SOFT LINO SWEATER

DIFFICULTY =

YARN = 3 balls x 50 grams of col. 3 (beige); 1 ball x 50 grams of following colors: col. 5 (brick red), col. 11 (dark green), col. 21 (grass green) - SOFT LINO by LAINES DU NORD

INTERCHANGEABLE CIRCULAR NEEDLES size 12 mm points, 60 and 40 cm cable

CROCHET-HOOK = size 5 mm

OTHERS =stitch wire with caps (or scrap yarn) darning needle, pins, 4 stitch markers, row counter, scissors, tape measure.

SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

Work the garment using double yarn, that is keeping the ends of 2 balls together, as one.

Work the panel from bottom to top, that is from lower edge to neckline.

Using the circular needles, work the chest (front and back) in round until the armholes then, using the circular needles in back-and-forth rows, work top back and top front separately. At last, join 2 parts at the shoulders. Using the crochet-hook, work the sleeves at the base of armholes.

SAMPLE

POINTS USED

STITCHES USED - NEEDLES

Rib 2/2 in round: (k2, p2) rep. across the entire r. and every next r., lining up the ribs.

Stocking stitch in round (RS): knit all sts. of every r.

Stocking stitch in back-and-forth rows: knit all sts. on RS; purl all sts. on WS.

Selvage: slip 1st st. of every round.

3 needles bind off: use this technique for shoulders stitches binding off. Distribute the sts. of back and front shoulder over two different knitting needles (base needles), put them beside (RS against RS) and, using a third knitting needle (working needle), insert its point in 1st st. of front needle and in 1st st. of back needle, then knit them together, (insert the working needle in next st. of both needles and k2tog, pass 1st worked st. over the 2nd st. of working needle); rep. until you have bound off all sts.

Bind off: work 2 sts., then * insert the point of left needle in first of these 2 sts. and pass the st. 1st st. over the 2nd st. *, work 1 st. and rep. from * to *. Cont. running out all sts. If you bind off the sts. across one knit row, knit all sts.; if you bind off the sts. across one rib row, work the sts. as they appear.

STITCHES USED À CROCHET-HOOK

Chain stitch, slip stitch, single crochet, double crochet.

ABBREVIATIONS

RS = right side of work
WS = wrong side of work
SM = stitch marker
SMb = beginning stitch marker
st. / es = stitch / es

r. = row / s
incr. = increase
ch. = chain stitch
col. = color
k = knit
yo = yarn over
tog. = together
sl st = slip stitch
sc = single ctochet
dc = double crochet
rrp. = repeat / ing
p = purl
foll. = follow / ing

MEASURES

SIZE: 38-40-42

As this garment has a very relaxed fit, we divide the sizes into 2 groups. Each group suitable to the following sizes XS-S-M (M-L).

PROCEDURE

FRONT AND BACK CHEST (UP TO THE ARMHOLES)

Using the circular needles with 60 cm cable and double brick red col. yarn, cast-on 104 sts. 1 st. (114 sts. 1 st.). Close in ring shape with invisible closing in round and place 1 SMb.

From 1st to 3rd round: rib 2/2, moving the SMb at the end of every round as you work.

4th round: using beige yarn, knit until SMb.

Cont. in stocking st. in round, until the chest measures 30 cm.

Using the circular needles in back-and-forth rows, work top back and top front separately.

Leave 52 (57) sts. onto a stitch wire and place the caps at the ends, then work the remaining 52 (57) sts.

TOP FRONT

1st r. (WS): 1 selvage, purl all sts., turn.

2nd r. (RS): 1 selvage, knit all sts., turn.

Cont. in stocking st., always rep. 1st and 2nd r. reaching 20 cm approx. Leave the sts.

TOP BACK

Pick-up 52 (57) sts. you have left onto stitch wire and work as given for top front.

FINISHING

Bind off of shoulders.

Using beige double yarn and 3 needles technique, join the shoulders: turn garment inside out (WS), join and bind off first 12 (13) sts. of both top parts, leave 28 (31) central sts. for front neckline and 28 (31) central sts. for back neckline, then join and bind off last 12 (13) sts. of both top parts.

Neckline band

Move 28 (31) sts. of front neckline and 28 (31) sts. of back neckline onto circular needle with 40 cm cable, close in ring shape and place the SMb. Using brick red yarn, work 3 rounds in rib 2/2. Bind off all sts. as they appear.

SLEEVES

Base round: using size 5 mm crochet-hook, join the double dark green yarn in the center of lower part of one armhole (armpit) and work 1 ch (do not consider it like one stitch), then 26 sc around the circumference of armhole uniformly; close with 1 sl st in 1st sc of the round.

NB: be careful that number of sts. must be enough to shape the sleeve.

1st round: 2 ch (never consider them like sts.), 3 dc into the same base st. of 2 ch, (skip 1 base st., 3 dc in next st.) 12 times, skip last st. and close with 1 sl st in 1**st** dc of the round. [13 groups consisting of 3 dc]

From 2nd round to 27th round: work foll. the diagram, changing the colors like stated, rep. (8**th** and 9**th** round) 8 times more and incr. 3 sts. across 26**th** round uniformly. From 27**th** round, into the spaces between 3-dc-group of previous round, always work 16 3-dc groups, keeping the beg. of every round at center of undersleeve.

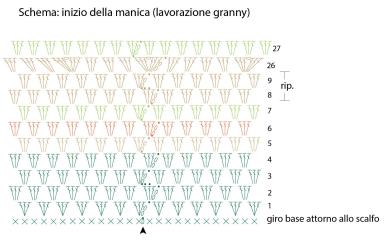
Cont. working in granny technique, alternating the colors as foll.: **28th round** with brick red col., **from 29th to 32nd round** with dark green col., **33rd and 34th round** with grass

green col.

Cuff

35th round: using beige col. yarn, work 1 ch (do not consider it like one stitch.), 1 sc into the same base space of ch and in each space between every 3-dc-group; 1 sl st in 1st sc of the round. [16 sc]

36th round: 1 ch and 1 sc in 1st sc, 1 sc in each sc until the end; 1 sl st in 1st sc of the round. Cut and tie off the yarn, then hide the ends.

Work 2nd sleeve as given for first one.

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