Bowknot Cardigan and Sleeveless Slipover



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Materials:

American Thread Company "Gem" Cotton Yarn 6-80 yd skeins White or Colors 1 pair bone knitting needles No. 5 1 pair bone knitting needles No. 8

Gauge: 4 sts = 1 inch 5 rows = 1 inch

Both sweaters are size 14

Sleeveless Slipover (shown in photo on right)

Back

On No. 5 needles, cast on 52 sts and work in ribbing of k 1, p 1 for 3 inches increasing in last row to 64 sts, then begin pattern using the same needles.

1st Row: K 6, * p 4, k 6, p 4, k 5, repeat from * ending with k 6.

2nd Row: P 6, * k 4, p 6, k 4, p 5, repeat from * ending with p 6.

Repeat the last two rows.

5th Row: Cable row, k 6, * p 4, slip the next 3 sts on a double pointed needle and hold in back of work, k the next 3 sts then k the 3 sts on spare needle, p 4, k 5, repeat from * ending with k 6.

Repeat 2nd row, then repeat 1st and 2nd rows, 4 times and repeat 5th row. Continue working a cable st in every 10th row. Work 3 inches of pattern, changing to large needles and continue patterns even until back measures 14 inches from the beginning.

Next 2 rows: Bind off 3 sts at the beginning of each row, then decrease 1 st at the beginning of next 6 rows. (6 sts decreased each side.)

Work even until armhole measures 8 inches.

Next 8 Rows: Bind off 4 sts at the beginning of each row and bind off remaining sts for back of neck.

Front

On fine needles cast on 56 sts, work in ribbing for 3 inches, increasing in last row to 68 sts and work same as back knitting the added sts at underarm edge.

Next 2 Rows: Bind off 4 sts at beginning of each row.

Next 5 Rows: Decrease 1 st at each end of each row. (9 decreases each side). Work even until armhole measures 5 inches and start shaping neck.

With right side toward you, work the 1st 22 sts in pattern, bind off the next 6 sts and work remaining 22 sts. Purl back to neck edge. Bind off 3 sts on next row and purl back.

Decrease 1 st at neck edge every 3rd row until 16 sts remain. Work even until armhole measures same as back, bond off shoulder same as back shoulder. Work other side to correspond.

Block Front and Back, sew seams and work a row of sc around neck edge and armholes.

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Bowknot Cardigan (shown in photo on left)

Materials —

American Thread Company "Gem" Cotton Yarn 7-80 yd skeins White or Colors 1 pair bone knitting needles No. 4 1 pair bone knitting needles No. 7

Gauge — 4 sts = 1 inch

Measurements-length of side seam, 12 inches. Width between shoulders, 13 inches. Length of sleeve at underarm, 5 1/2 inches.

Back —

On small needles, cast on 52 sts, k 2, p 2 for 3 inches.

Next row: Change to No. 7 needles, start pattern.

1st Row: K across row. 2nd Row: P across row. 3rd Row: K across row. 4th Row: P across row.

5th Row: K 1, * sl the next 6 sts as in purling keeping the yarn in front of work, k 5, repeat from * ending row with k 1.

6th Row: P across row.

Repeat 5th and 6 rows twice, then repeat 5th row.

12th Row: P 3, * insert needle under all loops, yarn over and draw up a loop gathering loops together, purl next st, slip the gathering loop over purled st, repeat from * p 9, and repeat from 1st * ending row with p 3. Repeat these 12 rows for pattern. When pattern measures 3 inches increase 1 st each side every 4th row, 6 times. Work even until back measures 12 inches from the beginning.

Next 2 Rows: Bind off 4 sts at the beginning of each row, then decrease 1 st each side every other row, twice. Work even until armhole measures 7 inches from the 1st decreasing point.

Next 6 Rows: Bind off 6 sts at the beginning of each row for shoulder and bind off remaining sts for back of neck.

Right Front —

On small needles cast on 34 sts and work in ribbing for 3 inches. Change to large needles and begin pattern same as back. When pattern measures 3 inches increase 1 st at underarm every other row, 5 times. Work even until front measures 12 inches from the beginning, ending on right side.

Next Row: Bind off 4 sts at armhole edge then decrease at armhole edge every other row, twice.

Next Row: Work armhole even and start shaping neck, decrease 1 st at neck edge every other row until 18 sts remain. Work even until armhole measures 7 inches. Bind off 6 sts every other row at armhole edge for shoulders. Work left front to correspond reversing the shaping.

Sleeves —

Starting at top, on large needles cast on 12 sts, work a bow-knot pattern over center 6 sts and increase 1 st each side of each row until there are 24 sts on needle, working the remaining sts plain. Then increase 1 st each side of every other row until there are 34 sts on needle. Work even until sleeve measures 6 3/4 inches through the center.

Next 2 Rows: Cast on 4 sts at the beginning of each row and work even for 1 3/4 inches.

Decrease 1 st each side of every 4th row, 3 times. When work measures 4 inches from underarm, change to small needles and work in ribbing for 1 1/4 inches. Sleeve should measure 5 1/2 inches from underarm.

Press each piece carefully. Sew shoulder seams. Work 3 rows of sc across left front.

On right front work 1 row of sc. In 2nd row work buttonhole of ch 3, spacing them evenly and work another row of sc. Work 2 rows of sc around neck. Sew in sleeves, press shoulder and sleeve seams, sew underarm seams and sew buttons in position.