

27-3 Cotton Neat Sweater

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Finished measurements:

bust: 92cm/36.2in
back width: 51cm/20.1in
back length: 55cm/21.7in

Materials

- Pierrot Yarns Cotton Neat [100% cotton; 58 yds/53m per 1.4oz/40g skein]; color #604 sky blue; 8 skeins [290g]
- US 8 (5.0mm) knitting needles or size needed to achieve gauge
- US H (5.0mm) crochet hook
- 1 small stitch holder
- 4 medium stitch holders
- darning needle

Gauge

17 sts/20 rows = 4" (10cm) in stockinette stitch
19 sts/20 rows = 4" (10cm) in pattern stitch

Abbreviations

BO	bind off
ch	chain
CO	cast on
dec	decrease
inc	increase
k2tog	knit two sts together
p2tog	purl 2 stitches together
picot	ch3, sl into first ch
PKYK	sl right needle knitwise into 3 rd st on left needle; pass this st over 1 st and 2 nd sts on left needle; k1, yo, k1
rem	remain(ing)
sc	single crochet
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together
ssk	slip 1 st knitwise, slip another st knitwise, k both slipped sts through back loop
st st	stockinette stitch
st, sts	stitch(es)

Note: shoulders are shaped using short rows. Any short row method will suffice.



Pattern stitch (multiple of 12 rows)

Row 1 (RS): p1, PKYK, p1, k5, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, k5, p1, PKYK.

Row 2 (WS) and all even-numbered rows: k1, p3, k1, p8, k1, p8, k1, p3, k1.

Row 3: p1, k3, p1, k3, k2tog, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, p1, yo, k1, yo, ssk, ssk, k3, p1, k3, p1.

Row 5: p1, PKYK, p1, k2, k2tog, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, k1, p1, k1, yo, k1, yo, ssk, ssk, k2, p1, PKYK, p1.

Row 7: p1, k3, p1, k1, k2tog, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, k2, p1, k2, yo, k1, yo, ssk, ssk, k1, p1, k3, p1.

Row 9: p1, PKYK, p1, k2tog, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, k3, p1, k3, yo, k1, yo, ssk, ssk, p1, PKYK, p1.

Row 11: p1, k3, p1, k2tog, k2, yo, k4, p1, k4, yo, k2, ssk, p1, k3, p1.

Repeat rows 1-12.

Directions**Back**

Using long-tail cast-on method, CO 78 sts. Work in st st for 9 rows, noting that cast-on row counts as row 1 (RS). Maintaining st st, work shaping as follows:

Row 10: p1, dec 1 st, knit even until 3 sts rem, dec 1 st, p1. [76 sts rem]

Starting with row 11, dec 1 st at each end of every 10th row 2 times. [72 sts rem after row 30]

Starting with row 31, dec 1 st at each end of every 8th row once. [70 sts rem after row 38]

Starting with row 39, inc 1 st at each end of every 6th row 4 times. [78 sts after row 62]

Knit 8 rows even.

Starting with row 71, inc 1 st at each end of every 10th row once. [80 sts after row 80]

Starting with row 81, inc 1 st at each end of every 12th row once. [82 sts after row 92]

Knit 12 rows even (through row 104).

Starting with row 105, begin back neck and short-row shoulder shaping as follows:

Right shoulder

Row 105 (RS): k26, BO next 30 sts, ssk, knit even until 8 sts remain, wrap and turn.

Row 106 (WS): now working right shoulder only, purl until 2 sts before neckline, p2tog.

Row 107: knit across until 16 sts remain, wrap and turn.

Row 108: purl across.

Place all 24 right shoulder sts onto medium stitch holder.

Left shoulder:

Row 105: With wrong side facing, rejoin yarn at edge of back neckline, p2tog, purl across until 8 sts rem, wrap and turn.

Row 106: knit until 2 sts before neckline, k2tog.

Row 107: purl across until 16 sts remain, wrap and turn.

Row 108: knit across.

Place all 24 left shoulder sts onto medium stitch holder.

Front

Using long-tail cast-on method, CO 81 sts, noting that cast-on row counts as row 1 (RS). [Note: the stitch count here is not a mistake; the front does indeed have more stitches than the back.]

Row 2 (WS): p27, k1, p3, k1, p8, k1, p8, k1, p3, k1, p27.

Row 3: k27, work in pattern stitch for 27 sts, k27. [note: start with row 1 of pattern stitch instructions]

Row 4: p27, work in pattern stitch for 27 sts, p27.

Work rows 3-4 two more times, then repeat row 3.

Row 10: k1, dec 1 st, knit even until 2 sts rem, dec 1 st. [79 sts rem]

Maintaining stitch patterns as established—stockinette for each side and lace panel down the middle—continue shaping as follows:

Starting with row 11, dec 1 st at each end of every 10th row 2 times. [75 sts rem after row 30]

Starting with row 31, dec 1 st at each end of every 8th row once. [73 sts rem after row 38]

Starting with row 39, inc 1 st at each end of every 6th row 4 times. [81 sts after row 62]

Knit 16 rows even. Maintaining pattern (st st on sides and lace panel down the center), begin shaping neck as follows:

Row 79: knit even for 40 st, dec 1 st, place 1 st on small stitch holder, join second ball of yarn, dec 1 st, knit next 40 st even. [79 sts rem]

Row 80: p1, inc 1 st, knit even until 2 sts from neckline, dec 1 st on each side of neckline, knit even until 1 st rem, inc 1 st, p1 [79 sts rem]

Row 81: knit even until 2 sts from neckline, dec 1 st on each side of neckline, knit even till end of row. [77 sts rem]

Rows 82, 85, 88, 91, 94, 97, 100, 103: knit even.

Rows 83-84, 86-87, 89-90, knit even until 2 sts before neckline, dec 1 st on *each* side of
93, 95-96, 98-99, 101-102, 104: neckline, knit even to end of row.

Row 92: p1, inc 1 st, knit even until 2 sts from neckline, dec 1 st on each side of neckline, knit even until 1 st rem, inc 1 st, p1 [65 sts rem]

Row 93: knit even until 2 sts from neckline, dec 1 st on each side of neckline, knit even till end of row. [63 sts rem]

End of neckline shaping [49 sts rem after row 104]. Starting with row 105, begin short-row shoulder shaping as follows, working each shoulder separately:

Right shoulder

Row 105 (RS): knit across until 8 sts remain, wrap and turn.

Rows 106 & 108: purl across.

Row 107: knit across until 16 sts remain, wrap and turn.

After row 108, place all 24 right shoulder sts onto medium stitch holder.

Left shoulder:

Row 105: With wrong side facing, rejoin yarn at left edge of V-neck, purl across until 8 sts rem, wrap and turn.

Rows 106 & 108: knit across.

Row 107: purl across until 16 sts remain, wrap and turn.

After row 108, place all 24 left shoulder sts onto medium stitch holder.

Finishing

Block pieces. Join shoulder seams using three-needle bind-off, taking care to knit short row wraps together with the stitch adjacent to them. Sew side seams with mattress stitch.

Hem: using crochet hook, pull up a chain through bottom edge of sweater; work 138sc evenly spaced around hem of garment (69 sc from both front and back). At end of round, slip into ch that started round. ch1, *sc, picot, 2sc*, repeat from * to * until end of round, slip into ch that started round. Cut yarn and bind off.

Armholes: using crochet hook, pull up a chain through one edge of armhole; work 54sc evenly spaced around armhole. At end of round, slip into ch that started round. ch1, *sc, picot, 2sc*, repeat from * to * until end of round, slip into ch that started round. Cut yarn and bind off. Repeat for second armhole.

Neckline: using crochet hook, pull up a chain through edge of back right neckline (as worn). Work 36sc across back neckline, 27sc across left side of neckline, sc2tog into the live stitch on stitch holder (remove stitch holder), 27sc across right side of neckline, join round by slipping into ch that started round. ch1, *sc, picot, 2sc*, repeat from * to * 9 times, until 2 stitches before corner of V-neck. sc2tog, sc, *sc, picot, 2sc*, repeat from * to * until end of round, slip into ch that started round. Cut yarn and bind off.

Weave in ends.