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EASY TOP DOWN SWEATER
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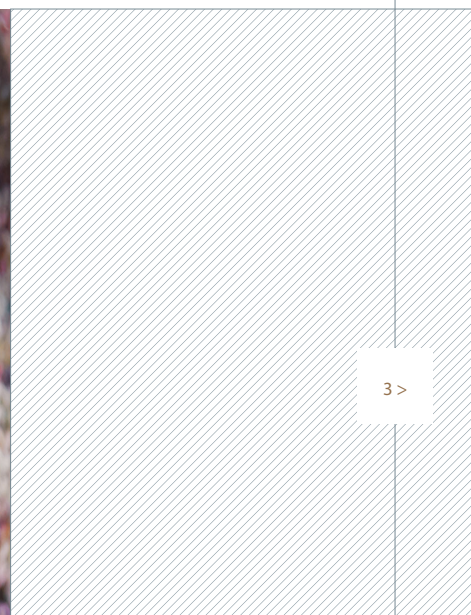
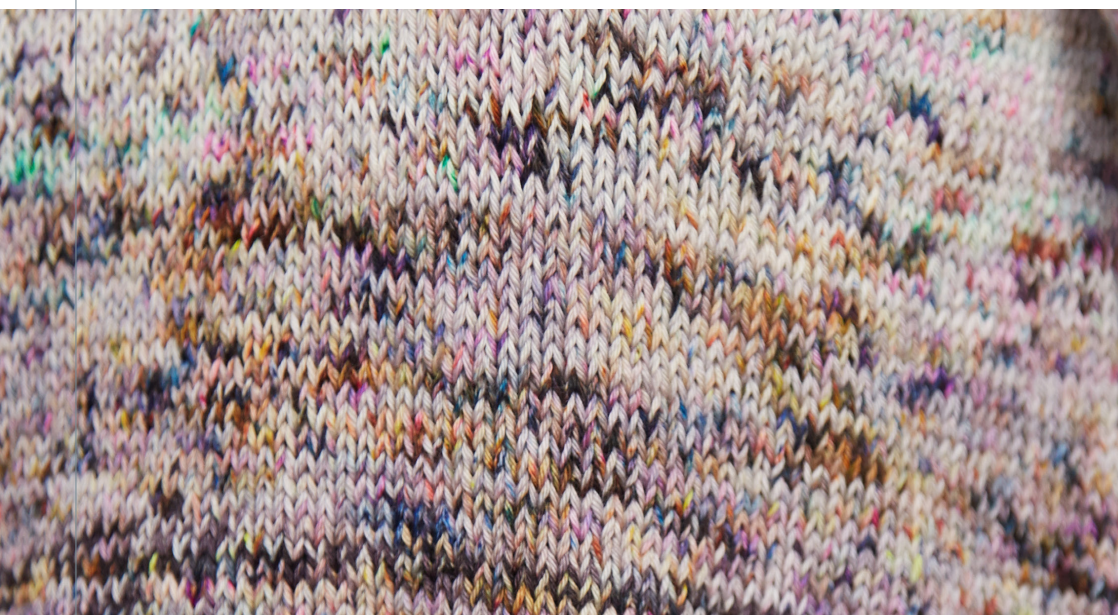


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SIMPLE TOP DOWN STOCKINETTE SWEATER, THAT LET'S YOU GET CREATIVE WITH YOUR YARNS! FIND AN AWESOME COMBINATION OF COLOURS THAT MAKES YOU HAPPY!

THIS IS ACHIEVED BY STARTING WITH TWO STRANDS OF COLOUR A, THEN YOU WILL DROP ONE STRAND OF A AND REPLACE IT WITH ONE STRAND OF B. AFTER THAT, TWO STRANDS OF COLOUR B AND SO ON. THERE IS NO STRIPING WITH THIS TECHNIQUE AND MARLING CREATES A SOFTER TRANSITION.



ABBREVIATIONS

RS - right side

WS - wrong side

k - knit

p - purl

m1R - pick up the bar between the last stitch you knit and the one you're about to knit, bringing the needle from the back to the front. Then knit into the front of this stitch. One stitch increased.

m1L - pick up the bar between the stitch you knit and the one you're about to knit, bringing the needle from front to back. Then knit into the back of the stitch. One stitch increased.

m1P - Pick up horizontal strand between stitch just worked and next stitch from front to back, place on left hand needle, purl this stitch through the back (1 stitch increased).

pm - place marker

CO - cast on

OVERVIEW

YARN	<p>5 [5, 5, 6, 6] [7, 7, 8, 8] - S used 430g/5 skeins (in a fade arrangement) Hedgehog Fibres Sock Yarn 100g/400m, held double throughout project. The colours pictured are: Typewriter, Echo, Juniper, Hawk, Graphite.</p>
NEEDLE	<p>US6 / 4 mm needles, 32" circular needle Same needle and magic loop technique to knit the sleeves in the round, (double pointed needles if preferred) Adjust needle size to obtain correct gauge.</p>
GAUGE	<p>21 sts and 28 rows = 4" / 10 cm in Stockinette stitch, blocked lightly by washing and laying flat to dry</p>
SIZE	<p>Sizes: XS [S, M, L, XL] [2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL] to fit bust 28-30 [32-34, 36-38, 40-42, 44-46] [48-50, 52-54, 56-58, 60-62] To be worn with 2-5" of positive ease. Length: S is 18" but can be adjusted to suit, you would need more yarn though.</p>
TOOLS	<p>Stitch marker, stitch holder or waste yarn</p>
SKILLS REQUIRED	<p>casting on, casting off, picking up stitches, increasing</p>
SHARE	<p>#lepoufsweater We love to see your progress!</p>

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INSTRUCTIONS

The yarn is held double throughout the project.

The fade effect:

This is achieved by starting with two strands of Colour A, then you will drop one strand of A and replace it with one strand of B. After that, two strands of Colour B and so on. There is no striping with this technique and marling creates a softer transition. There are no precise instructions for the fade but you would work them over 5-15 rows depending on the look you want and the size you are making, you just want the colours to flow.

If you are looking to match your sleeves and body you would need to keep approximately 50% of your body skein for this based on EZ's percentage sweater.

Tips on achieving a seamless fade: use speckled or variegated yarns, colour changes with semi-solid yarns will be more obvious. If you want to use a semi-solid skein, it is best placed at the beginning or the end of your fade sequence.

Lots of colours will blend well together using this technique, you don't have to have your skeins arranged light to dark. Pull out your stash and lay out different combinations, don't be afraid to mix different fingering weight yarns.

If you are not sure, get a Fade set or a kit. Hedgehog Fibres sells these on the website (subscribe to the newsletter to get notified!). Alternatively, join one of our Fade clubs. If you have a retailer nearby, they will be happy to help in store too.

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To begin with, don't split your skeins into two, wind centre pull balls and knit from the inside and outside strand of the same ball.

Measurements

Sizes: XS [S, M, L, XL] [2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL]

- to fit bust 28-30 [32-34, 36-38, 40-42, 44-46] [48-50, 52-54, 56-58, 60-62]

To be worn with 2-5" of positive ease. Length: S is 18" but can be adjusted to suit, you would need more yarn though.

Size	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
Bust	34"	38"	41"	45"	48"	54"	58"	61"	64"
Back Width	16.75"	18.25"	19.75"	21.25"	22.75"	25.5"	27"	29"	30"
Arm Circ.	9.5"	11"	12"	13.5"	14.5"	15.5"	17"	18.5"	20"

INSTRUCTIONS

Begin at the top. Cast on 50 [52, 54, 56, 58] [58, 60, 60, 62] sts

Setup row (WS): p1 (front), pm, p4 (sleeve), pm, p40 [42, 44, 46, 48] [48, 50, 50, 52] (back), pm, p4 (sleeve), pm, p1 (front).

Row 1 (RS): k1, m1R, slip marker, k2, m1L, m1R, k2, slip marker, m1L, k to marker, m1R, slip marker, k2, m1L, m1R, k2, slip marker, m1L, k1. 8 sts increased. {58 [60, 62, 64, 66] [66, 68, 68, 70]} sts}

Row 2 (WS): Purl all stitches

Row 3 (RS): (Knit to marker, m1R, slip marker, k2, m1L, knit to 2 sts. before marker, m1R, k2, slip marker, m1L) twice, k to end of row. 8 sts increased. {66 [68, 70, 72, 74] [74, 76, 76, 78]} sts}

Row 4 (WS): Purl all stitches

Repeat rows 3 and 4, 12 [12, 13, 13, 14] [14, 15, 15, 15] more times until you have 32 [32, 34, 34, 36] [36, 38, 38, 38]} sts for each sleeve, 68 [70, 74, 76, 80] [80, 84, 84, 86] sts for the back, and 15 [15, 16, 16, 17] [17, 18, 18, 18] stitches for each front; 162 [164, 174, 176, 186] [186, 196, 196, 198] sts.

Increase For Neck

Row 1 (RS): k1, m1L, (Knit to marker, m1R, slip marker, k2, m1L, knit to 2 sts. before marker, m1R, k2, slip marker, m1L) twice, k to last st, m1R, k1. 10 sts increased. {172 [174, 184, 186, 196] [196, 206, 206, 208]} sts}

Row 2 (WS): Purl all stitches.

Rows 3-8: Repeat Rows 1 and 2, 3 more times. {202 [204, 214, 216, 226] [226, 236, 236, 238]} sts}

Row 9: Repeat Row 1. {212 [214, 224, 226, 236] [236, 246, 246, 248]} sts}

Row 10: p1, m1P, purl to last st, m1P. 2 sts increased. {214 [216, 226, 228, 238] [238, 248, 248, 250]} sts}

Rows 11-14: Repeat Rows 9 and 10, 2 more times. {238 [240, 250, 252, 262] [262, 272, 272, 274]} sts} 10 sts have been increased each side of Neck.

Join in the Round

Rnd 1: (Knit to marker, m1R, slip marker, k2, m1L, knit to 2 sts. before marker, m1R, k2, slip marker, m1L) twice, k to end of row, CO 18 [20, 22, 24, 26] [26, 28, 28, 30] sts for Front Neck, pm and join to work in the rnd. 8 + 18 [20, 22, 24, 26] [26, 28, 28, 30] sts increased. {264 [268, 280, 284, 296] [296, 308, 308, 312]} sts}

Rnd 2: Knit all sts.

Rnd 3: (Knit to marker, m1R, slip marker, k2, m1L, knit to 2 sts. before marker, m1R, k2, slip marker, m1L) twice, k to end of rnd. 8 sts increased.

Rnd 4: Knit all sts.

Repeat Rnds 3 and 4, 0 [3, 5, 8, 10] [5, 7, 12, 14] more times until you have 50 [56, 62, 68, 74] [64, 70, 80, 84] sts for each sleeve, 86 [94, 102, 110, 118] [108, 116, 126, 132] sts each front and back.

For sizes [2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL]

Work increases as follows:

Rnd1: Knit to 1st before marker (front left) m1R, K1, m1R, slip marker (start of sleeve), k2, m1L knit to 2 sts before marker m1R, k2, slip marker (back) m1L, k1, m1L to 1 st before marker m1R, K1, m1R slip marker (start of sleeve), k2, m1L, knit to 2 sts before marker m1R, k2 slip marker (front right), m1L k1 m1L knit to end. This is to add extra stitches to the front and back. 12sts increased

Rnd 2: Knit

INSTRUCTIONS

For sizes [2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL] continued

Repeat these 2 rounds 5 more times

You will have [76, 82, 92, 96] for each sleeve and [132, 140, 150, 156] for front and back.

Divide sleeves from body Next row (RS): *Knit to marker, remove marker, K1 place 48 [54, 60, 66, 72] [74, 80, 90, 94] sleeve sts on a holder leaving 1 st before marker, cast on 2 [4, 4, 6, 6] [8, 10, 8, 10] underarm sts, k1 remove marker, you can place a marker in center of underarm sts to help with sleeves later, rep from * once more, knit to end. 180 [200, 216, 236, 252] [284, 304, 320, 336] body stitches.

Body:

Work even in stockinette stitch until piece measures 9.5" from underarm or desired length.

Continue in k1, p1 rib for 2" or desired length. Bind off loosely in rib.

Sleeves:

Divide remaining yarn into two equal balls, I recommend using a kitchen scale to make both sleeves fades as identical as possible.

Slip held sleeve sts onto a circular needle to work magic loop or dpns. Join yarn, please leave enough of a yarn tail to close any gaps at underarms or you can pick up extra sts and k to close up the holes.

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Sleeves:

With RS facing pick up and knit 1[2, 2, 3, 3] [4, 5, 4, 5] sts along cast on sts, k48 [54, 60, 66, 72] [74, 80, 90, 94] sleeve sts from needle, then pick up and knit 1[2, 2, 3, 3] [4, 5, 4, 5] sts along cast on sts at underarm. Place marker and join for working in the round. You now have 50 [58, 64, 72, 78] [82, 90, 98, 104] sleeve sts. Work even in St st until sleeve length reaches elbow.

Increase round: K1, m1L, k to last stitch, m1R, k1. 2 sts increased. Repeat this increase round every 8 rounds, 8 times more. 68 [76, 82, 90, 96] [100, 108, 116, 122] stitches.

Note: These increases should get you approximately to your wrist bone you can increase more here if necessary if you have the right gauge it is about 9.5" to last increase. If your row gauge is off your sleeve could be too long so please check sleeves after the 7th additional increase check the length and if it is close to the wrist bone just omit the last increase.

Next round: decrease 1/2 of the stitches as follows: K2tog around. 34 [38, 41, 45, 48] [50, 54, 58, 61] stitches. Continue in k1, p1 rib for 2.5" or desired length. Bind off loosely in rib.

Note: in the case of the odd numbered finished sts - p2tog at end of first rib round leaving an even number of sts to complete the rib section.

Repeat for other sleeve.

INSTRUCTIONS

Collar:

With RS facing, starting at right sleeve, pick up and knit 2 sts for every 3 sts across the right sleeve, back, and left sleeve, pick up and knit 2 sts for every 3 rows/sts along front neck edge. PM and join to work in the rnd.

Continue in k1, p1 rib for 3/4" or desired length. Bind off loosely in rib you may need to needle up for this or you can also do the tubular bind off.

Finishing:

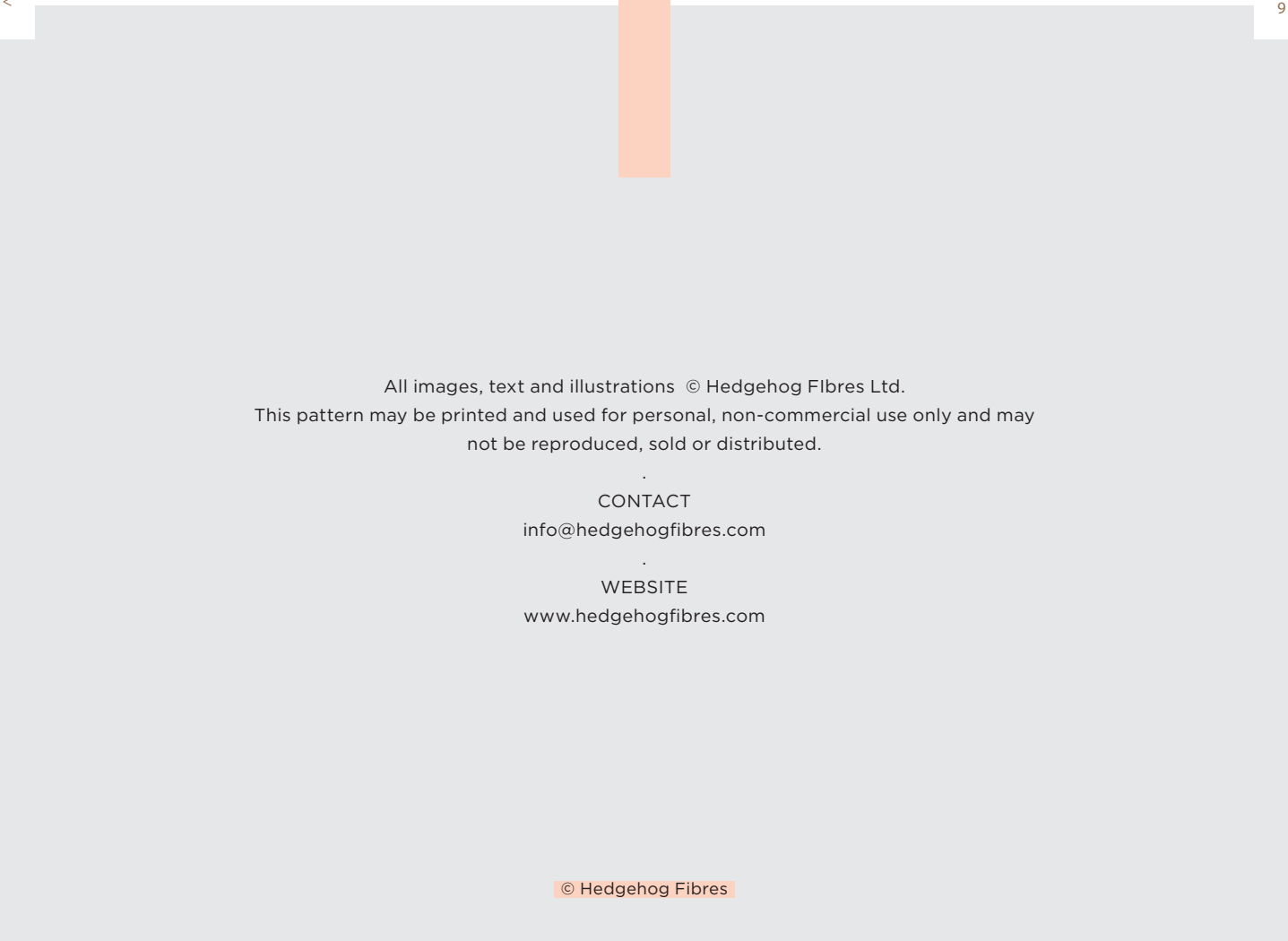
Weave in ends. Block to measurements.

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Care Notes

Whether you are using commercially dyed yarn or lovely hand-dyed skeins, please keep in mind that colours might bleed. None of the examples shown bled, but I always knit up a sample and wash it as you would your finished item to be sure. Please use common sense, reds and crazy pinks tend to bleed the most, any red/white combo is probably not a good idea (we separate laundry, right?). To minimise bleeding, gently soak the swatch and finished item in cold water with a mild detergent or wool wash. The gentler you wash your project the better it will look over time.

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