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The Sweater



Sweater is shown with Stitchin' for Kids Irish Tam (knitting pattern on website)

This sweater has an open front with no buttons. It is great with pants or skirts. It will fit the 14" Hearts for Hearts doll. The instructions were written as part of an effort to give dolls with outfits to young patients in hospitals.

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Requirements:

Yarn – DK or sport weight yarn (some ladies have even used fingering weight yarn)

- If using a heavier weight yarn, reduce size of your needles
- Check size of sweater on doll to verify size according to your own knitting gauge. This sweater can easily be made too large.

Needles – Size 5 needles (smaller sized needles should be used if your sweater is coming out too large)

Notes:

This sweater is knit in one piece from the top down returning to pick up stitches to finish the sleeves. There is a knit two, purl two ribbing up the front sides of the sweater.

Options:

Instead of knitting sleeves straight and then sewing/finishing later, transfer saved stitches to size 5 double pointed needles to knit sleeves.

Instead of doing the knit two, purl two ribbing up the front, continue the rib around the neck (K,P,K,P) for four stitches along the front sides.

Add stripes or patterns.

Abbreviations:

BO=bind off, K=knit, P=purl, pm=place marker, R=row, sts=stitches

Instructions:

Cast on 41 sts.

R 1: K1, P1 across row ending with K

R 2: P1, K1 across row ending with P

Repeat row 1 and 2 one more time (total of 4 ribbing rows starting with row 1)

R 5: K2, P2, K 2, pm, K8, pm, K13, pm, K8, pm, K2, P2, K2

(ending pattern will be 6, 8, 13, 8, 6)

R 6: P2, K2, P33, K2, P2

R 7: First "Increase row": K2, P2, knit until stitch before markers. On stitches before and after marker, knit in front and back of stitch. K until 4 stitches remaining then P2, K2.

At end of row 13, there will be 49 stitches (pattern will be 7, 10, 15, 10, 7)

R 8: P2, K2, P41, K2, P2

R 9: Increase row (ending pattern will be 8, 12, 17, 12, 8)

R 10: P2, K2, P49, K2, P2

R 11: Increase row (ending pattern will be 9, 14, 19, 14, 9)

R 12: P2, K2, P57, K2, P2

R 13: Increase row (ending pattern will be 10, 16, 21, 16, 10)

R 14: P2, K2, P65, K2, P2

R 15: Increase row (ending pattern will be 11, 18, 23, 18, 11)

R 16: P2, K2, P73, K2, P2

R 17: Increase row (ending pattern will be 12, 20, 25, 20, 12)

R 18: P2, K2, P81, K2, P2

R 19: (remove markers as you come to them) K2, P2, K8, move 20 stitches on to holder such as safety pin, K25, move 20 stitches on to another holder/pin, K8, P2, K2

R 20: P2, K2, purl until there are four stitches remaining, K2, P2

R 21: K2, P2, knit until there are four stitches remaining, P2, K2

R 22: P2, K2, purl until there are four stitches remaining, K2, P2

Repeat rows 21 and 22 three more times

R 29: K1, P1, repeat ribbing ending with a knit

R 30: P1, K1, repeat ribbing ending with a purl

R 31 and 32: repeat rows 29 and 30

BO as you continue the rib pattern

For each sleeve:

Move stitches from holder/pin to size 5 needle.

R 1: K20

R 2: P20

Repeat sleeve rows 1 and 2 six more times

R 15: K1, P1 repeat ribbing ending with a purl

R 16, R 17 and R 18: repeat row 15

Bind off as you continue the rib pattern

Stitch sleeves together.