



Heather's Winter Warmer

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This lovely raglan-style design uses colours and stitch textures to make a gorgeous warm sweater for a child.

KAS would appreciate sweaters that will fit 3-10 year old children.

The garment will be longer than it is wide. The added length is to cover the child's distended stomach.

Overall length from top of neck: 18.5 inches/47cm

Sleeve length from neck seam: 19.5 inches/49cm

Neck at full stretch: approx 24 inches/61cm

Chest: 26 inches/66cm

Armhole: approx. 14 inches/36cm



Materials and Equipment

Bulky yarn (US)/chunky(UK)/12ply
(Aust) 150 grams each of yarn A and yarn B, 50 grams of yarn C

(Note: 2 x strands of light worsted (US)/double knit (UK)/8ply (Aust) may also be used)

One pair 6mm needles (size 10 US, size 4 Old UK) and one pair 5mm needles (size 8 UK, size 6 Old UK)

Four stitch holders/pins

Abbreviations

K2Tog: Knit two stitches together

Stockinette: Knit one row, Purl one row

Sl1 Knit 1 pssso: Slip 1 stitch purlwise, knit 1 stitch, pass slipped stitch over the knitted stitch

Instructions

Back

With 5mm needles and **Yarn A**, cast on 44 stitches

Knit every row for 12 rows

Change to 6mm needles and **Yarn B**

(leave yarn A attached and carry up the side of the work)

Stockinette for 12 rows, starting with a knit row

Join **Yarn C**

(leave A & B attached)

Knit 4 rows.

Yarn A: Knit 1 row, Purl 1 row

Yarn B: Knit 1 row, Purl 1 row

Yarn A: Knit 1 row, Purl 1 row

Yarn C: Knit 4 rows.

Fasten off Yarns C & A.

Yarn B: Stockinette beginning with Knit row for 26 rows *(ends with a Purl row)*

Shape Raglan Armholes

Cast off 3 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows (38 stitches). Fasten off Yarn B

Next Row: *(right side)* Change to **Yarn C:** Knit 1 row

Next Row: Knit to end, fasten off Yarn C

Join **Yarn A** *(from here, every row is a Knit row)*

Next Row: **(decrease row)** Knit 1, K2tog, Knit to last 3 stitches then sl1 Knit 1 pss0, Knit 1

Next: Continue to Knit each row, decreasing as above at each end of 3rd and every following 4th row until 24 stitches remain.*

Next: Decrease at each end of every alternate row until 16 stitches remain, ending with a wrong-side row

Fasten off yarn and slip remaining 16 stitches onto a stitch holder.

Front

Work exactly as given for Back to *.

Shape Neck

Next Row: Knit 1, K2tog, K3, TURN WORK and continue on these 5 stitches only

Next Row: K2tog, Knit to end (4 stitches)

Next Row: Knit 1, K2tog, Knit to end (3 stitches)

Next Row: K2tog, Knit to end (2 stitches)

Next Row: K2tog, fasten off

Slip centre 12 stitches onto a stitch holder.

Rejoin Yarn B at neck edge of remaining 6 stitches and Knit 3, sl1 K1 pssso, Knit 1 (5 sts)

Next Row: Knit 3, K2tog, (4 stitches)

Next Row: Knit 2, sl 1 Knit 1 pssso, Knit 1 (3 stitches)

Next Row: K2tog, Knit 1 (2 stitches)

Next Row: K2tog, fasten off.

Sleeves (*make two alike*)

With 6mm needles and **Yarn C**, cast on 29 sts and Knit 11 rows

Next Row: Increase in 1st stitch, (K3, increase in next stitch) repeat bracketed instruction to end (37 stitches)

Join **Yarn A** (leave yarn C attached and carry up the side of the work). Stockinette 11 rows, starting with a Purl row.

Yarn C: Knit 4 rows.

Join **Yarn B** (carry all yarns up the side of the work)

Yarn B: Knit 1 row, Purl 1 row

Yarn A: Knit 1 row, Purl 1 row

Yarn B: Knit 1 row, Purl 1 row

Yarn C: Knit 4 rows.

Fasten off Yarns B & C.

Yarn A: Starting with a Knit row, stockinette 26 rows, increasing at each end of the 1st and 11th rows (41 stitches)

Shape Raglan Top

Cast off 3 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows (35 stitches). Fasten off Yarn B.

Next Row: (*right side*) Change to **Yarn C:** Knit 1 row

Next Row: Knit to end, fasten off Yarn C

Join **Yarn B** (*from here, every row is a Knit row*)

Next Row: (**decrease row**) Knit 1, K2tog, Knit to last 3 stitches then sl1 Knit 1 pssso, Knit 1

Next: Continue to Knit each row, decreasing as above at each end of 3rd and every following 4th row until 23 stitches remain.

Next: Decrease at each end of every alternate row until 13 stitches remain, ending with a wrong-side row

Fasten off yarn and slip remaining 13 stitches onto a stitch holder.

Neck

Sew up both front and right back raglan seams.

With 6mm needles and right side facing, rejoin Yarn C and Knit 13 stitches from left sleeve top, pick up and Knit 6 stitches evenly down right side of front neck, Knit 11 stitches from centre front, pick up and Knit 6 stitches evenly up right side of front neck, Knit 13 sts from right sleeve top, then Knit 18 sts from back neck. (67 stitches)

Knit 11 rows.

Cast/bind off fairly loosely.

To make up

Sew up left back raglan seam and neck seam.

Sew up side seams and underarm seams.

Variations

The blue and yellow garment in the photograph was made up with two strands of medium worsted US/ Aran (UK)/ 10ply (Aust) on the same sized needles.

It comes out bigger than when using bulky/chunky/12ply yarn.

Have fun with your colour mixes! Be creative!

Remember that the African children love bright colours!



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