



Simple Knit Sweater for Heartstrings

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Materials:

- Size 10 crochet cotton
- Size 1 US needles (2.25mm)
- Size 7 steel crochet hook to pick up stitches at the armhole

Gauge: 8 stitches and 11 rows = 1 inch

Abbreviations:

K = Knit

P = Purl

Gs = Garter Stitch (knit every row)

St st = stockinette stitch (alternate knit and purl rows)

Sweater: The sweater is worked as three rectangles, two fronts and a back. Stitches are picked up after the shoulder seams are sewn and the sleeves are knitted into the side of the sweater. The sleeve seam and side seam are then sewn and the sweater is finished.

Left Front: cast on 12

1-4: K each stitch, for four rows of Gs (this is the waistline)

5: K12 (this is the right side of the work)

6: K3, P9

7-27: Repeat rows 5 and 6 for St st with Gs front border

28-29: K12

Bind off. Leave a tail for sewing up the shoulder seam.

Right Front: cast on 12

1-4: K each stitch, for four rows of Gs (this is the waistline)

5: K12 (this is the right side of the work)

6: P9, K3

7-27: Repeat rows 5 and 6 for St st with Gs front border

28-29: K12

Bind off. Leave a tail for sewing up the shoulder seam

Back: cast on 24 sts.

1-4: K each stitch, for four rows of Gs (this is the waistline)

5: K24 (this is the right side of the work)

6: P24

7-27: Repeat rows 5 and 6 for St st

28-29: K24

Bind off. Leave a tail for sewing up the shoulder seam

With the right sides together, sew the front to the back on seven shoulder stitches. Turn the sweater right side out.

Sleeves: With the right side facing you and the right (as opposed to left) side up, pick up 18 stitches beginning 1 1/8 inch from the bottom back of the sweater and ending 1 1/8 inch from the bottom front of the sweater. I find it easier to pick up stitches with a size 7 crochet hook than with knitting needles.

1: Wrong side now facing, K18

2: K18

3: P18

4-22 : Repeat rows 2 and 3

23-24: K18

Bind off. Leave a long tail to sew up the sleeve and side seam.

Repeat for the other sleeve. With the right sides together, stitch the sleeve and side seam from the sleeve to the waistline.

I gently washed the sweater and hung it to dry by running my knitting needle, backward, through the sleeves and propping this up between two glasses. Does an admirable job of blocking this tiny sweater. You are now Done!