", ending with a WS row.

Neck shaping and Left back shoulder:

Row 1 (RS): K19 (22, 22, 24, 27), BO 35 (35, 41, 41, 41) sts, k to end.
Work left back shoulder by itself until it's complete.
Row 2 (WS): Purl.
Row 3: K1, ssk, k to end.
Row 4: Purl
Row 5: As Row 3 – 17 (20, 20, 22, 25) sts in left shoulder.
Work even until armhole depth measures 7.5 (8, 8.5, 9, 9.5)", ending with a RS row.
BO 5 (6, 6, 7, 8) sts at the beg of the next WS row, then 6 (7, 7, 7, 8) sts at the beg of the next WS row.
BO remaining left back shoulder sts.

Right back shoulder:

With WS facing, attach yarn to neck edge of right shoulder.
Row 1 (WS): Purl.
Row 2 (RS): K to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.
Row 3: Purl.
Row 4: As Row 2 – 17 (20, 20, 22, 25) sts.
Work even until armhole depth measures 7.5 (8, 8.5, 9, 9.5)", ending with a WS row.
BO 5 (6, 6, 7, 8) sts at the beg of the next RS row, then 6 (7, 7, 7, 8) sts at the beg of the next RS row.
BO remaining left back shoulder sts.

FRONT

Work as for Back through waist shaping until piece measures 1 row short of 14.75", ending with a RS row.
Next row, place markers for neck shaping – color A to delimit the outside border of the neckline and color B to delimit the center neck split (WS): P45 (51, 57, 62, 68), pm A, p1, pm B, p3, pm B, p1, pm A, p45 (51, 57, 62, 68).

Neckline and armhole shaping:

Work armhole shaping as for Back and AT THE SAME TIME work neckline pattern as follows:
Row 1 (RS): Work to marker, sm, *p1, k1; rep from * to 1 st before last marker, p1, sm, work to end.
Row 2 (WS): Work in St st to 1 st before marker, work seed st to 1 st past last marker, work in St st to end.
Row 3: Work in St st to 2 sts before marker, work in seed st to 2 sts past last marker, work in St st to end.
Row 4: Work in St st to 3 sts before marker, work in seed st to 3 sts past last marker, work in St st to end.
Row 5: Work in St st to 4 sts before marker, work in seed st to 4 sts past last marker, work in St st to end.
Work even (i.e. work St st in St st and the seed st in seed st) the next two rows, ending with a RS row. Row 8 (WS): Work in St st to 5 sts before marker, work in seed st to 5 sts past last marker, work in St st to end.
Continue to work in this manner, increasing the seed st portion by 1 st on either side of the markers every 3rd row 7 (7, 10, 10, 10) times more. (You should be 12 (12, 15, 15, 15) sts past the marker on either side.) Then every 5th row 5 times (you should be 17 (17, 20, 20, 20) sts past marker). Then work even, with St st and seed st in their respective sections.

AT THE SAME TIME, when armhole depth measures 2" or after, ending with a WS row, split for front neck as follows. All armhole shaping should be completed by this point for sizes 34.5 (39)", but some armhole decreases remain to be done for

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sizes 43.25 (47, 51.25)" and will be worked concurrently with the front neck shaping.

Right front neck and shoulder shaping:
Row 1 (RS): Work to marker B, remove marker, BO 3 sts, remove marker B, work to end. Work on right side of front neck first.
Row 2 (WS): Work even.
Row 3: BO 2 sts, work to end.
Row 4: Work even.
Row 5 (decrease row): Ssk, work to end.
Repeat decrease row every RS row 3 (3, 6, 6, 6) times more, then every other RS row 1 time.
Work even until armhole depth measures 6", ending with a WS row.
Row 1 (RS): BO 4 sts, work to end.
Row 2 (WS): Work even.
Row 3: BO 2 sts, work to end.
Row 4: Work even.
Row 5 (decrease row): Ssk, work to end.
Repeat decrease row every RS row 2 times more – 19 (22, 22, 24, 27) sts.
Work even, with St st and seed st in their respective sections, until armhole depth measures 7.5 (8, 8.5, 9, 9.5)", ending with a RS row.

Row 1 (WS): BO 5 (6, 6, 7, 8) sts, work to end.
Row 2 (RS): Work even.
Row 3: BO 6 (7, 7, 7, 8) sts, work to end.
Row 4: BO 2 seed st sts, work to end.
Bind off remaining shoulder sts.

Left front neck and shoulder shaping:
With WS facing, attach yarn to neck edge of left front.
Row 1 (WS): BO 2 sts, work to end.
Row 2, decrease row (RS): Work to last 2 sts, k2tog.
Repeat decrease row every RS row 3 (3, 6, 6, 6) times more, then every other RS row 1 time.
Work even until armhole depth measures 6", ending with a RS row.

Row 1 (WS): BO 4 sts, work to end.
Row 2 (RS): Work even.
Row 3: BO 2 sts, work to end.
Row 4, decrease row: Work to last 2 sts, k2tog.
Repeat decrease row every RS row 2 times more.
Work even, with St st and seed st in their respective sections, until armhole depth measures 7.5 (8, 8.5, 9, 9.5)", ending with a WS row.

Row 1 (RS): BO 5 (6, 6, 7, 8) sts, work to end.
Row 2 (WS): Work even.
Row 3: BO 6 (7, 7, 7, 8) sts, work to end.
Row 4: BO 2 seed st sts, work to end.
Bind off remaining shoulder sts.

SLEEVE CUFF (make 2):
CO 31 sts. Work flat.
Work 0 (0, 3, 6, 6) rows of seed st.
Row 1 and 3 (WS): K1, (k1, p1) twice, k8, p2, k1, p2, k8, (p1, k1) twice, k1.
Row 2 (RS): K1, (k1, p1) twice, p8, sl 3 to cn and hold in back, k2, p1, k2 from cn, p8, (p1, k1) twice, k1.
Row 4: K1, (k1, p1) twice, p7, BC, k1, FC, p7, (p1, k1) twice, k1.
Row 5 and all following WS rows: K1, (k1, p1) twice, k the k sts and p the p sts to the last 5 sts, (p1, k1) twice, k1.
Row 6: K1, (k1, p1) twice, p6, BC, k1, p1, k1, FC, p6, (p1, k1) twice, k1.
Row 8: K1, (k1, p1) twice, p5, BC, (k1, p1) twice, k1, FC, p5, (p1, k1) twice, k1.
Row 10: K1, (k1, p1) twice, p4, BC, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, FC, p4, (p1, k1) twice, k1.
Row 12: K1, (k1, p1) twice, p4, FC, (p1, k1) 3 times, p1, BC, p4, (p1, k1) twice, k1.
Row 14: K1, (k1, p1) twice, p5, FC, (p1, k1) twice, p1, BC, p5, (p1, k1) twice, k1.
Row 16: K1, (k1, p1) twice, p6, FC, p1, k1, p1, BC, p6, (p1, k1) twice, k1.
Row 18: K1, (k1, p1) twice, p7, FC, p1, BC, p7, (p1, k1) twice, k1.
Row 20: Rep row 2.
Row 22: K1, (k1, p1) twice, p7, BC, p1, FC, p7, (p1, k1) twice, k1.
Row 24: K1, (k1, p1) twice, p6, BC, p3, FC, p6, (p1, k1) twice, k1.
Row 26: K1, (k1, p1) twice, p6, k2, p5, k2, p6, (p1, k1) twice, k1.
Row 28: K1, (k1, p1) twice, p6, FC, p3, BC, p6, (p1, k1) twice, k1.
Row 30: Rep row 18.
Repeat rows 1-30 once more and then Rows 1-20 once more.
Work 0 (0, 3, 6, 6) rows of seed st. Bind off
Piece should measure about 9.5 (9.5, 10.25, 11, 11)" long.
Block piece. The short end of the cuff should measure about 5.5".

Pick up and knit 53 (53, 57, 61, 61) sts along the long edge of the cuff (the edge parallel to the direction of the cable).
Working in St st, increase 1 st at beg and end of every 6th row 1 (1, 1, 7, 15) times, then every 8th row 0 (10, 10, 6, 0) times, then every 10th rnd 5 (0, 0, 0, 0) times, then every 12th row 2 (0, 0, 0, 0) times – 69 (75, 79, 87, 91) sts.

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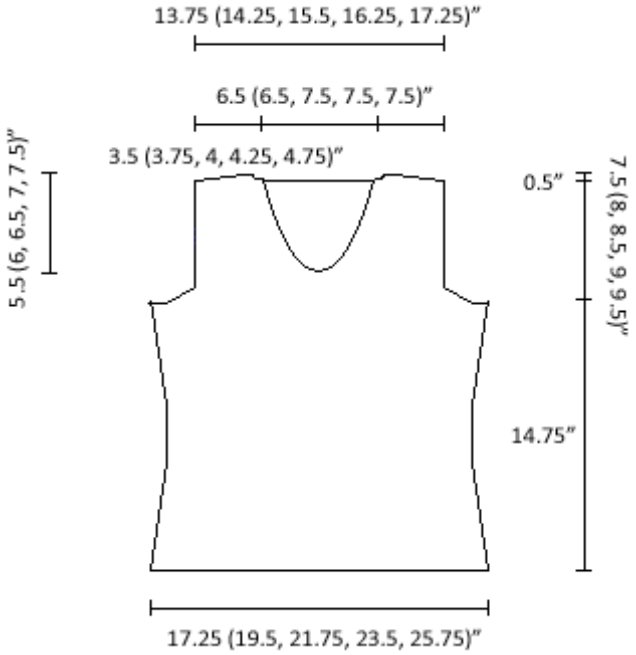
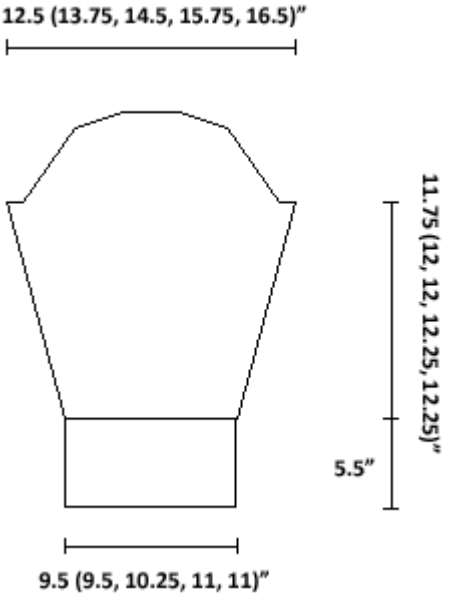
Work even in St st until sleeve measures 17.25 (17.5, 17.5, 17.75, 17.75)" from bottom of cuff, ending with a WS row.

Sleeve cap shaping:
Continuing to work in St st, bind off 5 (7, 8, 11, 11) sts at beg of next 2 rows. Then decrease 1 st at beg and end of *every* row 3 (3, 1, 1, 1) time*, then every RS row 5 (5, 6, 6, 7) times, then every 4th row 3 (4, 4, 5, 5) times, then every RS row 5 (5, 7, 7, 8) times. Then BO 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. Then BO 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows. Then BO last 13 sts.*

FINISHING:
Sew shoulder seams. Block sleeves and sew into armscye, easing any fullness at the top. Sew side and sleeve seams.

Back collar: With smaller needles, pick up and knit 49 (49, 55, 55, 55) sts along back neck. Work in seed st for 3 rows and BO in seed st. Seam together the edge of the back neck border at the shoulder point with the edge of the front neck at the shoulder point (where you have bound off the 2 seed sts for the front neck) at both shoulders.





Abbreviations:
beg: beginning; **BO:** bind off; **CO:** cast on; **k:** knit; **k2tog:** knit 2 together; **m1:** knit into the back of the strand running between the needles; **p:** purl; **pm:** place marker; **rep:** repeat; **RS/WS:** right side / wrong side; **ssk:** slip 2 sts as if to knit, insert tip of needle up into both sts and knit them together; **sm:** slip marker; **st(s):** stitches

Special Stitches:
FC: Sl 2 sts to cn and hold in front, p1, then k2 from cn
BC: Sl 1 st to cn and hold in back, k2, then p1 from cn

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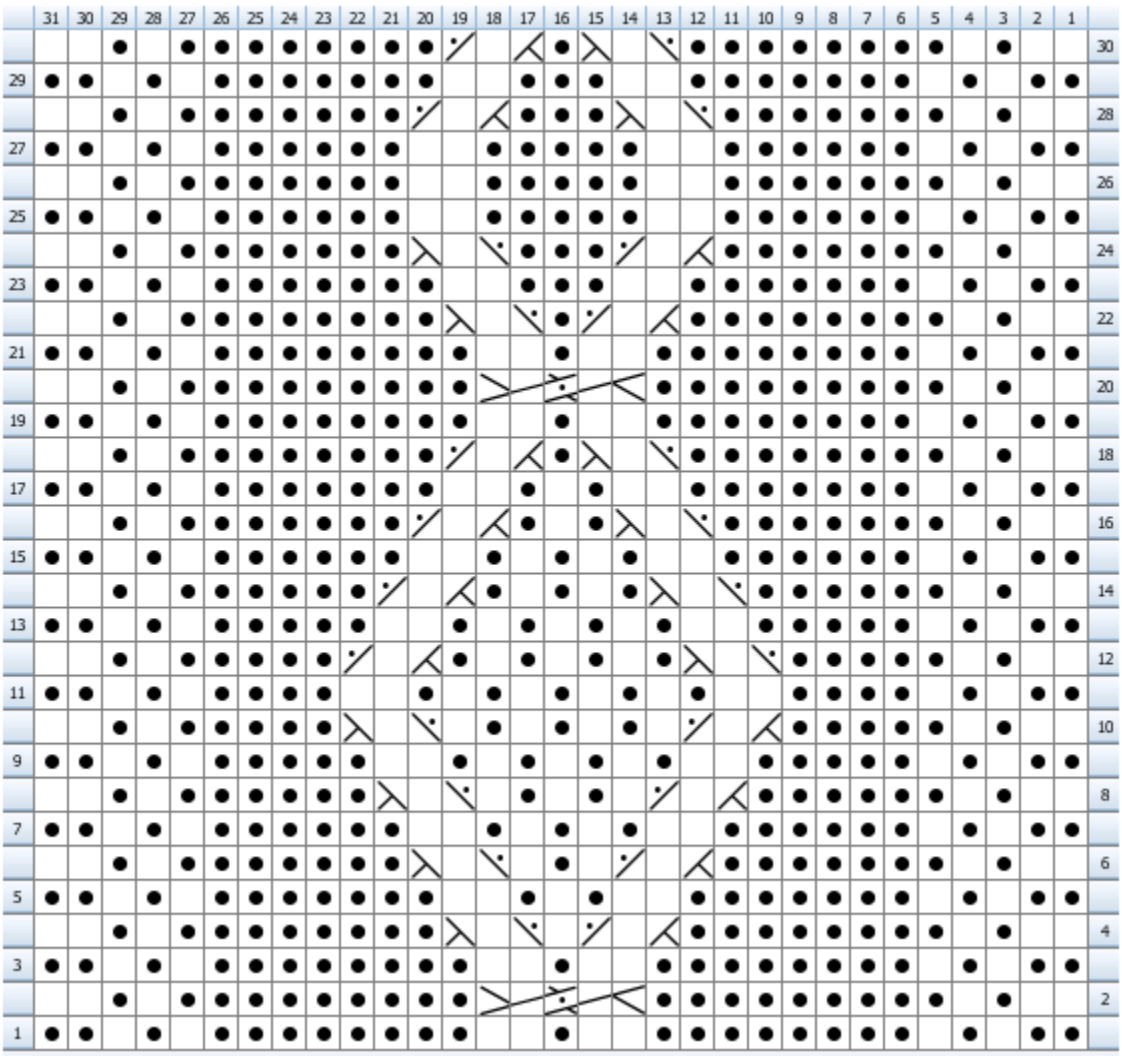

Legend:

●	purl on RS, knit on WS
□	knit on RS, purl on WS
	sl 3 to cn, hold in back, k2, (p1, k2) from cn
	BC: sl 1 st to cn, hold in back, k2, p1 from cn
	FC: sl 2 sts to cn, hold in front, p1, k2 from cn

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