

Curves is a new collection of flattering designs for women sizes 16-24.
This patterns should be knitted using
Artesano DK superfine alpaca.
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This warm sweater has a beautiful desinn of seed pods with embroidered outline and stems. The contrast colours are picked up on the collar and cuff detail, giving you an opportunity to team this sweater with your favourite jeans, skirt or trousers. Pick the contrast colours to match your wardrobe for the ultimate designer look.
Sizes:
16[18:20:22:24]
Actual sweater measurements:
(41.5[43.5:45.5:47.5:49.5]ins) Overall Length 60[63:65.5:69:71.5]cm ([24[25:26:27:28]ins)

Figures in square brackets refer to larger sizes; where there is only one set of figures this applies to all sizes.

## Yarn

Artesano Aran (50\% Alpaca/50\% Wool) 100 gm
8[8:9:10:11] skeins in Ash (Shade C969) - Main Colou
1 skein in Sunset (Shade C805) - Con1 skein
1 skein in Midnight (Shade C834) -
1 skein in
1 rast C
Artesano DK Alpaca 50 gm
1 ball of Liquorice (Shade SFN50) for embroidered outline

## Needles

Pair of 5 mm needles.
Pair of 6 mm needles
1 stitch marker or contrasting thread.

Note: Yarn amounts are approximate.

## Tension:

17 sts and 22 rows to 10 cm using 5 mm needles in st st. Use larger or smaller needles if necessary to obtain correct tension.
Abbreviations:
$\mathrm{St}(\mathrm{s})=$ Stitch(es)
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$\mathrm{K}=$ knit
$\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{purl}$
$P=$ purl
$R S=$ right side of garment
RS = right side of garment Dec $1=K$ or $p$ the next two stitches Dec $1=K$
together
Inc $1=$ increase by knitting or purling twice into the next stitch.
Single rib $=* \mathrm{~K} 1, \mathrm{P} 1$ repeat from * to end of row. Always start the next row with opposite stich you finished on. MC = Main Colour
Before you start knitting, wind the skein for Contrast A into two equal balls. Do the same for Contrast B and Contrast C .

Worked in Stocking Stitch throughout Hem
With 5 mm needles and MC cast on 94[98:102:106:110] sts.
K1 row
K1 row
K1 row again (this will form a fold line for the hem.

## Main body

Starting with a K row, work 28 rows st st, decreasing 1 st at each end 86[90:94:98:102] sts) Work 14[16:18:20:22] Next row: Inc 1 st at each end of row. (88[92:96:100:104] sts)
Work 30 rows, increasing 1 st at each end of every 15 th row 92[96:100:104:108] sts)
Work straight until Back measures $37[38.5: 40: 42.5: 44] \mathrm{cm}$, from hem fold line, ending with a $P$ row.

## Armhole Shaping

Cast off 4 sts at the beginning of the next two rows. (84[88:92:96:100] sts)
Work 2 rows, decreasing 1 st at each end of every row (80[84:88:92:96] sts) Work 14[14:16:18:20] rows, decreasing 1 st at each end of every $K$ row (66[70:72:74:76] sts)

Work straight until Back measures 22[23.5:24.5:25.5:26.5] cm from beginning of armhole shaping

## Neck Shaping

## 25[27:27:28:28], cast off

6[16:18:18:20] sts, K25[27:27:28:28].
Vorking on this last set of
25[27:27:28:28] sts, continue as fol-
1 row
Cast off $9[10: 10: 10: 9]$ sts, $K$ to end (16[17:17:18:19] sts)
1 row
Transfer remaining stitches to a stitch holder..
Transfer the first set of 25[27:27:28:28] ts to the other needle (so that you sart the next row with RS facing) and follows
1 row
Cast off $9[10: 10: 10: 9]$ sts, $P$ to end
K 1 row
ransfer remaining stitches to a stitch
holder.
ront
Work as Back from $\square$ to $\square$ while incorporating the Seed pod design from the diagram below locating the start point as
follows: follows:

Row 16[20:24:28:32] from Hem fold line
(Purl) Stitch 77[81:85:89:93] in MC, P1 Contrast A (start of design), resume C and P to end.

Continue working from the diagram using the Intarsia method (one ball of wool for each of the 'Seed Pods' and one ball of MC on either side of each motif). round each other to avid gaps.

Work straight until Front measures 14[15:15.5:16:16.5] cm from start of armhole shaping, ending with a $P$ row. 66[70:72:74:76] sts)

## Neck Shaping

K27[29:30:30:31] sts, place a stitch marker or contrasting thread through the last stitch worked, cast off 12[12:12:14:14] sts, K27[29:30:30:31]. Vorking on this last set of
[29:30:30:31] sts, continue as fol
P 1 row
Next row, cast off 4 sts, K to end (23[25:26:26:27] sts)
1 row
Next row, cast off 3[4:4:3:3] sts, K to end (20[21:22:23:24] sts)
Work 12[12:15:15:15] rows, decreasing 1 st at neck edge on every 3rd row 16[17:17:18:19] sts)
Continue straight until work measures 23.5 cm from start of armhole shaping Transfer sts to a stitch holder.

Resuming on the remaining
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$27[29: 30: 30: 31]$ sts, transfer these from one needle to the other so that you are ready to start the next row with RS facing. Continue as follows:
K 1 row
Next row, cast off 4 sts, $P$ to end 23[25:26:26:27] sts)
1 row
ext row, cast off $3[4: 4: 3: 3]$ sts, P to end (20[21:22:23:24] sts). Work 12[12:15:15:15] rows, decreasing 1 st at neck edge on every 3rd row 16[17:17:18:19] sts)
3 [25:26:27:28] cm from measures $3.5[25: 26: 27: 28] \mathrm{cm}$ from start of rmhole shaping.
Transfer remaining stitches to a stitch holder.

Work both sleeves at the same time to ensure consistency.

## Cuff

With 5 mm needles and Contrast A, cas on 68 [72:72:76:76] sts. With the second ball of Contrast A, cast on a second given for one set of stitches. Work bot sets in the same way

In Contrast A, work 2 rows in double rib (K2, P2 to end)

Change to Contrast B and work 2 rows

Change to MC and work
20[22:24:26:28] rows in double rib

## Main Sleeve

Next row (RS facing), K4[1:6:3:8] *K3, K2tog* to last 4[1:6:3:8] sts, K4[5:6:7:8]. (56[58:60:62:64] sts). Continue in st st, increasing 1 st at each end of every 7 h row 1 there P row P row.
Work straight until sleeve measures
36[38:40:42:44] centimetres from start and st st starts).

## Sleeve Top Shaping

Cast off 5 sts at the beginning of the next two rows. (60[64:68:72:74] sts) Work 6[8:9:10:10] rows, decreasing 1 st at each end of every row (48[48:50:52:54] sts)
Work 2[2:2:4:4] rows, decreasing
1 st at each end of every knit row
Work 9 rows, decreas
end of every 3rd row (40[40:42:42:4 sts)
Work 12 rows, decreasing 1 st at each end of every $K$ row (28[28:30:30:32] sts)
Work 3 rows, decreasing 1 st at each end of every row (22[22:24:24:26 sts) Cast off remaining sts

## Collar

With 5 mm needles and MC cast on 126[132:138:144:150] sts.
Work 8 [8:8:10:10] rows in single rib
Change to 6 mm needles and work further $12[12: 12: 14: 14]$ rows in a rib.
Change to Contrast C and work 2 rows single rib.
Change to Contrast B and work 2 rows single rib.
Change to Contrast A and work 2 rows single rib.
Cast off loosely in rib pattern.

## o make up

Finishing
Sew yarn ends in as invisibly as possible back througty Motifs, threading end back through the areas knitted in that
colour. Note that Alpaca is a slippery yarn. Ensure that ends are well secured.

Using Liquorice DK and a tapestry needle, use chain stitch to create embroidery detail of stems and round the Holowing diagram Use stitches to position embroidery correctly.

## Shoulder Seams

Right Shoulder: With right sides to gether, transfer stitches from the stitch holders to two needles, with the points facing towards the neck edge. With a third needre, knit the first stitch of each needle together. *Knit the next two stitches together, pass the first stitch over the second stitch. Repeat from $*$ to end. Break yarn and pass through the ast stitch to fasten off.
Repeat for Left Shoulder seam.

## Collar

Starting at the stitch marker on the neck edge and working anti-clockwise, pin the collar into place, contrast stripes at the top, so that it goes round the neck edge 5 cm . overlaps the stitch marker by and starting at the stitch marker, slip stitch neatly into place marker, slip side using MC and a on the wrong side using MC and a tapestry needle. Note that you will be stitching through two layers of collar at the point of 2.5 contrasting thread when collar is in place.
Ensuring that ribbing is lying parallel, backstitch through both layers of the collar for a length of 4 cm up from neck edge along the front edge of the overap, as shown in the photograph.
into its armhole and stitch seam. Lightly press seam from the wrong side in accordance with the ball band instructions.

## Side Seams

With RS together, pin and stitch each side seam. Press seam lightly from the inside, avoiding ribbing.
Turn ribbed cuff to right side to achieve correct arm length.

## Main body - Lower Hem

old the lower hem to the wrong side and slip stitch loosely into place

## Chain stitch.

Bring the threaded tapestry needle up through the knitting at the beginning of the stem. Place a 5 mm knitting needle alongside the thread and put the tapestry needle vertically back down the same hole, pulling the thread fully through behind it and trapping the 5 mm knitting needle. Gently remove the knitting needle, leaving a small loop in place. Bring the tapestry needle vertically up throug roord of the loop in the direction wish to embroider. Pull the needle and yarn through until the loop sits against the work, but does not pucker

## Continuing:

ut the tapestry needle horizontally through beside the thread and bring the point up one stitch length away in the direction of embroidery. Pass the embroidery yarn under the needle point and pull the thread through. Repeat his process to create the curves and outlines.

## Finishing off:

To finish off, bring the needle up through the loop then down just in front of the loop, trapping the leading edge都 reverse side


