BEGINNERS' PROJECT

Seam-Free Sweater

STEP UP YOUR SKILLS WITH JO ALLPORT'S COSY MAKE

Worked from the top-down on circular needles, this chic jumper is the ideal opportunity to discover new techniques that will really boost your knitty repertoire. You'll learn how to knit in the round and create a seamless garment – the only sewing up is a few stitches under the arms! Designer Jo has added a contrasting colour to the neck and sleeve edges so you'll get to try simple stripes too!

EASY TO KNIT
Easy to wear

DISCOVER HOW TO:

- ✔ JOIN IN THE ROUND
- ✔ KNIT ON CIRCULAR NEEDLES
- ✔ USE STITCH MARKERS
- ✔ CAST OFF IN RIB

PLUS

- ✔ SIZES IN DIFFERENT COLOURS TO HELP YOU
- ✔ GREAT ADVICE IN OUR TIP! PANELS

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...

PERFECT FOR BEGINNERS

DK YARN

3.25MM, 4MM NEEDLES

MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Dress size (approx): 8 (10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22)
To fit chest (cm): 81 (86, 91, 97, 102, 107, 112, 117)
Actual chest (cm): 91 (94.5, 103.5, 107, 114.5, 118, 125.5, 131)
Actual length to shoulder (cm): 56 (57, 58, 59, 60, 62, 62, 63)
Sleeve length (cm): 43 (46, 46, 46, 46, 47, 47, 48)

KNIT KIT

Yarn: Yarn Stories Fine Merino DK, shades (A) 2509 Fuchsia, one 50g ball, (B) 2506 Dove, 7 (7, 8, 8, 9, 9, 10, 10) 50g balls
Needles: 3.25mm, 4mm, both circular
Tapestry needle
Sttitch markers

TENSION SQUARE

- 22 sts x 30 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- Stocking stitch
- 4mm needles

FOR TIPS ON HOW TO TAKE MEASUREMENTS, TENSION, YARN WEIGHT AND FOR ALL STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS, SEE KNITTER'S KNOW-HOW ON PAGE 93

ABOUT THE YARN

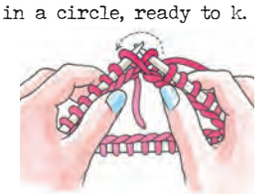
Yarn Stories Fine Merino DK is made from 100% merino wool and is soft against the skin. It's machine washable and comes in 29 colour choices. It costs £5.75 per 50g (120m) ball from **0208 985 5231, wildandwoollyshop.co.uk**

TIP! CABLE LENGTHS
When knitting this jumper using your circular needles, you will need to switch between a long cord length for the body and a short length for the sleeves. Investing in a set of interchangeable needles is a great idea as the set includes a range of different length cords that can be attached to any size of needle tip, avoiding the need to buy lots of individual circular needles.

JOINING THE ROUND

1 Hold the set of needles or the circular needle in a loop, so you have the needle with the first cast on sts in your left hand and the one with the last set of cast on sts in your right hand. Take the first st you cast on (on the LH needle) and slip it onto the point of the RH needle.

2 With the LH needle pick up the last st that was cast on (on the RH needle) and pass this over the st you have just slipped onto this needle. The first and last sts that were cast on have now swapped positions and the rnd is now secured in a circle, ready to k.



Start knitting here...

NECKLINE

NOTE: see panel on how to use stitch markers
Using 3.25mm circular needle and yarn A, cast on 132 (136, 140, 144, 148, 156, 160, 168) sts, join in the rnd taking care not to twist sts, pm for beg of rnd (join is at back right sleeve raglan)

TIP! CIRCULAR NEEDLES
Cast your stitches onto one end of your circular needle, pushing the stitches down onto the cord. The stitches should fit comfortably around the circumference of your needle. If you need to stretch them, switch to a shorter length needle. Hold one tip in each hand and work with the right side of the fabric facing outwards at all times. When you reach the end of the round, keep going in the same direction, do not turn your work.

☐ Rnd 1: * k1, p1, rep from * to end
This rnd sets Single rib
☐ Cont in Single rib for 2cm
Change to 4mm circular needle
☐ K one rnd
This rnd sets st st

TIP! STOCKING STITCH
You may be used to working one row knit (right side) and one row purl (wrong side) to produce stocking stitch. However, when you're working in the round, there are no purl rows because the right side of the fabric is always facing you.

Shape raglans

☐ Set up rnd: k44 (46, 50, 52, 54, 56, 60, 64) for Back, pm, k22 (22, 20, 20, 20, 22, 20, 20) for Left sleeve, pm, k44 (46, 50, 52, 54, 56, 60, 64) for Front, pm, k22 (22, 20, 20, 20, 22, 20, 20) for Right sleeve, pm
Work in stripe patt and inc as folls, slipping markers as you go:
Join in yarn B
☐ Rnd 1: * k1, yfwd, k to one st before next marker, yfwd, k1, sm, rep from * to end. 140 (144, 148, 152, 156, 164, 168, 176) sts
☐ Rnd 2: k to end
Change to yarn A
☐ Rnd 3: * k1, yfwd, k to one st before next marker, yfwd, k1, sm, rep from * to end. 148 (152, 156, 160, 164, 172, 176, 184) sts
☐ Rnd 4: k to end

TIP! YARN FORWARDS
A yarn forward (yfwd) increases by one stitch and is really easy to do. Move the yarn to the front of the work between the tips of your needle, then take it over the top of the right needle to make an extra stitch. Leave the yarn at the back of the work, ready to knit the next stitch.

☐ Rep last four rnds twice more. 180 (184, 188, 192, 196, 204, 208, 216) sts
Cont in yarn B only
☐ Next rnd: * k1, yfwd, k to one st before next marker, yfwd, k1, sm, rep from * to end. 188 (192, 196, 200, 204, 212, 216, 224) sts
☐ Next rnd: k to end
☐ Rep last two rnds until there are 316 (328, 348, 360, 380, 396, 408, 424) sts, ending after inc rnd
☐ K three rnds
☐ Next rnd: * k1, yfwd, k to one st before next marker, yfwd, k1, sm, rep from * to end. 324 (336, 356, 368, 388, 404, 416, 432) sts
☐ Next rnd: k to end

Divide for body

☐ Next rnd: k92 (96, 104, 108, 114, 118, 124, 130) for Back, place next 70 (72, 74, 76, 80, 84, 84, 86) sts onto waste yarn for Left sleeve, turn, cast on 4 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7) sts, pm, cast on 4 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7) sts, turn, k92 (96, 104, 108, 114, 118, 124, 130) for Front, place next 70 (72, 74, 76, 80, 84, 84, 86) sts onto waste yarn for Right sleeve, turn, cast on 4 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7) sts, pm, cast on 4 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7) sts, turn. 200 (208, 228, 236, 252, 260, 276, 280) sts
☐ K every rnd until work meas 32cm from underarms
Change to 3.25mm needle and yarn A
☐ Work in Single rib for 3cm
☐ Cast off loosely in rib

TIP! CAST OFF
To cast off in rib, knit the first stitch of the row, then purl the next stitch. Insert your left needle into the second stitch from the tip of the right needle and pass it over the first stitch, letting it drop off the needle. You've just cast off one stitch. Continue to alternate between knit and purl stitches, casting them off as you go. This will give your edge a stretchy feel and professional finish.

SLEEVES (alike)

Transfer 70 (72, 74, 76, 80, 84, 84, 86) sts from waste yarn onto 4mm circular needle
☐ Next rnd: using yarn B and with RS facing, cast on 4 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7) sts, k to end, turn, cast on 4 (4, 5, 5,

6, 6, 7, 7) sts. Join in the rnd taking care not to twist sts, pm for beg of rnd. 78 (80, 84, 86, 92, 96, 98, 100) sts

☐ K six rnds

☐ Next rnd: k1, ssk, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 76 (78, 82, 84, 90, 94, 96, 98) sts

☐ Cont in st st as set dec on every foll 8th (8th, 7th, 7th, 6th, 5th, 5th, 5th) rnd until 52 (52, 54, 54, 56, 56, 58, 58) sts rem

☐ Work in st st without shaping until Sleeve meas 40 (43, 43, 43, 43, 44, 44, 45) cm

Change to 3.25mm needle and yarn A

☐ Work in Single rib for 3cm

☐ Cast off loosely in rib

TO MAKE UP

Sew underarms together. Weave in ends. Block lightly (p96). See ball band for further care instructions **LK**

"When casting on for the sleeves, use the cable cast-on method. See how to do this on page 78"

LK Deputy Editor, **Adrienne Chandler**

stitch markers

There are two types of markers: ring markers which sit on your needle and locking markers which can be clipped into individual stitches and repositioned when needed. Ring markers will work well for this project. When instructed, place one on the end of your needle, then carry on knitting. These are used to help with counting, to indicate specific sections of a pattern or to show where you should work your increases or decreases. To slip a marker, just transfer it from one needle to the other.