Game Day Knit Sweater

Kids will feel part of the cheering section wearing their favorite team colors as they follow the action. This self-stripping yarn makes it easy to knit one for all the kids in the family.

Directions are for size 2 years. Change for sizes 4, 6, and 8 years are in parentheses

**Finished Chest:** 24 (27, 30, 34)” [61 (69, 76, 86.5) cm]

**Finished Length:** 13½ (15½, 17½, 20½)” [34 (39, 44, 52) cm]

**Notes**

Front and Back are worked separately then joined at the shoulders. Sleeves are worked down from the top.

**BACK**

With smaller needles, cast on 45 (51, 57, 63) sts. Work in stockinette st for 1” (2.5 cm). Change to larger needles. Work even until piece measures 8 (9½, 11, 13½)” [20 (24, 28, 34) cm], allowing hem to roll about ½” [1 cm]. Place markers at each edge for sleeve placement. Work even until piece measures 13½ (15½, 17½, 20½)” [34 (39, 44, 52) cm]. Bind off.

**FRONT**

Work same as for back until piece measures 11½ (13½, 15½, 18½)” [29 (34, 39, 47) cm], ending after a wrong side row.

**Shape Neck**

Knit across 15 (18, 21, 24) sts, join second ball of yarn and bind off center 15 sts, continue across last 15 (18, 21, 24) sts. Working both sides of neck with separate balls of yarn at the same time, bind off 2 sts at each neck edge twice. Work even on 11 (14, 17, 20) sts until piece measures same as back to shoulders. Bind off.

Sew left shoulder seam.

**Neck**

With smaller needles and right side facing, join yarn to right shoulder. Pick up and knit 23 sts across back neck, pick up and knit 8 sts along side front neck, pick up and knit 15 sts across front neck and 8 sts along other side of front neck—54 sts. Work in stockinette st for 1” (2.5 cm). Bind off loosely.

Sew right shoulder seam and neck edging.

**Sleeves**

With larger needles and right side facing, join yarn to sleeve placement marker. Pick up and knit 41 (45, 49, 53) sts across edge to other sleeve marker. Work in stockinette st, decreasing 1 st each end of row every 4th (6th, 6th, 6th) row 7 (7, 9, 11) times—27 (31, 31, 31) sts. Work even in stockinette st until sleeve measures 7 (9, 11, 13)” [18 (23, 28, 33) cm] from top. Change to smaller needles and work in stockinette st for 1” (2.5 cm). Bind off.

**FINISHING**

Sew side and sleeve seams. Weave in ends.

**ABBREVIATIONS**

*k* = knit; *p* = purl; *st(s)* = stitch(es); [*] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

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