

Sweater

Size 36/38 (40/42, 44/46)

Instructions are given for first size. Figures in parenthesis refer to larger sizes. When only one figure is given, it applies to all sizes.

Materials: Approx. 6 (7, 8) balls (approx. 140 m each) of Lana Grossa Pico (100% cotton) in blue (col 27); size 3.5 mm and 4 mm needles, size 3.5 mm circular needle, 60 cm long, three 11 mm buttons in blue [by Union Knopf, item 451019, col 66].

Stockinette stitch: k on RS; p on WS.

Garter stitch: k every row.

Full-fashion decreases: At beg of row, SKP [sl1 kwise, k1, pss0], 3 sts in from edge; at end of row, k2tog, 3 sts in from edge. 1 st decreased at each edge.

Gauge: 22 sts and 31 rows = 10 cm in stockinette st on larger needles.

Back: With smaller needles, cast on 102 (110, 118) sts. Work 4 rows in stockinette st and 6 rows in garter st. Change to larger needles and work in stockinette st for 28.5 cm. Shape sleeves: cast on 2 sts at beginning of next 10 rows and 3 sts at beginning of next 2 rows = 128 (136, 144) sts. Continue in stockinette st until sleeve measures 17 (18, 19) cm from last cast-on row. Shape shoulders/overarm: bind off 7 (8, 9) sts at each shoulder edge once, 7 sts 3 times and 8 sts twice (8 sts 5 times / 9 sts 3 times and 8 sts twice). At same time, when working 3rd shoulder bind-off at right edge, shape neck: work to center 18 sts, join another ball of yarn, bind off center 18 sts, work to end. Working both sides at same time, bind off 4 sts at each neck edge twice and 3 sts once. No sts remain.

Front: Work same as for back until front measures 24.5 (25.5, 26.5) cm from garter st. Shape placket and front neck: Work to center 4 sts, join another ball of yarn, bind off center 4 sts, work to end. Working both sides at same time, work even for 5 cm. Working full-fashion decreases, decrease 1 st at each neck edge once, then every following 4th row 17 times. When front measures same length as back to shoulders, shape shoulders same as for back. No sts remain.

Finishing: Pin pieces to measurements and block with damp towels. Sew shoulder/overarm seams.



With circular needle, pick up and knit 84 (90, 96) sts along sleeve edge. Work 5 rows in garter st, 4 rows in stockinette st, then bind off all sts. Sew side and sleeve seams. With circular needle, beginning at corner of right front placket and end at corner of left front placket, pick up and knit 160 sts. Working back and forth in rows, work in stockinette st for 3 rows.

Next row: work 3 buttonholes evenly along right front placket as following: k2tog, yo. Work 3 more rows in stockinette st, then bind off all sts loosely. Overlap right placket edge over left placket edge and sew through both thicknesses at bind off. Sew buttons.

