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Léger

Mona Schmidt for Espace Tricot



Yarn:	Rowan Creative Linen (50% cotton, 50% linen); 218 yds (200 m)/100 gr
	MC 3 (3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7, 8) skeins CC 1 (1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3) skeins
Materials:	4.5 mm circular needles (24" or 32" and 16") - or needles required to obtain gauge
	tapestry needle
Gauge:	20 sts and 28 rows/4 inches in Stockinette Stitch – <i>to save time and</i> <i>ensure accurate sizing, please be sure to check gauge</i>

Finished Measurements

Chest circumference: 38 (40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58)" Length: 24 (24, 24, 25, 25, 25, 26, 26, 27, 27, 28)"

Note

Sweater is meant to be worn with at least 4" of ease. Please choose size accordingly.

Stripe Pattern

4 rnds of MC, 2 rnds of CC

BODY

With main colour (MC) CO 190 (200, 210, 220, 230, 240, 250, 260, 270, 280, 290) sts. Place marker and join to knit in the rnd being careful not to twist sts. K 95 (100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145), place second marker. Work in stripe pattern until piece measures 15.5 (15.5, 15, 16, 15, 16, 15, 16, 15, 16, 15, 16)". Add length here if desired.

Next rnd: Divide for front and back. Work in stripe pattern to second marker, remove marker. From here on you are working back and forth on the back only. Continue in stripe pattern until piece measures 1.5 (1.5, 2, 2.5, 2.5, 3.5, 3.5, 4.5, 4.5, 5.5, 5.5)" from armhole. Switch to MC only and work until piece measures 7.5 (7.5, 8, 8, 9, 9, 9, 10, 10, 11, 11)", ending with a WS row.

BACK NECK

Next (RS) row: K 37 (39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57), bind off 21 (22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31) sts, k to end of row. Work WS row on right back. Bind off 8 sts on neck edge once, then 4 sts, then 2 sts. - 23 (25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43) sts. Work WS row. Place rem sts on holder.

For left back, on WS bind off 8 sts on neck edge once, then 4 sts, then 2 sts. Work WS row. Place rem sts on holder. Armhole measures about 8.5 (8.5, 9, 9, 10, 10, 11, 11, 12, 12)".

FRONT

Work as for back until piece measures 5 (5, 5.5, 5.5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7, 8, 8)", ending with a WS row.

FRONT NECK

Next (RS) row: K 41 (43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61), bind off 13 (14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23) sts, k to end of row. Work WS on right front. Bind off 4 sts on neck edge once, then 3 sts once, 2 sts twice. Work WS row. On next RS row, K1, ssk, k to end of row. Work WS. Repeat last two rows 6 times more - 23 (25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43) sts. Place rem sts on holder.

For left front, work decreases on neck edge as for right, beginning with a WS row. Next RS row: Work to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. Work WS row. Repeat last two rows 6 times more. Place rem sts on holder. Armhole measures about 8.5 (8.5, 9, 9, 10, 10, 10, 11, 11, 12, 12)".

Preparation for sleeves

Holding RS of back and front together, bind off rem sts of shoulder with three needle method. Repeat for second shoulder.

SLEEVES

With MC and beginning at underarm, pick up and knit 88 (88, 90, 90, 100, 100, 100, 110, 110, 120, 120) sts around armhole Place marker for beg of round and work 1 round. Change to CC work 2 rounds. Continue in Stripe Pattern from here on. Work until piece measures 2" from armhole.

Decrease rnd: k1, ssk, work to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Work until piece measures 5". Rep decrease round.

Work until piece measures 8" Rep decrease round.

Work until piece measures 11". Bind off. – Add length here if desired – continuing decreases every 3".

Repeat for second sleeve.

FINISHING

With MC and 16" needle, beginning at right shoulder, pick up and knit stitches around neckline (1 st for every bound off st, 1 st for every row on decreases). Turn work and bind off on WS knitwise. Weave in ends, closing gap at neckline at the same time. Block.

Happy knitting!