BLUE ISLAND

DIFFICULTY =

10 balls of **Vasto** by Laines Du Nord - 100% Italian Merino Wool - 50 gr 125 mt - Color 004 Night Blue

4.50 circular needle in 60/80 cm and 40 cm cable

Cable needle

Stitch holder, knife, sew needle



This sweater is inspired to the traditional Channel Island men's sweater known as Gunsey.

Is knitted in round, without seams. Sleeves are knitted in round picking up stitches around armhole.

The peculiarity is a special underarm gusset who give a special fit to the garment.

SAMPLE

10 x 10 cm = 17 sts. x 24 rows

POINTS USED

ABBREVIATIONS

MEASURES

The pattern is knitted in 48 EU Size

Chest 105/108 cm

PROCEDURE

Cast-on, lower edge, front and back

With 5.50 mm circular needle loosely cast-on 184 stitches and prepare to knit in round.

Knit 15 rows in 1x1 ribs, repeating 15 times this needle:

K1, P1 rep till the end of row

Then knit :

2 rounds Purl

2 rounds Knit

Now knit Row 0 of Pattern A only once. In this row we will set up and increase for cable pattern. In the end we must have 200 sts total. 100 off front and 100 for back.

Then knit in pattern two times. The stitch numbered as 1 will form a nice garter edge on side of garment.

For better readability, the patter is divided in half, so pay attention not repeat stitch 51 when you change reading the second part of the same pattern!

Body

Knit pattern A repeating 3 times from 1 row to 24. Then knit again ending on row 15. at the same time knit the gusset for underarm.

Underarm gusset

For make the gusset increase 2 stitches on both side of sweater. Increase one before and one after the stitch 1 in pattern. (Suggest M1R and M1L increase) at the end of increase row we have 4 more stitches.

Gusset is knitted in *GARTER STITCH (*K the purl stitch, P the knit stitch)

Place increases in this way:

On third patt. repetition increase on rows: 7 - 11 - 15 - 19 - 23

On fourth patt. rep. increase oil rows: 3 - 7 - 11

In the end we must have 16 increases each side, sot have 17 tot stitches each gusset. (16 inc. 1 initial central garter stitch)

Shoulders

When we knitted the Row 15 on fourth repetition, dived the work. Put on stitch holder both of gussets and the 99 stitches of back (stitch 1 is the central stitch of gusset!)

Now knit back and forth in pattern from Row 16. Pay attention that from the time stitch 1 doesn't exist. So knit from stitch 2 to 100 the following rows:

Knit until row 24

Knit once all the pattern rows 1-24

Knit until Row 16 one more time

Don't cast-off; leave stitches on a stitch holder and knit the 99 stitches of back in the same way.

When you finish cast-off 30 side stitches with crochet method back and front together, with wrong side on wrong side, leaving the central 39 sts on a stitch holder. With this method we obtain a nice tridimensional chain stitch on shoulder. Pay attention to cast-off in the same direction, from right to left.

Neck

Put all the central 79 sts of collar in a 40 cm circ. needle and knit in 1x1 ribs for 5 cm.

Loosely cast-off all sts. Weave in ends.

Sleeves

Pick up 25 stitches all along one side of armhole, 1 stictch corresponding of the shoulder cast-off line, other 25 sts on the other side of armhole and the 16 sts of gusset. Distribute stitches on the needle to start knitting in round with the central stitch of gusset as the first stitch.

Knit in pattern, but pay attention that the gusset stitches are not included in the pattern, and you have to knit them in GARTER STITCH like the body.

Knit the pattern for 5 times from row 1 to 24

Knit another time from row 1 to 19.

At the same time decrease the gusset stitches and sleeve decrease in this way

Gusset decrease

Place decrease, knitting two stitches together, in each side of the gusset stitches in these rows:

First repetition decrease in rows: 3 - 7 -11 - 15 - 19 - 23

Second repetition in rows: 3 - 7

Now we have one stitch remaining that we'll knit in garter stitch as the first stitch of pattern.

Sleeve decrease

Continue knitting in pattern making two decrease, the first one after stitch 1 and the second one at the very last two stitches. Place decreases as follow:

On third repetition row: 15

On fourth rep. in rows: 5 - 19

On fifth rep. in rows: 7 - 19

On sixth rep. in rows: 7 - 19

Now knit the decrease row that you find below the sleeve pattern, knitting two decrease in each cable pattern.

Knit in 1x1 ribs for 15 rows then loosely cast-off

Knit other sleeve in the same way.

With a wool needle weave in ends.

Wash with warm water and dry flat.

PHOTOGALLERY











