

Women's Cotton Summer Sweater



5 50 g (1 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz.) balls of worsted weight cotton in main color A
Various odds and ends of worsted weight cotton for center panel. Around 2-3 50 g balls.
1 Pair 5mm / U.S. #8 needles

Gauge:
4 inches square = 19 stitches by 38 rows

Size Bust 34 (37, 40, 44, 47)" Sweater shown is Bust 36"

Front

With A cast on 80 (88, 96, 104, 112) sts. Working in stocking stitch work 7 rows. The 8th row should be a purl row, but instead purling, knit this row. Knit the 9th row too. Work the next 5 rows as normal stocking stitch. Ending with a purl row.

Picking up the hem (see my site for detailed instructions on creating a double hem).

Using a thin needle, pick up 80 (88, 96, 104, 112) sts along the

cast on edge. Knit these stitches together with the stitches on the other needle.

Continue in stocking stitch with colour A for 3 more rows.

Ending with a purl row.

Next row knit 15 (19, 23, 27, 31) sts in colour A. Using leftover yarn of choice knit the next 50 sts. Knit the remaining 15 (19, 23, 27, 31) sts in colour A.

Continue in this way changing the center yarn every 4 rows or however wide or thin you want your stripes. Pattern show is every 4 rows. Continue until piece measures 12" from the beginning.

Armhole shaping

Decrease row starting with A knit row K2, K2tog knit 12 (16, 20, 24, 28) sts in A, 48 in yarn of choice, knit to last 3 sts. S11, K1, pss0. K1.

Next row purl.

Continue decreasing this way, moving color A in towards the center on each decrease row until 42 (42, 46, 46, 50) sts remain.

With right side facing continue in stocking stitch for 7 rows. On the 8th row knit instead of purl. On the 9th row knit. Continue for 3 more rows. Cast off. Fold at row 8 and sew the cast off edge to row 8. (See my site for details on double hem edges).

Back is the same as Front except knitted entirely in colour A.

Sleeves: (note the sleeves are working in garter stitch)

Cast on 72 (80, 84, 92, 96) sts. K2 rows.

Decrease every row as follows: K2 K2tog knit to end.

Bind off remaining 34 sts.

Sew sleeves into place then sew side seams.