

SIDE TO SIDE SAFARI SWEATER

Jungle Love! This adorable sweater was easy from start to finish—literally-- as the pattern works from side to side. Begin with the sleeve and go from there. We used colorful Koigu, held doubly, along with one Binario for this vibrant result. However, any worsted weight yarn will work in the pattern. Little giraffe buttons complete the look.



MATERIALS

6 hanks Koigu KPPM (held double throughout)
5 balls Trendsetter Binario
Size 6 and 8 circular needles
Fits size 4,6, 8, 10 boy or girl

STOCKINETTE RIDGE PATTERN

Rows 1, 3 and 4 KNIT. Row 2 PURL.

DIRECTIONS

This is a side-to-side sweater, beginning by knitting at the sleeve. You will have one large “Red Cross logo” shaped piece when complete.

With smaller needle, CO 30 (30,32,32) sts. Work in 1x1 rib for one inch, ending on WS row. Change to larger needles and begin working in pattern. On this row inc 1 st at beg and end of row, then every 6th row one (4,5,9) times more, then every 8th row 7 (6,6,4) times—48 (52,56,60) sts. Work even until sleeve measures 12 (13 ½, 14 ½, 16) inches from the beg. End with WS row. Place marker at beg and end of last row to mark beg of back and front.

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DIVIDE FOR NECK OPENING on this next row (RS). Work across first 56 (62,68,74) sts for back, join 2nd ball of yarn and BO next 5 sts for left front edge, work to end. Working both sides at once, dec 1 st at neck edge on the next row, then every row 5 times more—45 (51,57,63) sts for left front and 56 (62,68,74) sts for back. Work even until piece measures 6 ½, (7, 7 ¾, 8 ½) inches above marked row, ending with WS row. Next row (RS)—with first ball of yarn, work across 56 (62,68,74) sts for back, with 2nd ball of yarn, BO 45 (51,57,63) sts for left front edge. Work even on back sts for one inch, ending with WS row. Right Front—Next row (RS) Work across 56 (62,68,74) sts for back, with 2nd ball CO 45(51,57,63) sts to LH needle for right front, then work across these sts in same pattern. Working both sides at once, work even until right front measures 1 (1 ¼, 1 ¼, 1 ½) inches from beg, ending with RS row. Inc 1 st at right neck edge on next row, then every row 5 times more, ending with a RS row—51 (57,63, 69) sts for right front and 56 (62,68,74) sts for back. JOIN THE RIGHT FRONT AND BACK on next row (WS) with first ball of yarn, work across 51 (57,63,69) sts, CO 5 sts for right neck edge then work across 56 (62,68,74) sts -- 112 (124,136, 148)sts. Work even until piece measures 14 (15,16 ½, 18) inches above marked row, ending with WS row. BO 32,(36,40,44) sts at beg of next 2 rows—48 (52,56,60) sts. Place marker at beg and end of last row to marker beg of right sleeve.

Right Sleeve—Work even for one inch, ending with WS row. Dec 1 st at each side on next row then every 8th row 6 (5,5,3) times more, every 6th row 2 (5,6,10) times—30 (30,32,32) sts. Work even until piece measures 11 (12 ½, 13 ½, 15) inches above last row marked, ending with a WS row. Change to smaller needles, work 1x1 rib for one inch and BO.

FINISHING

Block piece to stabilize curl at edges. Sew or crochet arm and side seams. Single crochet, then crab st around perimeter of sweater, making button loops on gender appropriate side. Sew on buttons.

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