Checkerboard Pullover
Designed by Rachel Brockman

SIZES
3-6 mos (1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10) years

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
Chest: 20 (21¼, 22¾, 23¼, 24¾, 26, 28)"
Length: 10¼ (12, 13½, 14¼, 15¾, 17¼, 19¼)"

MATERIALS
Fibra Natura *Dona* (100% superwash merino; 50g/126 yds)
- 129 Coffee Roast (A) – 2 (2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4) balls
- 127 Real Teal (B) – 2 (2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4) balls

Needle: US Size 7 (4.5 mm) 16" circular, straight *or size needed to obtain gauge*
US Size 6 (4 mm) 16" circular, set of dpns, straight
US Size 3 (3.25 mm) set of dpns, straight
Notions: Tapestry needle, stitch marker

GAUGE
24 sts x 26 rows = 4" stranded knitting with largest needle
Save time, check your gauge.

Knit, Relax, Smile, Repeat!

PATTERN NOTES

Pick your child's favorite colors and get to knitting on the Checkerboard Pullover. Red and white or light blue and white could make for a cute gingham throwback. Or go black and red for an authentic checkerboard look!

The body of this sweater is knit in the round from the bottom up. Front and back are separated at the armholes and are knit back and forth in rows. The sleeves are knit flat from the bottom up.

The color changes in this sweater use the Fair Isle method of changing colors. Hold both colors together throughout the row/round. Because the pattern is easy to memorize and "see" in the stitches, Checkerboard Pullover is a good first colorwork pattern.

BODY

With A and US Size 6 16" circ ndl, cast on 120 (128, 136, 140, 148, 156, 168) sts. PM and join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist. Knit 3 rnds. Switch to B and US Size 3 ndl. Do not break A. [Knit 1 rnd, purl 1 rnd] 3 times, knit 1 rnd. Switch to US Size 7 ndl.

Establish Pattern

Rnd 1: Work Rnd 1 of Checkerboard patt to end. Patt will be repeated 30 (32, 34, 35, 37, 39, 42) times across rnd.

Rnds 2-4: Work Rnds 2-4 of Checkerboard patt to end.

Cont in patt, repeating Rnds 1-4 of patt until piece meas 6½ (8, 8½, 9, 10, 11, 11½)" from bottom of rolled St st edge, ending with Rnd 1 or 3 of patt.

Separate Front and Back

Rnd 1 (RS): Work next Rnd of patt over 56 (60, 64, 66, 70, 74, 80) Front sts, bind off 8 sts for underarm, work in patt over 52 (56, 60, 62, 66, 70, 76) Back sts, bind off 8 sts for Underarm. Place 52 (56, 60, 62, 66, 70, 76) Back sts on holder. 52 (56, 60, 62, 66, 70, 76) sts rem for Front.

Front Raglan Shaping

Dec row (RS): K1, ssk, work in patt to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 2 sts dec'd. Work 3 rows even in patt.

Rep these 4 rows, 0 (0, 1, 1, 2, 2, 4) more time(s) – 50 (54, 56, 58, 60, 64, 66) sts rem.

Rep Dec row. Work 1 row even in patt. Rep these 2 rows, 2 (3, 4, 5, 5, 6, 7) more times – 44 (46, 46, 46, 48, 50, 50) sts rem.

Shape Front Neck

Row 1 (RS): K1, ssk, k14 Left Front sts (all sizes), bind off center 10 (12, 12, 12, 14, 16, 16) sts, knit across Right Front to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 16 sts rem each Right and Left Fronts. Place Left Front sts on holder.

Row 2 (WS): Work in patt to last 3 sts, p2tog, p1 – 1 st dec'd at Neck, 15 sts rem.

Row 3: K1, k2tog, work in patt to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 – 2 sts dec'd, 13 sts rem.

Rows 4-9: Rep Rows 2-3, 3 more times – 4 sts rem.

Row 10: P1, p2tog, p1 – 1 st dec'd, 3 sts rem.

Row 11: K2tog, k1 – 1 st dec'd, 2 sts rem.

Row 12: P2tog. Fasten off last st.

Return Left Front sts to ndl.

Row 1 (WS): P1, ssp, purl to end – 1 st dec'd at Neck, 15 sts rem.

Row 2 (RS): K1, k2tog, work in patt to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 – 2 sts dec'd, 13 sts rem.

Rows 3-8: Rep Rows 1-2, 3 more times – 4 sts rem.

Row 9: P1, ssp, p1 – 1 st dec'd, 3 sts rem.

Row 10: K1, ssk – 1 st dec'd, 2 sts rem.

Row 11: P2tog. Fasten off last st.

Back Raglan Shaping

Return held sts to ndl.

Dec row (RS): K1, ssk, work in patt to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 2 sts dec'd. Work 3 rows even in patt. Rep these 4 rows, 0 (0, 1, 1, 2, 2, 4) more time(s) – 50 (54, 56, 58, 60, 64, 66) sts rem.

Rep Dec row. Work 1 row even in patt. Rep these 2 rows, 8 (9, 10, 11, 11, 12, 13) more times – 32 (34, 34, 34, 36, 38, 38) sts rem. Bind off all sts in patt.

SLEEVES

With A and US Size 6 straight ndl, cast on 28 (32, 36, 36, 40, 44, 48) sts. Knit 1 row, purl 1 row, knit 1 row. Switch to B and US Size 3 ndl. Do not break

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A. Knit 6 rows in garter st. Purl a WS row. Switch to US Size 7 ndl.

Establish Pattern

Row 1: Work Row 1 of Checkerboard patt to end. Patt will be repeated 7 (8, 9, 9, 10, 11, 12) times across each row.

Row 2 (WS): Work Row 2 of Checkerboard patt to end.

Inc row (RS): K1, m1, work in patt to last st, m1, k1 – 2 sts inc'd. Rep Inc row every 2 (4, 4, 4, 4, 6, 6) rows, 5 (6, 4, 4, 1, 6, 3) more time(s), then rep Inc row every 4 (6, 6, 6, 6, 8, 8) rows, 2 (1, 3, 5, 8, 3, 6) row(s) – 44 (48, 52, 56, 60, 64, 68) sts. Work even in patt until Sleeve meas 6 (8, 9, 10½, 11¾, 13, 14¼)" from bottom of rolled St st edge, ending with WS row.

Raglan Shaping

Bind off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows – 36 (40, 44, 48, 52, 56, 60) sts rem.

Dec row (RS): K1, ssk, work in patt to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 2 sts dec'd, 34 (38, 42, 46, 50, 54, 58) sts rem. Work a WS row even in patt. Rep these 2 rows, 5 (5, 9, 9, 11, 11, 19) more times – 24 (28, 24, 28, 28, 32, 20) sts rem.

Next row (RS): Rep RS Dec row – 2 sts dec'd, 22 (26, 22, 26, 26, 30, 18) sts rem.

Dec row (WS): P1, p2tog, work in patt to last 3 sts, ssp, p1 – 2 sts dec'd, 20 (24, 20, 24, 24, 28, 16) sts rem. Cont to work a Dec row every row, 9 (11, 9, 11, 11, 13, 7) more times – 4 sts rem (all sizes). Bind off all sts in patt.

FINISHING

Block pieces to finished measurements. Weave in ends. Sew Raglan seams. Sew Sleeve and underarm seams.

Neck Edging

With B and US Size 3 dpns, pick up and knit 30 (32, 32, 32, 34, 36, 36) sts along Back neck, 2 sts along Left Sleeve, 12 sts along Left Front Neck, 10 (12, 12, 12, 14, 16, 16) sts along Front Neck bind-off, 12 sts along Right Front Neck, and 2 sts along Right Sleeve – 68 (72, 72, 72, 76, 80, 80) sts. PM and join to work in the rnd. [Purl 1 rnd, knit 1 rnd] 2 times, purl 1 rnd. Break B, switch to A and US Size 6 dpns. Knit 3 rnds. Bind off all sts kwise, loosely over the next rnd. Weave in rem ends.

Abbreviations

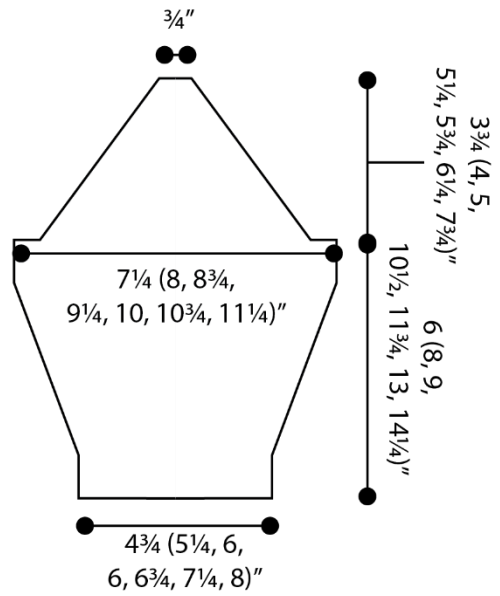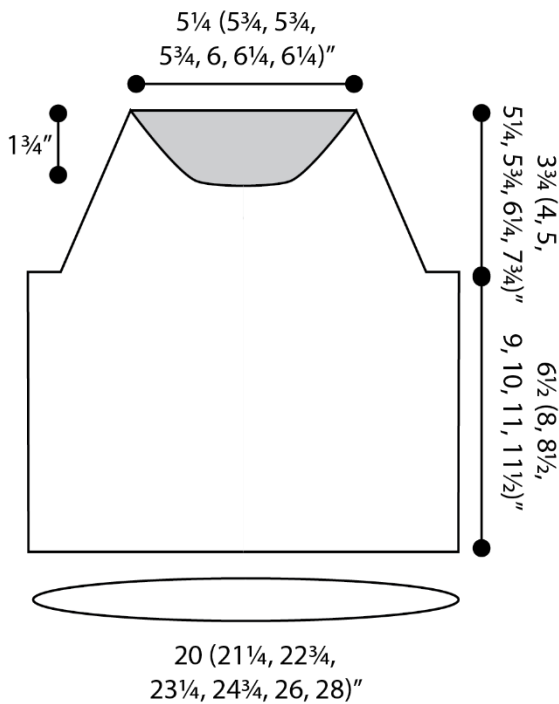|	
circ	circular
cont	continue
dec('d)	decrease(d)
dpn(s)	double pointed needle(s)
garter st	knit every row
inc('d)	increase(d)
k	knit
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together (1 st dec'd)
kwise	knitwise
m	marker
m1	insert left needle from front to back under horizontal strand of yarn lying between st just worked and next st, knit or purl this st through the back loop (1 st inc'd)
meas	measures
ndl	needle
p	purl
p2tog	purl 2 sts together (1 st dec'd)
patt	pattern
pm	place marker
rem	remain(ing)
rep	repeat
rnd	round
RS	right side
ssk	slip next 2 sts individually knitwise, slip them back to left needle in this position, knit them together through the back loops (1 st dec'd)
ssp	slip next 2 sts individually knitwise, slip them back to left needle in this position, purl them together through the back loops (1 st dec'd)
WS	wrong side

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5¼ (5¾, 5¾,
5¾, 6, 6¼, 6¼)"

1¾"

3¾ (4, 5,
5¼, 5¾, 6¼, 7¾)"

6½ (8, 8½,
9, 10, 11, 11½)"

20 (21¼, 22¾,
23¼, 24¾, 26, 28)"

¾"

3¾ (4, 5,
5¼, 5¾, 6¼, 7¾)"

7¼ (8, 8¾,
9¼, 10, 10¾, 11¼)"

6 (8, 9,
10½, 11¾, 13, 14¼)"

4¾ (5¼, 6,
6, 6¾, 7¼, 8)"

Checkerboard

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2
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4 st rep
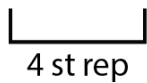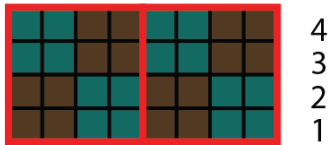
Key

A, knit on RS, purl on WS

B, knit on RS, purl on WS

pattern repeat