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Men's Drop Sleeve Sweater in Half Linen Stitch
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This sweater has the comfortable ease of your favorite sweatshirt, but with the rich blend of color and subtle texture of Half Linen Stitch, it's anything but ordinary. Made with Curious Creek Fibers' Serengeti yarn, it's light, warm and washable -- sure to be a wardrobe favorite.



Sample knit in Autumn in New England & Glacier Lakes

Materials

Curious Creek Fibers Serengeti (100% superwash wool); 123 yds per 50g skein
Color A: Glacier Lakes 8 (9, 10, 11, 12) skeins
Color B: Autumn in New England 7 (8, 9, 10, 11) skeins

1 set US#5 needles (straight or circular)
1 set US#3 needles (straight or circular; circular or double pointed needles will be needed to finish collar)

Gauge

24 sts/40 rows = 4 inches in half linen stitch on larger needles
(Or size needed to match stitches per inch, the row gauge is not critical to this pattern. If you change needle size to obtain gauge, then use a set 2 sizes smaller for the ribbing.)

Sizes

S (M, L, XL, XXL)
40 (44, 48, 52, 56) inches = finished chest measurement
36 (40, 44, 48, 52) = actual chest measurement

Directions

Sl 1 wyif = "slip one with yarn in front".
Bring yarn to front, slip one stitch purlwise, bring yarn to back.
WS = wrong side
RS = right (or public) side of work

When working Half Linen Stitch, you will be alternating yarns every two rows. Do not break yarn, but rather carry unused yarn up the side of work. Be sure to switch yarns *after* a purl row.

BACK

With smaller needles and color A, cast on 121 (133, 145, 157, 169) stitches. Work in k1, p1 rib for 2 inches. Switch to larger needles and purl 1 row (WS).

Row 1: Switch to color B and K1 (Sl 1 wyif, K1) across.

Row 2: Purl with B.

Row 3: Switch to color A and K2 (Sl 1 wyif, K1) to last st, K1.

Row 4: Purl with A.

Repeat rows 1-4 until piece measures 25 (26, 27, 27.5, 28) inches from cast on edge. Transfer all stitches to a spare needle or length of scrap yarn.

FRONT

Work as for BACK until piece measures 23 (23.5, 24, 24.5, 25) inches from cast on edge.

Neck Shaping: Be careful to maintain pattern of slipped stitches after decreases, working an extra knit stitch at the neck edge as necessary.

Work 48 (53, 58, 63, 68) sts in pattern as established, bind off 25 (27, 29, 31, 33) center stitches, work in pattern to end of row. Continue working in Half Linen Stitch on one side of neck, decreasing 1 stitch at neck edge every RS row until 38 (41, 43, 48, 53) stitches remain and FRONT and BACK measure the same (work a few more rows even in pattern if necessary). Keep remaining stitches live on needle, do not bind off. Work second side of neck the same.

SHOULDER SEAMS & COLLAR

Hold FRONT and BACK together with right sides facing and use a three-needle bind off to attach the shoulders together. Keep center back stitches live on needle.

Using Color A and smaller circular or double-pointed needles, start at one shoulder and pick up 100 (116, 132, 138, 142) stitches around neck, including live stitches at back of neck. Work in K1, P1 rib for 1 inch (or desired collar length), bind off loosely in rib.

SLEEVES

The M1 or "make one" increase is used here, but since it is on purled rows, it's a bit different from the more familiar M1 used on the knit side.

M1 pwise = "make one stitch purlwise" --

Place left hand needle into horizontal bar between stitches from BACK to FRONT, then purl through the leg on the FRONT of the needle (which is the "back" of the stitch, or the trailing leg). Be sure to pick up the horizontal bar rather than the last slipped stitch!

Cast on 49 (55, 57, 61, 67) stitches with smaller needles. Work in K1, P1 rib for 2 inches.

Switch to larger needles and purl 1 row (WS). Work Half Linen Stitch as follows (row sequence is longer to accommodate increases):

Row 1: Switch to color B: K1 (Sl 1 wyif, K1) across.

Row 2: With B: P1, M1 pwise, P to last st, M1 pwise, P1.

Row 3: Switch to color A: K1 (Sl 1 wyif, K1) across.

Row 4: With A: Purl.

Row 5: With B: K2 (Sl 1 wyif, K1) to last st, K1.

Row 6: With B: P1, M1 pwise, P to last st, M1 pwise, P1.

Row 7: With A: K2 (Sl 1 wyif, K1) to last st, K1.

Row 8: With A: Purl.

Repeat these 8 rows until you have 121 (133, 145, 157, 167) stitches on the needle. Then work even, making sure to maintain lines of slipped stitches, until sleeve measures 22 inches, or desired length. Bind off stitches loosely, using larger needle if you tend to bind off tightly.

Make second sleeve the same.

FINISHING

Sew sleeves to body lining up center of sleeve with shoulder seam. Sew arm and side seams and weave in ends.

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