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Materials:

2 contrasting skeins of Ultra Pima #3733 (A) and #3752 (B)

Needle Size US 6 or 7 (24" circulars and DPN's)

2 stitch markers in different colors

Tapestry Needle

For the Halter Top:

Gauge 6 sts to the inch

Sizes: S-M

CO 126 Stitches

Sizes: M-L

CO 166 Stitches

With Color A— CO half the sts 63 (83) then place marker; CO remaining sts, place different colored marker (this is the beginning marker). Join without twisting.

Bottom Border:

Row 1: K1, P1

Row 2: K all sts

Change to Color B

Row 1: P1, K1

Row 2: K all sts

Row 3: K1, P1

Row 4: K all sts

Repeat these 4 rows for 8" (10") or desired length. End with either Row 2 or 4, go to beginning marker, remove marker, begin I-cord and BO.

Using 2nd skein of Color A—CO 3 sts on left hand needle..

With DPN's K2 sts, K2 Tog (you will be knitting together 3rd sts you just cast on and 1 sts of your garment together;) slip these back onto left hand needle, yarn will be behind sts, pull yarn tight and repeat the process until you come to next marker, remove marker. These sts are front of Halter Top. You can also just use a

regular bind off here, however the I-Cord does make for a nice look.

Halter Top Front

Reattach Color B, you will now be working back and forth in pattern for 2:

Row 1: K1, P1

Row 2: P all sts

Row 3: P1, K1

Row 4: P all sts

Repeat these 4 rows for 2"

You are ready to begin decreases in the garter sts, alternating Color A and Color B:

With Color A: SSK is K2 sts together going through the back loop.

Row 1: K all sts

Row 2: K2, K2tog, to last 4 sts, SSK, K2

With Color B: Repeat Rows 1 and 2 for 2" (4")

Change to same color as border and work garter sts for another 2" for a total of approximately 15" (17").

You are ready to start the I-Cord tie that goes around the neck. With last color that you used place the first 3 sts on a DPN, slide to other end of DPN, add skein of yarn and come behind using 2nd DPN and K3 sts. Repeating the process of sliding the yarn to the other end of DPN, yarn coming behind and K those 3 sts, this makes a "cord" appearance. Repeat for 16" (20"), then BO those 3 sts.

Now BO the remaining neck sts leaving 3 at the end and repeat this same I-Cord process. You may have a gap between BO and I-Cord, if so leave enough tail to sew together.

Shawl Cover Up

You decide how wide you would like this to be. You will be increasing a sts at each end, and you will K all sts or what I call "knit even"; then change colors, alternating colors every other row.

Starting with Color A

CO 1 sts

K1 sts

Kf/b of that sts (knit into front and back of sts for an increase), 2 sts

K2

Now Kf/b 1 sts, knit to last st and Kf/b of that s, 4 sts

K even

Change to Color B:

Repeat an increase row, then a K even row, then change to Color A

You will do this until you reach desired width of your cover up then begin the pattern:

Row 1: K1, P1

Row2: P all sts

Row 3: P1, K1

Row 4: P all sts

You will repeat these 4 rows for desired length of shawl/ cover up, and then you will begin decreases in garter stitch alternating colors every other row:

Row 1: K2, K2tog, K to last 4 sts, SSK, K2

Row 2: K all sts

Change color and repeat these 2 rows until 2 sts remain and bind off those sts. The shawl may curl on the sides, you can wet and block or carefully steam with an iron.