

Work 1 row even.

Next row (RS): K1, ssk, k13 (14, 16, 18), BO 11 (14, 15, 18), k13 (14, 16, 18), k2tog, k1—30 (32, 36, 40) sts.

Joining a new ball of MC to left front, work both sides of neck at once and cont to dec one st at each shoulder edge EOR and, at the same time, BO 1 st from each neck edge EOR until there is 1 st on each side.

Break yarn. Draw tail through rem st to secure.

BACK

Work as for front from ** to **.

Change to MC.

Rep dec row as est 28 (30, 32, 34) times—25 (28, 31, 34) sts.

Next row (WS): P.

BO.

SLEEVES

With CC1 and smaller needles, CO 38 (42, 44, 48) sts.

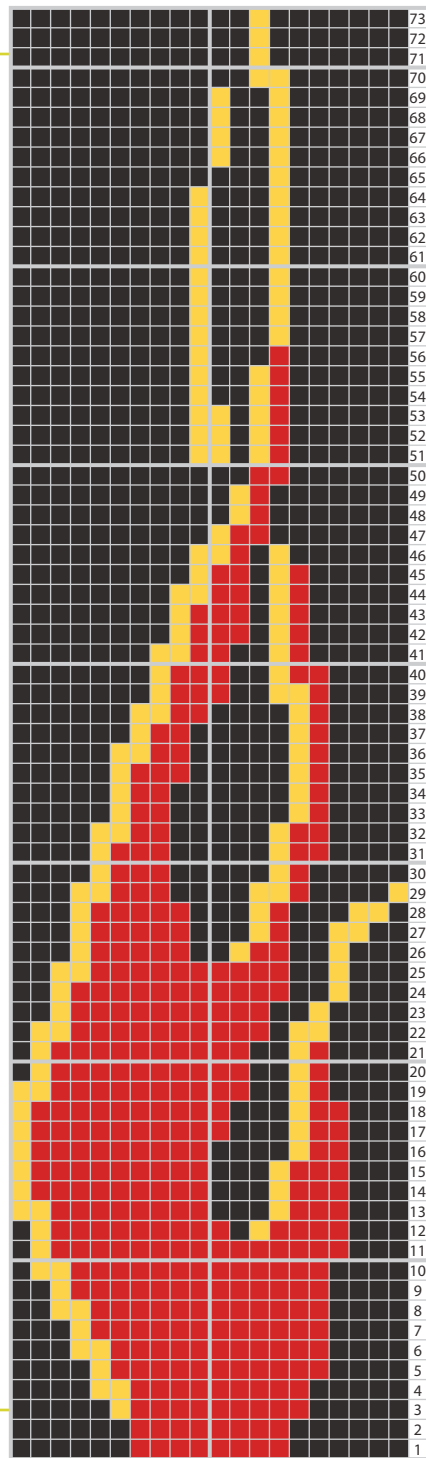
Work 3 rows in garter st.

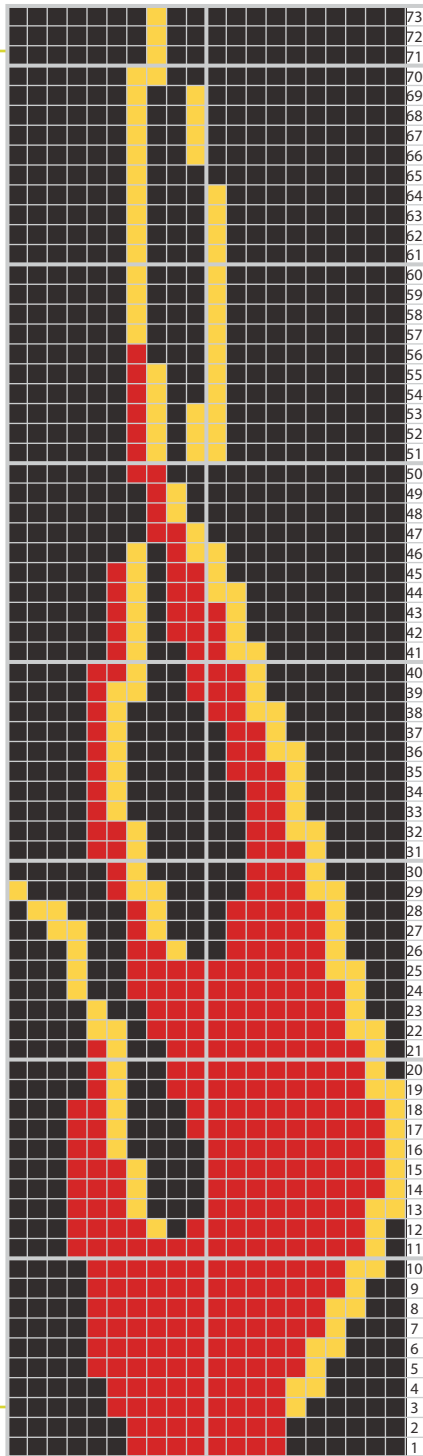
Change to MC and larger needles.

Next row (RS): K1, m1, k8 (10, 11, 13), pm, k20, pm, k8 (10, 11, 13), m1, k1.

MC ■
CC1 ■
CC2 ■

Left Sleeve





Right Sleeve

Working in St st, inc 1 st at each edge of every foll 7th row to 66 (70, 74, 80) sts.

At the same time, when work measures 1" from beg, foll chart between markers, working all CC2 sts in MC. (These will be duplicate-stitched on at end.)

When chart and all incs have been worked, work even until piece measures 17½ (18, 18½, 19)" from beg.

Shape caps:

Next row: K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Next row: P.

Rep these 2 rows 28 (30, 32, 34) times—8 (8, 8, 10) sts.

BO.

FINISHING

Duplicate st CC2 between markers, beg 1" from CO edge on sleeves, following chart.

Matress st both sleeves to front of body and right sleeve to back of body.

COLLAR

With MC and larger needles, pu 68 (76, 80, 88) sts around neckline.

Work in 2 × 2 rib until collar measures 1½" from beg, ending with WS facing.

Change to CC1 and p 1 row.

BO in rib patt.

Matress st left sleeve to back of body and stitch collar edges together.

Matress st side and sleeve seams.

Weave in all ends.

About April

I began knitting three years ago, when I decided I wanted to make my own sweaters. I went to the local crafts store, bought some yarn, needles, and a how-to book, and slowly taught myself to knit. Within a few months, I completed my first sweater, joined the local knitting guild, and began improving my craft. I finally became confident enough to put my first sketches on my knitting Blog, www.knittingiscool.typepad.com/knit_kitty, and the response was very positive. Those sketches eventually became the sweater in this book. I live in Cary, Illinois, with my husband, our three amazing kids, and a very mischievous Labrador retriever.