



Wee Sweaters



Looking for a tiny sweater project that is super speedy? The short sleeves make these pullovers rewardingly fast and a special trick when binding the sleeves off also means that there are only 2 ends to weave in when you're done! Perfect for tree ornaments or gift tags.

Skills Used

- knit and purl
- k tbl
- kfb
- knitting in the round

MATERIALS

Yarn: tiny scraps of fingering or sport weight yarn (approximately 3g and 5g respectively)

Needles: 5 dpns of the size you normally use for fingering or sport weight

Notions: darning needle

ABBREVIATIONS

k - knit

k2tog - knit two together (1 st decreased)

kfb - knit into the front and back of the st (1 st increased)

k tbl - knit into back of stitch

p - purl

st(s) - stitch(es)

WS - wrong side

SIZE

fingering weight

2.25" / 5cm tall, 1.5" / 4cm wide at body

sport weight

2.75" / 7cm tall, 2" / 5.5cm wide at body

PATTERN NOTES

When I decided to start a tradition of knitting a wee soccer sweater for each of the players I coach at Brandon University, I looked for a way to make the process as fast as possible. After weaving in oodles of ends last year I also wanted as little finishing as possible! This pattern is the result of my tinkering as I searched for a way to get the process as simple as possible.

The sleeves are not knit in twisted ribbing. This is on purpose since I find they don't flare the way that the neckline and hem ribbing do when not twisted. If having the sleeves different bothers you, just do twisted stitch ribbing there too, and remember that when working on the wrong side you'll need to work knit stitches normally and purl through the back loop.

Instructions are given for using 5 dpns. If you Magic Loop or knit on 2 circular needles, you'll need to place markers to mark the breaks between needles.

INSTRUCTIONS

COLLAR

Using long tail method, cast on 18 sts and distribute to knit in the round on 4 needles as follows: 6 sts / 3sts / 6 sts / 3sts

Round 1-3: [k tbl, p1] across all four needles

Round 4: k all

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Round 5: [kfb, k to last stitch on needle, kfb], repeat on remaining needles

Round 6: k all

Repeat rounds 5 and 6 **3 more** times until there are 14 sts / 11 sts / 14 sts / 11 sts on the needles. (50 sts total)

BINDING OFF THE SLEEVES

First needle: knit across.

Second needle: [k1, p1] across, end k1.

Turn work. [p1, k1] across the wrong side of the sleeve, end p1. See *Photo 1*.



Photo 1

Do not turn work. Bring the yarn towards you (aka the wrong side of the sleeve) and drop it. With the tip of the right needle, pick up the purl bump of the rightmost stitch on the left needle. Insert the needle from the top to the bottom of the purl bump. See *Photo 2*. This can be a little tricky, but it's easier if you first use your needle tip to pull it out a bit to loosen it or use the free needle to pick up the bump and place it on the right needle.



Photo 2

Turn work. It will look like *Photo 3*.



Photo 3

Pick up working yarn again. Prep for binding off the sleeve sts: k2tog the first 2 sts on the needle (aka the stitch you just made out of the purl bump and the second stitch. This anchors the ribbing down.) See *Photo 4*.



Photo 4

Using the loop on your right needle as the first step in binding off, continue knitting and purling the sleeve sts in ribbing pattern, binding off as you go. 11 sts bound off. To bind off the last sleeve stitch you will have to use one stitch from the body needle.

Knit across the third needle. Repeat sleeve bind off on fourth needle.

BODY

Rearrange body sts so they are on three needles for working in the round. (28 sts total)

Round 1: [k 13, k tbl] twice

Round 2-10: k all

Round 11-12: [k tbl, p1] around

Bind off in pattern.

FINISHING:

Weave in the ends. Just two of them because you did the slightly fiddly sleeve bind off! Pat the wee thing admiringly and feel cunning. Probably start another.

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Cobblestone Intersections Cowl

A deep, warm cowl which features a simple, reversible texture pattern separated from a garter stitch section by a crisp line. It has a tidy slip-stitch edging and a nearly invisible join to keep wearing it effortlessly stylish. The cowl is knit side-to-side and the ends are grafted together. Full instructions for grafting in garter stitch are given in the pattern. Aran weight.

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Pomball: Zag

Now your pompoms can be as individual as your hats! Pomball: Zag has big chevron texture to keep you warm and happy on chilly days. A slightly slouchy hat with a seed stitch pomball. Pattern has written and charted instructions and includes a photo tutorial for attaching the pomball. Bulky weight.

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In Search of the Seine

Getting lost in Paris provided the catalyst for this set. Dramatic ironwork-inspired details give modern distinction to this colour block set. Simple slip-stitch cables play against stripes of garter. The beanie comes in sizes baby to adult large, while the cowl comes in both single loop and double loop versions. Worsted weight.

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