

Make it Easy

Our sweater duet includes a heart pullover for her and a handsome hugs 'n kisses pullover for him. Knit both in basic stockinette stitch following our charted patterns. Trim edges with single rib bands.

Materials

Yarn

Paternayan 3 Ply Persian Wool (8-yr. skeins) from JCA, Inc. (35 Scales Ln., Townsend, MA 01469). For heart pullover, you'll need 4 skeins #945 Med. Pink (MC) and 1 skein each #947 Lt. Pink (A) and #942 Dk. Pink (B). For hugs 'n kisses pullover, you'll need 5 skeins #940 Cranberry (MC) and 2 skeins #948 Pale Pink (CC).

Needles

Size 2 knitting needles or size to obtain gauge.
Tapestry needle.

They've been sweethearts forever—so you just know these beloved dolls will want to celebrate their romance in style! And your little girl will love these easy-knit sweaters you can whip up in a flash!

Valentine sweaters for Barbie® and Ken!

Great gift for a special little girl

Notions

2 tiny metal snaps.

Directions

Gauge

6 sts and 9 rows = 1" (in St st). To save time, take time to check gauge.

Notes

Knit using 2 plys of yarn held together. Sew pieces together using one ply of yarn. Designs are embroidered in duplicate stitch after knitting is completed.

HEART PULLOVER

Back
With A, cast on 21 sts. Work in k 1, p 1 rib for 2 rows. Change to MC. Work even in St st (k 1 row, p 1 row) until piece measures 2" from beg. Mark beg and end of last row for beg of armholes.

Work even for 2 rows. Divide for back neck opening: work across first 10 sts, join another 2 ply of MC, bind off center st, finish row. Working both sides at once, work even until armholes measure 1½". Bind off each side.

QUICK TIP

Little sweaters can be easier and quicker to knit when you use short, double-pointed needles instead of regular knitting needles.

Front

Work same as for back until armholes measure 1" from beg, end on wrong side. **Front neck shaping:** work across first 6 sts, join another 2 ply of MC and bind off 5 center sts, finish row. Working both sides at once, dec 1 st each neck edge once—5 sts each side. Work even until armholes measure same as for back. Bind off each side.

Sleeves

With A cast on 12 sts. Work in k 1, p 1 rib for 2 rows, end on wrong side. Change to MC. Work in St st and inc 1 st each side every 4th row 3 times—18 sts. Work even until sleeve measures 3" from beg. Bind off.

Finishing

Sew shoulder seams. **Neckband:** from right side with A, pick up and k 22 sts evenly spaced across neck edge. Work in k 1, p 1 rib for 2 rows. Bind off in rib. **Heart motif:** on row 1 of MC,

locate center st on front. Count up 7 rows. Beg chart where indicated by arrow and embroider heart in duplicate st using B. Sew on sleeves. With B, weave across each ribbed band, as shown. Sew side and sleeve seams. Sew on snap to top of back neck opening.

HUGS 'N KISSES PULLOVER

Back
With MC, cast on 25 sts. Work in k 1, p 1 rib for 2 rows, end on wrong side. Work even in St st (k 1 row, p 1 row) and the following stripe pattern: *6 rows MC, 2 rows CC, rep from * across 4 times; work in MC only. Work even until piece measures 2½" from beg. **Armholes:** bind off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows—19 sts. Work even for 2 rows. **Divide for back neck opening:** work across first 9 sts, join another 2 ply of MC and bind off center st, finish. Working both sides at once, work even until armholes measure 1½". Bind off each side.

Front

Work same as for back until armholes measure 1½" from beg, end on wrong side. **Front neck**

shaping: work across first 7 sts, join another 2 ply of MC and bind off 5 center sts, finish row. Working both sides at once, dec 1 st each neck edge once—6 sts each side. Work even until armholes measure same as for back. Bind off each side.

Sleeves

With MC cast on 14 sts. Work in k 1, p 1 rib for 2 rows, end on wrong side. Change to MC. Work in St st and 3 stripe pattern repeats. At the same time, inc 1 st each side every 4th row 3 times—20 sts. Work even with MC only until sleeve measures 3½" from beg. Bind off.

Finishing

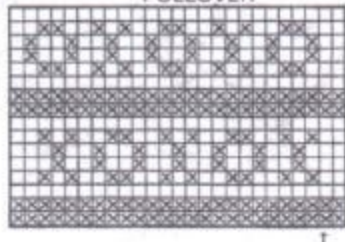
Sew shoulder seams. **Neckband:** from right side with MC, pick up and k 25 sts evenly spaced across neck edge. Work in k 1, p 1 rib for 2 rows. Bind off in rib. **X and O motifs:** on pullover front, beg chart where indicated by arrow and embroider in duplicate st using CC. Work to top of chart, then repeat rows 1-8 stitching only the 3 center motifs. Repeat on back. For sleeves, work only rows 1-16. With MC, weave across each CC stripe, as shown. Sew on sleeves. Sew side and sleeve seams. Sew on snap to top of back neck opening.

HEART PULLOVER



Color Key
□ = MC
■ = B
□ = CC

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