



THE COLOR EVOLUTION



NOTE: This is an Italian pattern and has not been tech edited for the US market, and might require advanced knitting skills & math.

SWEATER

MATERIALS

Baby Soft Fancy by Laines du Nord
2 x 100 grams of col. 403
Size US11/8mm interchangeable circular needles: 2 x 20 cm cables and 1 x 60 cm cable.
Size USJ-10/6mm crochet hook
4 caps for short cables
Ribbon needle
Pins
4 stitch markers
1 beginning stitch markers
Scissors
Tape measure

ABBREVIATIONS

RS = right side of work
WS = wrong side of work
SM = stitch marker
SMb = beginning stitch marker
st. / sts. = stitch / es
r. = row / s
incr. = increase
col. = color
k = knit
tog. = together
rep. = repeat / repeating
p = purl
foll. = follow / ing

SIZE: Suitable for 3 years old little girl

SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

NOTES

Using the circular needles, work the sweater with top-down technique and raglan increases. Beginning from collar, work in round until the armpits, then leave the sts. of the sleeves and work the sts. of back, front and the sts. you have cast-on for undersleeves. For shaping of chest, cont. in stocking stitch in round, from undersleeves (or armpits) to the lower edge. Pick-up the sts. you have left and the sts. of the undersleeves and work the sleeves.

After working the sweater, sew the decorative pocket for teddy bear.

POINTS USED

Rib 1/1 in round: (k1, p1) rep. across the entire r. and every next r., lining up the ribs.

Stocking stitch in round: always work on RS. Knit all sts. of every r.

Stocking stitch in back-and-forth rows: knit all sts. on RS, purl all sts. on WS.

Increase (inner increase): work the st. twice, once like usually and second time through back loop, at last drop it from left needle.

Bind off the I-cord sts. in round: at the end of last r., close the round casting on 3 sts., then knit first 2 sts., insert the right needle into 3rd and 4th st., then knit them together

through the back loop. * Move the 3 sts. you have just worked from right to left needle, knit first 2 sts., insert the right needle into 3rd st. and 4th st., the knit them together through back loop *, rep. from * to * running out all sts. of last round, leaving on right needle the 3 sts. of I-cord cord. Cut the yarn leaving a long tail. Thread the ribbon needle and bind off 2 by 2 the 3 sts. at the end of cord together with 3 cast-on sts. of the cord at beg. of the round.

Bind off: k2, then * insert the point of left needle in first of these 2 sts. and pass the st. 1st st. over the 2nd st. *, k1 and rep. from * to *. Cont. running out all sts.

COLLAR

Using the circular needles with size 8 mm points and 60 cm cable, cast-on 40 sts. and close in round with invisible technique, that is knitting first and last cast-on st. together. Place 1 SMb. Move the SMb upwards as you work, to mark the beginning of every next round.

Cont. working 6 rounds rib 1/1.

BODY

Place 4 SM for raglans increases.

1st round: k8 for back, 1 SM, k4 for sleeve, 1 SM, k16 for front, 1 SM, k4 for sleeve, 1 SM, k8 for back.

Enlarge the measure of top part of sweater, alternating one round with increases and one round without increases.

2nd round (with increases): * knit until 1 st. before the SM, 1 incr., move the SM and make 1 incr. *, rep. from * to * 3 times more, knit until the end of r., move the SMb.

3rd round: knit. until SMb, move the SMb.

Rep. 2nd and 3rd round until the end of 23rd round.

24th round: leave the sts. of the sleeves onto 2 short cables (or waste yarn) and, using the ribbon needle, slide the sts. from cable of circular needles to short cable; insert the caps at the ends.

Knit the sts. of first part of back, cast-on (cast-on in ring shape) 5 sts. for first undersleeve (= armpit), knit the sts. of front, cast-on 5 sts. for second undersleeve, knit the sts. of second part of back until the SMb, move th SMb.

Cont. working all sts. (new cast-on sts. included) in stocking st. reaching the measure of 30 cm.

Bind off with I-cord technique.

SLEEVES

Using the size US11/8mm short points on short cable of one sleeve (if you have used the scrap yarn, move the sts. from scarp yarn to short cable), then pick-up 6 cast-on sts. at undersleeves and place 1 SMb.

From 1st to 5th round: knit all sts. until the SMB, move the SMB.

Bind off using the I-cord technique.

Measures of the sleeve: 16 cm in length and 12 cm in width approx.

Work the second sleeve as given for first one.

POCKET FOR TEDDY BEAR

After working the sweater, work the decorative pocket and its shoulder belt.

Using circular needles size US11/8mm and short cable, cast-on 10 sts. and work in stocking st. in back-and-forth rows.

1st r. (RS): knit.

2nd r. (WS): purl.

3rd r.: k2, bind off 2 sts., k2, bind off 2 sts., k2.

4th r.: p2, cast-on 2 sts., p2, cast-on 2 sts., p2.

You have shaped 2 openings for teddy bear legs.

5th and 6th r.: rep. 3rd and 4th r. shaping the opening for teddy bear arms.

FINISHING

Sew the pocket on the front of sweater, lower left.

Using size USJ-10/6mm crochet-hook, join the yarn at left top corner of the pocket, then work sl st on the stocking st. until the shoulder diagonally, like a shoulder belt (picture), then cont. on the back of the sweater, passing under the left sleeve until opposite top corner of the pocket. Cut and tie off the thread. Hide the ends on WS.

Place a little soft toy teddy bear inside the pocket.