

Tricot

by Alison Hansel



Here's a sporty jersey-style sweater for the stylish soccer mom. Inspired by popular two-colored sport and outerwear, it is worked in an easy-care cotton/acrylic blend. The side stripes are knitted with intarsia knitting and a short zipper in the contrasting color completes the sporty look, while darts add feminine shaping to the basic jersey shape. Finally, simple raglan shaping over generous sleeve caps make for comfy sleeves. Perfect for cheering on your little ones!

If you'd like a less fitted, roomier sweater, you can leave out the waist shaping. Just ignore the decreases and increases called for in the back and front directions. The result will be a more looser-fitting, boxy shape that might be more comfortable and flattering to some figures. If you need more room just in the bust area, you might be able to get away with just adding short rows. The technique is described very clearly in this Knitty article:

<http://www.knitty.com/ISSUEsummer03/FEATbonnetric.html> and in the popular Shapely Tank pattern from White Lies Designs: (<http://www.whiteliesdesigns.com/patterns/lpullovers/fbcprint.html>).

This pattern was updated to include instructions for sizes up to 51" bust.

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SKILL LEVEL

Intermediate

SIZES

S 34(M 36, L 38, XL 40)

Finished measurements: 89 (94, 99, 104) cm / 35 (37, 39, 41) in

****New instructions for larger finished sizes 43"(45",47",49",51") are in a separate section at end of pattern****

MATERIALS

Yarn

[MC] Lion Brand Cotton Ease,[50% Cotton, 50% Acrylic, 188 m (207 yd)/100g];
colour: #157 Banana Cream, 4(4, 4, 5) skeins

[A] Lion Brand Cotton Ease; colour: #100 Vanilla 1(1, 2, 2) skeins

Possible substitutes: Rowan All Seasons Cotton, Gedifra Wellness, GGH Samoa

Needles

One 4 mm / US 6 needle, circular or straight

One 5 mm / US 8 needle, circular or straight

Notions

One white zipper, 18 to 20 cm / 7 to 8 inches, depending on size.

Tapestry Needle

Matching Thread for sewing in zipper

GAUGE

16.5 sts and 24 rows to 10 cm Stockinette stitch

SPECIAL NOTES

SSK: Sl 1 k-wise, sl 1 p-wise, return both sts to left needle and k2tog tbl

M1L: Pick up bar bet previous and next sts with left needle (from the back), k into front of new st.

M1R: Pick up bar bet previous and next sts with rt needle (from the back), k into back of new st

Intarsia: When changing colours, wrap the 2 colours tog by bringing up the yarn for the new colour from underneath yarn in the old colour.

INSTRUCTIONS**Back**

With smaller needles, CO 74(78, 82, 86) sts and work as foll:

9(9, 13, 13) sts with A; 56(60, 56, 60) with MC; and 9(9, 13, 13) with A.

Rows 1, 3: (RS) K2, *p2, k2*, rep from * to end.

Row 2: P2, *k2, p2*, rep from * to end.

Row 4: Switch to larger needles, P across all sts.
Cont in St st until work measures 6.5 cm total, ending with WS row.

Beg Decreases:

Dec Row (RS): K9(9, 13, 13), k1, k2tog, k10(10, 9, 9), SSK, k1, k2tog, k20(24, 22, 26), SSK, k1, k2tog, k10(10, 9, 9), SSK, k1, k9(9, 13, 13). [68(72, 76, 80) sts rem]

Next Row: P across

Work St st for 8 more rows.

Dec Row (RS): K9(9, 13, 13), k1, k2tog, k8(8, 7, 7), SSK, k1, k2tog, k18(22, 20, 24), SSK, k1, k2tog, k8(8, 7, 7), SSK, k1, k9(9, 13, 13). [62(66, 70, 74) sts rem]

Next Row: P across

Work in St st for 16 rows.

Beg Increases:

Increase Row (RS): K9(9, 13, 13), k1, M1R, k10(10, 9, 9), M1R, k1, M1L, k20(24, 22, 26), M1R, k1, M1L, k10(10, 9, 9), M1L, k1, k9(9, 13, 13). [68(72, 76, 80) sts rem]

Work in St st for 10 more rows.

Increase Row (RS): K9(9, 13, 13) k1, M1R, k12(12, 11, 11), M1R, k1, M1L, k22(26, 24, 28), M1R, k1, M1L, k12(12, 11, 11), M1L, k1, k9(9, 13, 13). [74(78, 82, 86) sts rem]

Cont in St st until work measures 34(34, 38, 38) cm total, ending with a WS row.

Beg raglan armhole shaping:

BO 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. [68(72, 76, 80) sts]

Row 1 (RS) Dec Row: K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, SSK, k1

Rows 2, 4: P

Row 3: K

Rep last 4 rows 3 more times. [60(64, 68, 72) sts]

Now rep rows 1,2 only 14(15, 16, 17) times. [32(34, 36, 38) sts rem]

Place rem sts on holder.

Front

K as for back until beg of armhole shaping.

Beg raglan armhole shaping:

BO 3 sts at the beg of next 2 rows. [68(72, 76, 80) sts rem]

Row 1 (RS): Dec row, K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, SSK, k1

Rows 2, 4: P

Row 3: K

Rep last 4 rows 3 more times. [60(64, 68, 72) sts rem]

Next row (RS): K1, k2tog, k27(29, 31, 33). Turn, and place rem sts on holder. Each side is now worked separately.

Next row (WS): K1, p to end

Next row: K1, k2tog, k to end

Rep the last 2 rows 12(13, 14, 15) times. Place rem 16(17, 18, 19) sts on a holder.

Rejoin yarn to other side at neck edge, K to last 3 sts, SSK, k1.

Next Row (WS): P to last st, k1

Next Row: K to last 3 sts, SSK, k1

Rep the last 2 rows 12(13, 14, 15) times. Place rem 16(17, 18, 19) sts on a holder.

Sleeves

With smaller needles, CO 50(50, 54, 54) sts and work as foll:

9(9, 13, 13) sts with A, 32(32, 28, 28) with MC, and 9(9, 13, 13) with A.

Rows 1, 3 (RS): K2, *p2, k2*, rep from * to end

Row 2: P2, *k2, p2*, rep from * to end

Row 4: switch to larger needles, P across all sts

Cont in St st for 10 more rows before beg inc as follows:

Inc Row (RS): K9(9, 13, 13), k1, M1R, k30(30, 26, 26), M1L, k1, k9(9, 13, 13)

Cont in St st while rep inc row every 14(14, 12, 12) rows until there are 58(60, 62, 64) sts.

When sleeve measures 38(38, 40, 40) cm, beg raglan sleeve dec as follows:

BO 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. [52 (54, 56, 58) sts rem]

Row 1 Decrease Row (RS): K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, SSK, k1

Rows 2, 4: P

Row 3: K

Rep last 4 rows 3 more times. [44 (46, 48, 50) sts rem]

Now rep rows 1, 2 only 14(15, 16, 17) times. Place rem 16 sts on a holder.

FINISHING

Block all pieces to proper measurements. Join side and raglan seams with mattress st being careful to match up white and yellow sts on the sleeve decreases. Stop seaming a few rows below live sts. Place all remaining sts on smaller needles. [96(100, 104, 108) sts] Complete seams up to live sts.

To knit collar, join new yarn with RS facing and work as follows:

Rows 1, 3: K3, *p2, k2*, rep from * until one st rem, k1

Row 2: P1, *p2, k2*, rep from * until 3 sts rem, p3

BO loosely in rib.

Join sleeve seams.

Insert zipper into neck opening using matching thread and backstitch.

Weave in ends.

**** New instructions for finished size 43"(45",47",49",51") bust: ****

BACK - With smaller needles, cast on 90(94,98,102,106) stitches = 13 with color A, 64(68,72,76,80) in MC, and 13 with color A. Follow pattern instructions above to 6.5cm.

Begin Decreases:

Place darts. Hold piece up to you and decide where you would like the darts to be

located (usually centered under each breast). Mark the two stitches that will become the central stitches of the darts with stitch markers.

Dec Row (RS): K13, k1, k2tog, knit to 3st before first marker, SSK, k1, (marker), k2tog, knit to 2st before next marker, SSK, (marker), k1, k2tog, knit to 3st before color change, SSK, k1, k13. [You should have decreased 6 stitches]

Work St st for 9 more rows. Repeat Dec Row. Continue in st.st. for 16 rows.

Begin Increases:

Increase Row (RS): K13, k1, M1R, knit to 1st before first marker, M1R, k1, (marker), M1L, knit to next marker, M1R, (marker), k1, M1L, knit to 1st before color change, M1L, k1, k13. [You should have increased 6 stitches]

Work in St st for 9 more rows. Repeat Inc Row. Continue in st.st. to 38(38,40,40,40)cm.

Do any short-rowing you would like to add for the bust here.

Begin Armholes:

Bind off 3(3,4,4,4) st. at beginning of next two rows. 84(88,90,94,98)st

Dec Row (RS): K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, SSK, k1

Next Row: P

Repeat last 2 rows another 22(23,24,25,28) times. All sizes but largest: Work 3 rows straight. Repeat dec. row again. Place remaining 36(38,38,40,40) st on a holder.

FRONT:

Follow instructions as for back until beginning of armhole shaping.

Begin raglan armhole shaping:

BO 3(3,4,4,4) sts at the beginning of next 2 rows. 84(88,90,94,98)st

Dec row (RS): K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, SSK, k1

Next row: P

Rep last 2 rows 7 times more. 68(72,74,78,82)st

Next row (RS): K1, k2tog, k31(33,34,36,38).

Turn, and place rem sts on holder. Each side is now worked separately.

Next row (WS): K1, p to end

Dec. row: K1, k2tog, k to end

Rep the last 2 rows 13(14,15,16,19) times more. All sizes but largest: Work 3 rows without decreases (continuing garter stitch at neck edge). Repeat dec. row again.

Place rem 18(19,19,20,20) sts on a holder.

Rejoin yarn to other side at neck edge, K to last 3 sts, SSK, k1.

Next Row (WS): P to last st, k1

Dec Row: K to last 3 sts, SSK, k1

Rep the last 2 rows 13(14,15,16,19) times more. All sizes but largest: Work 3 rows without decreases (continuing garter stitch at neck edge). Repeat dec. row again.

Place rem 18(19,19,20,20) sts on a holder.

SLEEVES:

With smaller needles, cast on 58(58,58,62,62)st = 13st with colorA,

32(32,32,36,36)st with MC, and 13st with colorA. Follow instructions to beginning of increases.

Inc Row (RS): K13, k1, M1R, knit to 1st before color change, M1L, k1, k13.
Cont in st st while rep inc row every 12(12,10,10,10) rows until there are 68(70,72,74,76) sts. Cont. in st st without increases until sleeve measures 40 cm.

Begin raglan sleeve dec as follows:

Bind off 3(3,4,4,4) st at beginning of next 2 rows. 62(64,66,66,68)st

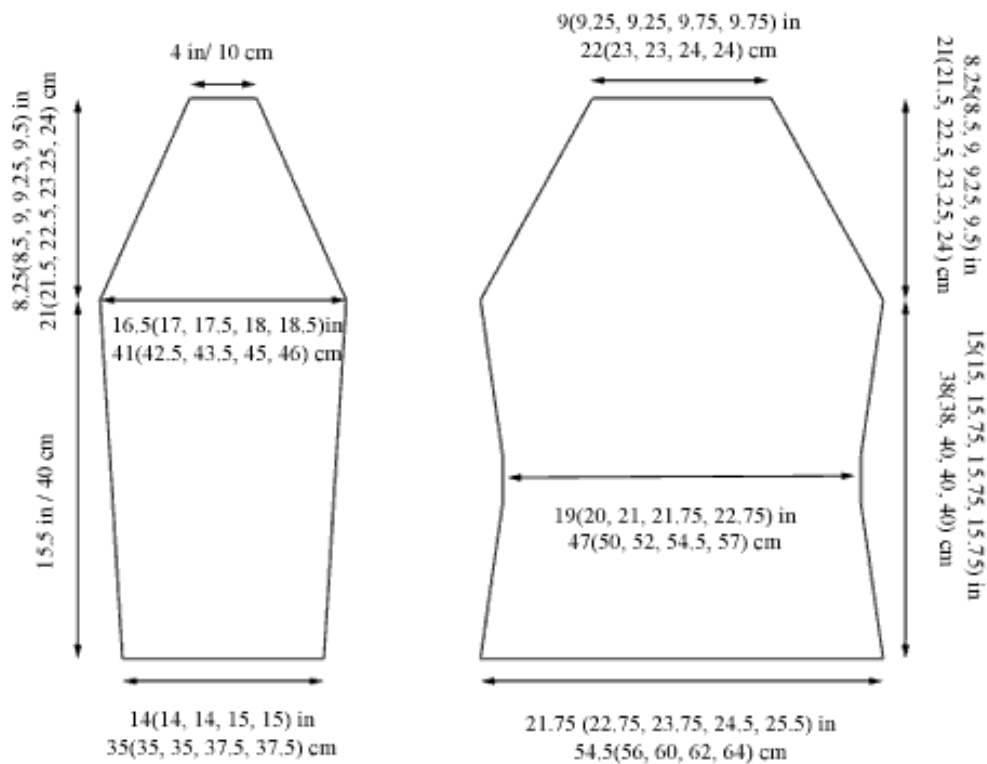
Decrease Row (RS): K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, SSK, k1

Next Row: P

Repeat last 2 rows another 18(19,20,19,20) times. Work 3 rows straight. Rep dec. row on next row. Now repeat dec. row every 4th row another 2(2,2,3,3)times. Place remaining 18st on holder.

FINISHING:

Follow instructions as given in original pattern, placing all remaining stitches on smaller needle. You should have 108(112,112,116,116) stitches. Follow directions for knitting edging, sewing in zipper, etc. as written in original pattern.



Alison Hansel learned to knit while on bedrest, pregnant with her twins. She got used to knitting for hours a day and hasn't stopped since. Her boys aren't playing soccer yet, but she's getting her wardrobe ready!