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OUT OF THE BLUE PULLOVER
IN COTTON RICH DK
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Out of the Blue

This sweater is knitted in the round in a Fair Isle design with a yoke construction. The body is worked to the armholes. The sleeves are knitted separately in the round and then added to the body. The remainder of the sweater is knitted in the round with a series of decreases that shape the upper portion of the garment. The neck line is slightly lower than a standard crew neck to give an easy silhouette.

Sizes

A:31.5" [B:36", C:40.5", D:45", E:49.5", F:54"]

About sizing: Sizes listed are finished garment chest measurements. Fit depends on the amount of ease desired beyond actual chest size. Approximately 2-4 inches of positive ease is recommended for a comfortable, but not sloppy, fit. For a close fit, choose a size which adds 1–2" (2.5–5cm); for a standard fit, add 2-4" (5–10cm); for a loose fit, 4–6" (10–15cm); and for an oversized, 6" (15cm) or more.

Information is given for the first size with larger sizes provided in square brackets []. Where only one figure is given, the instruction applies to all sizes. You may find it helpful to circle all figures relating to your size with a colored pencil.

Before starting to knit, read the pattern carefully. You will thank yourself later.

Materials

Yarn: Cascade Cotton Rich DK yarn (50g [135.60 yds])

7364 - 3 [3, 4, 4, 5, 5] skeins	5800 - 2 (2, 2, 3, 3, 3) skeins
2403 - 1 [1, 1, 1, 1, 1] skeins	5606 - 2 (2, 2, 2, 3, 4) skeins
2550 - 2 (2, 2, 3, 3, 3) skeins	5345 - 2 (3, 3, 3, 4, 4) skeins
2625 - 2 (2, 2, 2, 3, 4) skeins	1457 - 1 (1, 1, 1, 1, 1) skeins

Needles:

1 - 24" circular needles - US 2 (2.75mm)
2 - 24" circular needles - US 4 (3.5mm)
1 - set of 5 double pointed needles US 2 (2.75mm) or 2 - 16" circular needles US 2 (2.75mm)
1 - set of 5 double pointed needles US 4 (3.5mm)

OR correct needles to obtain gauge and preferred method of circular knitting.

Optional: For a tighter rib, use US 1 (2.25mm) needles for rib.

Accessories: Stitch markers, stitch holders, tapestry needle, safety pin.

Gauge

On US 4 (3.5mm) in colorwork pattern: 28.5 sts and 32.5 rows to 4".

About knitting from charts:

Charts are designed to be knitted from right to left, bottom to top. This means starting at the bottom right corner of the chart and working to the left and up. Be sure to take note how the charts relate to each other. Make sure to maintain this relationship through the various increases and decreases which occur during the shaping of the sweater.

An easy way to knit from a chart is to get a page-sized metal tablet with magnets. Place the magnet above the round you are working on and move it up revealing the next round as you go. This way, the round you are working on is right below the magnet and as you go you can see the relationship to the completed rounds below.

Tables provided in these instructions are also designed to be worked from the bottom up and provide a list of chart progression.

About sweater construction:

This sweater is worked in the round with decreases around the yoke to create shoulder and neck shaping. As these decreases occur, slight adjustments in stitch counts are made to accommodate motif stitch repeats. The adjustments are made on the front and back of the underarms to minimize the impact on the central stitches.

Centering motifs is very important. **Be sure to read the Centering Pattern paragraph when placing motifs after decrease rounds.**

About decreases and increases:

Decreases are worked using Knit 2 Together (k2tog).

All increases are M1...twisting the thread between two stitches to make a new stitch.

Body

With smaller needles and following the Bottom and Sleeve Rib Table, cast on 200 [228, 256, 288, 316, 344] stitches. Place marker (PM) and join, being careful not to twist work. This marker indicates the beginning of the round and the right side of the garment.

Complete Rib Table. (26 rounds)

Optional detail: Knit all stitches of last round of rib for a smoother transition to the body of work, as opposed to k2, p2.

Next round: With larger needles, work the first round of Chart A, as indicated in the Chart Repeat Table, working the following increases for selected size in the round:

Size A: k4, (m1, k9) 4 times, (m1, k8) 15 times, (m1, k9) 4 times, m1, k4 **(224 sts)**

Size B: k4, (m1, k9) 2 times, (m1, k8) 23 times, (m1, k9) 2 times, m1, k4. **(256 sts)**

Size C: k4, (m1, k8) 31 times, m1, k4. **(288 sts)**

Size D: k4, (m1, k9) 31 times, m1, k5. **(320 sts)**

Size E: k4, (m1, k9) 14 times, (m1, k8) 7 times, (m1, k9) 14 times, m1, k4. **(352 sts)**

Size F: k4, (m1, k9) 12 times, (m1, k8) 15 times, (m1, k9) 12 times, m1, k4. **(384 sts)**

Next round (2nd round of Chart A): Work 112 [128, 144, 160, 176, 192] pattern stitches. PM. This marker indicates the left side of the garment. Complete round.

Complete Chart A and continue to other charts indicated on the Chart Repeat Table for selected size.

You may find it helpful to also place markers between the individual motif repeats as you move on to charts with larger repeats.

Work until you have completed the chart before the indication to join sleeves.

Break yarn and place 8 (10, 12, 12, 14, 14) sts on either side of both markers on holders, leaving remainder of front and back stitches on two pieces of scrap yarn.

Sleeves

With smaller needles and following the Bottom and Sleeve Rib Table, cast on 52 (56, 56, 60, 64) sts. Join, being careful not to twist work. PM to indicate beginning of round. Complete Rib Table. (26 rounds)

Find indication on Chart Repeat Table for beginning of sleeve for your selected size.

Next round (first round of Chart A): With larger needles, increase as follows for selected size:

Size A: k3, (m1, k7) 2 times, (m1, k6) 3 times, (m1, k7) 2 times, m1, k3. **(60 sts)**

Sizes B - D: k3, (m1, k7) 7 times, m1, k4. **(64 sts)**

Size E: k3, (m1, k8) 2 times, (m1, k7) 3 times, (m1, k8) 2 times, m1, k4. **(68 sts)**

Size F: k4, (m1, k8) 7 times, m1, k4. **(74 sts)**

Continue to work charts as listed on Chart Repeat Table, beginning the next chart at start point (SP) indicated for selected size. As sleeve progresses, make sure to maintain the relationship to the charts already completed.

AT SAME TIME: Work sleeve increases as follows:

Size A: M1 on **either side** of the marker on the next and then every 6th round until there are 90 stitches on the needle. Incorporate the new stitches into the appropriate patterns as needed.

Size B: M1 on **either side** of the marker on the next and every 4th round until there are 84 stitches on the needle. Then every 6th round until there are 100 stitches on the needle. Incorporate the new stitches into the appropriate patterns as needed.

Size C: M1 on **either side** of the marker on the next and every other round until there are 68 stitches on the needle. Then every 4th round until there are 112 stitches on the needle. Incorporate the new stitches into the appropriate patterns as needed.

Size D: M1 on **either side** of the marker on the next and every other round until there are 82 stitches on the needle. Then every 4th round until there are 124 stitches on the needle. Incorporate the new stitches into the appropriate patterns as needed.

Size E: M1 on **either side** of the marker on the next and every other round until there are 98 stitches on the needle. Then every 4th round until there are 134 stitches on the needle. Incorporate the new stitches into the appropriate patterns as needed.

Size F: M1 on **either side** of the marker on the next and every other round until there are 118 stitches on the needle. Then every 4th round until there are 146 stitches on the needle. Incorporate the new stitches into the appropriate patterns as needed.

Complete chart before indication to join sleeves to body. Break yarn and place 8 (10, 12, 12, 14, 14) sts on **either side** of the marker on a holder for underarms, leaving remainder of sleeve stitches on a piece of scrap yarn.

Joining sleeves to body

Next round (1st round of Chart A): Knit across back of body to stitches on underarm holder. PM. Join sleeve by working sleeve stitches onto same needle. Be sure to align both sets of stitches on holders at underarm. PM. Work across front of body. PM. Then work around second sleeve, again aligning stitches on holders at underarm. PM. 340 (376, 416, 472, 508, 564) sts. You should have 4 markers. One at each intersection of the sleeves to the body.

Complete Chart A, incorporating body and sleeves stitches.

First Adjustment Round

On the first round of Chart B, you will need to adjust stitches to accommodate the 16-stitch repeat of charts B-D. **These adjustments are spaced evenly within 8 stitches of each side of the 4 markers.**

Size A: Increase 1 stitch before and 2 stitches after the 1st marker. Increase 2 stitches before and 1 stitch after the 2nd marker. Increase 1 stitch before and 2 stitches after the 3rd marker. Increase 2 stitches before and 1 stitch after the 4th marker. **352 sts.**

Size B: Increase 1 stitch before and after all markers. **384 sts.**

Size C: No adjustments needed. **416 sts.**

Size D: Increase 1 stitch before and after all markers. **480 sts.**

Size E: Increase 1 stitch after the 1st marker. Increase 1 stitch before the 2nd marker. Increase 1 stitch after the 3rd marker. Increase 1 stitch before the 4th marker. **512 sts.**

Size F: Increase 1 stitch before and 2 stitches after the 1st marker. Increase 2 stitches before and 1 stitch after the 2nd marker. Increase 1 stitch before and 2 stitches after the 3rd marker. Increase 2 stitches before and 1 stitch after the 4th marker. **576 sts.**

Alternative method: Increase 12 (8, 0, 8, 4, 12) stitches evenly around work.

Centering pattern

Look at your work as well as the Pattern Charts. Note how each of the larger patterns relate to each other. Place a safety pin at the front center stitch. Note this stitch on your next chart.

Now, count in groups of 16 to the right towards the first marker. The number of stitches you have left over after the groups of 16 is the number of stitches you will move to the right of your marked stitch on the chart. Start your round here.

For example: When counting back to the right in groups of 16, you get 2 groups of 16 plus 7 stitches. Move the marker on your chart 7 stitches to the right. This is your starting stitch for this round.

Be sure to line up motifs for subsequent rounds. For the larger charts, check your alignment with the central motifs as the side motifs may be a slight bit off due to stitch adjustments.

First Decrease

Work until round before indication of 1st decrease.

Next round (1st round of chart): (k2, k2tog) repeat to end. **264 (288, 312, 360, 384, 436) sts**

Second Adjustment Round

On the 2nd round of Chart A, you will need to adjust stitches to accommodate the 16-stitch repeat of charts B-D. **These adjustments are spaced evenly within 8 stitches of each side of the 4 markers .**

Size A: Decrease 1 stitch before and 1 stitch after all markers. **256 sts**

Size B: No adjustments needed. **288 sts.**

Size C: Increase 1 stitch before and 1 stitch after all markers. **320 sts**

Size D: Decrease 1 stitch before and after all markers. **352 sts.**

Size E: No adjustments needed. **384 sts**

Size F: Decrease 2 stitches before and after the all markers. **416 sts.**

Alternative method: For sizes A-D, decrease 8 stitches evenly around work. For size C, increase 8 stitches evenly around work. For size F, decrease 16 stitches evenly around work.

Work until round before indication of 2nd decrease.

Second Decrease

Next round (1st round of Chart B): (k2tog, k1) repeat to end. **160 (192, 192, 224, 256, 256) sts.**

Work remaining rounds of chart and subsequent charts as indicated.

Neck Rib

With smaller needles and following Neck and Front Band Rib chart, work neck rib.
Cast off loosely in rib.

Finishing

Using Kitchener Stitch, weave underarms stitches together. Weave in all loose ends and block work.

Out of the Blue Tables and Charts

Bottom and Sleeve Rib Table		
Row	Purl 2	Knit 2
26	5345	7364
25	5345	7364
24	5606	5345
23	5606	5345
22	5800	5606
21	5800	5606
20	2625	5800
19	2625	5800
18	2550	2625
17	2550	2625
16	2403	2550
15	2403	2550
14	2403	1457
13	2403	1457
12	2403	2550
11	2403	2550
10	2550	2625
9	2550	2625
8	2625	5800
7	2625	5800
6	5800	5606
5	5800	5606
4	5606	5345
3	5606	5345
2	5345	7364
1	5345	7364
CO	7364	

Neck Rib Table		
Row	Purl 2	Knit 2
CO	7364	
10	5345	7364
9	5345	7364
8	5800	5345
7	5800	5345
6	2550	5800
5	2550	5800
4	2403	2550
3	2403	2550
2	2403	1457
1	2403	1457

Chart Repeat Table	
A	End E-F
D	
A	End A-C
B	2 nd Decrease
A	
C	
A	1 st Decrease
B	
A	
D	
A	
B	1 st Adjustment
A	Join Sleeves
C	
A	
B	
A	
D	
A	
B	
A	
C	
A	Begin Body A-B
B	
A	Begin Body C-F
D	
A	Begin Sleeve A-C
B	
A	Begin Sleeve D-F

Pattern Charts		Filled Squares	Blank Squares
Chart D			5800
		2403	5800
		2550	5606
		2550	5606
		2625	5606
		2625	5345
		1457	5345
		2625	5345
		2625	5606
		2550	5606
		2550	5606
		2403	5800
		5800	
Chart A		7364	
		1457	7364
		7364	
Chart B			2625
		5345	2625
		5606	2550
		5606	2550
		5345	2625
Chart A			2625
		7364	
		1457	7364
		7364	
Chart C			5345
		2625	5345
		2625	5345
		2550	5345
		2550	5606
		2550	5606
		2403	5800
		1457	5800
		2403	5800
		2550	5606
		2550	5606
		2550	5345
		2625	5345
		2625	5345
		5345	
Chart A		7364	
		1457	7364
		7364	
Chart B			2625
		5345	2625
		5606	2550
		5606	2550
		5345	2625
Chart A			2625
		7364	
		1457	7364
		7364	

Sleeve pattern Start Points (SP)

Size A – SP1
 Size B – SP2

Size D – SP4
 Size E – SP5

Size C – SP3

Size F - beg of chart