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Lana Grande Weekend Sweater



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Knit with gusto and find satisfaction in your every stitch

This simple, wearable sweater, slightly shaped, is knittable in a week-end. Curl up with a stack of movies or a beach or pool chair and knit away! It is versatile enough to wear while stacking wood, shopping, or as a Chanel-like jacket for a night out on the town!

6 (7,8,9) balls Lana Grande
Size 15 needles, 24" circular or size to obtain gauge
Size 13 needles, 24" circular or one size smaller than main needles
Extra needle for 3 needle bind off
1 - 5 buttons

Increases and decreases are pleasing done 2 sts from edges
Decreases: at beg. of row, ssk (slip, slip, knit), at end of row, k 2 tog
Increases: make one (m1) by lifting bar of yarn between sts and knitting into the back leg
st. st. - stockinette stitch

Gauge: 10 sts. over 4"

Actual measurements: 32(36, 40, 44)"

Back

With cable cast on (preferably), cast on 40 (45, 50, 55) sts.
Work garter st for 5 (5, 7, 7) rows. First row will be a wrong side.
Change to st. st. When work measures 4 ½ (5, 5 ½, 6)" from cast on edge, dec. 1 st. at beg. and end of row. Repeat once more at desired length for waist (perhaps 8[8 ½, 9, 9 ½]") 36, 41, 46, 51) sts
Work straight until 8(8 ½, 9, 9 ½, 10)" from cast on edge. (or desired length to waist)
Inc. one st. at beg and end of row twice at 2 (2, 2 ½, 2 ½, 2 ½)" intervals. 40(45,50,55) sts

Work straight in st. st. until 11 (11 ½, 12, 12 ½. 13)" from cast on edge or desired length to underarm.

Bind off 3(3, 4, 4) sts. at beg. of next 2 rows, then dec. at each side of back on 5th and 9th rows. 30(35, 38, 43) sts Work straight until armhole measures 6.5(7 ½, 8, 8 ½)." "

Put all stitches on extra needle, scrap yarn or stitch holders.

Left Front

Cast on 20 (23, 25, 28) sts. Again, first row will be a wrong side row. Work garter st edge, then change to st st. Work side shapings as for back, (at beginning of knit rows). Neck shaping: When armhole measures 3(3,3 ½,3 ½)," bind off 3 (3,4,4) sts. at neck edge. At next neck edge, bind off 2 (2,2,3,3) sts., then 1(2,2, 2) sts 1(1,1,2) times. 14(16,17,17)sts. remain.
Place on holder.

Right Front

Work as for back, reversing shapings.

Sleeves

Cast on 20(23,25,28) sts. Starting with wrong side row, work garter stitch for 5(5,7,7) rows. Knit one", then increase one st. at each side. Repeat 7(7,8,8) times *more* at 1 ½)1 ½, 2, 2)" intervals. 34(37,41,44) sts.

When sleeve measures 16(17,17 ½,17 1/2)," bind off 3(3,4,4) sts at beg. of next 2 rows. The dec. at beg. and end on 5th and 9th rows. Work 1 (1 ½, 2, 2 ½)" and bind off.

Finishing

Holding *wrong* sides together, join front and back shoulder seams with a three needle bind-off. This will give a decorative edge on the outside.

Sew sleeves into shoulder, then seam underarms and sides. I find the mattress stitch to be most pleasing

Using smaller needles, with right side facing, pick up and knit stitches along left front edge. Pick up 3 sts for every 4 rows along front edges and one st for every st around back of neck.

Knit 5 rows (garter stitch), then bind off from right side. Bind off loosely. A nice bind off is to k 1, sl 1, return to left needle and ssk. Slip one more, return both sts to left needle and ssk, and so on.

Repeat for right side, making button holes on second row as follows: bind off stitches for appropriate size hole, then on next row cast on the same number of stitches with an e-wrap cast on. You may use one button at the top or 5 evenly spaced. Keep in mind to make buttonholes smaller than one might think necessary.

Again using smaller needles, pick up stitches along neck. Knit as for front bands. along bottom.

Sew on knock-out button(s) and enjoy!

"One of the joys of teaching and knitting has been participating in the warmth of knitting with others and experiencing its healing and supportive powers."

Linda can't remember when she didn't knit. She has taught locally and regionally and has been fortunate to study with nationally and internationally recognized knitters. She loves to lead students to the joy of knitting and then watch them become independent knitters, helping them create their own designs and make decisions about how they want to adapt patterns Her special passions are cables, lace and two color knitting such as Fair Isle and Scandinavian patterns. She also spins, weaves and quilts but if, perish the thought, she had to decide on one activity, it would be knitting. Linda is married, has 3 children and 5 grandchildren. She divides her time between city life in Pittsburgh and rural life in Northern Pennsylvania. She teaches knitting at Knit One in Pittsburgh, PA and conducts workshops regionally.