



This piece is knit side to side to give you vertical stripes which are slimming. Our sample used two different colors but it certainly can be done with just one. We alternated our colors by knitting to the end of the front increases in the main color, then adding a 3 inch stripe of the contrast and returning to the main color. We also used one color for the front and one color for the back at the split section. We then used random striping from there so that we could use up the yarn that was left.

Sizes: Small(60" bust) Medium(64" bust) Large(72"bust)

Materials: Noro Ito Small & Medium 3 balls, Large 4 balls

Size US 8 needles at least 24" cable, preferably 32" cable, 3 round stitch markers, 2 locking stitch markers

Gauge: 16 stitches=4 inches, 20 rows=4 inches

Cast on 192(200,204) stitches

Purl 96(100,102) and then place a marker, purl to the end.

Row 1(RS) Slip 1 Stitch knitwise with yarn in back(k1,p1)twice, place a marker, knit to last five stitches place a marker(p1,k1)twice, end with a knit one.

Row 2(WS) Slip1 Stitch purlwise with yarn in front(k1,p1)twice, purl to last five stitches,(p1,k1) twice end with a purl 1.

Repeat rows one and two(only place the marker on the very first row) until your piece measures 11(13,14) ending with the wrong side.

Front Neck shaping(RS) work to middle marker. Slip remaining stitches to a holder or piece of scrap yarn. You will only be working with the first 96(100, 102) stitches at this time. Turn (WS)and bind off 8 stitches 88(92,94)purl back to the edge marker and keep in edging pattern. Knit the next row keeping in pattern

At the neck edge(the middle of the piece) Bind off 8 stitches 80(84,86) and purl back and pattern stitch the last 5 stitches.

Decrease row 1(RS) Work to last 12 stitches knit 2 together, then knit to last 4 stitches and knit 2 together, knit 2. Place locking stitch marker and leave in place for later finishing of neckline.

Purl back and keep edge stitching in pattern.

Repeat these rows two times total 76(80,82) stitches).

Decrease row2( work to the last 4 stitches, knit 2 together then knit 2.

Purl back maintaining the edging stitch as needed

Repeat these 2 rows until you are down to 72(76,78)stitches.

Then work in stockinette with edging stitch for 2 inches.

Increase row1(RS) Work to last 2 stitches, Make one(M1), knit two.

Place locking stitch marker and leave in place for later finishing of neckline.

Work even in stockinette and edging stitch pattern, repeat the increase row until you are at 76(80,82) stitches,

Increase row 2(RS) work to the last 10 stitches and M1, work to the last 2 stitches and M1 and knit the last 2, purl back maintaining the edging stitch pattern, repeat these 2 rows until you have 80 (84,86) stitches. Cast on 8 stitches at beginning of the next 2 WS rows 96(100, 102) stitches. Slip these stitches on to a scrap yarn to hold while working the back.

With RS facing slip the 96(100,102) stitches on to your needles and keep the edge stitch pattern on one side only(the bottom of the piece).

Decrease row 1(RS) Knit 2, Knit 2 together, Knit 6, knit 2 together, then knit to end of row maintaining the edge stitch pattern.

Purl back and keep edge stitching in pattern.

Repeat the decrease row three times total 90(94,96) stitches).

Then work in stockinette with edging stitch for 7 inches.

Increase row (RS) Knit 2, M1, Knit 6,M1 knit to the end of row keeping pattern.

Purl Back

Repeat these 2 rows until you have 96(100,102) stitches.

Joining Row: With RS facing, slip stitches from scrap yarn on to needles and purl remaining stitches to rejoin the front and back 192(200,204 stitches) Working the first and last five stitches in the edging stitch. Continue in pattern until the piece measures 11(13,14) inches from the neck. End on WS and bind off.

Fold piece in half widthwise. Sew Cast on edge together leaving 8(8.5,9) inches open for the armhole. Repeat for the bind off edge. At the neck edge,with right side facing locate the locking stitch markers and start picking up stitches at the neckline, across the back and down the neckline to the next locking stitch marker(note, you will not be picking up stitches from the center front) Purl back. Bind off on the next knit row. Weave in loose ends.