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Mala Pullover

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Sizes

XS (S, M, L, 1X, 2X, 3X)
Finished bust: 31 (35, 39, 43, 47, 52, 55)"
The sample is shown in size S on a model with a 32" bust.

Skill Level

Intermediate

Yarn

Mary Maxim Woodlands (90% acrylic/10% alpaca; 200 yds/100g; worsted/4/medium)
7 (8, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12) skeins shown in Beige Heather

Hook

H/5.0 mm hook (or hook to obtain gauge)

Notions

8 stitch markers (scrap yarn will work)

Notes

This sweater is worked from the top down without seams.

Abbreviations

Ch = chain
St(s) = stitch(es)
Sc = single crochet
Dc = double crochet
Dc2tog = double crochet 2 together
BLO = back loop only
Rs = right side

Gauge (save time and check your gauge!)

15 sts by 11 rows = 4" square
(gauge is measured after blocking)

Gauge Pattern

Ch an odd number.

Row 1: sc in the 2nd ch from hook and every ch across.

Row 2: Ch 2, turn, dc in the 1st st, *skip 1 st, dc in the next, dc in the skipped st (this st will wrap around the previous st) ; repeat from * until 1 st remains, dc in the last st.

Row 3: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Repeat rows 2 and 3 to desired length.

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Instructions

Neck Trim

Ch 6.

Row 1: Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and every ch across. (5)

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, working in the BLO, sc in every st across. (5)

Repeat row 2 until you have, 96 total rows, slip st the first row to the last row.

Yoke

Round 1 (rs): Ch 1, sc in the edge of every row of the neck trim, join with a slip st to the first st. 96

Row 2 (short row): Ch 1 turn sc in the 1st st, (skip 1, dc in the next, dc in the skipped st) 33 times, sc in the next. 68

Place a st marker on the first and last st of this row.

Round 3: Ch 1, turn, *sc in the next 7 (7, 7, 3, 3, 3, 3) sts, 2 sc in the next st; repeat from * around (working in the sts of round 1 and row 2), join with a slip st to the first st. 108 (108, 108, 120, 120, 120, 120)

Round 4: Ch 3 (counts as a dc), turn, dc in the next st to the right (the second st of the last round), skip the first st, dc in the next st, dc in the skipped st, *skip 1 st, dc in the next, dc in the skipped st; repeat from * around, join with a slip st to the 3rd chain of the starting chain. 108 (108, 108, 120, 120, 120, 120)

Round 5: Ch 1, turn, *sc in the next 8 (8, 8, 9, 4, 4, 4) sts, 2 sc in the next st; repeat from * around, join with a slip st to the first st. 120 (120, 120, 132, 144, 144, 144)

Round 6: Repeat round 4. 120 (120, 120, 132, 144, 144, 144)

Round 7: Ch 1, turn, *sc in the next 9 (9, 9, 10, 5, 5, 5) sts, 2 sc in the next st; repeat from * around, join with a slip st to the first st. 132 (132, 132, 144, 168, 168, 168)

Round 8: Repeat round 4. 132 (132, 132, 144, 168, 168, 168)

Round 9: Ch 1, turn, *sc in the next 10 (10, 10, 11, 13, 13, 13) sts, 2 sc in the next st; repeat from * around, join with a slip st to the first st. 144 (144, 144, 156, 180, 180, 180)

Round 10: Repeat round 4. 144 (144, 144, 156, 180, 180, 180)

Round 11: Ch 1, turn, *sc in the next 11 (11, 11, 12, 14, 14, 14) sts, 2 sc in the next st; repeat from * around, join with a slip st to the first st. 156 (156, 156, 168, 192, 192, 192)

Round 12: Repeat round 4. 156 (156, 156, 168, 192, 192, 192)

Continue in this fashion (adding 1 sc between increases for every odd round) until you have 16 (20, 24, 26, 26, 30, 34) total rounds for the yoke. Each odd round will add 12 sts. You will end with 180 (204, 228, 252, 276, 300, 324) sts.

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Round 17: Ch 1 turn, sc in each st around. 180

Round 18: Repeat round 4. 180

Repeat the last 2 rounds until you have 20 total rounds for the yoke.

Fasten off

Divide for the sleeves and body (all sizes)

Set up

Find the 2 front center stitches. Use the 2 st markers at the neck as a guide by folding the yoke in half and lining these 2 markers up. The 2 sts at the front of the fold will be the center front sts. Place 2 stitch markers in these sts.

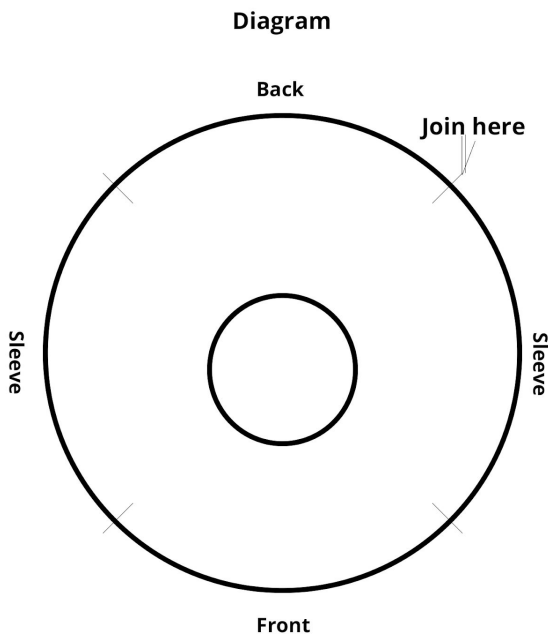
Use these 2 sts to help divide for the body and sleeves. Place 4 markers so you have 52 (60, 68, 76, 82, 92, 98) sts between st markers for each the front and back and 36 (40, 44, 48, 54, 56, 62) sts between st markers for each sleeve.

The 4 sts that have the stitch markers are not included in the st counts for the front/back and

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sleeves (if you add up the numbers you'll see it's 4 sts short of your st count).



Body

With right side facing, join to the marked st in the back right (marked in the diagram). Remove the 2 center front st markers before beginning.

Round 1: Ch 1, sc in the marked st and each st to the next marked st, sc in the marked st, ch 4, skip ALL sts to the next marked st (these sts will be picked up for the sleeves later), sc in the marked st, sc in each st to the next st marker, sc in the marked st, ch 4, skip ALL sts to the next marked st, join with a slip st to the first sc. 116 (132, 148, 164, 176, 196, 208)

Move each st marker up to the corresponding st.

Round 2: Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn, (dc in every st to the next st marker, skip the marked st, dc in the next, dc in the skipped st, *skip the next st, dc in the next st, dc in the skipped st*; repeat from * to* until 1 st remains before the next st marker, skip the next st, dc in the marked st, dc in the skipped st) 2 times, join with a slip st to the

first st. 116 (132, 148, 164, 176, 196, 208)

Move each st marker up to the corresponding st.

Round 3: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, join with a slip st to the first st. 116 (132, 148, 164, 176, 196, 208)

Move each st marker up to the corresponding st.

Repeat rounds 2 and 3 until you have 41 rounds.

Bottom Trim

Ch 11.

Row 1: Sc in the 2nd ch and each ch across, slip st in the 1st 2 sc of the set up row. (10 sc and 2 slip sts)

Row 2: Turn, working in the BLO, sc in each sc of the previous row. (10)

Row 3: Ch 1, turn, working in the BLO, sc in each sc across, slip st in the next 2 sts of the last row of the bottom. (10 sc and 2 slip sts)

Repeat rows 2 and 3 across the bottom of the sweater, join the first row to the last row with a row slip sts.

Fasten off.

Sleeves

With right side facing join to the underside of the first skipped st left behind from the body.

Round 1: Ch 1, sc in each st around, join with a slip st to the first st. 40 (44, 48, 52, 58, 60, 66)

Place a st marker on the 1st and 5th st from the end.

Round 2: Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn, dc in every st to the next st marker, skip the marked st, dc in the next, dc in the skipped st, *skip the next st, dc in the next st, dc in the skipped st*; repeat from * to* until 1 st remains before the next st marker, skip the next st, dc in the marked st, dc in the skipped st, join with a slip st to the first st. 40 (44, 48, 52, 58, 60, 66)

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