

Y-1059 Sweater with Side Slits

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Width: 45 (49)in/114 (124)cm. **Length:** 24 (25)in/61 (63)cm. **Sleeve Length:** 14 (14)in/36 (36)cm.

MATERIALS

330 (350)g of Noro **Silk Garden Sock** in shade #s428. 1 pair of size 4mm (US 6/UK 8) knitting needles.

1 pair of size 4½mm (US 7/UK 7) knitting needles.

TENSION

20 sts \times 30 rows = 10cm/4in square measured over St st using $4\frac{1}{2}$ mm needles.

ABBREVIATIONS

beg beginning; cont continue; dec decrease(ing); foll follow(s)(ing); inc increase(ing); in(s) inch(es); K knit; M1k make one stitch knitwise (pick up horizontal loop lying between last stitch worked and next stitch and knit into back of loop); P purl; rem remain(ing); rep repeat; RS right side; st(s) stitch(es); St st Stockinette/Stocking stitch; tog together; WS wrong side.

BACK

With 4mm needles cast on 114 (122) sts and work as foll:

Row 1 (RS): K2, * p2, k2, rep from * to end. **Row 2:** K all k sts and p all p sts to end. Rep the last 2 rows for a further 10 rows **.

Change to $4\frac{1}{2}$ mm needles and work as foll:

Row 1 (RS): Knit to end. Row 2: Purl to end.

Rep the last 2 rows until back measures 16 $(16\frac{1}{2})$ in/40.5 (42)cm from beg ending with a WS row. Place a coloured marker at each end of the last row.

Shape Armholes

Row 1 (RS): K1, M1k, knit to the last st, M1k, k1.

Row 2: Purl to end.

Cont as set M1k on row 5 and every foll 6th row until 7 incs in total on each side. 128 (136) sts. Work straight until armhole measures 6% (7) in/16.5 (18)cm from coloured marker.

Shape Shoulders

Row 1 (RS): Cast 5 sts and knit to end.

Row 2: Cast off 5 sts and purl to end. Rep the last 2 rows 6 times more.

Shape Back Neck

Row 1 (RS): Cast off 4 (5) sts, knit until 10 (12) sts on right hand needle, turn and put rem sts on a spare needle.

Row 2: P2 sts tog and purl to end.

Row 3: Cast off 4 (5) sts and knit to end.

Row 4: As row 2. Cast off rem 4 (5) sts.

Return to the sts on the spare needle. With RS facing, rejoin yarn and cast off the centre 30 (32) sts. Cont on rem sts as foll:

Row 1 (RS): Knit to end.

Row 2: Cast off 4 (5) sts and purl to end.

Row 3: K2tog and knit to end.

Rep the last 2 rows once more. Cast off rem 4 (5) sts.

FRONT

Work as given for back up to **.

Change to 4½mm needles and work as foll:

Row 1 (RS): K57 (61) sts, then joining a second ball of yarn at a different point in colour knit rem 57 (61) sts.

Row 2: In colour rows set purl to end.

Working the 2 separate balls of yarn cont as set until front is 18 rows shorter than back up to the coloured markers.

Place a coloured marker at each end of the last row.

Cont with side shaping as given for back until front is 42 (44) rows shorter than back measuring from the coloured marker up to the top of the shoulder.

Shape Front Neck

Cont with side shaping, knit to the centre 12 sts, turn and put rem sts on a spare needle.

Turn p2tog and purl to end. Cont to dec 1 st at neck edge on the next 10 (11) rows AT THE SAME TIME keeping to armhole inc on every 6th row. Cont until 7 inc on armhole in total and 11 (12) dec at neck edge in total completed. 47 (50) sts rem.

Work straight until armhole measures same as back armhole ending with a WS row.

Shape Shoulder

Row 1 (RS): Cast off 5 sts and knit to end.

Row 2: Purl to end. Rep the last 2 rows 6 times more.

Row 15: Cast off 4 (5) sts and knit to end.

Row 16: Purl to end.

Rep the last 2 rows once more. Cast off rem 4 (5) sts.

Return to the sts on the spare needle. With RS facing, rejoin yarn and cast off the centre 12 sts. Complete second side to match first side reversing shapings.

NECKBAND

Join right shoulder seam. With 4mm needles pick up and knit around neck edge as foll: 37 (39) sts evenly down left front neck edge, 12 sts across centre front, 37 (39) sts evenly up right front neck edge and 36 (38) sts across back. 122 (128) sts.

Next Row: Purl to end. **Next Row:** Knit to end.

Rep the last 2 rows for a further 5 rows. Cast off.

SLEEVES

With $4\frac{1}{2}$ mm needles pick up and k68 (70) sts evenly from coloured maker to coloured marker at armholes.

Next Row (WS): Purl to end.

Next Row: Knit to end.

Rep the last 2 rows AT THE SAME TIME dec 1 st at each end of the next row and every foll 8th row until 46 (50) sts rem.

Work straight until sleeve measures $11\frac{1}{2}$ ($12\frac{1}{2}$)in/29 (32)cm from pick up row and ending with a WS row. Change to 4mm needles and work rib as given for back for 12 rows. Cast off.

FINISHING

Join left shoulder and neckband seam reversing neckband seam for roll. Sew up side and sleeve seams leaving side seam open for 2in/5cm for side slit. (front is 18 rows shorten than back).

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