

Colorado

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With Colorado I wanted to create a fun colorful knit. Originally I used this pattern for a Mystery knit-along through Wool-Aid in order to encourage knitters to make a warm but still nice garment for older kids, in this case victims of an earthquake in Tibet.

I decided to make Colorado available as a free pattern.

Enjoy!



It's a top down raglan (no seaming) and slip stitches are used for the color work (no stranding).

Size

12 (14) child / teenager.

30 (34)" finished bust circumference

Material

- approx 700 (850) yards of bulky weight yarn (a main color and up to 4 other colors). I used Brown Sheep, Lambs Pride bulky.*
- Dpn US 10 and US 10.5, Circular needles US 10 and US 10.5, stitchmarkers, waste yarn, needle to sew in ends*

***Gauge:** 3.5 sts and 4.25 rows = 1 inch*



Abbreviations & hints:

RS: Right side
WS: Wrong side
M1: With left needle tip, lift strand in between needles from front to back. Knit the lifted loop through the back to twist the stitch.
CO: Cast on.
BO: Bind off
MC: Main Color
CC: Contrasting color
Pm: Place marker
Kfb: Knit in front and back of the stitch
Increasing row/rnd (inc rnd): Increase before and after each seam stitch. If not mentioned differently use M1 as an increase technique. Unless mentioned differently these rows/rnds are worked with a k st.
M1 purlwise: Lift the running thread between the stitch on the left needle and the stitch on the right, from back to front, so that the left leg of that running thread (the leg attached to that purl st on the left needle) hangs over the front of the left needle. Purl through that front/left loop. That will twist the running thread so you don't end up with an eyelet.
Seam stitch: Stitch sandwiched by stitch markers (you should have 4 seam sts every rnd)
Sl1: Slip one stitch purlwise.

After joining your new round starts after the first marker. (the one with the different color). This means that if you work an increasing round you will end the round with an increase before your first marker.

INSTRUCTIONS

With MC cast on 34 (36, 44) sts with larger needle. (Do not join)

Neck shaping

Row 1: (RS) K1, pm, K1 (seam st), pm, k6 (sleeve sts), pm, k1 (seam st), pm, k16 (18, 22) (back sts), pm, k1 (seam st), pm, k6 (sleeve sts), pm, k1 (seam st), pm, k1.

Row 2: P to end.

Row 3: [K to marker, M1, slm, k1, slm, M1] 4x, k to end. 42 (44 sts)

Row 4: P to end.

For size 12: Repeat rows 3 & 4 1x more (50 sts).

Row 5: Kfb, [k to marker, M1, slm, k1, slm, M1] 4x, k to last st, kfb.

Row 6: P to end.

Repeat row 5 & 6 another 2 (3) x.

Size 12: (9, 1, 16, 1, 26, 1, 16, 1, 9 = 80 sts)

Size 14: (10, 1, 16, 1, 28, 1, 16, 1, 10 sts = 84 sts)

On the next right side row work an increasing row (M1 before and after each seam st).

At the end of this completed row cast on 8 sts.

Join and k to first marker. (This marker will show the beginning of your new round. It helps to make this marker a different color than the other ones.)

Your round sequence will be the following now:

seam st, sleeve, seam st, back, seam st, sleeve, seam st, front 96 (100) sts.

Bodice shaping:

Rnd 1: Increasing rnd in MC
Rnd 2: K in MC
Rnd 3: Inc rnd in MC
Rnd 4: K in MC
Rnd 5: Inc rnd in MC
Rnd 6: K in MC
Rnd 7: Inc rnd **p** all sts (do the M1 purlwise) in MC
Rnd 8: With CC1 (k1, sl1) repeat to the end of the rnd.
Rnd 9: Inc rnd in MC
Rnd 10: K in CC2
Rnd 11: Inc rnd in CC2
Rnd 12: K in CC2
Rnd 13: Inc rnd with CC2
Rnd 14: K in CC3
Rnd 15: Inc rnd in CC3
Rnd 16: With CC1 (k1, sl1) repeat to the end of the rnd.
Rnd 17: Inc rnd in CC3
Rnd 18: K in CC1
Rnd 19: Inc rnd in CC3
Rnd 20: With CC1 (k1, sl1) repeat to the end of the rnd.
Rnd 21: Inc rnd in CC3
Rnd 22: K in CC3
Rnd 23: For size 12 K in CC2, For size 14: Inc rnd with CC2.
Rnd 24: K in CC2
Rnd 25: For size 12 K in CC2, For size 14: Inc rnd with CC2
Rnd 26: K in CC2
Rnd 27: K in MC
Rnd 28: With CC1 (k1, sl1) repeat to the end of the rnd.
Rnd 29: K in MC
Rnd 30: **P** in MC

Continue to k every rnd in MC until you have completed 42 (46) rnds or your garment measures 10 (10.5)".

Slip the sts for each section onto separate pieces of scrap yarn in following sequence:

38 (44) sleeve sts

1 seam st + back sts + 1 seam st = 50 (58) sts

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Sleeves

With larger needle and MC cast on 5 sts, work sleeve sts, cast on 5 sts, pm, and join.

K one round.

Continue to work in st st and decrease 1 sts on each side of the marker in the following way:

K2tog, k to last two stitches, SSK. (decreasing rnd)

For size 12: every 4th rnd 2x, then every 6th rnd 8x.

For size 14 every 5th row 8x

After this work following rnds:

Rnd 1: P in MC
Rnd 2: With CC1 (k1, sl1) repeat to the end of the rnd.
Rnd 3: K in MC

Rnd 4-6: K in CC3
Rnd 7: With CC1 (k1, sl1) repeat to the end of the rnd.
Rnd 8: K in CC3
Rnd 9: K in CC1
Rnd 10: K in CC3
Rnd 11: With CC1 (k1, sl1) repeat to the end of the rnd.
Rnd 12-14: K in CC3
Rnd 15: K in MC
Rnd 16: With CC1 (k1, sl1) repeat to the end of the rnd.
Rnd 17: K in MC
Rnd 18: P in MC

Continue to work in st st using MC until sleeve measures 14".
 In the next round decrease 4 (10)sts evenly distributed.
 Switch to smaller size needles.
 Work a K2 P2 ribbing in MC for 2.5 (3)"
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BODY

Slip front and back body sts + former seam sts on bigger size circular needle.
 100 (116) sts
 With MC cast on 5 sts, work across front 50 (58) sts, cast on 5 sts, pm (to mark side seam), cast on 5 sts, join front and back, work across back 50 (58) sts, cast on 5 sts, pm (beginning of the rnd marker). Join. (120, 136 sts)
 Work even in rnds (k) for 6.5 (7)" measured from underarm.
 After this work following rounds:

Rnd 1: P all sts in MC.
Rnd 2: With CC1 (k1, sl1) repeat to the end of the rnd.
Rnd 3: K in MC
Rnd 4 -7: K in CC2
Rnd 14 & 15: K in CC3
Rnd 16: With CC1 (k1, sl1) repeat to the end of the rnd.
Rnd 17: K in CC3
Rnd 18: K in CC1
Rnd 19: K in CC3
Rnd 20: With CC1 (k1, sl1) repeat to the end of the rnd.
Rnd 21 & 22: K in CC3
Rnd 23 - 26: K in CC2
Rnd 27: K in MC
Rnd 28: With CC1 (k1, sl1) repeat to the end of the rnd.
Rnd 29: K in MC
Rnd 30: P in MC

Then work even (k) in MC until piece measures 11.5 (12)" from underarm.
 In the next round decrease 12 sts evenly distributed. (108, 124 sts)
 Switch to smaller size needles and work in K2 P2 ribbing for 2.5 " Bind off.

Neckband

With smaller needle pick up 58 (60) sts around neck edge in CC2 or color you prefer.
 Work in K2 P2 ribbing for approx. 1.5 (2)" or desired length.
 Bind off loosely. (Use bigger needle if necessary.)
 Graft underarms and sew in ends.