

Eco Alpaca
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Sizes

Small (Medium, Large, Extra-Large, Extra-Extra-Large). Instructions are for smallest size, with changes for other sizes noted in parentheses as necessary.

Finished Measurements

Chest: 42 (46, 50, 54, 58)"

Total length: 26 (26 ½, 27, 27 ½, 28)"

Materials

- Cascade's *Eco Alpaca*, 8 (8, 9, 10, 11) hanks of #1522
- One pair of sizes 6 and 7 knitting needles or size needed to obtain gauge

Gauge

In Garter Rib Patt with larger needles, 24 sts and 26 rows = 4". To save time, take time to check gauge.

Stitch Patterns

Garter Rib Pattern (*mult 6 + 2 sts*)

Row 1 (RS): *P2, K4. Repeat from * across, ending row with P2.

Row 2: Purl across.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 for patt.

K1 P1 Rib Pattern (*mult 2 sts*)

Row 1 (RS): *K1, P1. Repeat from * across.

Patt Row: As Row 1.

Back

With larger needles, CO 128 (140, 152, 164, 176) sts.

Beg Garter Rib Patt, and work even until piece measures approx 16" from beg, ending after WS row.

Shape Armholes

BO 12 (12, 18, 18, 24) sts at beg of next two rows—104 (116, 116, 128, 128) sts rem.

Cont even until piece measures approx 24 ½ (25, 25 ½, 26, 26 ½)" from beg, ending after WS row.

Shape Neck

Work across first 29 (35, 35, 41, 41) sts, join second ball of yarn and BO middle 46 sts, work to end row.

Work both sides at once with separate balls of yarn and dec 1 st each neck edge once—28 (34, 34, 40, 40) sts rem each side.

Cont even until piece measures approx 25 (25 ½, 26, 26 ½, 27)" from beg, ending after WS row.

Shoulders

BO 10 (11, 11, 13, 13) sts at beg of next four rows, then BO 8 (12, 12, 14, 14) sts at beg of next two rows.

Front

Same as back until piece measures approx 23 (23 ½, 24, 24 ½, 25)" from beg, ending after WS row.

Shape Neck

Work across first 43 (49, 49, 55, 55) sts, join second ball of yarn and BO middle 18 sts, work to end row.

Work both sides at once with separate balls of yarn and BO 6 sts each neck edge once, BO 4 sts each neck edge once, BO 3 sts each neck edge once, then dec 1 st each neck edge every row twice—28 (34, 34, 40, 40) sts rem each side.

Cont even until piece measures same as back to shoulders.

Shape Shoulders

Same as for back.

Sleeves

With larger needles, CO 56 sts.

Beg Garter Rib Patt, and work even until piece measures approx 1 ½" from beg.

Cont patt as established, and inc 1 st each side every other row 0 (0, 7, 15, 24) times, every fourth row 16 (29, 25, 20, 14) times, then every sixth row 10 (0, 0, 0, 0) times, working new sts into patt as they accumulate—108 (114, 120, 126, 132) sts.

Cont even until sleeve measures approx 22 (21, 21 ½, 21, 21)" from beg, ending after WS row.

BO.

Finishing

Sew right shoulder seam.

Neckband

With smaller needles, pick up and knit 86 sts along neck opening.

Beg Rib Patt, and work even until neckband measures approx 1" from beg, ending after WS row.

Next Row: BO in patt.

Set in sleeves.

Sew sleeve and side seams.

