



Heather's Winter Warmer

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This lovely raglan-style design uses colours and stitch textures to make a gorgeous warm sweater for a child.

KAS would appreciate sweaters that will fit 3-10 year old children.

The garment will be longer than it is wide. The added length is to cover the child's distended stomach.

Overall length from top of neck: 17 inches/43cm

Sleeve length from neck seam: 17 inches/43cm

Neck at full stretch: approx 22 inches/56cm

Chest: 24 inches/61cm

Armhole: 11 inches/28cm

Shoulders (measured across start of raglan decrease): 15 inches/39cm



Materials and Equipment

- Bulky yarn (US)/chunky(UK)/12ply /Aust) 100 grams each of yarn A, yarn B, yarn C
- One pair 6mm needles (size 10 US, size 4 Old UK)
- One pair 5mm needles (size 8 UK, size 6 Old UK)
- Four stitch holders/pins

Abbreviations

K2Tog: Knit two together

Stockinette: Knit one row, Purl one row

Sl1 Knit 1 pssso: Slip 1 stitch purlwise, knit 1 stitch, pass slipped stitch over the knitted stitch

Instructions

Back

With 5mm needles and Yarn A, cast on 44 stitches

Knit every row for 12 rows

Change to 6mm needles and Yarn B

(leave yarn A attached and carry up the side of the work).

Stockinette for 12 rows, starting with a knit row.

Join Yarn C

(leave A & B attached)

Knit 4 rows.

Yarn A: Knit 1 row, Purl 1 row.

Yarn B: Knit 1 row, Purl 1 row.

Yarn A: Knit 1 row, Purl 1 row.

Yarn C: Knit 4 rows.

Fasten off Yarns C & A.

Yarn B: Stockinette beginning with Knit row until work measures 12 inches/30cm

Shape Raglan Armholes

Cast off 3 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows (38 stitches).

Next Row: (right side): Change to Yarn C: Knit 1, K2tog, Knit to last 3 stitches, sl1 Knit 1 pssso, Knit 1.

Next Row: Knit to end *

Change to Yarn A and repeat the last 2 rows until 16 stitches remain, ending with a wrong side row.

Slip stitches onto a stitch holder.

Front

Work exactly as given for Back to *.

Next Row: Repeat the last 2 rows until 24 stitches remain, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape Neck

Next Row: Knit 1, K2tog, K4, TURN WORK and continue on these 6 stitches only

Next Row: K2tog, Knit to end (5 stitches)

Next Row: Knit 1, K2tog, Knit to end (4 stitches)

Next Row: K2tog, Knit to end (3 stitches)

Next Row: K2tog, Knit 1 (2 stitches)

Next Row: K2tog, fasten off

Slip centre 10 stitches onto a stitch holder.

Rejoin Yarn B at neck edge of remaining 7 stitches and Knit 4, sl1 K1 pssso, Knit 1 (6 sts)

Next Row: Knit 4, K2tog, (5 stitches)

Next Row: Knit 2, sl 1 Knit 1 pssso, Knit 1 (4 stitches)

Next Row: Knit 2, K2tog (3 stitches)

Next Row: K2tog, Knit 1 (2 stitches)

Next Row: K2tog, fasten off.

Sleeves

With 5mm needles and Yarn C, cast on 27 sts.

Knit 12 rows.

Change to 6mm needles and Yarn A (leave yarn C attached and carry up the side of the work).

Increase 1 stitch at each end of the 7th row and every following 8th row to 39 stitches,

whilst at the same time following this stripe pattern:

Stockinette for 12 rows, starting with a Knit row.

Yarn C: Knit 4 rows.

Join Yarn B (carry all yarns up the side of the work)

Yarn B: Knit 1 row, Purl 1 row

Yarn A: Knit 1 row, Purl 1 row

Yarn B: Knit 1 row, Purl 1 row

Yarn C: Knit 4 rows.

Fasten off Yarns B & C.

Yarn A: Starting with a Knit row, stockinette until work measures 12 inches/30cm

Shape Raglan Top

Cast off 3 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows (33 stitches).

Next Row: (right side): Change to Yarn C: K1,K2tog, Knit to last 3 stitches, sl 1, K1, pssso, K1.

Next Row: Knit to end

Change to Yarn B and repeat the last 2 rows until 11 sts remain, ending with a wrong side row.

Slip stitches onto a stitch holder.

Neck

Sew up both front and right back raglan seams.

With 5mm needles and right side facing, rejoin Yarn C and Knit 11 stitches from left sleeve top, pick up and Knit 6 stitches evenly down right side of front neck, Knit 9 stitches from centre front, pick up and Knit 6 stitches evenly up right side of front neck, Knit 11 sts from right sleeve top, then Knit 16 sts from back neck. (59 stitches)

Knit 11 rows.

Cast/bind off fairly loosely.

To make up

Sew up left back raglan seam and neck seam.

Sew up side seams and underarm seam.

Variations

The blue and yellow garment in the photograph was made up with two strands of medium worsted US/ Aran (UK)/ 10ply (Aust) on the same sized needles.

It comes out bigger than when using bulky/chunky/12ply yarn.

Overall length from top of neck: 19"/48cm

Sleeve length from neck seam: 19"/48cm

Neck at full stretch: approx 24"/61cm

Chest: 28"/71 cm

Armhole: 14"/36cm

Shoulders (measured across start of raglan decrease): 16"/41cm



The approximate chest measurement will be closer to 28 inches/71cm and you will need to adjust the length of the back, front and sleeves accordingly.

Therefore, after the stripe pattern is completed, knit until each piece measures around 14 inches/36cm before shaping the raglan top.

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