

## Sweater #3

Yarn: Vanna's Choice worsted weight 100% acrylic yarn, 170 yards/3.5 oz skein, 10 skeins

Needles: 48 inch circular needles, #6 and #8;  
#8 double point needle (DP)  
six stitch markers

Instructions for men's size Medium (40 – 42 " chest) Large: (44 – 46" chest) in parentheses. The sweater is designed with a great deal of "ease" for a loose fit.

Begin with the sleeves, to learn the pattern and to learn how to bind off and pick back up stitches along the cuff edges

### Sleeve:

#### Pattern A:

Worked over 10 stitches; 4 row repeat

Row 1: P1; sl 2 st to DP needle and hold to back of work, K2; K2 from DP, sl next 2 st to DP needle and hold to front of work, K2; K2 from DP; P1

Row 2: K 1; P 8; K 1

Row 3: P1; K 8; P1

Row 4: K1; P 8; K 1

Pattern will be abbreviated as [PatA R1], [PatA R2] etc. When indicated only as {PatA}, work the next row as appropriate

#### Step 1: Cuff:

Using smaller (#6) needle, cast on 46 (54) stitches. Do not join, but work back and forth

Row 1: (RS = Right Side) [K 2; P 2] x 4 (5); K 2; (PM) P 1; K 8; P 1; (PM) [K2; P2] x 4 (5) K2 ; = 46 (54) Sts

Row 2: (WS = Wrong Side) [ P 2; K 2] x 4 (5); P 2; K 1; P 8; K 1; [P 2; K 2] x 4 (5) P 2

Establish Pattern:

Row 1: [K 2; P 2] x 4 (5); K 2; {PatA R1}; [K 2; P 2] x 4 (5); K 2

Row 2: [P 2; K 2] x 4 (5); P 2; {PatA R2}; [P 2; K 2] x 4 (5): P 2

Row 3: [K 2; P 2] x 5; K 2; {PatA R3}; [K 2; P 2] x 5; K 2

Row 4: [P 2; K 2] x 5; P 2; {PatA R4}; [P 2; K 2] x 5; P 2

This establishes a knit two/purl two ribbing with the pattern on the center ten stitches.

Repeat last 4 Rows two times, for a total of three pattern iterations and a cuff length of about 2 ½ inches.

**Step 2:** Bind off part of the upper cuff edge as follows:

Bind off 16 (20) stitches at beginning of next two rows, continuing to work Pattern A in center (Rows 1 and 2 of Pattern A).

**Step 3:** Reconnect cuff to sleeve:

Change to larger needle (#8)

NOTE: Continue to work Pattern A over center 10 stitches, while increasing the number of stitches in the side panels by a simple yarn over done when working the RS rows between the two knit stitches at each side of the pattern. That is, each RS row increases 2 stitches, one at each edge of the pattern due to the yarn overs.

At the same time, pick up an additional stitch at the end of every row RS and WS by picking up the stitch through the bound off edge of the cuff. Because you will be thus adding two stitches on each side per two rows, when picking up the stitches along the cuff edge, pick up the stitch in every second bound off stitch. Pick up the added stitch in the outer stitch of each pair of knit or purl sections of the ribbing, and pick it up by passing the yarn through the last stitch in the rib pattern rather than through the bound off edging. You will be adding back in the 16 (20) stitches you bound off. This will take 4 (5) pattern repeats. Since you are starting these increases on a Row Three of Pattern A, half way through the repeat, you will end up with 4 ½ (5 ½) pattern repeats by the time you have added back the stitches to each side panel. Because you are knitting every row, you will be working a garter stitch, with the exception that the three stitches adjacent to the center pattern will be purled on the wrong side to create a three stitch band of stockinette stitch separating the center panel from the garter stitch.

It goes like this.

After changing to the larger needles, knit one stitch, Yarn over, Knit one stitch, work Row 3 of Pattern A, Knit one, Yarn Over, Knit one, then pick up one stitch at the edge

by knitting through the bound off edge of the cuff in line with the outer stitch of the purl two pair of stitches in the ribbed cuff.

Turn the work and work the WS by purling three stitches (including the yarn over), work Row 4 of Pattern A, purl three stitches and add a stitch by knitting through the bound off cuff edge.

Continue in this pattern, adding stitches by Yarn Overs on every RS row, and at the edges every row by picking up a stitch at the end of every row, by knitting into the bound off edge, while simultaneously working the 4 rows of Pattern A in the center and purling the adjacent three stitches on each WS row. Continue as established until you have added 16 (20) stitches to each side. There will be 8 (10) attached along the cuff edge on each side and 8 (10) added as yarn overs. You will now have restored the 46 (54) stitches and created a diagonal line, which will also shape a sleeve cap. There should now be a total of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  ( $8\frac{1}{2}$ ) pattern iterations completed. Three in the cuff, and  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ( $5\frac{1}{2}$ ) in the sleeve.

#### **Step 4 - Taper sleeve: Increase sleeve stitches**

Work two rows to complete Row 3 and 4 of Pattern A.

On the RS row, do the yarn overs as above, but do not pick up a stitch at the end of the row.

On the WS row, work even. [46 (54) stitches, 8 (9) patterns completed].

Plan: work the established pattern back and forth adding two stitches each RS row with the Yarn Overs beside the pattern. Because the yarn overs are done every RS row, this adds 4 stitches every 4 rows, but the desired taper should add only two stitches every 4<sup>th</sup> row. To reduce the rate at which stitches are added, decrease two stitches at the end of every 4<sup>th</sup> row by purling two together at both edges.

It looks like this. Starting with 46 (54) stitches.

Row 1: Knit 17 (21) stitches, yarn over, knit 1, {PatA R1}, K1; YO; Knit 17 (21) [48 (56) sts]

Row 2: Work even = K 16 (20); P3; {PatA R2}; P 3; K 16 (20) [48 (56) sts]

Row 3: K 18 (22); YO; K 1; {PatA R3}; K 1; YO; K 18 (22) [50 (58) sts]

Row 4: K2 tog; K 15(19); P 3; {PatA R4}; P 3; K 15 (19) ; K 2 tog [48 (56) sts – net increase of 2]

Repeat these four rows, increasing the number of stitches in the diagonal garter stitch portion of the pattern until the total number of stitches is 60 (72): twenty-five (31) stitches in each side panel + 10 in the pattern panel.

**Step 5:** Work Sleeve to underarm

Work over 60 (72) stitches, continuing the yarn over increases at the edges of the pattern on RS rows, but now purling two stitches together at the outer edges of every WS (purl) row to keep the stitch count even.

Work until the sleeve measures about 19 (20) inches along the outer edge, or the desired length to the underarm.

**Step 6:** Bind off and knit shoulder

Plan: Bind off 21 (27) sts at beginning of next row, then 22 (28) on the next (WS) row, continuing to work Pattern A in the center panel. You will need to bind off an additional stitch on the WS row because you added one additional stitch when working the remaining stitches on the prior RS row .

Shoulder Row 1: Bind off 21 stitches, K 2; YO; K1; [PatA R1] K1; YO; K 22

Shoulder Row 2: Bind off 22 stitches; P 4, {PatA R2}; P 4 (18 Sts remain on needle)

Shoulder row 3: K 3; YO; K 1: [ PatA R3] K 1; YO; K 3 (20 Sts)

Shoulder row 4: P 2 tog; P 3; {PatA R4}; P 3; P 2 tog (18 sts)

Shoulder row 5: K 3; YO; K 1; [ PatA R1] K 1; YO; K3

Shoulder Row 6: P 2 tog; P 3; {PatA R2}; P 3; P 2 tog

Shoulder Row 7: K 3; YO; K 1; [PatA R3] K 1; YO; K 3

Shoulder Row 8: P 2 tog; P 3; [PatA R4]; P 3; P 2 tog (same as row 6)

Repeat rows 5, 6, 7, and 8 until about a total of 38 (42) pattern repeats from start of sleeve, or until the sleeve shoulder piece measures 6 inches in length.

Bind off remaining 18 sts.

Length of sleeve overall: 31 (33) inches

## Body:

### Front:

Using smaller (#6) needles, cast on 100 (112) stitches.

Establish separations as follows:

PM = Place Marker

Row 1: RS: K4 (6); (PM) [P2; K2] x 3 (4); (PM) P1; K 8; P1; (PM) [K2; P2] x 4; K2; (PM) K 12; (PM) [K2; P2] x 4; K2; (PM) P1; K8; P1; PM ; [K2; P2] x 3 (4); (PM) K4 (6); = 100 (112) sts]

Row 2: WS: P4 (6); (M) K2; P2; x3 (4); (M) K1; P8; K1; (M) [P2; K2;] x4; P2; (M) K 12; (M) [P2; K2;] x4 P2; (M) K 1; P 8; K 1; (M) [P2; K2;] x 3 (4); (M) P4;

### Step 1: Establish Pattern

Pattern A – same as above

Pattern B: Worked over 6 rows:

Row 1 (RS): K 12

Row 2 (WS): [YO; K2 tog;] x 3 [K2tog; YO;] x 3

Row 3: K 12

Row 4: same as Row 2

Row 5: K 12

Row 6: K 12

Row 1: K4 (6); (M) [P2; K2;] x 3 (4) (M) Pattern A Row 1 (M) [K2; P2;] x 4; K2; (M) Pattern B Row 1 (M) [K2; P2;] x 4 K2; (M) Pattern A Row 1 (M) [K2; P2;] x 3 (4) (M) K4

Row 2: P4 (6); (M) [K2;P2;] x3 (4) (M) Pattern A (M) [P2; K2;] x 4 K2; (M) Pattern B (M) [P2; K2;] x 4 P2; (M) Pattern A (M) [P2; K2;] x 3 (4); (M) P4 (6);

Repeat these two rows, working the appropriate row of each pattern, until you have worked 12 rows from the start of the patterns. This will be two of pattern B and three of Pattern A

Work one additional RS row in established pattern.

**Step 2:** Bind off upper edges of ribbing, separate work, then reconnect:

Change to larger (8) needle:

Row 1 (WS): P 4 (6); place sts on holder. Bind off 10 (14) stitches; P 2; (M) {Pattern A} (M) P 2; Bind off 16 stitches; Place the 12 stitches of Pattern B on a holder; Bind off 16 stitches; P 2; {Pattern A }; (M) [P2; K2;] x 3(4); (M) P 4(6);

Row 2: (RS) K4 (6); Place the stitches on a holder; Bind off 10 (14) stitches; K1; YO K1 ; {Pattern A }; K1; YO; K1 Pick up one stitch from bound off edge of ribbing (see NOTE above under sleeve); Drop yarn.

Join new ball of yarn to work next group of stitches. K1; YO; K1; (M) {Pattern A} (M) K1; YO; K1 Pick up one stitch from bound off edge of ribbing.

Row 3 (WS) K1; P3; (M) [Pattern A] (M) P3; Pick up one stitch from bound off edge of ribbing. Repeat for the second group of stitches remaining on the needle.

Row 4 (RS) K2; YO; K1 (M) [Pattern A] K1; YO K2; Pick up one stitch. Repeat for second group

Continue working back and forth on both groups of stitches in the pattern as established. When you have added back the 10 (14) bound off stitches in the outer panels, pick up the edge 4 (6) stitches and work them also in pattern. Keep the stitch count constant in each panel at 12 (16) by decreasing one stitch in each WS row (K2 tog) at the outer edge of the panel to counter the increase due to the YO in the right side row.

Similarly, when you have added back the 16 bound off stitches to the inner panels, on the next WS row, work the stitches from the remaining holder and continue working Pattern B over the center 12 stitches. Keep the stitch count constant in the inner panels at 18 in the same manner as above.

In summary:

Once the stitches have all been picked up and you are working on 100 (112) stitches, keep the stitch count even by reducing the number of stitches when working the WS rows in the diagonal part of the pattern by a knit 2 together at each edge opposite the yarn overs done beside pattern A every RS row.

Work in this pattern as established until it measures 17 – 18 (19 – 20) inches along the side, or desired length to underarm. Bind off 2 stitches at beginning of next 4 rows and continue to work in pattern on remaining stitches for an additional 7 inches.

Use 8 short rows over the center part of the piece beginning over the Pattern B center 12 stitches and expanding the short rows one stitch at each side eight times, to partially fill in the center portion of the piece and shape the neck. Then resume

working in pattern across the entire width of the piece for two more rows or until you complete a last row of Pattern A, ending on WR..

Bind off.

## **Back**

Plan:

Work same as front except use 16 short rows to fill in the center section and make the top edge of the sweater even.

## **Finishing**

Assemble the sweater parts.

It will be easiest to assemble by sewing the shoulder seams first, then the side seams for the sleeves, then the side seams for the body and the sleeve seams last.

## **Neck:**

Using smaller circular needle, pick up 128 (136) stitches around bound off neck edges. Work one row of K2 P2 ribbing, then continue in ribbing, decreasing 1 stitch over each of the 4 shoulder seams every row. (4 stitches decreased every round.) Work the decreases until 80 (88) stitches remain, and the ribbing is about 2 ½ inches deep. Work one last row even and bind off.