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## Diagonal Pull-Over

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Pattern yields a V-neck pullover style sweater with 3/4 length sleeves, bottom ribbing that clings to waste, and lots of fullness in body. It is great to wear in spring and autumn and on cool summer days (probably great for winter-wear if you live in the sun belt!). Knitted from the neck down, in the round, no seams. Because this garment is worked with cotton, I highly recommend using tubular hems and hiding elastic in them after garment is finished, to maintain elasticity of ribbing.

Materials: sport weight mercerized cotton, a main color plus 3 contrasting colors (or whatever you want), size 3 DP needles, size 5 DP needles and size 5 circular needle - 40 inches.

Gauge: 11 stitches=2 inches in st.st.

With size 3 needles and main color, CO 168 sts. Join, making certain you don't twist the CO row. Work K1, P1 ribbing for one round, placing marker at beginning of round and after every 42nd st. (total 4 markers).

Next row (inc row): Inc. in first st. \*Continue in ribbing to last st. before next marker. Inc in it. Inc in first st. after marker.\* Repeat between \*'s for next 2 markers. Inc. in last st of round.

Work 12 rows of ribbing, doing established inc's every other row. (You will continue to do these inc's every other row for entire sweater.)

Change to size 5 DP needles (or circular if it will work at this point) and work st.st. Continue inc every other row. Work 4 rows of each contrasting color, followed by 10 rows of main color. Keep repeating.

Continue increasing until the st count is somewhere between 528 and 648, equal number of sts between each marker. Total must be a number divisible by 4. To determine proper size and stitch count, fold fabric in half along opposite increase lines (natural fold) (you will probably have to put the sts on a thread or on more than one circular needle to get it to lie flat). Visually determine enough room for armholes and then run a tape measure across width at bottom of armhole openings, to determine when garment is wide enough to fit girth of intended recipient. At same time, check length, which should be "crop top" length from top of shoulder to lowest point at center of front. When you have achieved appropriate length and width--this is a judgment call on your part--continue on.

Place the 4 "point" sts (stitch between each increase set) on st holders. Locate "round joining" at back of sweater. Determine number of stitches for sleeve openings (equal number on each side of fold and for each sleeve) and place on 4 holders, same number of sts on each holder. Use a spare circular needle, size 5 or smaller, and tip protectors (or a long thread) to hold sts on the right of "round joining" point stitch to underarm, and from underarm to point stitch on corresponding front of sweater.

NOTE: "point stitch" is the stitch between each set of increases. it is the stitch following each marker and forms the natural fold points. There are four of these.

Place remaining stitches (left of "round joining" to underarm and from underarm to point stitch on corresponding front of sweater) on size 5 needle. Stitch count must be the same on either side of underarm. (In other words, you should have same amount of stitches on needle-to-be-worked as you have needle/thread-used-as-holder, and the "division sections" should all have equal number of stitches on them.)

Right side facing and continuing in established color pattern: \*K2tog, K to 2 sts. before underarm, S11, K1, pssso, CO 1 st at underarm(#), K2tog, K to last 2 sts, K2tog. Turn. P2tog, P to last 2 sts, P2tog.\* Repeat between \*'s but, on K side, K the CO st (#). When 3 sts remain, S11, K2 tog, pssso. Place stitch on holder. This completes left side of body.

Pick up stitches from holding needle (thread) to size 5 needle and work other side of body same way. Right side completed.

Place adjoining sleeve sts on size 5 needle, from point stitch (which remains on holder) to underarm, then up other side back to point stitch.

Right side facing and continuing in established color pattern: \*K2tog, K to 2 stitches before underarm, S11, K1, pssso, K into base of body underarm stitch(#) to create a new stitch, K2tog, K to last 2 stitches, K2tog. Turn. P across.\* Repeat between \*'s but, on K side, K(#). When 3 sts remain, S11, K2tog, pssso. Place st on holder.

Work other sleeve same way.

Bottom ribbing: use size 3 DP or circular and main color. Right side facing, K(#) from holder, pick up and K every stitch along edge, K point stitch from holder, pick up and knit along next section of edge, same number as first section, K(#) from holder, pick up and K same number of sts from next section, K point stitch from holder, pick up and knit same number of sts. from last section of edge. Continue round in K1 P1 ribbing to desired length (approx. 2.5 inches). BO.

Sleeve ribbing: use size 3 DP needles and main color. Right side facing. K(#) from holder, pick up and K every st along edge, K point stitch from holder, pick up and K same number of stitches from opposite section of edge. Continue rounds in K1 P1 ribbing to desired length (approx. 1.5 inches). BO. Work other sleeve same way.