

Victory Sweater



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(I just hope my explanations are right, this is my first creation ever, and thus the first time I attempt to put knitting into words!)

Bust size: 95 cm

Gauge: 18 st. = 10 cm in stockinette stitch.

Equipment: 5.5 mm (US9) and 6 mm (US10) circular needles - crochet hook for picking up stitches (don't worry, only 8 altogether!)

NOTICE: if you have another gauge and another bust size, please calculate how many stitches to cast on and where to place markers with the following link:

<http://www.knittingfool.com/pages/topdown.guest.cfm> (beware that this calculator gives a rather tight neckband - if you want a larger one like I do, you could "cheat" by giving a larger chest measurement)

Increases: m1l and m1r (see: <http://www.knittinghelp.com/videos/increases>)

Knit top down in one piece.

A) BUST:

Cast on 102 st. with 5.5 mm needles: 6 rounds in stockinette stitch.

6th round = place 6 markers: pm1, k. 15, pm2, k. 18, pm3, k. 18, pm4, k. 15, pm5, k.18, pm6, k.18

Change to 6 mm needles.

Knit and increase every other round as follows:

-after marker1: m1r

-before marker2: m1l

-before marker3: m1l

-after marker3: k1, m1r

-after marker4: m1r

-before marker5: m1l

-before marker6: m1l

-after marker6: k1, m1r

Continue until the length between markers 1-2 and markers 4-5 is enough for the armhole (with my gauge = 65 stitches)

B) BODY:

On a "non-increase" round, put the stitches of the 2 armholes on waste yarn. Before joining front and back, pick up 1 stitch right of the beginning of the armhole, and 1 stitch left of it. Knit in stockinette and on 2nd round, knit the 2 picked-up stitches together, place marker after this decreased stitch.

Continue knitting body of the sweater in stockinette stitch, increasing and decreasing every other round as follows:

- 1 increase/decrease row:

Markers for the "V" shape (middle of back and front): m1l, slip marker, k1, m1r

Markers under armholes: k2tog, slip marker, k2tog

- 1 non-increase/decrease row: knit all stitches

Continue until sweater is at desired length, then knit a few rounds in garter stitch (knit on increase/decrease rows, purl on non-increase/decrease rows). Bind off.

C) SLEEVES

Put stitches of armholes back on circular needles.

Pick up 1 stitch right of the middle of the armhole, and one left of it. Knit in stockinette and on 2nd round, knit the 2 picked-up stitches together, then place a marker. Knit and decrease 1 stitch every 4 rounds.

Continue knitting until desired length, then knit a few rounds in garter stitch. Bind off.

Done :-) !!

