

Free Pattern for Fair Isle Spring Jumper



Our Spring jumper with medium sleeves is worked with soft mohair yarn, and has hems of cool, mercerized cotton. The Fair Isle pattern is knit to mark the colour transition. The jumper is crafted in the round from bottom to top. Specified sizes are M and L.

You need: Two pairs of **KnitPro** interchangeable, circular knitting needles, sizes 3.5 mm and 4.5 mm, stitch markers, one darning needle, a pair of scissors.

50 g of cotton yarn in creamy white, 20 g in orange, 15 g in soft pink

25g (50g) of fine, brushed mohair yarn (Aran weight, 140 m per 25 g) in ocre, 50 g in soft pink, 50 g in pink, 25 (50 g) in creamy white.

Gauge measures: 17 stitches in width and 22 rows in height in stockinette stitch = 10 x 10 cm.

For the body of the jumper, cast on 188 (196) stitches on circular needle size 3.5 mm with orange in cotton yarn. Knit 1 round. Then work rib with 1knit 1purl for 1 cm, change to creamy white colour and work 2 cm, then to soft pink and knit two rounds, switch to creamy white for another 2 cm. Then switch to brushed mohair yarn and knit one round in knit stitch.

After one round, switch to your 4.5 mm needles and continue to knit 24 rounds in colour 1. Introduce your 2nd colour and knit 12 rounds of Fair Isle pattern below. After that, cut the thread of colour 1, leaving a 10 - 12 cm tail for weaving in. Continue knitting 24 rows in your second colour, then knit according to pattern, introducing your 3rd colour. At the beginning of the 14th round, place one stitch marker at the beginning of the round, and another marker after 94 (98) stitches. After 14 rounds in 3rd colour, lay the work still on your knitting cable, using the end stoppers provided with your **KnitPro** interchangeable needles to prevent the stitches from falling off the cable.

For the sleeves, cast on 76 stitches with cotton on your 3.5 mm needles, using the magic loop technique. Knit 5.5 cm in the same rib stitch and pattern as for the body. Switch to your mohair yarn, starting with your 2nd colour and increase the number of stitches evenly to 84 (88) stitches. To calculate how to increase evenly, use the total number of stitches on round, and divide stitches by the number of increases/decreases to be done. Now, switch to your 4.5 mm, circular

needles and knit 24 (28) rounds, before starting the Fair Isle pattern with colour 3. Knit 14 rounds of colour 3.

Switch to the circular needles of your jumper body and transfer the sleeve stitches to the cable of your jumper body, starting at the stitch marker placed at the beginning of your round. Place one stitch marking the beginning and the end of your sleeve/shoulder. This is where you will later work your decrease.

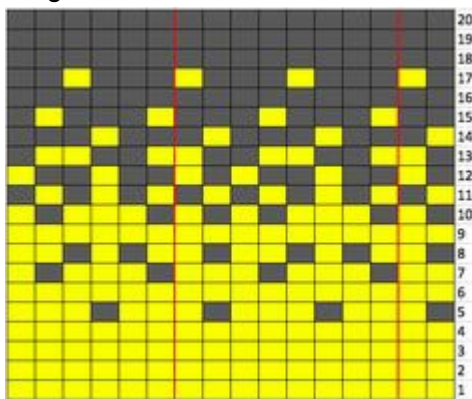
Knit all stitches, until arriving at the 2nd stitch marker, then lay the project still. Now work the 2nd sleeve like the first one, and transfer the stitches onto the needles of the jumper body at the 2nd stitch marker. You should now have a total of 356 (364) stitches on your cable.

For the yoke top of your jumper, knit one round in colour 3. Then start to evenly decrease 8 stitches in every second round for 20 rounds (=276/284 stitches). Then decrease 8 stitches in every round. For the decreases, start 3 stitches before the marker, knit 2 together, knit 2 (marker sits between these 2 stitches), slip 1 stitch as if to knit, knit 1 and pass the slipped stitch over the knitted stitch (2 stitches decreased). Repeat at the other markers.

When you have knitted a total of 36 rounds in your 3rd colour, introduce colour 4 and knit in Fair Isle pattern.

Switch to 3.5 mm needles when you have 116 stitches left on your needles, knit one round in mohair yarn, then switch to cotton yarn and knit four rounds in creamy white, two rounds in soft pink, two rounds in creamy white and two rounds in orange colours. Bind off, and weave the remaining tails in with your darning needle.

Diagram:



Happy Knitting!