



Gentle Slopes

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SIZE

Wingspan 53½" x 23" down spine

MATERIALS

Manos del Uruguay FINO (70% superfine merino wool, 30% silk; 100g/490 yds),

1 sk each of MC and CC *OR*

1 sk MC and 1 Fino Mini-Skein Kit.

Version 1 shown in 440 Fleet (MC) with 450 Fog (CC).

Version 2 shown in 401 Corsage (MC) and FM #20 Zelda (CC1-CC5)

US 6 / 4 mm circular, 48" or longer, or size to obtain gauge

US G / 4mm crochet hook

Waste yarn

Tapestry needle

3 stitch markers

GAUGE

23 stitches and 50 rows = 4" in Garter Stitch.

ABBREVIATIONS

CC: contrast color

k: knit

MC: main color

pm: place marker

RS: right side

slm: slip marker

st(s): stitch(es)

WS: wrong side

yo: yarn over (increase 1)

STITCH GUIDE*Provisional Cast-on*

Using crochet hook and waste yarn, work a crochet chain 10 stitches longer than the desired number of cast-on stitches. Cut waste yarn, and secure the last stitch so you can easily find the tail and undo the chain later. Using main yarn and beginning 5 stitches from one end of the chain, pick up and knit 1 stitch in the back bump of each chain for the desired number of cast-on stitches. When it's time to work with the cast-on stitches, place them on the needle by inserting the needle tip underneath the right leg of each main yarn stitch in the first row above the crochet chain; these stitches are just picked-up without working them, not picked up and knit. Carefully unzip the crochet chain and remove the waste yarn.

Wrap and Turn (w&t)

Knit row—Wyib, slip next stitch purlwise onto right needle, bring yarn to front of work, return slipped stitch to left needle, bring yarn to back of work, then turn work.



Make 1 in Turn (m1t)

Insert tip of left needle from front to back under CC wrap strand and knit into back of loop to twist it. (1 stitch increased). See below for demonstration.



Image 1. CC wrap strand.



Image 2. Knit into back of the lifted stitch to form new stitch.

INSTRUCTIONS

Set up for both versions:

With waste yarn and MC, provisionally cast on 3 sts.

Rows 1 - 10 : Knit.

Row 11 (RS): K3, pick up and knit 5 sts along the side of the work and then 3 from provisional cast-on. (11 sts)

Row 12: Knit.

Row 13: K3, pm, yo, k2, yo, pm, k1, yo, k2, yo, pm, k3. (15 sts)

Row 14: Knit.

Pattern *for two-color version only:*

Row 1: With CC, K3, slm, yo, knit to m, slm, k1, w&t. (1 st increased)

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: With MC, K3, slm, yo, knit to m, yo, slm, k1, yo, m1t, knit to m, yo, slm, k3. (5 sts increased)

Row 4: Knit.

Repeat rows 1-4 about 63 more times, or until MC runs out. (399 sts)

With CC:

*Row 1: K3, slm, yo, knit to m, yo, slm, k1, yo, knit to m, yo, slm, k3. (4 sts increased)

Row 2: Knit.

Repeat from * 7 more times. (433 sts)

Bind off in CC.

FINISHING

Break yarn, fasten off and sew in ends. Gently block if desired.

Pattern: *for Fino Mini-Skein version only:*

Row 1 (RS): With CCI, K3, slm, yo, knit to m, slm, k1, w&t. (1 st increased)

Row 2 (WS): Purl.

Row 3: With MC, K3, slm, yo, knit to m, yo, slm, k1, yo, m1 t, knit to m, yo, slm, k3. (5 sts increased)

Row 4: Knit.

Repeat rows 1-4 twelve more times. (93 sts)

Change to CC2 and work rows 1-4 13 times. (171 sts)

Change to CC3 and work rows 1-4 13 times. (249 sts)

Change to CC4 and work rows 1-4 13 times. (327 sts)

Change to CC5 and work rows 1-4 12 times. (399 sts) Break MC and CC5; rejoin CCI.

With CCI:

*Row 1: K3, slm, yo, knit to m, yo, slm, k1, yo, knit to m, yo, slm, k3. (4 sts increased)

Row 2: Knit.

Repeat from * 7 more times. (431 sts)

Bind off knitwise in CC.

FINISHING

Break yarn, fasten off and sew in ends. Gently block if desired.



Gentle Slopes knit with a full skein of Fino and one Fino Mini-Skein kit.
Shown here in Corsage (MC) and FM #20 Zelda (CCI-CC5)