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Seven Things that can “Make or Break” a Sweater™

Homework: With smooth, light colored worsted weight yarn and appropriate needles, knit swatches as follows:

Swatch 1: Cast on 18 sts. Work in k1, p1 ribbing for 2". Place sts on a stitch holder.
Leave some yarn (several yards) attached.

Swatch 2: Cast on 23 sts. Work in st st for 2". Place sts on a st holder. Leave some yarn (several yards) attached.

Swatch 3: Cast on 10 sts. Work in k1, p1 ribbing for 2". Place sts on a stitch holder.
Leave yarn attached.

Required Supplies: Homework swatches, needles and yarn used to make swatches (smooth, light colored worsted weight yarn and appropriate needles), basic knitting accessories.

Superb Seams

Homework:

Required Swatches (6)

You will practice several seams on each swatch. Some of the seams will be pulled out in order to work other seams.

With light colored bulky yarn and appropriate size needles, knit swatches as follows:

Swatches 1 & 2 (make 2 exactly the same): Cast on 10 sts. Work in st st for 4". Bind off.

Swatches 3 & 4 (make 2 exactly the same): Cast on 10 sts. Row 1: k1, (k1, p1) 4 times, k1. Row 2: p1, (k1, p1) 4 times, p1. Repeat these two rows until swatch measures 4". Bind off.

Swatches 5 & 6 (make 2 exactly the same): Cast on 10 sts. Work in st st for 3". Place sts on a stitch holder.

Optional Swatches (6)

Work these swatches in addition to Swatches 1 - 6, if you want to work each seam on different swatches. With these swatches, you will be able to save a sample of each seam.

With light colored bulky yarn and appropriate size needles, knit swatches as follows:

Swatches 7 - 10 (make 4 exactly the same): Cast on 10 sts. Work in st st for 4". Bind off.

Swatch 11: Cast on 9 sts. Work in st st for 5". Bind off.

Swatch 12: Cast on 12 sts. Work in st st for 2". Bind off.

Required Supplies: Homework, swatches, needles and yarn used to make swatches (light colored bulky yarn and appropriate size needles), several yards of a dark colored bulky yarn, basic knitting accessories.

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A Sampling of Stitches

Homework: Using dpn and worsted weight yarn CO 45 sts. Being careful not to twist, join round. Place marker at beginning of round and after every 9th stitch. Purl five rounds. Leave work (with st markers) on needles with several yards of yarn attached.

Required Supplies: Smooth, light colored worsted weight yarn (approximately 2oz. or 50 grams), appropriate size needles, cable needle, homework swatch, basic knitting accessories.

Advanced Finishing

Homework: With smooth, light colored worsted weight yarn and appropriate needles, knit swatches as follows: Swatches 1 & 2 (make 2 exactly the same): Cast on 16 sts. Work in st st for 3 inches. Place stitches on a stitch holder. Swatches 3 & 4 (make 2 exactly the same): Cast on 20 sts. Work in st st for 4 inches. Bind off.

Required Supplies: Homework swatches, yarn and needles used to make swatches, double pointed needles (recommended sizes: one set two sizes smaller than needles used to make swatches, one set four sizes smaller than needles used to make swatches), several yards of yarn in a contrasting color, basic knitting accessories.