

# THE COLOR EVOLUTION



# **PLUME SWEATER**

# **SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate**

# **MATERIALS**

Plume by Laines du Nord 4 balls x col. 1 (cream), 1 ball x col. 6 (orange), 1 ball x col. 8 (fuchsia)

Dolly 125 by Laines du Nord 1 ball x col. 2.

Sizes US4/3.5 mm and US8/5 mm circular needles, with 32"/80 cm cable and 16"/40cm cable.

Stitch markers

Darning needle

**Scissors** 

Tape measure

Waste yarn

#### **TENSION**

16sts and 20 rows equals 4"/10cm square in stockinette st using US8/5 mm needles and Plume.

# FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

One size

Width: 35"/90cm Length: 21"/53cm Sleeve Length: 19"/48cm

# **ABBREVIATIONS**

RS = right side of work WS = wrong side of work

SM = stitch marker

b-SM = beginning stitch marker

st/sts = stitch/es

col = color

k = knit

tog = together

rep = repeat

p = purl

M1R (right-leaning increase) = with the left needle, lift the loop between stitches from back to front and knit it through the front loop

M1L (left-leaning increase) = with the left needle, lift the loop between stitches from front to back and knit it through the back loop

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

foll = follow

# **SPECIAL TECHNIQUES**

**3-Needle Bind Off:** For each shoulder, place the stitches of the front and back shoulders on two separate needles, hold them parallel, and use a third needle to bind them off by knitting one stitch from each needle together at the same time.

# NOTE

This oversized garment has a relaxed fit, making it adaptable to multiple sizes. It is worked using the intarsia technique. Work the body of the sweater from the bottom up. After sewing the side seams, pick up and work the sleeves around

the armhole edges. When instructed to place stitches on hold, transfer them onto waste yarn and tie the ends together to prevent losing any stitches.

# **INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **BODY**

4x4 ribbed band (front and back in the round)

Using Dolly 125 yarn and US4/3.5 mm circular needles 32"/80 cm cable, cast on 240 sts, close in the round and place a b-SM, making sure to move it at the end of every round.

Round 1 (RS): \* k4, p4, rep from \* to the b-SM.

Rounds 2 to 25: rep round 1.

Change to US8/5 mm needles and Plume col 1 (cream) and then work as foll:

**Set-up round:** \* k2, [k2tog] 5 times \*, rep. \* to \* 19 more times (until the b-SM). [140 sts rem]

Divide the panel in half: 70 sts for the front and 70 sts for the back.

Work in stockinette st in rows over the first 70 sts, leaving the remaining sts on a holder for the front

#### Back

Row 1 (RS): knit to end. [70 sts] Row 2 (WS): purl to end. [70 sts]

Row 3-4: rep row 1-2.

(**Note:** when working the graph Each square represents 1 stitch horizontally and 1 row vertically)

Working graph patt in stockinette stitch work as follows:

Row 5: K4 in col 1, work row 1 graph patt for 62sts, K4 in col 1.

Row 6: P4 in col 1, work row 2 graph patt for 62sts, P4 in col 1.

Cont as set until the 67 rows of graph patt have been worked.

Row 68 to 80: continue in stockinette st using col 1 only.

**Shape Shoulders** 

**Row 1:** K7sts and slip them onto a st holder, knit to end.

**Row 2:** P7sts and slip them onto st holder, purl to end.

Rep the last 2 rows once more.

**Row 5:** K6sts and slip them on the st holder, knit to end.

**Row 6:** P6sts and slip them onto the st holder, purl to end.

Slip rem 30sts onto a spare needle for neck band.

# Front

Using Plume 01, work on the 70 sts left after the set-up round of the sweater body.

Row 1 (RS): knit to end. [70sts]

Row 2 (WS): purl to end. [70sts]

Row 3-4: rep row 1-2

Work rows 5 to 67 as given for back.

Row 68 to 70: continue in stockinette st using Plume col 1

For neckline shaping, bind off 10 central sts, then work each side separately. On both sides of the neckline, bind off sts every 2 rows as foll: 4 sts, 3 sts, 2 sts, 1 st. Continue working on the remaining 20 sts until 80 rows complete.

Shape shoulder as for back.

#### **COLLAR**

Using Plume 01, join the shoulders with the 3-needle bind off. With the same yarn, and US8/5mm needle needles pick up 72 sts around the neckline, close in the round and place the b-SM.

Change to US4/3.5 needle needles, and Dolly 125 yarn. Knit 1 set-up round working into the back and front of every stitch to double the st count, then continue in 4x4 rib st as foll:

**Round 1:** \* k4, p4 rep from \* to end. [144 sts]

Rounds 2 to 7: rep round 1

Round 8: k4, \*p3, k2tog, k3, rep from\* to end.

**Rounds 9 to 11:** \* k4, p3 rep from \* to end.

Bind off all sts loosely.

Before working the sleeves, on the WS, seam the front and back edges along the sides from row 1 to approx. row 45 of the stockinette st section (front and back). This will leave the armholes open for the sleeves.

# **SLEEVES**

Using US8/5 mm circular needles, (16"/40cm cable) and Plume col 1 yarn, pick up 48 sts around the armhole opening, placing the b-SM at the center of the underarm.

**Rounds 1 to 72:** knit all sts, decreasing 1 st at each side of the b-SM every 12 rounds, 4 times in total.

Change to US4/3.5 mm needles and Dolly 125 yarn, then knit 1 set-up round increasing 24 sts evenly. Continue in 4x4 rib as foll:

**Rounds 1 to 25:** \*k4, p4, rep from \* to end. Bind off all sts loosely.

# **FINISHING**

Weave in all ends. Wet and block.





