



Sweater with diagonal bands

LANA GATTO®

Size: UK 10/12 - US 6/8 - EU 36/38

Skill Level: intermediate

How much yarn: 12 balls (each ball 50g and 200m) of Vip yarn (80% Merino Extrafine Wool and 20% Cashmere) whose 4 balls for each of the following 2 colours: dark rose shade no. 14624 and brown shade no. 19034 and 2 balls burnt shade no. 13737

Needles: Pair of 3.00mm

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

STITCHES

Using needles: P1, K1 rib.

Tubular stitch (for casting on and casting off).

HALF FISHERMAN'S RIB:

(work over an odd number of stitches)

1st row: (WS) K1, * P1, K1; rep from * to end. **2nd row:** P1, * K1b (= knit 1 stitch in the row below: insert needle through centre of st 1 row below next st and knit, slipping st above off needle at same time), P1; rep from * to end. Rep these 2 rows throughout.

INTARSIA HALF FISHERMAN'S RIB: When joining colours, work as follows so the yarns twist together on the back of the work. This prevents holes forming between colour changes. When working on RS, drop the old colour, pick up the new colour yarn from underneath the old and work to the next change. When working on WS, drop the old colour, pick up the new yarn from underneath the old yarn and continue working until the next change.

TENSION

30 sts and 64 rows measure 10cm square over Half Fisherman's Rib with 3.00 mm needles. Take time to check tension before starting work: it is essential to work to the stated tension to achieve success.

INSTRUCTIONS

Back: with brown cast on 145 sts. For border, work 2 rows in tubular st and cont to work in K1, P1 rib until work meas-

ures 4.5cm from beg. Then work in Half Fisherman's rib, placing colours to form diagonal bands as follows: 36 sts with brown, 36 sts with burnt and 73 sts with dark rose. When 4 rows have been worked, move 1 stitch on the left (on following 8th row once, then on next 10th row once) 18 times. When Back measures 55 cm from beg, corresponding to 324 rows from border, cast off all sts, colour on colour.

Front: with brown cast on 145 sts and work border as Back. Then work in Half Fisherman's rib, placing colours to form diagonal bands as follows: 73 sts with dark rose, 36 sts with burnt and 36 sts with brown. When 4 rows have been worked, move 1 stitch on the right (on following 8th row once, then on next 10th row once) 18 times. When Front measures 44.5cm from beg, corresponding to 258 rows from border, shape neck: cast off centre 21 sts and continue separately on either side, casting off 2 sts on neck edge on every alternate row 3 times, then dec 1 st on neck edge every alternate row 10 times. When neck shaping measures 10.5cm corresponding to 66 rows, cast off rem 46 sts on either shoulder, colour on colour.

Right Sleeve: with brown yarn cast on 73 sts and, for cuff, work 2 rows in tubular st and cont to work in K1, P1 rib until work measures 4.5cm from beg. Then work in Half Fisherman's rib, increasing 1 st at each end on next and every 18th row 16 times. There are 105 sts. When sleeve measures 50 cm from beg, corresponding to 290 rows from cuff, cast off all sts.

Left Sleeve: work as Right Sleeve, but with dark rose yarn.

FINISHING

Sew a shoulder seam. **Neck border:** with brown yarn pick up 172 sts around Back-and-Front neck-edge and work 12 rows K1, P1 rib and 4 rows in tubular st. Grafting sts with yarn needle in darning st. Sew other shoulder and neck border seam. Set in sleeves. Sew sleeve and side seams.

