

# fair isle sweater

The Fair Isle is a classic British design popularized by the Duke of Windsor. It is both sporty and elegant. This particular pattern was inspired by a vintage dog sweater I bought while traveling abroad. The bright colors shown are a vibrant choice, but you can select muted tones, if you prefer. This is a more complicated pattern than some of the others in the book, and it is suitable for more experienced knitters. Try it if you are ready to expand your abilities.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR FAIR ISLE SWEATER

### BACK

- ▶ Using color 1 (butter-nut) and starting at hem edge, cast on 26 (34, 42) sts.
- ▶ As the repeat of the chart is 4 sts wide, the following instructions apply. All sizes will begin and end with 1 edge st—this st should be knit in the same color as the st next to it. The edge stitches will be sewn into the seams. For size small begin with 1 edge st, work six repeats of chart, and end with 1 edge st. For size medium begin with

1 edge st, work eight repeats of chart, and end with 1 edge st. For size large begin with 1 edge st, work ten repeats of chart, and end with 1 edge st.

- ▶ For sizes small and large begin to follow chart at Row 1. For size small, follow chart one time until piece measures 10" (25 cm); for size large follow chart two times until piece measures 20" (51 cm). For size

medium work six rows in color 1, follow chart one time, then work more rows of color 1 until piece measures 14" (36 cm).



► Following chart, work as follows for 6 rows:

**Row 1 (RS):** \*K2, p2, rep from \* across row, k2.

**Row 2 (WS):** \*P2, k2, rep from \* across row, p2.

► Change to St st and complete color chart as described above for your size.

► Using color 1, work as follows for 1" (3 cm) to form crewneck of sweater:

**Row 1 (RS):** \*K2, p2, rep from \* across row, k2.

**Row 2 (WS):** \*P2, k2, rep from \* across row, p2.

Bind off in rib pattern, leaving a length of yarn to be used to sew together the sweater.

## CHEST

► Using color 1, cast on 18 (22, 26) sts. All sizes will begin and end with 1 edge st—this st should be knit in the same color as the st next to it. The edge stitches will be sewn into the seams. For size small begin with 1 edge st, work four repeats of chart, and end with 1 edge st. For size medium begin with 1 edge st, work five repeats of chart, and end with 1 edge

st. For size large begin with 1 edge st, work six repeats of chart, and end with 1 edge st.

► Following sleeve chart, work as follows for 6 rows:

**Row 1 (RS):** \*K2, p2, rep from \* across row, k2.

**Row 2 (WS):** \*P2, k2, rep from \* across row, p2.

► Change to St st and work through chart the same as for back.

► Using color 1, work as follows for 1" (3 cm) to form crewneck of sweater:

**Row 1 (RS):** \*K2, p2, rep from \* across row, k2.

**Row 2 (WS):** \*P2, k2, rep from \* across row, p2.

Bind off in rib pattern, leaving a length of yarn to be used to sew together the sweater.

## SLEEVES (make two)

► Using color 1, cast on 26 (38, 50) sts. All sizes will begin and end with 1 edge st—this st should be knit in the same color as the st next to it. The edge stitches will be sewn into the seams. For size small begin with 1 edge st, work six repeats of chart, and end with 1 edge st.

For size medium begin with 1 edge st, work nine repeats of chart, and end with 1 edge st. For size large begin with 1 edge st, work twelve repeats of chart, and end with 1 edge st.

► Following sleeve chart, work as follows for 6 rows:

**Row 1 (RS):** \*K2, p2, rep from \* across row, k2.

**Row 2 (WS):** \*P2, k2, rep from \* across row, p2.

► Change to St st and continue to follow chart. For size small follow chart one time. For size medium follow chart one time and work 4 more rows in color 1. For size large follow chart one time and work 8 more rows in color 1.

Bind off, leaving a length of yarn to be used to sew the sleeves to the sweater.

## Finishing

Use length of yarn to sew together the front and back of sweater at the crewneck. Sew front to back beginning at bottom rib, leaving a 4 (6, 8)" (10 [15, 20] cm) opening on each side to form the leg holes (sleeve openings). Sew sleeves to sleeve openings. Weave in loose ends with yarn needle.

## MATERIALS

1 skein bulky weight yarn, Kraemer Yarns Mauch Chunky (100% wool; 3.5 oz [100 g]/120 yds [110 m]) in each of the following colors: 1. butter-nut (gold), 2. pumpkin (orange), 3. raspberry (bright pink), 4. white, 5. kiwi (lime green), 6. walnut (brown), 7. pine nut (dark green), or desired colors

US size 11 (8 mm) straight needles or size to obtain gauge

Yarn needle

Pattern graph (page 120)

## Finished Dimensions

Directions are for sizes small (medium, large).

**Back:** length 10 (14, 20)" (25 [36, 51] cm), 1" (3 cm) crewneck, width 8 (11, 13)" (20 [28, 33] cm)

**Chest:** width 5 (6.5, 8)" (13 [17, 20] cm)

**Circumference:** 13 (17.5, 21)" (33 [44.5, 53] cm)

**Gauge:** 3 sts and 4 rows = 1" (3 cm) in stockinette stitch

4" × 4" (10 × 10 cm) swatch = 12 sts and 16 rows

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