

Heritage Fair Isle Sweater

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This bottom-up sweater pattern uses a seamless yoke and is knit in one piece, with the sleeves knitted separately and joined before knitting the yoke. It has a simple Fair Isle pattern, which shows off the yarn colors really nicely and is easy enough for a first attempt at following a Fair Isle chart.

Materials Needed

2 colors of Briggs & Little Heritage 2 ply:

Yoke: 1 skein for all sizes

Bottom: 1 (2, 3) skeins

or yarn to match gauge

5mm circular needles, 16-20" long for baby sizes, up to 40" for adults.

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Optional DPN's for the sleeves.

Darning needle for weaving in ends.

Gauge: 16sts & 22 rows = 4" square (4sts/1")

Finished size:

Chest circumference:

Length from back of neck to waist:



Abbreviations

K - knit

P - purl

K2tog - knit two stitches together

M - marker

st(s) - stitch(es)

yo - yarn over

CO - cast on

BO - bind off

LHN - left hand needle

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Instructions

Body:

With bottom color, CO 80 (92, 104) sts, PM and join to work in the round (don't twist the stitches!)

K2, P2 rib for 4 rows.

Knit even in stockinette stitch until piece measures 8½" (11", 14") from beginning of ribbing.

K to 2 sts before M, BO4.

K 36 (42, 48), BO 4, K 36 (42, 48) - keep these sts on a holder & set aside.

Sleeves:

(You can knit the sleeves in the round on DPN needles or using the Magic Loop method, or knit them flat and seam them. Instructions are written for knitting in the round).

CO 18 (22, 24), optional PM & join to work in the round, see note above.

K2, P2 rib for 4 rows.

K in stockinette until sleeve measures 1½" (1½", 2") from beginning of rib, stop 2 sts before M.

Increase round:

KFB, k1, slM, k1, KFB, knit to end of round.

Knit 5 rounds even.

Repeat Inc round + 5 rounds stockinette 5 (5, 6) more times, total 6 (6, 7) increase rounds, 30 (34, 38) sts.

Knit in stockinette until sleeve measures 9½" (11½", 13½") from beginning of rib, ending 2 sts bef end of last round. BO 4, removing marker. Sl last st made to LHN, cut yarn, keep sts on a holder or waste yarn, and set aside.

Repeat for 2nd sleeve BUT don't cut yarn or place sts on holder.

Joining Body & Sleeves:

K across the 26 (30, 34) sts of the 2nd sleeve, PM, k across 36 (42, 48) sts of sweater front from holder, PM, k 26 (30, 34) sts of 1st sleeve from holder, PM, k 36 (42, 48) sts of sweater back from holder, PM.

You can use a different marker for this final one, as it marks the beginning of your rounds. 124 (144, 164) sts, ready to knit in the round.

Yoke:

Dec round: *K to 2 sts bef M, k2tog, repeat from * to end of round, 120 (140, 160) sts.

Work 1¼" (1½", 1¾") from joining round in stockinette.

Dec round: *K3, k2tog, repeat from * to end of round. 96 (112, 128) sts.

SMALL ONLY - Fair Isle pattern:

Adding in the 2nd color, knit in stockinette with no decreases for 6 rounds following the pattern chart. The chart is a 6-st repeat over 6 rounds. Yoke should measure 2¾" from joining round. Cut bottom yarn and knit only with top color yarn for the remainder of the yoke.

Med & large:

Continue knitting yoke in stockinette with body color until yoke measures 3¾" (med), 4" (lg).

Continue Yoke (all sizes):

Dec round: *K2, k2tog, repeat from * to end of round. 72 (84, 96) sts.

SMALL ONLY: Knit in stockinette until yoke measures 4" from joining round. Skip to ALL SIZES.

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MED & LG ONLY - Fair Isle pattern:

Adding in the 2nd color, knit in stockinette with no decreases for 6 rounds following the pattern chart. The chart is a 6-st repeat over 6 rounds. Cut bottom yarn and knit only with top color yarn for the remainder of the yoke. Knit in stockinette until the yoke measures 5¼" (med), 6" (lg) from joining round.

ALL SIZES:

Final dec round: *K2, k2tog, repeat from * to end of round, 48 (56, 64) sts.

Knit in stockinette until yoke measures 5¼" (6¾", 7¾") from joining round.

Ribbing: K2, P2 rib for 4 rows.

BO loosely, using a larger needle if it helps.

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