

3 skill level

free

knit



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SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- 1 skein ea Caron International's Simply Soft Brites yarn: Watermelon (A), Mango (B), Autumn Maize (C), Limelight (D), Blue Mint (E), Grape (F)
- Knitting needles: Size 10½, or size to obtain gauge; Size 9 straight; Set of 5 Size 9 double-pointed
- Stitch markers
- Tapestry needle

GAUGE: 14 sts & 18 rows = 4" in St st (k on RS, p on WS) with 1 strand each MC & CC held tog on larger needles. CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

DIRECTIONS: K with 2 strands held tog throughout. When working with 1 skein & pattern calls for K with 2 strands, pull yarn end from inside of skein & end from outside of skein; hold tog. Chest: 14" (18", 22", 26") Length: 15" (19", 23", 27") Instructions written for smallest size, for others in ().

BACK: Beg at neck opening with 2 strands of (A) held tog & larger needles, cast on 40 (54, 68, 72) sts. Work in St st, changing yarn colors every 8 rows; follow color pattern (A, B, C, D, E)* until 8" (12", 16", 17") from beg, ending with a WS row. Maintain color pattern; dec 1 st each edge every other row 8 (8, 12, 12) times – 24 (38, 44, 48) sts. Work even until piece measures 12" (16", 21", 23") from beg. BO all sts loosely.

UNDERPANEL: Beg at neck opening with 2 strands of (A) & smaller needles, cast on 7 sts. Following color pattern (A, B, C, D, E)* work in K1, P1 Rib, inc 1 st each end every 3rd row 7 (9, 13, 16) times – 21 (25, 33, 39) sts. Work even, follow color pattern, until piece measures 8" (12", 16", 17") from beg. BO all sts loosely.

FINISHING: Sew Underpanel to Back leaving a 2" (2½", 3", 3½") space on each side for front leg openings at the widest point of Underpanel with stripes matching.

NECK: With double-pointed needles & 2 strands of (F), pick up and K 44 (58, 72, 76) sts evenly around neck opening. Place marker, join & work in K1, P1 Rib for 3" or desired length. Bind off all sts loosely.

LEG OPENINGS: With double-pointed needles & 2 strands of (F), pick up and K 20 (22, 24, 26) sts evenly around opening. Place marker, join & work 5 rnds in K1, P1 Rib. Bind off all sts loosely.

BODY RIBBING: With double-pointed needles & 2 strands of (F), pick up and K 78 (96, 120, 130) sts evenly around Back opening. Join and work 5 rnds K1, P1 Rib. Bind off all sts loosely. Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS: K = knit, * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated, tog = together, rep = repeat, mm = millimeters, P = purl, st(s) = stitch (es), sl = slip, yo = yarn over, MC = main color, CC = contrast color, pss0 = pass the slipped stitch over the knit stitch, ndl = needles, tn = tapestry needle, inc = increasing, dec = decreasing, RS = Right side, WS = Wrong side

Skill Level 3: Experience necessary

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