



Highland Spring, by Annie Modesit.



In this sweater the goal is to harmoniously use up as many loose ends of yarn as possible; therefore, the only sections for which a large amount of same-coloured yarn is required are the vertical stripes, ribbed portions and collar. The horizontal stripes, which make up the plaid, can be worked in very small quantities. For a semi-random feeling, try attaching many strands of various colours and textures end to end to create a large ball from which to work all horizontal stripes.

The sweater is worked in a plaid technique throughout. The top is worked in one piece from the bottom up with fronts and back divided at armhole shapings and worked separately. The front K2, P2 ribbed placket is worked along with the fronts. The shoulders are also worked in K2, P2 rib. Front plackets, armhole edging and collar are picked up and knit later. A front zipper is sewn in place after finishing.

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DIFFICULTY LEVEL

Intermediate

SIZE

Woman's S, M, L, XL

Finished Measurements:

Bust: 79(89, 99, 109) centimeters / 31(35, 39, 43) inches

Length: 49(50, 53, 54) centimeters / 19.25(19.75, 20.75, 21.25) inches

Armhole: 20(20, 22, 22) centimeters / 8(8, 8.5, 8.5) inches

MATERIALS

Yarn:

(Yarn A) Rowan , Cotton Glace [100% cotton, m per gm / 125 yd per oz]; colour, 12 balls broken down as follows :

#		Colour	To Buy
748	A	Lt Blue	2 balls
721	B	Red	2 balls
810	C	Dk Blue	2 balls
723	D	Laven	1 ball
747	E	Lt. Pink	1 ball
722	F	Lt Grn	1 ball
793	G	Lt Red	1 ball
730	H	Wheat	1 ball
809	I	Med Grn	1 ball

Note : the example shown here was created using some discontinued shades of cotton glace. Be creative, pick some colours that you like best and give it a try!

GAUGE

24 sts and 40 rows/10 cm

MATERIALS

Tools:

One 3.75 mm circular needle

One 3.25 mm circular needle

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Notions:

One separating zipper, 46(46, 48, 48) cm / 18(18, 19, 19) in

Tapestry needle

Sewing needle

Thread.

PATTERN

Stockinette stitch (St st): K on RS, P on WS.

2 x 2 Rib

Row 1 (WS): *K2, p2, repeat from * ending with k2.

Row 2: *P2, k2, repeat from *, ending with p2.

Double Knit Slipped Stitch Edge

RS Row: K1, wyif sl1, k1, work to last 3 sts, k1, wyif sl1, k1.

WS Row: Wyif sl1, k1, wyif sl1, work to last 3 sts, wyif sl1, k1, wyif sl1

Note: on RS rows yif means yarn to the RS of work. On WS rows yif means

yarn to the WS of work.

I-Cord Bind Off

CO 3 sts at beg of row using Cable Cast On. [K2, k2togLS. Slip 3 sts from RH needle back to LH needle. Pull yarn taut across back of work.] Repeat across work until all sts are bound off.

K3tog-LS.

4-Row Plaid Technique

This technique is worked over an even number of sts.

Set-up Row (Work once): Set up each vertical stripe as designated on the chart by knitting across rt side of work as follows: [With A, k6 sts, with B, k10 sts, With C, k6 sts, with D, k10 sts] rep to end of row, twisting yarns at colour changes.

Row 1 (RS): Slide work to rt end of circular needle and using a single strand of CC, [k1, sl 1] to end.

Row 2 (WS): P each colour in its designated vertical stripe, twisting yarns at each colour change.

Row 3 (WS): Slide work to rt end of needle and, using a single strand of CC, [p1, sl1] across work.

Row 4 (RS): K each colour in its designated vertical stripe.

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In the above 4-row plaid motif, 2 rows are worked on the right side, then 2 rows are worked on the wrong side (see chart). These 4 rows will result in a 2-row plaid patt.



BEGIN TANK

With a single strand of colour I and smaller needles, CO 182(214, 240, 262) sts. Work in k2, p2 rib for ½ in, end with a WS row. Change to larger needle and begin 4-row plaid patt as foll:

Row 1 (RS): Beg with st 1, row 1 of chart (at end of pattern) , beg working patt across all sts, repeating patt 11(13, 14, 16) times, ending with st 6(6, 16, 6) of chart.

Row 2(RS): Foll. arrows on chart for working direction, slide work back to rt end of circular needle and, with contrasting colour, [k1, sl1] across work to end.

Row 3 (WS): Foll. arrows on chart and beg with st 6(6, 16, 6) of chart, p back across all sts, working in same colour as in row 1.

Row 4 (WS): Foll. arrows on chart for working direction, slide work back to left end of circular needle and, with contrasting colour, [p1, sl1] across work to end.

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Cont in plaid patt and changing horizontal stripe colours as desired, until piece measures 27(29, 30, 31) cm / 10 ³/₄ (11 ¹/₄ , 11 ³/₄ , 12 ¹/₄ in. End with row 4 of patt.

Back Armhole Shaping

Slip the first 46(54, 60, 66) sts onto a holder to work later. Cont on back, BO 6 sts, then work across 84(100, 114, 124) sts. Slip rem 46(54, 60, 66) sts onto a st holder to work later. Cont with back, BO 6 sts at beg of WS row, then slip all sts to rt end of circular needle and work row 2 of plaid rep. [78(94, 108, 118) sts]

Cont in plaid patt as est, BO 1 st on each edge every other row 3(4, 5, 6) times . [72(86, 98, 106) sts]

Work even until armhole depth measures 14(14, 15, 15) cm / 5½(5½, 6, 6) in. Change to colour B and work in k2, p2 ribbing until armhole depth measures 20(20, 22, 22) cm / 8(8, 8½ , 8½). End with WS row.

Shoulder Shaping

BO 4 sts at start of each row 10(12, 14, 16) times. BO rem 32(39, 42, 42) sts

FRONTS

Slip sts from holder onto larger circular needle so that the center fronts meet together in the middle of the needle. Beg with row 1 of plaid patt on a RS row, BO 6 sts from armhole edge of Left Front. [40 (48, 54, 60) sts]

Work across 24(32, 38, 44) sts, then work rem 16 sts in p2, k2 rib to create the Bib detail in the front.

Right Front: Work first 16 sts in k2, p2 rib for the Bib, then work rem sts of row 1 in plaid patt as established. Turn work and BO 6 sts from armhole edge of rt side. [40 (48, 54, 60) sts] Turn work and slide all sts to the rt end of needle and begin row 2 of plaid patt across 24 (32, 38, 44) sts to ribbed bib area.

Note: Do not work the bib sts in rows 2, 4 of the plaid patt.

Slip Bib sts in these rows without working them. Cont in plaid patt as established, BO 1 st on each armhole edge every other row 3(4, 5, 6) times. [37 (44, 49, 54) sts].



Cont as established, working the 16 Bib sts on either front in rib on rows 1 and 3 of patt only and the rem sts in plaid until armhole depth measures 14(14, 15, 15 cm / 5½(5½ , 6, 6) in. Change to colour B and work in k2, p2 rib until armhole depth measures 20(20, 22,22) cm / 8(8, 8½ , 8½) in. End with WS row.

Neck & Shoulder Shaping

BO from the center front edge 4(5, 6, 6) sts twice, then 1 st every row 4 times, then 1 st every other row 4 times and AT SAME TIME BO 4 sts at start of each row 10(12, 14, 16) times. Cut yarn, leaving an ? cm / 8 in tail and pull through last st.

FINISHING

Steam block pieces. Sew shoulder seams. With smaller needle and colour B, pick up and knit 96(96, 104, 104) sts around rt armhole. Work k2, p2 rib for 7 rounds, then work in St st for 4 rounds. BO all sts with larger needle. Repeat for left armhole.

Plackets: With smaller needle and colour I, pick up and knit 101(104, 107, 110) sts along rt front edge. Work in St st for 6 rows, ending with WS row. K 3 rows, then p 1 row. Cont in St st for 5 rows. BO all sts loosely. Steam placket. Fold at ridge and sew bound off edge to wrong side of Rightt Front edge. Repeat for Left Front edge.

Collar

With smaller needle and B, pick up and knit 122(130, 138, 142) sts around neck edge, starting with rt placket and working around to left placket.

Next row (WS) Work first 3 sts in double-knit slip-stitch edging as foll: wyif sl1, k1, wyif sl1. Work the next 116(124, 132, 136) sts in k2, p2 rib, matching the rib to the rib at the yoke of the sweater, end wyif sl1, k1, wyif k1.

Next row (RS): (k1, wyif sl1, k1) work in rib as established to last 3 sts (k1, wyif sl1, k1).

Cont in this manner until collar measures ? cm / 6 in. Work 4 more rows in St st.

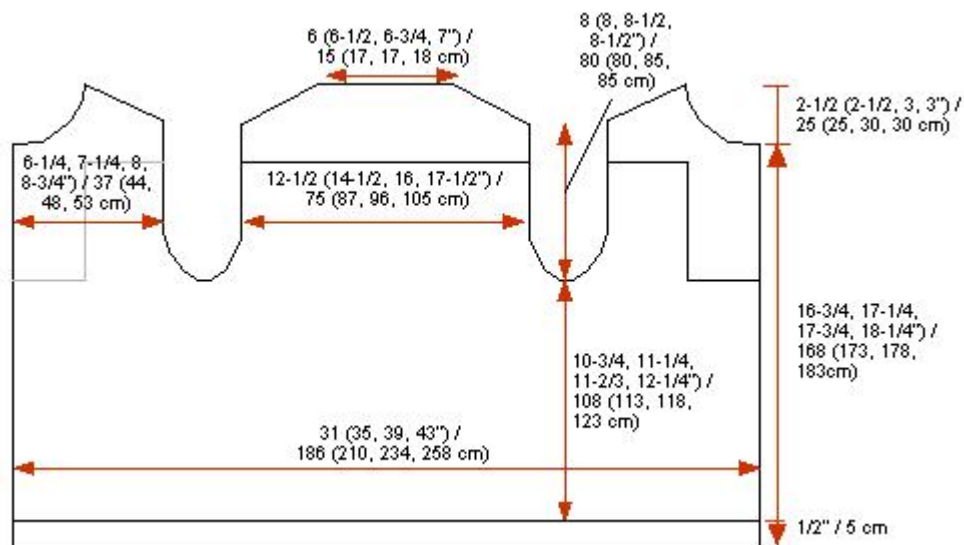
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BO all sts in i-cord using colour I (see Stitches).

Zipper

Starting flush with the bottom of the front plackets, pin each side to the underside of the plackets so that the fold at the front edges of the plackets are just touching when the zipper is closed. Unzip the zipper and machine or hand stitch the zipper in place. Turn any extra zipper left at the top of the placket toward the underside of the placket and stitch in place.



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