



Firefly

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This pattern was written as a simple sweater option for people knitting for the Afghans for Afghans project.

However, if you are knitting this sweater for a specific child, you may wish to measure their torso (from under the arm to the hip) and their arm length (from under the arm to the wrist) to ensure that you make the sweater & sleeves long enough. The small measurements should fit a child age 10 - 16 months. The large size neck (cast-on) should fit a child up to age 2 -3 years.

Notes: Small size is in (xx).

Materials: Small: Worsted Weight wool: 270yds, Med-Lg: 330 yds

Yarns used in samples:

TurtleDove Yarns, Flicker. Malabrigo Worsted. Cascade 220.

Mission Falls 1824.

You can use a contrasting color for the arm cuffs & waist band, use intarsia techniques to create a placket where the seed stitch is inserted, knit the entire sweater in a solid color, or stripe the entire sweater. This is a great project to use up scrap yarns.

US 7 16" circular

US 7 dpns

scrap yarn

4 place markers in one color & 2 in a contrasting color.

Cast on - Using the US 7 16" circular needle, cast on (60)68 stitches.

PM & Join for knitting in the round.

Knit 9 rounds for roll neck.

Row 10 (set up row)- Knit (16)18 sts, PM, Knit (11)13sts, PM, Knit (22) 24 sts, PM, Knit (11)13sts, PM.

Now you have divided your sweater into a Front section (16 sts) 18 sts, a Right sleeve (11 sts) 13 sts, a Back section (22 sts) 24 sts and a Left sleeve (11 sts) 13 sts.

Next round: the beginning of your round is the “front” section of the sweater. Knit 4 sts, PM (contrasting color), *K1, P1, * repeat 5 times, then PM (contrasting color) - inside these contrasting color PMs you will work in seed stitch pattern until you get to the waist band. Throughout the rest of the pattern, when you see "knit to next PM" it is not referring to one of these place markers, as they are here only to remind you to knit in seed stitch pattern for the front placket of the sweater.

Seed stitch:

Round 1: K1, P1 repeat to next PM

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Begin Raglan shaping: (remember, the contrasting color PMs are just there to remind you to work the seed stitch pattern, they are not part of the raglan sleeve shaping.)

Round 1: *Knit to PM, M1, K1, M1* repeat around once.

Round 2: Knit all sts.

Repeat these 2 rounds until you have **(33) 43 sts** on each sleeve section.

Drop the sleeves by knitting to the appropriate PM, then thread the sleeve sts (including the increases on each side of the PM) onto scrap yarn. once all the sts have been threaded on, tie the scrap yarn so that the sts do not slip off. The last stitch from the “front” section will be the last stitch you knitted, now proceed to knit the first stitch from the “back” section to join the sweater at the sides. (This is the “pit area” of the sweater.)

Knit across the back & drop the left sleeve from the needles as well & join the back section to the front section, as you did for the right side.

Begin knitting the body of the sweater. Knit in stockinette stitch with no further increases, continuing the Seed St pattern inset in the front section of the sweater.

Continue until the entire piece measures (9")10".

Begin waist band:

Knit 10 rounds of K2, P2. (small size only: K2tog, then begin K2, P2 ribbing).

Bind off all sts in pattern.

Picking up the sleeves:

Leave a 10" tail when starting the sleeves, you'll use this yarn later to seam up a small hole created by this raglan method.

Using US 7 dpns or two circular US 7s, starting with the Right side sleeve, transfer stitches from scrap yarn onto the dpns. Knit around in stockinette stitch until sleeve measures (4) 5.5 inches (from under the arm).

(Count your stitches to ensure that you have an even number, if you have an odd number, K2tog, then begin K2, P2 for cuff)

Next round: K2, P2 for cuff - continue for 10 rounds.

Bind off in pattern.



Repeat for Left Sleeve.

Seam up the underarms using the mattress stitch & weave in any ends.

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