

An aran for Aksel

A seamless hoodie with cables and raglan sleeves.



Size : 18 months (13" from shoulder to bottom)

Materials:

Circular needles US size 10,5 (6,5 mm)

Circular needles US size 9 (5,5 mm) for the ribbed edges

Cable needle (optional - you can also learn to do cables without a needle here :

http://www.knittinghelp.com/apps/flash/video_player/play/11)

Aran/bulky yarn, 450 meters

When doing Turkish cast-on (2 circulars), I always use the needle I am going to be knitting with, and a smaller one, so for this project I used a 4,5 mm circular needle at the beginning.

Stitch marker

2 30" pieces of yarn for holding the sleeve sts.

Gauge:

15 sts and 20 rows = 4 x 4 inches/ 10 x 10 cm

Techniques:

Cables - single (cross every 4 rows) and double (cross every 8 rows) - video link below

Increases (inc) (video link below)

Decreases (dec) (video link below)

Turkish cast-on (<http://fluffyknitterdeb.blogspot.com/2005/10/knitting-made-easier-turkish-cast-on.html>)

Stitch explanations:

k - knit stitch

p - purl stitch

Seed stitch - k1, p1, k1, p1, and on the next row it should be p on top of k and so on :-)

Video at http://www.knittinghelp.com/apps/flash/video_player/play/138/1

C4B - slip 2 sts purlwise onto cable needle and place it behind the work, k next 2, then k2 from cable needle.

C4F - slip 2 sts purlwise onto cable needle and place it in front of work, k next 2, then k2 from cable needle. Cable video at

http://www.knittinghelp.com/apps/flash/video_player/play/10/1

(C4F, C4B) - a double cable, crossed every 8 rows.

p2tog - decrease ; purl 2 sts together

M1F - increase ; from the front, lift loop between stitches with left needle, knit into back of loop . Video at http://www.knittinghelp.com/apps/flash/video_player/play/86/1

M1B - increase ; from the back, lift loop between stitches with left needle, knit into front of loop. Video at http://www.knittinghelp.com/apps/flash/video_player/play/89/1

Instructions:

Using Turkish cast-on or figure-8 cast-on, cast on 84 sts (42 wraps in Turkish cast-on). Be sure to use af slip knot before wrapping the yarn over the needles, as you will be knitting into this knot to create stitch no. 85.



You will now be knitting the hood back and forth, with a seed stitch edging.

Row 1 (RS) : 4 seed sts, (p2, k8, p2, k1) 2 times, p2, k8, p2, knit into slip knot, (p2, k8, p2, k1) 3 more times, p2, 4 seed sts. 85 sts.

Row 2 (WS) : 4 seed sts, follow stitch pattern from previous row, 4 seed sts.

Row 3 : repeat row 1.

Row 4 : repeat row 2.

Row 5 : 4 seed sts, (p2, C4F, C4B, p2, k1) 6 times, p2, 4 seed sts.

Row 6 : 4 seed sts, (k2, p8, k2, p1) 6 times, k2, 4 seed sts.

Row 7 : 4 seed sts, (p2, k8, p2, k1) 6 times, p2, 4 seed sts.

Rows 8, 10 and 12 : repeat row 6.

Rows 9 and 11 : repeat row 7.

Rows 5-12 are repeated until the work measures around 8½" (22 cm), ending with a WS row and double cable pattern as row 10 (two more rows until next C4F-C4B)

Decrease row (RS) : 4 seed sts, p2, (k8, p2tog, k1, p2tog) 5 times, k8, p2, 4 seed sts. 75 sts.

WS : Follow stitch pattern.



Detail : by using the Turkish cast-on method, the hood becomes seamless and the double cables form circles at the top.

You have now completed the hood and will start increases for raglan sleeves. I made 17 rows of increases, the last one with only 4 increases instead of 8 (on the sleeve side). At first you make them on every RS row, and after you have joined to knit the rest in the round, you should continue to do increases on every second round until you have made 17 rows of incs.

Row 1 (RS, inc row no. 1) : 4 seed sts, p2, (k8, p1, M1B, k1, M1F, p1) 2 times, k8, **p2tog**, p1, (k8, p1, M1B, k1, M1F, p1) 2 times, k8, p2, 4 seed sts. 82.

Row 2 (WS) : 4 seed sts, follow stitch pattern from previous row, 4 seed sts.

Row 3 (RS, inc row no. 2) : 4 seed sts, p2, (C4F, C4B, p2, M1B, k1, M1F, p2) 2 times,

C4F, C4B, p2, (C4F, C4B p2, M1B, k1, M1F, p2) 2 times, C4F, C4B, p2, 4 seed sts, 90 sts.

Continue to do 8 increases on each RS row as established in row 1 – meaning 1 inc on either side of the center k st.

On the WS row, the new sts next to the center k st should be worked as follows :

Row 4 : New sts are purled. Otherwise k the k's, p the p' s.

Row 5 : inc row no. 3. 98 sts.

Row 6 : New sts are purled. Otherwise k the k's, p the p' s.

Row 7 : inc row no. 4. 106 sts.

Row 8 : New sts are purled. Otherwise k the k's, p the p' s.

Row 9 : inc row no. 5. 114 sts.

Row 10 : New sts are purled. Otherwise k the k's, p the p' s.

The new sts are now worked as a single cable as follows :

Row 11 (inc row no. 6) : 4 seed sts, p2, (C4F, C4B, p2, C4F, M1B, k1, M1F, C4B, p2) 2 times, C4F, C4B, p2, (C4F, C4B, p2, C4F, M1B, k1, M1F, C4B, p2) 2 times, C4F, C4B, p2 and then join :



Slip the remaining 4 sts (seed sts) onto a double pointed needle or cable needle. Join by holding the dpn behind the left needle and knitting into both sts (from both needles) as shown in the third photo. K4, then place marker and slip at the beginning of each round unless otherwise specified.

The rest of the work is knit in the round. 118 sts now.

Follow the established pattern for the cables, and do a C4F on the center 4 knit sts (the previous seed sts) whenever you cross the cables by the incs. Work the incs as follows :

Rnd 12 : New sts are purled. Otherwise k the k's, p the p' s.

Rnd 13 : inc round no. 7. 126 sts.

Rnd 14 : New sts are purled. Otherwise k the k's, p the p' s.

Rnd 15 : inc round no. 8. Cross single cables. 134 sts.

Rnd 16 : New sts are knit. Otherwise k the k's, p the p' s.

Rnd 17 : inc round no. 9. 142 sts.

Rnd 18 : New sts are knit. Otherwise k the k's, p the p' s.

Rnd 19 : inc round no. 10 .Cross all cables. 150 sts.

Rnd 20 : New sts are knit. Otherwise k the k's, p the p' s.

Rnd 21 : inc round no. 11. 158 sts.

Rnd 22 : New sts are knit. Otherwise k the k's, p the p' s.

Rnd 23 : inc round no. 12. Cross single cables, also the 4 new k sts at increase. 166 sts.

Rnd 24 : New sts are purled. Otherwise k the k's, p the p' s.

Rnd 25 : inc round no. 13. 174 sts.

Rnd 26 : New sts are purled. Otherwise k the k's, p the p' s.

Rnd 27 : Inc round no. 14. Cross all cables. 182 sts.

Rnd 28 : New sts are knit. Otherwise k the k's, p the p' s.

Rnd 29 : Inc round no. 15. 190 sts.

Rnd 30 : New sts are knit. Otherwise k the k's, p the p' s.

Rnd 31 : Inc round no. 16. Cross single cables. 198 sts.

Rnd 32 : New sts are knit. Otherwise k the k's, p the p' s.

Rnd 33 (final inc round) : only increase on the sleeve side of the center k st. 202 sts.

Rnd 34 : New sts are knit. Otherwise k the k's, p the p' s.

Now you are ready to knit the rest of the body. The sleeve sts are slipped onto the 2 30" pieces of yarn.

Rnd 35 : p2, C4F, C4B, (p2, C4F) 2 times, p2, k4, slip 44 sleeve sts onto yarn, join and k4, (p2, C4B) 2 times, (p2, C4F, C4B) 2 times, (p2, C4F) 2 times, p2, k4, slip 44 sleeve sts onto yarn, join and k4, (p2, C4B) 2 times, p2, C4F, C4B, p2, C4F. 114 sts.

Continue the cable pattern as established and add double cables by doing (C4F, C4B) on the 8 knit sts under the holes for sleeves every time you cross the other double cables.

Continue until work measures 11" from shoulder to bottom. Switch to smaller circular needle and do 1"/8 rounds of double ribbing and bind off – you will have to do 2 decreases in order to make it work, or maybe 2 increases if you want. I didn't want to bind off in the center and so did a quarter round more before binding off loosely.

Pick up sleeve stitches using a circular needle or double pointed needles. In order to make the gap as small as



possible I picked up the sts for the left sleeve from the gap, from left to right, and then slipped the last 4 sts from the right needle onto the left. Then the round should begin with k8. Place marker to mark center of round. For the right sleeve I picked up sts from the gap, and then slipped the first 4 sts from the left needle onto the right. The round should then begin with p2. Place marker to mark center of round.

Follow established pattern for cables, adding a double cable on the bottom of the sleeve by doing (C4F, C4B) in the 8 knit sts. Continue until sleeve measures 11" from shoulder to bottom. Switch to smaller circular needle and do 1"/8 rnds of double ribbing and bind off loosely.

Sew in ends and close the underarm gaps, and you are finished :-)

There should be enough room for even the biggest of toddler heads to fit through. The sweater is joined a few inches from the neck, and the cables make the work very stretchy. But if you prefer, you can make it a cardigan by not joining the work in front, and just keep doing the seed stitch edging all the way down, with a few button holes where you think appropriate (note : this pattern was written for knitting in the round, so if you do change it to a cardigan, you will have to change some of the p's to k's and vice versa ;-)). Personally I love sweaters for toddlers, because they spend so much time in playgrounds sitting down in sand boxes, and cardigans tend to open up a bit between buttons. This problem could of course also be solved by using a zipper instead of buttons ;-)

I would like to make this pattern in other sizes some day, but because of the cables it is a lot of work and not likely to be something I have time for soon ;-). But if you want to make this in a smaller size, maybe you could just use a lighter weight yarn and a smaller size needle.

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