

# peruvian turtleneck sweater

On my trip to Peru several years ago, I saw many beautiful examples of this folk design and was inspired to create my own version. The electric colors are typical of the look. You may even recall that the late Princess Diana was wearing one of these Peruvian designs in a photo widely released upon her engagement (but that was a long time ago, and I'm showing my age by sharing that story with you)!

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PERUVIAN TURTLENECK SWEATER

### BACK

Using color 1, cast on 42 (52, 62) sts. For size medium, work in 2 x 2 rib (k2, p2 every row) for 1" (3 cm). For sizes small and large, work as follows for 1" (3 cm):

**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 charts as follows, maintaining 1 edge stitch in color 1 at the beginning and end of each row.

**Small:** Work two widthwise repeats of Body chart (40 sts) as follows: Rows 1–28, rows 5–26. Work 3 rows Color 4, 1 row Color 5. You have worked 54 pattern rows.

**Medium:** Work 4 two-and-one-half widthwise repeats of Body chart (50 sts) as

follows: Rows 1–28, rows 5–28, rows 5–26. Work 3 rows Color 4, 1 row Color 5. You have worked 78 pattern rows.

**Large:** Work three widthwise repeats of Body chart (60 sts) as follows: Rows 1–28, rows 5–28 three times. Work rows 1–12 of Stripe chart. You have worked 114 pattern rows.

For turtleneck, follow Stripe chart and work in 2 x 2 rib as for beginning for 4" (10 cm). Bind off in rib.

### CHEST

Using color 1 cast on 22 (32, 42) sts. For size medium, work in 2 x 2 rib (k2, p2 every row) for 1" (3 cm). For sizes small and large, work as follows for 1" (3 cm):

**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 charts as follows, maintaining 1 edge stitch in color 1 at the beginning and end of

each row. At the same time, when you have completed 34 (52, 76) pattern rows, decrease 1 st (k2tog) at the beginning and end of every knit row until 2 sts remain. Cut yarn leaving a tail for sewing and pull through last 2 sts to fasten off.

**Small:** Work one repeat of Body chart (20 sts) as follows: Rows 1–28. Work 7 sts color 1, work one-half repeat of Body chart (10 sts) Rows 5–26, work 7 sts color 1. Work 3 rows color 4, 1 row color 5. You have worked 54 pattern rows.

**Medium:** Work one-and-one-half repeats of Body chart (30 sts) as follows: Rows 1–28, rows 5–28. Work 5 sts color 1, one repeat of Body chart (20 sts) rows 5–26, work 5 sts color 1. Work 3 rows color 4, 1 row color 5. You have worked 78 pattern rows.

**Large:** Work two repeats of Body chart (40 sts) as follows: Rows 1–28, rows 5–28 two times. Work 11 sts color 1, one repeat of Body chart (20 sts) Rows 1–28, 11 sts color 1. Work rows 1–12 of Stripe chart. You have worked 114 pattern rows.

### SLEEVES

Using color 1, cast on 28 (36, 44) sts. Work in 2 x 2 rib (k2, p2 every row) for 1" (3 cm).

Change to St st and work Stripe chart rows 1–24.

### Finishing

For back piece, use length of yarn to sew together turtleneck of sweater. Leave yarn connected at bottom edge of turtleneck. Fit point of chest piece under seam at bottom of neck and stitch both sides of the triangle to the adjoining sides of the back of the sweater. Sew the remaining side seams from the bottom up, leaving an opening of 3 (4, 5)" (8 [10, 13] cm) for sleeve holes. Sew sleeves to leg holes. Weave in any loose ends with yarn needle.

### MATERIALS

1 (2, 2) skeins worsted-weight yarn, Mission Falls 1824 Wool (100% superwash wool; 1.75 oz [50 g]/85 yds [78 m] in each of the following colors: 1. earth (brown), 2. sprout (yellow), 3. rhubarb (pink) 4. aster (blue), 5. squash (orange), or desired colors

US size 7 (4.5 mm) straight needles, or size to obtain gauge

Yarn needle

Pattern charts (page 121)

### Finished Dimensions

Directions are for sizes small (medium, large).

**Back:** length 10 (14, 20)" (25 [36, 51] cm). 4" (10 cm) turtleneck, width 9 (12, 14)" (23 [30, 36] cm)

**Chest:** width 5 (7, 9)" (13 [18, 23] cm)

**Circumference:** 14 (18, 22)" (36 [46, 56] cm)

**Gauge:** 4.5 sts and 6 rows = 1" (3 cm) in stockinette stitch

4" x 4" (10 x 10 cm) swatch = 18 sts and 24 rows

