



Manga Spirit Sweaters in Crochet and Knit

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Materials:

- Sportweight yarn (3). Models made with Universal Bella DK yarn; 110yds/oz or 3.5m/gm
- Size D crochet hook
- Size 4 (3.5mm) single point knitting needles

Crochet Gauge: five sc = 1 inch

Knit Gauge: six sts = 1 inch



Knit Sweater: worked as three main pieces, two for the front and one for the back. Shoulders are seamed together, then the sleeves are picked up and placed in the needle with a crochet hook.

Left Front: cast on 10 sts

- 1: K each st
- 2: K each st
- 3: K each st
- 4: K3, P7
- 5: K each st
- 6-22: Repeat rows 4 and 5. At the end of row 22, bind off knitwise.

Right Front: cast on 10 sts

- 1: K each st
- 2: K each st
- 3: K each st
- 4: P7, K3
- 5: K each st
- 6-22: Repeat rows 4 and 5. At the end of row 22, bind off knitwise.

Back: cast on 20 sts

- 1: K each st
- 2: K each st
- 3: K each st
- 4: P each st
- 5: K each st
- 6-22: Repeat rows 4 and 5. At the end of row 22, bind off knitwise.

For the shoulder seams, with wrong sides together overcast stitch six stitches at each shoulder.

Sleeves: Starting and stopping one inch from the bottom edges of the sweater, pick up 24 stitches evenly across one side of the sweater, with the right side of the sweater facing you. I find it a lot easier to pick up the stitches with a crochet hook and place them on the knitting needle, than doing this with a knitting needle.

- 1: K each st

2: K each st
3: P each st
4: K each st
5-10: Repeat rows 3 and 4
11: K each st
12: K each st. Bind off knitwise at the end of row 12. Leave a long tail to sew up the side and underarm seam.

With the right sides together, stitch the side/underarm seam with a backstitch. Finished!



Crochet Sweater: starting at the neck edge

1. ch25, sc in second ch from hook and each ch across, ch1, turn, 24 sc
2. (Sc in next sc, two sc in next) across, ch1, turn, 36 sc
- 3: (Sc in the next two sc, two sc in the next) across, ch1, turn. 48 sc
- 4: Sc in each sc across. 48 sc
5. Sc in next eight sc, ch5, skip next eight sc, sc in next 16 sc, ch5, skip next eight sc, sc in last eight sc, ch1, turn, 32 sc, 10 ch
6. Sc in each sc and ch across, ch1, turn, 42 sc
- 7-14. Sc in each sc across, ch1, turn. At end of row fasten off.

With right side facing, join yarn in the center of the lower back edge; work reverse sc around the outside edge of the sweater.

Sleeves:

1. Join with a sc in the side of the sc at the armhole edge; work (two sc in next, sc in next) four times across the top of the armhole, sc in side of the next sc at the edge of the armhole, sl st in the first ch under the armhole, ch1, turn. 14 sc
2. skip the sl st, sc in next 14 sc, sc in next ch under the armhole, sl st in the next ch, ch1, turn.
3. skip the sl st, sc in next 15 sc, sc in the next ch, sl st in the next ch, ch1, turn.
- 4: Skip the sl st, sc in the next 16 sc, sc in next ch, sc in same st as the first sc, join, ch1, turn. 18 sc
- 5-8, sc in each sc around, join, ch1, turn.
9. Reverse sc in each sc around, fasten off.

Lightly mist your crochet sweater with water to get the curl out of the stitches. Let it dry and you're done!