



KNITTING PATTERN

Rainforest

Slipover

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MATERIALS

5 (6) 7 (8) skeins of Upcycled Alpaca Blend color 01
5 (6) 7 (8) skeins of Friends Kid Silk color 05

Circular needle 5 mm [US 8] - 60 cm
Circular needle 5.5 mm [US 9] - 80 cm
Circular needle 6 mm [US 10] - 80 cm
Double-pointed needle 5.5 mm [US 9] - 15 cm
Stitch markers w/lock
Darning needle

YARN QUALITY

 **Upcycled Alpaca Blend**, Hobbii
34% Acrylic, 33% Alpaca, 33% Wool
100 g (3.5 oz) = 200 m (218 yds)

 **Friends Kid Silk**, Hobbii
72% Mohair, 25% Silk, 3% Wool
25 g (0.9 oz) = 200 m (218 yds)

GAUGE

In knot cable stitch using 6 mm [US 10] needle
18 sts x 21 rows = 10 cm x 10 cm

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SIZE

M (L) XL (2XL)

MEASUREMENTS

Bust Circumference: 110 (120) 130 (140) cm / [43.3 (47.2) 51.2 (55.1) inches]

Overall Length (collar top edge to bottom edge): 58 (60) 64 (66) cm / [22.8 (23.6) 25.2 (26) inches]

The slipover is recommended for an oversized fit with approx. 20 cm [8 inches] positive ease.

PATTERN INFORMATION

Rainforest slipover is an oversized knitwear inspired by the natural beauty of tropical plants. This eye catching garment features playful 3D cables, folded ribbing collar and integrated double knitting trims. Rainforest slipover is worked from top down in mixed cable stitches in one piece.

The pattern is worked using 1 strand of Upcycled Alpaca Blend together with 1 strand of Kid Silk.

Pattern Technique: Cable knitting / Short rows / Double knitting / Kitchener grafting

Pattern Includes: Written explanation / Photo reference / Video link for technique

Workflow: Rainforest slipover is worked from top down in mixed cable stitches in one piece.

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QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding this pattern, please feel free to email us at support@hobbii.com. Please make sure to include the pattern's name and number.

Happy Crafting!

Pattern



ABBREVIATIONS

- k = knit
- p = purl
- sl = slip stitch
- st(s) = stitch(es)
- RS = right side of work
- WS = wrong side of work
- tbl = through back loop
- k2tog = knit 2 stitches together
- ssk = slip, slip, knit
- p2tog = purl 2 stitches together
- ssp = slip, slip, purl
- rnd(s) = round(s)
- BOR = beginning of round
- stm = stitch marker
- cn = cable needle

INFO AND TIPS

Slipover Workflow

First, work left and right shoulder straps in ribbing back and forth. Next, shape the back top section with short rows. It is worked in mixed cable stitches back and forth. Then, work the left & right front pieces and connect to become the front top section. It is worked in mixed cable stitches back and forth. Body is shaped by joining the front top section with the back top section and it is worked in mixed cable stitches in the round. Finish with double knitting trim.

Next, fold-down ribbing collar is picked up from neckline edge and shoulder straps and then binds off on WS of the work.

Last, add double knitting trims to both arm openings.

Introduction of Techniques

Increases

M1R: Use your left needle, picking up the bar (between the sts on right and left needles) from back to front, and knit

M1L: Use your left needle, picking up the bar from front to back, and knit through back loop

Knot Cable in Flat

Knot cable is a **15 (18) sts / 40 rows** (variations applied by sizes in pattern) repeat stitch pattern.

- **1st RS row:** k5 (6), p5 (6), k5 (6)
- **2nd WS row:** p5 (6), k5 (6), p5 (6)
- **3rd RS row - 38th WS row:** repeat 1st RS row and 2nd WS row
- **39th RS row: make knot** (see photo demo. and video link below)
- **40th WS row:** p5 (6), k5 (6), p5 (6)
- Repeat rows 1-40

Video for making knot:

https://www.instagram.com/reel/C7jmzGLOcp-/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==

Photo Demo for Making Knot



Step 1:

- With **RS** facing, work first **5 (6) knit** sts in stockinette st in flat for **24 rows**. Break **long tail yarn** and place **5 (6) sts** onto stm w/ lock
- Place **5 (6) purl** sts in the middle onto 6 mm [US 10] double-pointed needle and on hold
- Join new strands of yarn and work the last **5 (6) knit** sts in stockinette st in flat for **24 rows**. Break **long tail yarn** and place **5 (6) sts** onto stm w/ lock

Step 2:

- Turn your work with neckline facing **UP**
- With **RS** facing, put **5 (6) purl sts** in the middle on double-pointed needle resting at back
- Make a loop with **left hand** cable strap (turn down then up, folding at back)


Step 3:

- With **RS** facing, make a loop with **right hand** cable strap (*turn up then down, folding at front*)


Step 4:

- With **RS** facing, using stm w/ lock as helping tool, pull **NEW right hand** cable strap end (with yarn end) through **left hand** loop from **FRONT** to **BACK**


Step 5:

- With **RS** facing, using stm w/ lock as helping tool, pull **NEW left hand** cable strap end (with yarn end) through **right hand** loop from **BACK** to **FRONT**
- Adjust the knot to the shape you like


Step 6:

- With **RS** facing, turn your work back to with neckline facing **DOWN**
- Place **first 5 (6)** and **last 5 (6)** **knit** sts onto **6 mm [US 10]** double-pointed needle with **5 (6)** **purl** sts in the middle, following the **NEW order** after making knot
- Make sure all yarn ends are on **WS**
- Join new strands of yarn, work **15 (18) sts** on double-pointed needle in ***k5 (6), p5 (6), k5 (6)***

Triple Twist Cable in Flat

Triple twist cable is a **16 (18) sts / 48 rows** (variations applied by sizes in pattern) repeat stitch pattern.

Stitch Glossary

10-st (12-st) RC (Right Cross): sl 4 (6) sts onto cn and hold to **back**, k6 (6), k4 (6) from cn

16-st (18-st) RC (Right Cross): sl 4 (6) sts onto cn and hold to **back**, k12 (12), k4 (6) from cn

- **1st RS row:** k6 (6), p4 (6), k6 (6)
- **2nd WS row:** p6 (6), k4 (6), p6 (6)
- **3rd RS row - 38th WS row:** repeat 1st RS row and 2nd WS row
- **39th RS row:** k6 (6), **10-st (12-st) RC**
- **40th WS row:** p16 (18)
- **41st RS row:** k16 (18)
- **42nd WS row:** p16 (18)
- **43rd RS row:** **16-st (18-st) RC**
- **44th WS row:** p16 (18)
- **45th RS row:** k16 (18)
- **46th WS row:** p16 (18)
- **47th RS row:** **10-st (12-st) RC**, k6 (6)
- **48th WS row:** p16 (18)
- Repeat rows 1-48

A. LEFT & RIGHT SHOULDER STRAPS

Left and right shoulder straps are worked from armholes towards the neckline. It is worked in [k1, p1] ribbing in flat. Both are identical. Edge sts are knitted on RS rows and purl on WS rows.

Now work **one shoulder strap** in ribbing back and forth and count rows as following:

Using 1 strand of Alpaca blend together with 1 strand of silk or yarn of your choice, cast on **13 (13) 17 (17) sts** on **5.5 mm [US 9]** circular needles with Italian cast-on method.

Setup row (WS row): p1 (edge st), work in *p1, k1* till last st, p1 (edge st)

Row 1 (RS row): k1 (edge st), work in *k1, p1* till last st, k1 (edge st)

Row 2 (WS row): p1 (edge st), work in *p1, k1* till last st, p1 (edge st)

Repeat **Row 1 (RS row)** and **Row 2 (WS row)** until finish **row 32 (34) 36 (38)**, a **WS** row.
Break the yarn, put sts at the neckline on hold for fold-down collar later.

Work **the other shoulder strap** following the same steps and same row counts.
Move on to back top section.

B. BACK TOP SECTION

Back top section is shaped with German short rows and worked in mixed cable stitches back and forth.

Place 2 shoulder straps side by side with Italian cast-on edges at armholes and sts on hold for fold-down collar in the middle.

Join 1 strand of Alpaca blend together with 1 strand of silk or yarn of your choice.

With **RS** facing, start from **right-hand strap Italian cast-on edge** work towards **sts on hold** in the middle.

Pickup and knit **33 (35) 37 (39) sts** from EACH edge st with **6 mm [US 10]** circular needles

Cast on **34 (34) 40 (40) sts** with knit cast-on method to connect 2 shoulder straps.

Then with **RS** facing, continue to **left-hand strap sts on hold** in the middle towards **Italian cast-on edge** at armhole.

Pickup and knit **33 (35) 37 (39) sts** from EACH edge st with **6 mm [US 10]** circular needles.

There are a total of **100 (104) 114 (118) sts** on working needles.

Break the yarn and move on to short rows for back top section.

Work Back Top Section

Now shape the **back top section** with short rows in mixed cable stitches back and forth on **6 mm [US 10]** circular needles and count rows as following:

- Turn to **WS**: slide **33 (35) 37 (39) sts** from **left-hand** needle to **right-hand** needle and join 1 strand of Alpaca blend together with 1 strand of silk or yarn of your choice.
- Then work German short rows by sizes:

If you are not familiar with German Short Rows, please take a look at video:

Size M

- **Setup row (WS row):** work **34** cast-on sts in *p4, k5, p6, k4, p6, k5, p4*, turn
- **Row 1 (RS row):** sl turn st, work **33 sts** in *k over k, p over p*, then work another **11 sts** in *k1, p5, k5*, turn
- **Row 2 (WS row):** sl turn st, work in *k over k, p over p* till turn st, p the turn st, then work another **11 sts** in *p1, k5, p5*, turn
- **Row 3 (RS row):** sl turn st, work in *k over k, p over p* till turn st, k the turn st, then work another **11 sts** in *p5, k5, p1*, turn
- **Row 4 (WS row):** sl turn st, work in *k over k, p over p* till turn st, p the turn st, then work another **11 sts** in *k5, p5, k1*, turn
- **Row 5 (RS row):** sl turn st, work in *k over k, p over p* till turn st, p the turn st, then work **LAST 11 sts** in *p4, k5, p1, k1*, turn
- **Row 6 (WS row):** p1, work in *k over k, p over p* till turn st, k the turn st, then work **LAST 11 sts** in *k4, p5, k1, p1*, turn

You have worked all **100 sts** on working needles and **end** with short rows.

Size L

- **Setup row (WS row):** work **34** cast-on sts in *p3, k6, p6, k4, p6, k6, p3*, turn
- **Row 1 (RS row):** sl turn st, work **33 sts** in *k over k, p over p*, then work another **12 sts** in *k2, p5, k5*, turn

- **Row 2 (WS row):** sl turn st, work in ***k over k, p over p*** till turn st, p the turn st, then work another **12 sts** in *p2, k5, p5*, turn
- **Row 3 (RS row):** sl turn st, work in ***k over k, p over p*** till turn st, k the turn st, then work another **12 sts** in *p6, k5, p1*, turn
- **Row 4 (WS row):** sl turn st, work in ***k over k, p over p*** till turn st, p the turn st, then work another **12 sts** in *k6, p5, k1*, turn
- **Row 5 (RS row):** sl turn st, work in ***k over k, p over p*** till turn st, p the turn st, then work **LAST 11 sts** in *p4, k5, p1, k1*, turn
- **Row 6 (WS row):** **p1**, work in ***k over k, p over p*** till turn st, k the turn st, then work **LAST 11 sts** in *k4, p5, k1, p1*, turn

You have worked all **104 sts** on working needles and **end** with short rows.

Size XL

- **Setup row (WS row):** work **40** cast-on sts in *p6, k5, p6, k6, p6, k5, p6*, turn
- **Row 1 (RS row):** sl turn st, work **39 sts** in *k over k, p over p*, then work another **12 sts** in *p6, k6*, turn
- **Row 2 (WS row):** sl turn st, work in ***k over k, p over p*** till turn st, p the turn st, then work another **12 sts** in *k6, p6*, turn
- **Row 3 (RS row):** sl turn st, work in ***k over k, p over p*** till turn st, k the turn st, then work another **12 sts** in *p5, k6, p1*, turn
- **Row 4 (WS row):** sl turn st, work in ***k over k, p over p*** till turn st, p the turn st, then work another **12 sts** in *k5, p6, k1*, turn
- **Row 5 (RS row):** sl turn st, work in ***k over k, p over p*** till turn st, p the turn st, then work **LAST 13 sts** in *p5, k6, p1, k1*, turn
- **Row 6 (WS row):** **p1**, work in ***k over k, p over p*** till turn st, k the turn st, then work **LAST 13 sts** in *k5, p6, k1, p1*, turn

You have worked all **114 sts** on working needles and **end** with short rows.

Size 2 XL

- **Setup row (WS row):** work **40** cast-on sts in *p5, k6, p6, k6, p6, k6, p5*, turn
- **Row 1 (RS row):** sl turn st, work **39 sts** in *k over k, p over p*, then work another **13 sts** in *k1, p6, k6*, turn
- **Row 2 (WS row):** sl turn st, work in ***k over k, p over p*** till turn st, p the turn st, then work another **13 sts** in *p1, k6, p6*, turn
- **Row 3 (RS row):** sl turn st, work in ***k over k, p over p*** till turn st, k the turn st, then work another **13 sts** in *p6, k6, p1*, turn
- **Row 4 (WS row):** sl turn st, work in ***k over k, p over p*** till turn st, p the turn st, then work another **13 sts** in *k6, p6, k1*, turn
- **Row 5 (RS row):** sl turn st, work in ***k over k, p over p*** till turn st, p the turn st, then work **LAST 13 sts** in *p5, k6, p1, k1*, turn
- **Row 6 (WS row):** **p1**, work in ***k over k, p over p*** till turn st, k the turn st, then work **LAST 13 sts** in *k5, p6, k1, p1*, turn

You have worked all **118 sts** on working needles and **end** with short rows.

Next work the **back top section** in mixed cable stitches back and forth on **6 mm [US 10]** circular needles and RE-count rows as following:

- **Row 1 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), p1, [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6] - knot cable sts, p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6] - knot cable sts, p5 (6) 5 (6), [k6, p4, k6 / k6, p4, k6 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6] - triple twist cable sts, p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6] - knot cable sts, p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6] - knot cable sts, p1, k1 (edge st)
- There are a total of **100 (104) 114 (118) sts** on working needles. **4 sets** of **knot cable sts** are indicated in **RED** and **1 set** of **triple twist cable sts** is indicated in **GREEN**.
- **Row 2 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), work in *k over k, p over p* till last st, p1 (edge st)
- Edge sts are knitted on RS rows and purl on WS rows.
- **Row 3 (RS row) - Row 10 (WS row):** repeat Row 1 - Row 2
- **ROW 11 (RS ROW):** k1 (edge st), p1, **MAKE KNOT**, p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k6, p4, k6 / k6, p4, k6 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), **MAKE KNOT**, p1, k1 (edge st)

Note: For knot cable knitting details, please refer back to the introduction of technique.

- **Row 12 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), work in *k over k, p over p* till last st, p1 (edge st)
- **Row 13 (RS row) - Row 24 (WS row):** repeat Row 1 - Row 2
- **ROW 25 (RS ROW):** k1 (edge st), p1, [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), **MAKE KNOT**, p5 (6) 5 (6), [k6, p4, k6 / k6, p4, k6 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), **MAKE KNOT**, p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p1, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 26 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), work in *k over k, p over p* till last st, p1 (edge st)
- **Row 27 (RS row) - Row 38 (WS row):** repeat Row 1 - Row 2
- **ROW 39 (RS ROW):** k1 (edge st), p1, [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k6, 10-st RC / k6, 10-st RC / k6, 12-st RC / k6, 12-st RC], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p1, k1 (edge st)

Note: For triple twist cable knitting details, please refer back to the introduction of technique.

- **Row 40 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), work in *k over k, p over p* till **triple twist cable sts**, [p16 / p16 / p18 / p18], then work in *k over k, p over p* till last st, p1 (edge st)
- **Row 41 (RS row) - Row 42 (WS row):** edge st, work in *k over k, p over p* till last st, edge st
- **ROW 43 (RS ROW):** k1 (edge st), p1, [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [16-st RC / 16-st RC / 18-st RC / 18-st RC], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p1, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 44 (WS row) - Row 46 (WS row):** repeat row 40 - row 42
- **ROW 47 (RS ROW):** k1 (edge st), p1, [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [10-st RC, k6 / 10-st RC, k6 / 12-st RC, k6 / 12-st RC, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p1, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 48 (WS row):** work row 40
- **Row 49 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), p1, [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k6, p4, k6 / k6, p4, k6 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p1, k1 (edge st)

- **Row 50 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), work in *k over k, p over p* till last st, p1 (edge st)
- **ROW 51 (RS ROW):** k1 (edge st), p1, **MAKE KNOT**, p5 (6) 5 (6), **[k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6]**, p5 (6) 5 (6), **[k6, p4, k6 / k6, p4, k6 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6]**, p5 (6) 5 (6), **[k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6]**, p5 (6) 5 (6), **MAKE KNOT**, p1, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 52 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), work in *k over k, p over p* till last st, p1 (edge st)

Size M / L:

- Continue repeating **Row 1 (RS row) - Row 2 (WS row)** and work in *k over k, p over p* back and forth until finish **row 60 / 62**, a **WS** row.
- Break the yarn, put sts on hold and move on to front top section.

Size XL / 2XL:

- Continue repeating **Row 1 (RS row) - Row 2 (WS row)** and work in *k over k, p over p* back and forth until **row 64**, a **WS** row.
- **ROW 65 (RS ROW):** k1 (edge st), p1, **[k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6]**, p5 (6) 5 (6), **MAKE KNOT**, p5 (6) 5 (6), **[k6, p4, k6 / k6, p4, k6 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6]**, p5 (6) 5 (6), **MAKE KNOT**, p5 (6) 5 (6), **[k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6]**, p1, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 66 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), work in *k over k, p over p* till last st, p1 (edge st)
- For **size 4 ONLY:** work RS row & WS row in *k over k, p over p* with edge sts **ONE** more time. End with **row 68**, a **WS** row.
- Break the yarn, put sts on hold and move on to front top section.

C. FRONT TOP SECTION

Front top section is formed by connecting left and right front pieces. It is worked in mixed cable stitches back and forth with increases for front neckline.

C-1 Left Front Piece:

Pull out 1 strand of Alpaca blend together with 1 strand of silk or yarn of your choice about 3 times shoulder strap length.

With **RS** facing, start from **left shoulder strap** (*left side when wearing*) **sts on hold side** work towards **left armhole**.

Pickup and knit **33 (35) 37 (39) sts** from EACH edge st of left shoulder strap with **pull-out end** of yarn on **6 mm [US 10]** circular needles

Slide the sts to the other end of circular needles, so the first row to be worked is on **RS** with long working yarn.

Work Left Front Piece

Size M

- **Row 1 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), p5, k5, p5, **[k5, p5, k5]**, p1, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 2 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), work in *k over k, p over p* till last st, p1 (edge st)
- **Row 3 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), **M1L**, p5, k5, p5, **[k5, p5, k5]**, p1, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 4 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), work in *k over k, p over p* till last **2 sts**, p1, p1 (edge st)

- **Row 5 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), **M1L**, k1, p5, k5, p5, **[k5, p5, k5]**, p1, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 6 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), work in *k over k, p over p* till last **2 sts**, p1,p1 (edge st)

There are a total of **35 sts** on working needles. You have **inc. 2 sts** for left front neckline and end with a **WS** row.

Break the yarn, put sts on hold and move on to right front piece.

Size L

- **Row 1 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), k1, p5, k5, p6, **[k5, p5, k5]**, p1, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 2 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), work in *k over k, p over p* till last st, p1 (edge st)
- **Row 3 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), **M1L**, k1, p5, k5, p6, **[k5, p5, k5]**, p1, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 4 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), work in *k over k, p over p* till last **2 sts**, p1,p1 (edge st)
- **Row 5 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), **M1L**, k2, p5, k5, p6, **[k5, p5, k5]**, p1, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 6 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), work in *k over k, p over p* till last **2 sts**, p1,p1 (edge st)

There are a total of **37 sts** on working needles. You have **inc. 2 sts** for left front neckline and end with a **WS** row.

Break the yarn, put sts on hold and move on to right front piece.

Size XL

- **Row 1 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), p5, k6, p5, **[k6, p6, k6]**, p1, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 2 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), work in *k over k, p over p* till last st, p1 (edge st)
- **Row 3 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), **M1L**, p5, k6, p5, **[k6, p6, k6]**, p1, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 4 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), work in *k over k, p over p* till last **2 sts**, k1,p1 (edge st)
- **Row 5 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), **M1L**, p6, k6, p5, **[k6, p6, k6]**, p1, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 6 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), work in *k over k, p over p* till last **2 sts**, p1,p1 (edge st)
- **Row 7 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), **M1L**, k1, p6, k6, p5, **[k6, p6, k6]**, p1, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 8 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), work in *k over k, p over p* till last **2 sts**, p1,p1 (edge st)

There are a total of **40 sts** on working needles. You have **inc. 3 sts** for left front neckline and end with a **WS** row.

Break the yarn, put sts on hold and move on to right front piece.

Size 2XL

- **Row 1 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), p6, k6, p6, **[k6, p6, k6]**, p1, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 2 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), work in *k over k, p over p* till last st, p1 (edge st)
- **Row 3 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), **M1L**, p6, k6, p6, **[k6, p6, k6]**, p1, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 4 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), work in *k over k, p over p* till last **2 sts**, p1,p1 (edge st)
- **Row 5 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), **M1L**, k1, p6, k6, p6, **[k6, p6, k6]**, p1, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 6 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), work in *k over k, p over p* till last **2 sts**, p1,p1 (edge st)
- **Row 7 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), **M1L**, k2, p6, k6, p6, **[k6, p6, k6]**, p1, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 8 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), work in *k over k, p over p* till last **2 sts**, p1,p1 (edge st)

There are a total of **42 sts** on working needles. You have **inc. 3 sts** for left front neckline and end with a **WS** row.

Break the yarn, put sts on hold and move on to right front piece.

C-2 Right Front Piece

Pull out 1 strand of Alpaca blend together with 1 strand of silk or yarn of your choice about 3 times shoulder strap length.

With **RS** facing, start from **right armhole** work towards **right shoulder strap** (*right side when wearing*) **sts on hold side**.

Pickup and knit **33 (35) 37 (39) sts** from EACH edge st of right shoulder strap with **pull-out end** of yarn on **6 mm [US 10]** circular needles

Slide the sts to the other end of circular needles, so the first row to be worked is on **RS** with long working yarn.

Work Right Front Piece

Size M

- **Row 1 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), p1, [**k5, p5, k5**], p5, k5, p5, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 2 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), work in *k over k, p over p* till last st, p1 (edge st)
- **Row 3 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), p1, [**k5, p5, k5**], p5, k5, p5, **M1R**, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 4 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), p1, work in *k over k, p over p* till last st, p1 (edge st)
- **Row 5 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), p1, [**k5, p5, k5**], p5, k5, p5, k1, **M1R**, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 6 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), p1, work in *k over k, p over p* till last st, p1 (edge st)

There are a total of **35 sts** on working needles. You have **inc. 2 sts** for right front neckline and end with a **WS** row.

DO NOT break the yarn and move on to front top section.

Size L

- **Row 1 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), p1, [**k5, p5, k5**], p6, k5, p5, k1, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 2 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), work in *k over k, p over p* till last st, p1 (edge st)
- **Row 3 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), p1, [**k5, p5, k5**], p6, k5, p5, k1, **M1R**, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 4 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), p1, work in *k over k, p over p* till last st, p1 (edge st)
- **Row 5 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), p1, [**k5, p5, k5**], p6, k5, p5, k2, **M1R**, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 6 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), p1, work in *k over k, p over p* till last st, p1 (edge st)

There are a total of **37 sts** on working needles. You have **inc. 2 sts** for right front neckline and end with a **WS** row.

DO NOT break the yarn and move on to front top section.

Size XL

- **Row 1 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), p1, [**k6, p6, k6**], p5, k6, p5, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 2 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), work in *k over k, p over p* till last st, p1 (edge st)
- **Row 3 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), p1, [**k6, p6, k6**], p5, k6, p5, **M1R**, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 4 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), k1, work in *k over k, p over p* till last st, p1 (edge st)
- **Row 5 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), p1, [**k6, p6, k6**], p5, k6, p6, **M1R**, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 6 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), p1, work in *k over k, p over p* till last st, p1 (edge st)
- **Row 7 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), p1, [**k6, p6, k6**], p5, k6, p6, k1, **M1R**, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 8 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), p1, work in *k over k, p over p* till last st, p1 (edge st)

There are a total of **40 sts** on working needles. You have **inc. 3 sts** for right front neckline and end with a **WS** row.

DO NOT break the yarn and move on to front top section.

Size 2XL

- **Row 1 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), p1, [**k6, p6, k6**], p6, k6, p6, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 2 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), work in *k over k, p over p* till last st, p1 (edge st)
- **Row 3 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), p1, [**k6, p6, k6**], p6, k6, p6, **M1R**, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 4 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), p1, work in *k over k, p over p* till last st, p1 (edge st)
- **Row 5 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), p1, [**k6, p6, k6**], p6, k6, p6, k1, **M1R**, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 6 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), p1, work in *k over k, p over p* till last st, p1 (edge st)
- **Row 7 (RS row):** k1 (edge st), p1, [**k6, p6, k6**], p6, k6, p6, k2, **M1R**, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 8 (WS row):** p1 (edge st), p1, work in *k over k, p over p* till last st, p1 (edge st)

There are a total of **42 sts** on working needles. You have **inc. 3 sts** for right front neckline and end with a **WS** row.

DO NOT break the yarn and move on to front top section.

C-3 Front Top Section:

Now work the **front top section** in mixed cable stitches back and forth on **6 mm [US 10]** circular needles and continue counting rows as following:

With **RS** facing, start from **right front piece** when wearing then work across **left front piece** when wearing.

- **Row 7 (7) 9 (9) (RS row):** k1 (edge st), work in * k over k, p over p* till last st of **right front piece**, k last st, cast on **30 (30) 34 (34) sts** in the middle with knit cast-on method, then k the first st of **left front piece**, work in * k over k, p over p* till last st, k1 (edge st)
- **Row 8 (8) 10 (10) (WS row):** p1 (edge st), k1, [**p5, k5, p5 / p5, k5, p5 / p6, k6, p6 / p6, k6, p6**] - **knot cable sts**, k5 (6) 5 (6), [**p5, k5, p5 / p5, k5, p5 / p6, k6, p6 / p6, k6, p6**] - **knot cable sts**, k5 (6) 5 (6), [**p6, k4, p6 / p6, k4, p6 / p6, k6, p6 / p6, k6, p6**] - **triple twist cable sts**, k5 (6) 5 (6), [**p5, k5, p5 / p5, k5, p5 / p6, k6, p6 / p6, k6, p6**] - **knot cable sts**, k5 (6) 5 (6), [**p5, k5, p5 / p5, k5, p5 / p6, k6, p6 / p6, k6, p6**] - **knot cable sts**, k1, p1 (edge st)

There are a total of **100 (104) 114 (118) sts** on working needles. **4 sets** of **knot cable sts** are indicated in **RED** and **1 set** of **triple twist cable sts** is indicated in **GREEN**.

Next **RS row** continues working in mixed cable sts back and forth following the SAME row details as **back top section** (on page 9) until finish row **60 (62) 66 (68)**, a **WS** row.

DO NOT break the yarn and move on to body.

D. BODY

Body is formed by connecting the front top section with the back top section. It is worked in mixed cable sts in the round.

Now work the **body** in mixed cable stitches in the round on **6 mm [US 10]** circular needles and continue counting rounds as following:

- **Rnd 61 (63) 67 (69):** with **RS** of **front top section** facing, **p first st**, work in * k over k, p over p* till last st of front top section, **p last st**, cast on **1 (6) 5 (10) sts** with knit cast-on method at under armhole, then **p first st** of **back top section**, work in *k over k, p over p* till last st of back top section, **p last st**, cast on **1 (6) 5 (10) sts** with knit cast-on method at the other under armhole.

There are a total of **202 (220) 238 (256) sts** on working needles.

Place a stm for BOR and close the loop.

- **Rnd 62 (64) 68 (70):** p2, [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k6, p4, k6 / k6, p4, k6 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p 5 (10) 9 (14), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k6, p4, k6 / k6, p4, k6 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p 3 (8) 7 (12), stm

There are a total of **8 sets** of **knot cable sts** are indicated in **RED** and **2 sets** of **triple twist cable sts** are indicated in **GREEN**. **5 (10) 9 (14)** PURL sts at each underarm.

Continue counting rnds and working in *k over k, p over p* while knitting cables (**cable making rnds breakdown see below**) in the round until finish rnd **104 (108) 112 (116)** OR to the length you like with several more rnds in *k over k, p over p*.

DO NOT break the yarn and move on to bottom trim.

Cable Making Rnds Breakdowns:

- **RND 65:** p2, [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), **MAKE KNOT**, p5 (6) 5 (6), [k6, p4, k6 / k6, p4, k6 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), **MAKE KNOT**, p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p 5 (10) 9 (14), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), **MAKE KNOT**, p5 (6) 5 (6), [k6, p4, k6 / k6, p4, k6 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), **MAKE KNOT**, p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p 3 (8) 7 (12), stm
- **RND 87:** p2, [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k6, 10-st RC / k6, 10-st RC / k6, 12-st RC / k6, 12-st RC], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p 5 (10) 9 (14), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k6, 10-st RC / k6, 10-st RC / k6, 12-st RC / k6, 12-st RC], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p 3 (8) 7 (12), stm
- **Rnd 88-90:** work in *k over k, p over p* till first **triple twist cable sts**, [k16 / k16 / k18 / k18], then work in *k over k, p over p* till second **triple twist cable sts**, [k16 / k16 / k18 / k18], then work in *k over k, p over p* till stm.

- **RND 91 / RND 91:** p2, **MAKE KNOT**, p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [16-st RC / 16-st RC / 18-st RC / 18-st RC], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), **MAKE KNOT**, p 5 (10) 9 (14), **MAKE KNOT**, p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [16-st RC / 16-st RC / 18-st RC / 18-st RC], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), **MAKE KNOT**, p 3 (8) 7 (12), stm
- **Rnd 92-94:** repeat rnd 88- 90
- **RND 95:** p2, [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [10-st RC, k6 / 10-st RC, k6 / 12-st RC, k6 / 12-st RC, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p 5 (10) 9 (14), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [10-st RC, k6 / 10-st RC, k6 / 12-st RC, k6 / 12-st RC, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p5 (6) 5 (6), [k5, p5, k5 / k5, p5, k5 / k6, p6, k6 / k6, p6, k6], p 3 (8) 7 (12), stm
- **Rnd 96:** repeat rnd 88
- **Rnd 97:** back to continue repeating **rnd 62 (64) 68 (70)**

ONLY for **size XL & 2XL** work **RND 105:** repeat rnd 65

ATTENTION: For how to close the gaps on WS of knots, please refer to Section H: Finishing & After Care.

E. BOTTOM TRIM

Bottom trims are two horizontal curved-edge trims that split at the sides. It is worked in double knitting back and forth with short rows. Front and back bottom trims are identical.

To Start:

With **RS** facing, switch to **5.5 mm [US 9]** circular needles.
Bind off **2 sts** purlwise at underarm.

- Then **dec.** sts at **body front side:** [k5, ssp, p3, ssk, k3 / k5, ssp, p3, ssk, k3 / k6, ssp, p4, ssk, k4 / k6, ssp, p4, ssk, k4], ssp, p3 (4) 3 (4),
- [ssk, k3, ssp, p3, ssk, k3 / ssk, k3, ssp, p3, ssk, k3 / ssk, k4, ssp, p4, ssk, k4 / ssk, k4, ssp, p4, ssk, k4], ssp, p3 (4) 3 (4),
- [ssk, k2, k2tog, p2 place a stm, p2, ssk, k2, k2tog / ssk, k2, k2tog, p2 place a stm, p2, ssk, k2, k2tog / ssk, k4, p3, place a stm, p3, k4, k2tog / ssk, k4, p3, place a stm, p3, k4, k2tog],
- p3 (4) 3 (4), p2tog, [k3, k2tog, p3, p2tog, k3, k2tog / k3, k2tog, p3, p2tog, k3, k2tog / k4, k2tog, p4, p2tog, k4, k2tog / k4, k2tog, p4, p2tog, k4, k2tog],
- p3 (4) 3 (4), p2tog, [k3, k2tog, p3, p2tog, k5 / k3, k2tog, p3, p2tog, k5 / k4, k2tog, p4, p2tog, k6 / k4, k2tog, p4, p2tog, k6]

Bind off **5 (10) 9 (14) sts** purlwise at underarm.

Next **dec.** sts at **body back side** following the SAME steps as body front side till underarm purl sts.

Last bind off **3 (8) 7 (12) sts** purlwise at underarm.

Break the yarn, pull tail through last st.

There are **2 sets of 78 (82) 94 (98) sts** with **stm** in the middle on hold and all purl sts at underarms are binded off.

Work the Trims

With **RS** facing, start from **right-hand** side sts on hold of **front bottom** work towards **middle stm**, then from **left-hand** side sts on hold of **front bottom** work towards **middle stm**, last graft two trims in the middle.

Join 1 strand of Alpaca blend together with 1 strand of silk or yarn of your choice and work the **front bottom trim** on **5.5 mm [US 9] needles** with **short rows**.

Photo Ref. for Bottom Trim

RS of Slipover Bottom

**Left-hand
Side Half
Bottom Trim
w/ short rows
for curved
edge**



**Right-hand
Side Half
Bottom Trim
w/ short rows
for curved
edge**

RS of Slipover Top

Right-hand Side Half Trim

Size M / L:

- **Row 1 (RS row):** work in *k1, cast on 1 st with backwards loop cast-on method* **4** times, **k2tbl - total 9 sts for trim**
- **Row 2 (WS row):** work in *sl1 with yarn in front, k1* till last st, sl1 with yarn in front
- **Row 3 (RS row):** k1, sl1 purlwise with yarn in front, k1, turn - **start short rows**
- **Row 4 (WS row):** sl turn st, k1, sl1 with yarn in front, turn
- **Row 5 (RS row):** *k1, sl1 purlwise with yarn in front* **2** times, k1, turn
- **Row 6 (WS row):** sl turn st, *k1, sl1 with yarn in front* **2** times, turn
- **Row 7 (RS row):** *k1, sl1 purlwise with yarn in front* **3** times, k1, turn
- **Row 8 (WS row):** sl turn st, *k1, sl1 with yarn in front* **3** times, turn - **end short rows**
- **Row 9 (RS row):** *k1, sl1 purlwise with yarn in front* **4** times, **k2tbl**
- **Row 10 (WS row):** *sl1 with yarn in front, k1* **4** times, sl1 with yarn in front

Continue repeating row 9 (RS row) & row 10 (WS row) and **merge** last st of trim to the following st on hold on **every RS** row. End the trim at the **middle stm** location with a **WS** row.

Break the yarn, put sts on hold and move on to left-hand side half trim.

Size XL/2XL:

- **Row 1 (RS row):** work in *k1, cast on 1 st with backwards loop cast-on method* **5** times, **k2tbl - total 11 sts for trim**
- **Row 2 (WS row):** work in *sl1 with yarn in front, k1* till last st, sl1 with yarn in front
- **Row 3 (RS row):** k1, sl1 purlwise with yarn in front, k1, turn - **start short rows**
- **Row 4 (WS row):** sl turn st, k1, sl1 with yarn in front, turn
- **Row 5 (RS row):** *k1, sl1 purlwise with yarn in front* **2** times, k1, turn
- **Row 6 (WS row):** sl turn st, *k1, sl1 with yarn in front* **2** times, turn
- **Row 7 (RS row):** *k1, sl1 purlwise with yarn in front* **3** times, k1, turn
- **Row 8 (WS row):** sl turn st, *k1, sl1 with yarn in front* **3** times, turn
- **Row 9 (RS row):** *k1, sl1 purlwise with yarn in front* **4** times, k1, turn
- **Row 10 (WS row):** sl turn st, *k1, sl1 with yarn in front* **4** times, turn - **end short rows**
- **Row 11 (RS row):** *k1, sl1 purlwise with yarn in front* **5** times, **k2tbl**
- **Row 12 (WS row):** *sl1 with yarn in front, k1* **5** times, sl1 with yarn in front

Continue repeating row 11 (RS row) & row 12 (WS row) and **merge** last st of trim to the following st on hold on **every RS** row. End the trim at the **middle stm** location with a **WS** row.

Break the yarn, put sts on hold and move on to left-hand side half trim.

Left-hand Side Half Trim:

Size M / L:

- At left-hand side front bottom sts on hold, slide first **6 sts** from **right hand** working needle to **left hand** working needle and join 1 strand of Alpaca blend together with 1 strand of silk or yarn of your choice.
- **Row 1 (RS row):** **k2tog**, then work in *cast on 1 st with backwards loop cast-on method, k1* **4** times - **total 9 sts for trim**
- **Row 2 (WS row):** *sl1 with yarn in front, k1* **2** times, turn - **start short rows**
- **Row 3 (RS row):** sl turn st, k1, sl1 purlwise with yarn in front, k1, turn
- **Row 4 (WS row):** *sl1 with yarn in front, k1* **3** times, turn
- **Row 5 (RS row):** sl turn st, *k1, sl1 purlwise with yarn in front* **2** times, k1, turn
- **Row 6 (WS row):** *sl1 with yarn in front, k1* **4** times, turn
- **Row 7 (RS row):** sl turn st, *k1, sl1 purlwise with yarn in front* **3** times, k1, turn
- **Row 8 (WS row):** *sl1 with yarn in front, k1* **4** times, sl1 with yarn in front - **end short rows**
- **Row 9 (RS row):** slide first following st on hold from right hand working needle to left hand working needle, then **k2tog**, *sl1 purlwise with yarn in front, k1* **4** times
- **Row 10 (WS row):** *sl1 with yarn in front, k1* **4** times, sl1 with yarn in front
- Continue repeating row 9 (RS row) & row 10 (WS row) and **merge** first st of trim to st on hold on **every RS** row. End the trim at the **middle stm** location with a **WS** row.
- Break a long tail yarn about 4 times width of trim and move on to graft trims.

Size XL / 2XL:

- At left-hand side front bottom sts on hold, slide first **7 sts** from **right hand** working needle to **left hand** working needle and join 1 strand of Alpaca blend together with 1 strand of silk or yarn of your choice.
- **Row 1 (RS row): k2tog**, then work in *cast on 1 st with backwards loop cast-on method, k1* **5** times - **total 11 sts for trim**
- **Row 2 (WS row):** *sl1 with yarn in front, k1* **2** times, turn - **start short rows**
- **Row 3 (RS row):** sl turn st, k1, sl1 purlwise with yarn in front, k1, turn
- **Row 4 (WS row):** *sl1 with yarn in front, k1* **3** times, turn
- **Row 5 (RS row):** sl turn st, *k1, sl1 purlwise with yarn in front* **2** times, k1, turn
- **Row 6 (WS row):** *sl1 with yarn in front, k1* **4** times, turn
- **Row 7 (RS row):** sl turn st, *k1, sl1 purlwise with yarn in front* **3** times, k1, turn
- **Row 8 (WS row):** *sl1 with yarn in front, k1* **4** times, sl1 with yarn in front
- **Row 9 (RS row):** sl turn st, *k1, sl1 purlwise with yarn in front* **4** times, k1, turn
- **Row 10 (WS row):** *sl1 with yarn in front, k1* **5** times, sl1 with yarn in front - **end short rows**
- **Row 11 (RS row):** slide first following st on hold from right hand working needle to left hand working needle, then **k2tog**, *sl1 purlwise with yarn in front, k1* **5** times
- **Row 12 (WS row):** *sl1 with yarn in front, k1* **5** times, sl1 with yarn in front

Continue repeating row 11 (RS row) & row 12 (WS row) and **merge** first st of trim to st on hold on **every RS** row. End the trim at the **middle stm** location with a **WS** row.

Break a long tail yarn about 4 times width of trim and move on to graft trims.

Graft Trims @ Middle

On **RS**, place all **knit** sts [**5 (5) 6 (6) sts**] from **right-hand side half trim** on one double-pointed needle and all **slip** sts [**4 (4) 5 (5) sts**] on another double-pointed needle.

Then place all **knit** sts [**5 (5) 6 (6) sts**] from **left-hand side half trim** on one double-pointed needle and all **slip** sts [**4 (4) 5 (5) sts**] on another double-pointed needle.

Using darning needle with long tail yarn end, graft **knit** sts [**5 (5) 6 (6) sts**] from **RS** first with kitchener st method. Then turn to **WS**, graft the other [**4 (4) 5 (5) sts**].

- Make sure not to tighten the seam too much.

Work **the back bottom trim** following the same steps.

F. FOLD-DOWN COLLAR

Fold-down collar is picked up from neckline and together with stitches on hold of both shoulder straps. It is worked in *k1, p1* ribbing in the round. Then fold from RS to WS and bind off at WS.

Now work the fold-down collar with **5 mm [US 8]** circular needles in the round as following:

To Start:

Start from **left side front neckline** edge (*left side when wearing*) and join 1 strand of Alpaca blend together with 1 strand of silk or yarn of your choice.

With **RS** facing, pick up and knit **42 (42) 50 (50) sts** from EACH edge st of **front neckline**

Then work **right shoulder strap** (right side when wearing) **13 (13) 17 (17) sts** on hold in place a **stm** and leave it at the rnd, *k2tog, then p1, k1 till the end of sts on hold*, place a **stm** and leave it at the rnd.

Next pick up and knit **34 (34) 40 (40) sts** from EACH edge st of **back neckline**

Last work **left shoulder strap** (left side when wearing) **13 (13) 17 (17) sts** on hold in place a **stm** and leave it at the rnd, *k2tog, then p1, k1 till the end of sts on hold*, place a **stm** and leave it at the rnd.

There are a total of **100 (100) 122 (122) sts** on working needles.

Place a stm for BOR and close the loop.

Work the Collar:

- **Rnd 1:** work in *k1, p1* for the rnd.

Continue repeating rnd 1 for ribbing until measures approx. **9 (9) 10 (10) cm [3.6 (3.6) 4 (4) inches]** from rnd 1. Therefore, fold-down collar measures approx. **4.5 (4.5) 5 (5) cm [1.8 (1.8) 2 (2) inches]**.

Fold the collar from **RS** to **WS** and bind off sts in ***pick up 1st strand from pickup rnd and knit it together with the corresponding live st*** till stm, then bind off **12 (12) 16 (16) sts** in between stms *** knitwise without picking up strands*** (*therefore, no bind-off seam line on RS for shoulder sts*), next continue binding off sts in ***pick up 1st strand from pickup rnd and knit it together with the corresponding live st*** till stm, last bind off **12 (12) 16 (16) sts** in between stms *** knitwise without picking up strands***.

Break the yarn and pull tail through last st.
Move on to sleeve trim.

G. SLEEVE TRIM

Sleeve trim is picked up from shoulder strap cast-on edge, then attached to armhole side edges and grafted at under armhole. It is worked in double knitting back and forth. Both sleeve trims are identical.

Now work one sleeve trim with **6 mm [US 10]** circular needles as following:

With **RS** of one shoulder strap **Italian cast-on edge** facing and join 1 strand of Alpaca blend together with 1 strand of silk or yarn of your choice.

Start from **middle** of the **shoulder strap**, ONLY pick up and knit through KNIT sts from cast-on edge. Pick up and knit **3 (3) 4 (4) sts**

Next *pick up and knit 1 st, skip 1 st* from **side edge sts** for **30 (31) 33 (34) sts**

Then at **under armhole cast-on edge**: **Size 1**- pick up and knit 1 st, place a **stm** / **Size 2** - pick up and knit 1 st, skip 1 st, place a **stm**, *pick up and knit 1 st, skip 1 st* 2 times / **Size 3** - pick up and

knit 1 st, skip 1 st, place a **stm**, pick up and knit 1 st, skip 1 st, pick up and knit 1 st / **Size 4** - *pick up and knit 1 st, skip 1 st* 2 times, place a **stm**, *pick up and knit 1 st, skip 1 st* 3 times

Next *pick up and knit 1 st, skip 1 st* from **other side edge sts** for **30 (31) 33 (34) sts**

Last pick up and knit through KNIT sts from **shoulder strap** cast-on edge for **3 (3) 4 (4) sts**, back to middle of shoulder strap

There are a total of **61 (65) 69 (73) sts** on working needles.

DO NOT close the loop, break the yarn, put sts on hold and move on to counter-clockwise half trim.

Work Counter-clockwise Half Trim:

At the **end of pickup sts** location, slide **4 sts** from **right hand** working needle to **left hand** working needle and join 1 strand of Alpaca blend together with 1 strand of silk or yarn of your choice.

- **Row 1 (RS row): k2tog**, then work in *cast on 1 st with backwards loop cast-on method, k1* **2 (2) 3 (3)** times - **total 5 (5) 7 (7) sts for trim**
- **Row 2 (WS row):** work in *sl1 with yarn in front, k1* **2 (2) 3 (3)** times, sl1 with yarn in front
- **Row 3 (RS row):** slide **1 st** on hold from **right hand** needle to **left hand** needle, **k2tog**, then work in *sl1 purlwise with yarn in front, k1* **2 (2) 3 (3)** times
- **Row 4 (WS row):** work in *sl1 with yarn in front, k1* **2 (2) 3 (3)** times, sl1 with yarn in front

Continue repeating row 3 (RS row) & row 4 (WS row) and **merge** first st of trim to the pickup st on hold on **every RS** row. End half trim at **stm location** at under armhole with a **WS** row.

Break the yarn, put sts on hold and move on to clockwise half trim.

Work Clockwise Half Trim:

Back to **RS of middle of shoulder strap**, the **start of pickup sts** on hold and join 1 strand of Alpaca blend together with 1 strand of silk or yarn of your choice.

- **Row 1 (RS row):** work in *k1, cast on 1 st with backwards loop cast-on method* **2 (2) 3 (3)** times, **k2tbl** - **total 5 (5) 7 (7) sts for trim**
- **Row 2 (WS row):** work in * sl1 with yarn in front, k1* **2 (2) 3 (3)** times, sl1 with yarn in front.
- **Row 3 (RS row):** work in *k1, sl1 purlwise with yarn in front* **2 (2) 3 (3)** times, **k2tbl**
- **Row 4 (WS row):** work in * sl1 with yarn in front, k1* **2 (2) 3 (3)** times, sl1 with yarn in front.

Continue repeating row 3 (RS row) & row 4 (WS row) and **merge** last st of trim to the pickup st on hold on **every RS** row. End half trim at **stm location** at under armhole with a **WS** row.

Break a long tail yarn about 4 times width of trim and move on to graft trims.

Graft Trims under Armhole:

On **RS**, place all **knit sts [3 (3) 4 (4) sts]** from **counter-clockwise half trim** on one double-pointed needle and all **slip sts [2 (2) 3 (3) sts]** on another double-pointed needle.

Then place all **knit sts [3 (3) 4 (4) sts]** from **clockwise half trim** on one double-pointed needle and all **slip sts [2 (2) 3 (3) sts]** on another double-pointed needle.

Using darning needle with long tail yarn end, graft **knit sts [3 (3) 4 (4) sts]** from **RS** first with kitchener st method. Then turn to **WS**, graft the other **[2 (2) 3 (3) sts]**.

Make sure not to tighten the seam too much.

Work **the other sleeve trim** following the same steps.

H. FINISHING & AFTER CARE

Weave in all loose ends.

Close the gaps of knots on **WS** (see photo demo. below).

Photo Demo. for WS of Knots



Step 1:

- Turn to **WS** of work and organise **2** sets of long tail yarn ends on each side of the knot.
- Follow the directions shown in photo

Step 2:

- Weave in the ends by connecting the sts highlighted in the photo to close the gaps.

Before soaking your slipover, please remember to check the washing instructions on the label of your yarn.

Wet blocking or steam ironing to your preferred measurements.

Enjoy!

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