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This warm sweater has a beautiful design 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: Bust: 106[111:116:121:126]cm (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) 100gm

8[8:9:10:11] skeins in Ash (Shade C969) – Main Colour

1 skein in Sunset (Shade C805) – Contrast A

1 skein in Midnight (Shade C834) – Contrast B

1 skein in Dawn (Shade C024) – Contrast 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.
Artesano recomend Brittany Needles

Note: Yarn amounts are approximate.

#### Tension:

17 sts and 22 rows to 10cm using 5mm needles in st st. Use larger or smaller needles if necessary to obtain correct tension.

#### **Abbreviations:**

St(s) = Stitch(es)

K = knit

P = purl

**Back** 

RS = right side of garment WS = wrong side of garment

Dec 1 = K or p the next two stitches together

Inc 1 = increase by knitting or purling twice into the next stitch.

Single rib = \*K1, P1 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  $\square$ 

#### Hem

With 5mm needles and MC cast on 94[98:102:106:110] sts. K1 row

P1 row

K1 row

K1 row again (this will form a fold line for the hem.

Starting with a K row, work 28 rows

## Main body

of st st, decreasing 1 st at each end of every 7th row, ending with a P row (86[90:94:98:102] sts)
Work 14[16:18:20:22] rows straight
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 15th row (92[96:100:104:108] sts)
Work straight until Back measures 37[38.5:40:42.5:44] 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**

K25[27:27:28:28], cast off 16[16:18:18:20] sts, K25[27:27:28:28]. Working on this last set of 25[27:27:28:28] sts, continue as follows:

P 1 row

Cast off 9[10:10:10:9] sts, K to end (16[17:17:18:19] sts)

P 1 row

Transfer remaining stitches to a stitch holder..

Transfer the first set of 25[27:27:28:28] sts to the other needle (so that you start the next row with RS facing) and continue as follows:

K 1 row

Cast off 9[10:10:10:9] sts, P to end. (16[17:17:18:19] sts)

K 1 row

Transfer remaining stitches to a stitch holder.

## **Front**

Work as Back from  $\square$  to  $\square$  while incorporating the Seed pod design from the diagram below locating the start point as follows:

Row 16[20:24:28:32] from Hem fold line

(Purl) Stitch 77[81:85:89:93] in MC, P1 in Contrast A (start of design), resume MC 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). Where colours change, twist them around each other to avoid 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]. Working on this last set of 27[29:30:30:31] sts, continue as follows:

P 1 row Next row, cast off 4 sts, K to end (23[25:26:26:27] sts) P 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

Continue straight until work measures 23.5 cm from start of armhole shaping. Transfer sts to a stitch holder.

## Resuming on the remaining

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)

K 1 row

Next 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)

Continue straight until work measures 23.5[25:26:27:28] cm from start of armhole shaping.

Transfer remaining stitches to a stitch holder.

#### **Sleeves**

Work both sleeves at the same time to ensure consistency.

#### Cuff

With 5mm needles and Contrast A, cast on 68[72:72:76:76] sts. With the second ball of Contrast A, cast on a second set of 68 sts. Instructions below are given for one set of stitches. Work both 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 in double rib.

Change to Contrast C and work 2 rows in double rib

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 7th row until there are 70[74:78:82:84] sts, ending with a P row.

Work straight until sleeve measures 36[38:40:42:44] centimetres from start of Main Sleeve (i.e. where ribbing ends 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 (46[46:48:48:50] sts) Work 9 rows, decreasing 1 st at each

end of every 3rd row (40[40:42:42:44] 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

Work 3 rows, decreasing 1 st at each end of every row (22[22:24:24:26 sts) Cast off remaining sts.

## Collar

With 5mm needles and MC cast on 126[132:138:144:150] sts.
Work 8[8:8:10:10] rows in single rib.
Change to 6mm needles and work a further 12[12:12:14:14] rows in single 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.

## To make up Finishing

Sew yarn ends in as invisibly as possible on the Honesty Motifs, threading ends 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 Honesty seed motifs, as shown in the following diagram. Use stitches to position embroidery correctly.

#### **Shoulder Seams**

Right Shoulder: With right sides together, transfer stitches from the stitch holders to two needles, with the points facing towards the neck edge. With a third needle, 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 last 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 and then overlaps the stitch marker by 2.5 cm. Butt the collar to the neck edge and starting at the stitch marker, slip stitch neatly into place 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 cm overlap. Remove stitch marker or 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 overlap, as shown in the photograph.

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**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

into its armhole and stitch seam. Lightly

press seam from the wrong side in ac-

## **Main body - Lower Hem**

correct arm length.

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

## Chain stitch.

## Starting off:

Bring the threaded tapestry needle up through the knitting at the beginning of the stem. Place a 5mm 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 5mm knitting needle. Gently remove the knitting needle, leaving a small loop in place. Bring the tapestry needle vertically up through the loop, one knitted stitch length forward of the loop in the direction you wish to embroider. Pull the needle and yarn through until the loop sits against the work, but does not pucker.

## **Continuing:**

Put 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 this 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 of the loop. Finish off neatly on the reverse side.



With RS together, pin each sleeve evenly



