Sweater Seaming Class

If you want to work along with the demonstration, you'll need worsted-weight wool or wool blend in a light color, size U.S. 7 (4.5 mm) needles, and a tapestry needle. Work the three pieces as outlined below. Bring your swatches, yarn, and tapestry needle to class.

Half Back (make 1)

CO 22 sts.

Row 1: (WS) K1 (selvedge st), p1, *k2, p2; rep from * to last 4 sts, k2, p1, k1 (selvedge st).

Row 2: (RS) K1 (selvedge st), k1, *p2, k2; rep from * to last 4 sts, p2, k1, k1 (selvedge st).

Rep Rows 1 and 2 two more times, then rep Row 1 once more—7 rows total.

Knitting the first and last st of every row for selvedge sts, work center 20 sts in stockinette st (knit on RS; purl on WS) until a total of 24 rows of stockinette st have been worked, ending with a WS row (piece measures about 4" from CO).

Shape Armhole

Row 1: (RS) BO 2 sts, knit to end—20 sts rem.

Row 2: (WS) K1, purl to end.

Row 3: BO 2 sts, knit to end—18 sts rem.

Row 4: Rep Row 2.

Dec row: (RS) K1, ssk, knit to end—17 sts rem.

Knitting the first and last st of every row for selvedge sts, work center 15 sts in stockinette st for 17 more rows, ending with a WS row (piece measures about 7" from CO).

Shape Shoulder

Row 1: (RS) BO 4 sts, knit to end—13 sts rem.

Row 2: (WS) K1, purl to end.

Row 3: BO 5 sts, knit to end—8 sts rem.

Row 4: Rep Row 2.

Row 5: BO all sts.

Right Front (make 1)

CO 22 sts.

Row 1: (WS) K1 (selvedge st), p1, *k2, p2; rep from * to last 4 sts, k2, p1, k1 (selvedge st).

Row 2: (RS) K1 (selvedge st), k1, *p2, k2; rep from * to last 4 sts, p2, k1, k1 (selvedge st).

Rep Rows 1 and 2 two more times, then rep Row 1 once more—7 rows total.

Knitting the first and last st of every row for selvedge sts, work center 20 sts in stockinette st until a total of 25 rows of stockinette st have been worked, ending with a RS row.

Shape Armhole

Row 1: (WS) BO 2 sts, purl to last st, k1—20 sts rem.

Row 2: (RS) Knit to end.

Row 3: BO 2 sts, purl to last st, k1—18 sts rem.

Dec row: (RS) Knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1—17 sts rem.

Knitting the first and last st of every row for selvedge sts, work center 15 sts in stockinette st for 7 more rows, ending with a WS row.

Shape Neck

Row 1: (RS) BO 3 sts, knit to end—14 sts rem.

Row 2: (WS) K1, purl to end.

Row 3: BO 2 sts, knit to end—12 sts rem.

Work 1 WS row even.

Dec row: (RS) K1, ssk, knit to end—1 st decreased.

[Work 1 WS row even, then rep Dec row] 2 times—9 sts rem.

Knitting the first and last st of every row, work center 7 sts in stockinette st until piece measures same as back to shoulder, ending with a RS row.

Shape Shoulder

Row 1: (WS) BO 4 sts, purl to last st, k1—5 sts rem.

Row 2: (RS) Knit.

Row 3: BO 5 sts—no sts rem.

Sleeve (make 1)

CO 18 sts.

Row 1: (WS) K1 (selvedge st), p1, *k2, p2; rep from * to last 4 sts, k2, p1, k1 (selvedge st).

Row 2: (RS) K1 (selvedge st), k1, *p2, k2; rep from * to last 4 sts, p2, k1, k1 (selvedge st).

Rep Rows 1 and 2 once, then rep Row 1 once more—5 rows total.

Taper Sleeve

Knitting the first and last st of every row for selvedge sts, work in stockinette st for 4 rows.

Inc Row: (RS) K1, Make-One Right, knit to last st, Make-One Left, k1—2 sts increased.

Knitting the first and last st of every row for selvedge sts, work in stockinette st for 3 rows. Rep the last 4 rows 4 more times—28 sts.

Work even for 3 rows, ending with a WS row (piece measures about 4" from CO).

Shape Cap

BO 2 sts at beg of next 4 rows—20 sts rem.

Dec row: (RS) K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1—18 sts rem.

Work 1 WS row even.

Rep the last 2 rows 4 more times—10 sts rem.

BO 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows—6 sts rem.

BO all sts.

Block

To block the pieces, soak in lukewarm water for 20 minutes, squeeze out excess moisture, and pat to shape on a flat surface (if you have them, insert blocking wires through the garter-stitch selvedges). Allow to air dry completely before moving.