



Quick & Easy Shell

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Gauge: 5 sts and 6.5 rows = 1"

Materials

Yarn: 500 (570, 650, 740, 850, 950, 1100)
yards worsted-weight yarn

Needles: 16" circular, 24" circular, and set of
dpns (optional) in Size US #8 (5.0mm)
or size needed for gauge

Notions: stitch holders, stitch marker, tapestry
needle

Size

32" (36", 40", 44", 48", 52", 56") Finished
Measurement at Underarm

Abbreviations

CO = Cast On; **ST** = Stitch(es); **K** = Knit; **P** = Purl; **YO** = Yarn Over; **K2tog** = Knit 2 Together; **P2tog** = Purl 2 Together; **SSK** = Slip-Slip-Knit (slip 2 sts knitwise, return to left needle, and knit them together through the back); **BO** = Bind Off; **PM** = Place Marker; **SM** = Slip Marker from left needle to right needle; **RS** = Right side; **WS** = Wrong side; **DPN** = Double Pointed needles; **Sl** = Slip the indicated number of stitches (purlwise, unless otherwise noted, *e.g.* working an SSK).

Special Techniques

Cable Cast-On

Make a slipknot in yarn and place on left needle tip. This loop will be the first st. Insert right needle into st and K1, but do not remove st from needle. Place st just

formed onto left needle. *Insert right needle between sts on left needle and K1. Place this new st onto left needle. Repeat from *.

Three Needle Bind-Off

Place front shoulder sts on one double-pointed or circular needle; place back shoulder sts on another. With right sides together, insert a third needle, of the size used for the knitting, into the first st on each needle. K these 2 sts together. Knit together the next st on each needle and then slip the first k2tog st over the second to bind it off. Continue in this manner until all sts have been knit together and bound off.

Instructions

Bottom Border

Using cable cast-on, CO 161 (181, 201, 221, 241, 261, 281) sts. Be sure that sts do not spiral around circular needle, and join into a round by knitting the first st cast on, then passing the last st cast-on over it. There are now 160 (180, 200, 220, 260, 280) sts. Place marker to indicate the beginning of the round.

Row 1: P
Row 2: K
Row 3: (K2tog, YO) around
Row 4: K
Row 5: P
Row 6: P

Body

Change to stockinette (knit every st on every round) and work until 13" (13", 13.5", 14", 14.5", 15", 15") from CO, or desired length to underarm.

Back

You will now be working back and forth rather than in the round.

BO 5 (6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12) sts, K75 (84, 93, 102, 110, 119, 128); place remaining 80 (90, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140) sts on holder for front. Turn work and BO 5 (6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12) sts; P to end.

Repeat the following two rows 4 (5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12) times:

Row 1: K1, SSK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1

Row 2: P

Continue in stockinette (K RS rows and P WS rows) on remaining 62 (68, 72, 78, 82, 86, 92) sts until 17" (17", 17.5", 18", 18.5", 19", 19") from CO, ending by working a WS row.

K18 (18, 18, 21, 23, 23, 24) sts and leave on needle for back right shoulder; K and place on holder next 26 (32, 36, 36, 36, 40, 44) sts; K18 (18, 18, 21, 23, 23, 24) sts for back left shoulder.

Working on sts for back left shoulder, decrease 1 st at neck edge every other row 6 (6, 6, 7, 8, 8, 9) times: 12 (12, 12, 14, 15, 15, 15) sts remain. Continue in stockinette until 8.5" (8.5", 9", 9", 9.5", 9.5", 10") from the underarm or to desired armhole depth. Place sts on holder.

With WS facing, join yarn and P across 18 (18, 18, 21, 23, 23, 24) sts of back right shoulder. Work as for the back left shoulder. Place sts on holder.

Front

BO 5 (6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12) sts; K to end. Turn work and BO 5 (6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12) sts; P to end. Continue in stockinette, decreasing 1 st at each armhole edge (as for the back) every other row 4 (5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12) times.

Work even in stockinette on the remaining 62 (68, 72, 78, 82, 86, 92) sts until 15" (15", 15.5", 16", 16.5", 17", 17") from CO, ending by working a WS row.

K21 (21, 21, 24, 26, 27, 28) sts and leave on needle for left front shoulder; K and place on holder the next 20

(26, 30, 30, 30, 32, 36) sts; K21 (21, 21, 24, 26, 27, 28) sts for right front shoulder.

Working on right front shoulder sts, decrease 1 st at neck edge every other row 9 (9, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13) times: 12 (12, 12, 14, 15, 15, 15) sts remain. Continue in stockinette until 8.5" (8.5", 9", 9", 9.5", 9.5", 10") from underarm, or to same length as back shoulders. With RS together, join right shoulder sts of Front and Back with three needle bind-off.

With WS facing, join yarn and P across 21 (21, 21, 24, 26, 27, 28) sts of left front shoulder. Work as for right front shoulder. With RS together, join left shoulder sts of Front and Back with three needle bind-off.

Neck Edging

Beginning at shoulder seam, pick up 2 sts from every 3 rows along neck shaping, and transfer sts from holders. You may find it easier to pick-up sts with a smaller needle than that used for knitting. Place a marker at the beginning of the round.

Rnd 1: P

Rnd 2: P

Rnd 3: (K2tog, YO) around

Rnd 4: K

Rnd 5: P

Bind off in K.

Armhole Edging

Beginning at the bottom of armhole, pick up 1 st from every BO st and 2 sts from every 3 rows around the armhole. You may find it easier to pick up sts with a smaller needle than that used for knitting. Place a marker at the beginning of the round.

Work the edging pattern (rounds 1 – 5) as for the neck edge above and bind off in K.

Finishing

Weave in ends with a tapestry needle. Block garment appropriately for yarn used.