



“Waffles For Brunch”

Toddler/Preschool size 2 to size 5, depending on yarn and exact gauge.

Intended for charity knitting where “every sweater will fit some child”.

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MATERIALS:

About 450 yards bulky weight yarn (Lamb’s Pride Bulky by Brown Sheep Company or Reynold’s Lopi, for example. Sweater pictured above uses Lopi)

Needles to get gauge (Try US size 10.5 or 11)

24-inch circular

Short circular or double points in same size
for knitting sleeves in the round

Double point needles one size smaller than
main needles for working sleeve cuffs

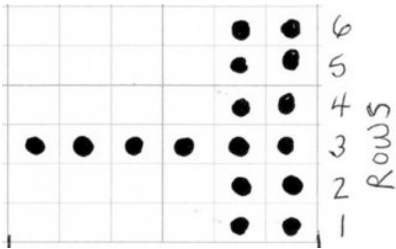
A couple of stitch markers

Waste yarn, an extra circular needle or stitch holders

Gauge: About 3 stitches = 1 inch and 4 rows = 1 inch

PATTERN STITCH:

Solid dot - P on right side, K on wrong side
Open space - K on right side, P on wrong side



Pattern stitch, for those who prefer not to use charts:

(Worked over a multiple of 6 stitches)

Rounds 1 and 2: Purl 2, Knit 4

Round 3: Purl all stitches

Rounds 4, 5 and 6: Purl 2, Knit 4

GETTING STARTED:

Begin at bottom of sweater body.

Using 24-inch circular needle, CO 84 stitches. Join, being careful not to twist stitches.

Place marker to mark beginning of round.

Work in P2, K4 ribbing for 7 rounds.

Begin pattern stitch,

Work in pattern stitch for 33 rounds, ending with row 3.

You should have a total of 6 purred “ridges” and be at your beginning-of-round marker. This is the left underarm of the finished sweater.

DIVIDING FOR UPPER BODY:

Bind off two stitches, work across next 40 stitches in pattern as established.

Place these 40 stitches on waste yarn or on a spare double point needle. They will be used later for the front of the sweater.

Bind off two stitches (right underarm) and work across the remaining 40 stitches, keeping pattern as established.

NOTE - To center the pattern on the top of the sweater, the two bound-off stitches at each underarm should be the “Purl 2” stitches of the pattern. Both 40-stitch sections, front and back, should begin and end with the “Knit 4” stitches of the pattern.

UPPER BACK:

Work back-and-forth across these 40 stitches for 32 more rows, ending with row 6 of pattern, and with yarn at left shoulder. Break yarn, leaving about 4 feet of yarn. This yarn will be used later to graft the shoulder seam.

NOTE! Remember to reverse the pattern stitches when working “wrong side” rows - knits become purls and purls become knits when the wrong side is facing you.

Place back stitches on stitch holders or waste yarn as follows: 12 stitches (shoulder), 16 stitches (back neck), 12 stitches (shoulder).

Turn work so wrong side of front is facing you and join yarn at the right underarm.

UPPER FRONT TO NECKLINE:

You will begin the pattern stitch with row 5. Work back and forth for 11 rows, ending with pattern row 3.

With right side of front facing you, work 12 stitches in pattern, place marker, K 16 stitches, place marker, work 12 stitches in pattern.

Keeping the side panels in pattern stitch and the center panel in garter stitch (K every row), work 9 rows.

With right side facing you, work 12 stitches in pattern, slip marker, K 7, cross the next two stitches, K7, slip marker, work in pattern to end of row.

(To cross stitches, remove the first stitch from the left hand needle, hold that stitch at front of work, knit the next stitch, replace the first stitch on the left hand needle and knit it. You have made a mini “cable twist”).

Place the first 20 stitches on waste yarn or a stitch holder. These will be worked as the left upper front later. Work will continue on the remaining 20 stitches to form the right upper front.

RIGHT UPPER FRONT:

Work back and forth for 10 rows, keeping pattern as established and ending at the shoulder edge. Break yarn, leaving about 4 feet.

Use your preferred method to attach the shoulder stitches to each other. Either use a Kitchener Stitch from the “right side” to graft 12 front and 12 back shoulder stitches together, or turn the sweater wrong side out and use a 3-needle bind off from the “wrong side”. Keep the last stitch “live, and place it on a stitch holder along with the 8 neck-edge stitches.

(Hint: do not fasten off the yarn used to graft or bind off the shoulder seam. Leave 6-8 inches of yarn; you can use this tail later to draw up any slight “holes” at the shoulder after working the collar).

LEFT UPPER FRONT:

Take left front stitches off holder. Join yarn at center front. The wrong side of the sweater should be facing you. Beginning with pattern row 3 (and keeping neck edge section in garter stitch), work back and forth for 10 rows, ending at neck edge. Do not break yarn!

Place back left shoulder stitches on a double-point needle and use reserved yarn at shoulder to graft shoulder seam (from right side of sweater) or work a 3-needle bind off (from wrong side of sweater). Again, leave the last stitch “live” and place it on the circular needle next to left front neck stitches. Again, break shoulder seam yarn, leaving a tail for later.

Pick up the yarn at center front and with wrong side of sweater facing you, knit across 8 front neck stitches, 1 shoulder seam stitch, 16 back neck stitches, 1 shoulder seam stitch and 8 right front stitches.

34 stitches total.

COLLAR:

Knit 3 rows even.

Increase row: Increase 3 stitches, evenly spaced. In other words, increase one stitch at each shoulder and one stitch at the center back.

Repeat these 4 rows twice more. 43 stitches total.

Knit two rows even.

Bind off all stitches.

Take a moment right now to search out a tapestry needle and weave in all of the yarn ends so far. You’ll feel so efficient and when the sleeves are done, the sweater will be DONE.

SLEEVES:

Pick up 54 stitches around the armhole opening.

The stitches should be arranged as follows: 2 stitches over cast-off stitches at underarm, 26 stitches to shoulder, 26 stitches back to underarm.

Sleeves are worked in the round, with no underarm seam.

Begin work in pattern stitch at the 2 underarm stitches. The two underarm stitches will be “purl 2” of the pattern and a “knit 4” rib will be centered at the top of the shoulder.

On the first round, P1, place marker, continue to end of round. The marker is at the center of the underarm.

Work pattern stitch for 5 more rounds.

Begin sleeve decreases on next round Decrease one stitch on each side of marker, every third round.

In other words, decrease 2 stitches at underarm every 3 rows, 12 times. (30 stitches remain).

(**Hint:** I found it easiest to keep those two underarm stitches as “purls”...one on each side of the marker, adjusting the next stitch away from the marker as the pattern gets decreased away)

Continue to work even in pattern stitch until 7 complete pattern repeats have been worked (7 purl ridges), ending with row 6.

Change to smaller needles and work 6 rounds in P2, K4 ribbing.

Bind off all stitches.

Work second sleeve to correspond to first.

Weave in all yarn ends.