

Super Birthday Sweater



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Awesome chunky top-down raglan with sexy shaping and sheer mohair stripe

Yarn: MC - Brown Sheep Co. *Lamb's Pride Bulky* in "Orange You Glad" 3[5,6] skeins
(125 yds/skein, 85% wool, 15% mohair)

CC - Steadfast Fibers *Marvelous Mohair* in "Sedona" 2[2,2] skeins
(110 yds/2oz, 73% mohair, 13% wool, 13% nylon)

Note: For a size S, only a small fraction of the second skein of Marvelous Mohair is needed. To avoid having to buy the second skein, buy 4 skeins of the LP Bulky, and work another 1-2" of the sleeves in that yarn before switching to the mohair (see sleeves on pg. 3)

Gauge: 3St/4 rows = 1" in St st. on size #11 US needles

Size: women's S[M, L] (30-34"[35-37, 38-40] bust)

Note: Bust is a close fit. Waist comes in 2 inches from bustline, then flares out 2" again at hips.

CO 68[68,68] st in MC, placing a marker after every 17th stitch (4 markers evenly spaced total) and join. K 2 rounds in a K1xP1 ribbing.

Small: Repeat the pattern of rounds within the brackets 10 times:

[R1: K around in stockinette stitch, but M1 one stitch before and one stitch after every marker (8 increases total).

R2 & 3: K around in St st.]

Medium: Repeat the pattern of rounds within the brackets 12 times:

[R1: K around in stockinette stitch, but M1 one stitch before and one stitch after every marker (8 increases total).

R2: K around in St st.]

On next round, K 6 rounds even

Large: Repeat the pattern of rounds within the brackets 14 times:

[R1: K around in stockinette stitch, but M1 one stitch before and one stitch after every marker (8 increases total).

R2: K around in St st.]

On next round, K 2 rounds even.

You should now have 148[164,180] stitches and 32[32,32] rows total.

Choose one of the quarter panels to be the front panel of the sweater. There should be 37 [41,45] stitches in each panel (from center of raglan line to center of next raglan line). Take all the stitches of this panel, plus 4[5,5] on either side of the markers (45[51,55] stitches total) and place them on the #11 needle. Do the same for the 45[51,55] stitches at the back of the sweater. The remaining 29[31,35]stitches on either side of the sweater will later become the sleeves. Place these on stitch holders or scrap yarn.

You should now have 90[102,110] stitches total on your #11 circular needle (or double pointed needles). Pm, join, K45[51,55], pm, K to end of round. Knit in St st until body measures 14" from top of shoulders.

Begin waist shaping:

R1: K2 tog, K to two before next marker, SSK, K to end.

R2: K around

R3: K to next marker, slip marker, K2tog, K to two before end, SSK.

R4: K around

R5: K2 tog, K to two before next marker, SSK, K to end.

Break MC and pick up CC. Knit in St st with CC for 3".

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Hip shaping:

R1: K1, M1, K to one before next marker, M1, K to end.

R2: K around

R3: K to next marker, slip marker, K1, M1, K to one before end, M1, K1.

R4: K around

R5: K1, M1, K to one before next marker, M1, K to end.

Knit MC in St st until sweater body is the desired length.

K 2 rounds in K1xP1 ribbing. BO loosely in pattern.

I recommend knitting BO row with a #15 US needle. This allows for a good amount of slack, so the bottom can stretch. You will want to iron the bottom ribbing flat.

Sleeves (one each side):

Place the 29[31,35] held stitches on the #11 needle. Pick up 4 stitches along the side of the body, where the underarm will be. Join and knit 3 rounds.

Repeat the following pattern throughout the **entire sleeve**:

[R1 - 11: K around

R12: K2 tog, K around]

K 24 rounds St st in MC, then break MC yarn and pick up CC yarn.

K 48 rounds in CC yarn, continuing decrease pattern.

Break CC and pick up MC. Knit 3 rounds St st, then 3 rounds in a K1xP1 ribbing. BO loosely.

Finishing:

Work in any loose ends. Block if necessary. Finished measurements are 30"[34",37"] at bust (unstretched), 19" length for sleeves (cuff to underarm), 11"[12,13] at widest point of arm, and 9"[10,11] at cuff.

