stitch nation
BY DEBBIE STOLLER™

STITCH NATION® Bamboo Ewe®: 4 balls Periwinkle 5830 A and 1 ball Beach Glass 5510 B.

Circular Knitting Needle: 5mm [US 8] – 16" and 29". Stitch markers, stitch holders, yarn needle, three ¾" buttons.

GAUGE: 18 sts = 4"; 22 rows = 4" in St st. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needle to obtain the gauge.

Finished Chest Measurement: 33 (36, 39, 42, 48½)".

BODY
With A and 29" circular needles, cast on 148 (162, 176, 190, 218) sts. Do not join. Work in seed stitch fir 1" ending with a wrong side row. Next row (right side), work 5 sts in seed st for placket, place marker (place marker), work in St st to last 5 sts, pm, work in seed st to end. Continue as established until piece measures 10 (10, 10½, 10½, 11)" ending with a wrong side row. WORK ARMHOLES on next right side row: Work 35 (39, 40, 42, 45) sts in pattern for right front, bind off 6 (6, 8, 8, 10) sts work until there are 66 (72, 80, 90, 108) sts on needle after first bind off, bind off 6 (6, 8, 8, 10) sts, work in pattern until end of left front.

SLEEVES
With A and 16" needles, cast on 52 (54, 56, 56, 58) sts. Work seed st for 1". Change to St st and 1 st each end every 9th row 5 (5, 0, 0, 0) times, every 13th row 0 (0, 13, 13, 0) times and every 14th row 0 (0, 0, 0, 4) times – 42 (44, 48, 48, 50) sts. (Sleeve will slighty bell in shape as it's wider at the cuff than at the armhole). Work until sleeve measures 8½ (9, 9½, 10, 10½)". Bind off 3 (3, 4, 4, 5) sts beginning of next 2 rows for underarm. Place remaining sts on holders and sew seam.

YOKE
JOIN BODY AND SLEEVES with right side facing, work 35 (39, 40, 42, 45) sts of right front, 42 (44, 48, 48, 50) sleeve sts, 66 (72, 80, 90, 108) sts of back, 42 (44, 48, 48, 50) sts of second sleeve and 35 (39, 40, 42, 45) sts of left front – 220 (238, 256, 279, 298) sts total. Work even in pattern for 1½ (1½, 2, 2, 2½)" from armhole. Make buttonhole by working first 4 sts of seed st placket, then yo, k2tog. (make 2 additional buttonholes evenly spaced ending just below where neckband begins and one in between these two buttonholes). AT THE SAME TIME: Begin working according to chart. After first 6 rows have been complete, set up for floral yoke pattern with right side facing by working seed st for placket, pm, then 12 (15, 15, 16, 16) sts in St st, *place

floral yoke cardigan

Knit a sweater with coordinating shades of bamboo and wool blended yarn that is soft and comfortable next to the skin. This flattering design offers just the right touch of femininity and style.

SN0163

INTERMEDIATE

Designed by Cathy Payson.

Directions are for size Small; changes for sizes XS, Medium, Large and XL are in parentheses.

For more ideas & inspiration -
www.redheart.com
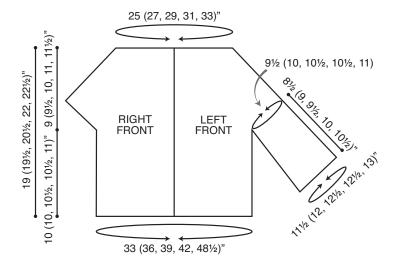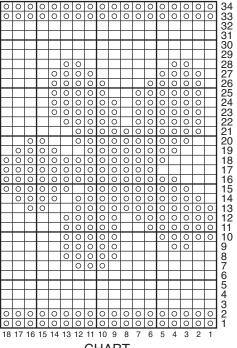www.stitchnationyarn.com
www.coatsandclark.com

marker, 18 sts of chart*, repeat between *'s 6 (6, 6, 7, 7) times, place marker, work 12 (15, 15, 16, 16) sts in St st, pm work seed st for left front placket. When 5 (5, 5½, 6, 6½)" has been worked after armhole, work first dec row by decreasing 26 (32, 40, 38, 45) sts evenly but only in A panels between floral chart sections – 194 (206, 216, 232, 252) sts. Work 2 (2½, 2½, 3, 3)" more and work 2nd dec row by decreasing 36 (44, 36, 42, 40) sts evenly across next right side row – 158 (162, 180, 190, 202) sts. Work 2 rows even and then work 3rd dec row by decreasing 42 (38, 50, 50, 54) sts evenly across – 116 (124, 130, 140, 148) sts. Work Seed st for 1". Bind off all sts.

FINISHING

Sew armhole seams. Weave in ends. Block sweater. With A doubled, make 5 French knots in the center of each flower.

ABBREVIATIONS: dec = decrease; inc = increase; K = knit; mm = millimeters; P = purl; pm = place marker; rem = remaining; St st = Stockinette stitch (Knit on right side rows; Purl on wrong side rows.); st(s) = stitch (es); tog = together; * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

CHART

Chart rows numbered 34 down to 1 (right side); columns numbered 18 17 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 (bottom).

CHART KEY

☐ = k1 on RS; p1 on WS in MC periwinkle
⊡ = k1 on RS; p1 on WS in CC beach glass

Schematic:

25 (27, 29, 31, 33)"

RIGHT FRONT LEFT FRONT

19 (19½, 20½, 22, 22½)"

9 (9½, 10, 11, 11½)"

10 (10, 10½, 10½, 11)"

9½ (10, 10½, 10½, 11)

8½ (9, 9½, 10, 10½)"

11½ (12, 12½, 12½, 13)"

33 (36, 39, 42, 48½)"