

## LBMK Modified Drop Shoulder Sweater Size 22"

<b><u>Tension</u></b>	30 sts = 4" or 10 cm	7.5 sts = 1"
	42 rows = 4" or 10 cm	10.5 rows = 1"
Suggested yarns	4 ply acrylic	King Cole Superwash wool
	3 strands 2/30 acrylic	Yeoman Panama
	2 strands 3/14 cotton	

As a guide these yarns should achieve correct tension between T 6 & T7 but do knit a tension swatch and lightly steam before measuring.

Also test out chosen rib & record tension used.

**Back** Cast on 104 sts in chosen rib and knit 24 rows at rib tension. Transfer rib stitches to main bed.

RC 000 Main Tension knit 74 rows. Cast off 5 stitches at right, knit to left cast off 5 stitches on left. OR put the 5 stitches onto a stitch holder or spare piece of waste yarn at opposite end of needle bed to carriage.

Decrease 1<sup>st</sup> each side fully fashioned 7 times on rows 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88

80sts remain. Mark end stitches with contrast waste yarn on row 90 \*\*

Knit straight to row 136. Set machine to hold and strip off each 1st shoulder on waste and 50st for neck on waste.

**Front** Knit as back to \*\*

Knit straight to base of neck RC 104 carriage on RHS. Set machine to hold put centre 20 sts in hold and 30 sts on LHS to hold. Working with just the 30 sts on RHS put one st in hold at neck edge every row 15 times. (TIP use a claw weight at neck edge to ensure all stitches on RHS knit) 15 sts remain in work. Knit straight to RC 136 and strip these shoulder stitches off on waste.

Keep needles in hold and move carriage to LHS. Reset RC to 104 and put 30 sts on LHS into work position. Shape neck edge as on RHS. Strip off 15 shoulder stitches on waste.

Neck edge. Return remaining 50st to working position and then pick up a total of 10 stitches on each side of neck. Knit 1 row in main yarn and then strip neck edge off on waste yarn.

**Sleeves (Knit 2)** Cast on 50 sts in chosen rib and knit 24 rows. Transfer rib stitches to main bed. RC 000. Change to main tension. Increase sleeve each side fully fashioned every 4<sup>th</sup> row 14 times i.e. rows 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 32, 40, 44, 48, 52, 56, 60, every 5<sup>th</sup> row 6 times i.e. rows 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90.

You will now have 90st knit to RC 94 carriage on RHS. Cast off 5 stitches at right, knit to left cast off 5 stitches on left. **OR** put the 5 stitches onto a stitch holder/safety pin or spare piece of waste yarn at opposite end of bed to carriage. Decrease 1<sup>st</sup> each side fully fashioned on rows 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108 66sts remain. Mark end stitch and centre stitch with contrast waste yarn on row 110. Strip top of sleeve off on waste yarn.

### **Assembling garment**

If you steamed your swatch gently steam the pieces to measurements excluding ribs.

Join right shoulder. Right side facing hang the 14 stitches of right back onto machine. Then hang the 14st of right front shoulder onto these stitches, right sides together (wrong side facing). Gently ease the needles forward so that the back stitches slide behind the latches then ease the needles back so that there is now one stitch on each needle. Knit 1 row at main tension and cast off.

**Rolled Neckband** With wrong side facing hang the 120stitches in waste onto the machine and knit 26 rows at main tension. Cast off loosely. Join left shoulder.

**Ribbed Neckband** Cast on 120 stitches in chosen rib and knit 26 rows at rib tension.. Transfer rib stitches to main bed and knit 1 row at main tension. This is known as the “ridge row”. With wrong side of garment facing, hang the last row knitted in main yarn on the neck edge onto the neckband and knit 1 row at main tension. Cast off loosely.

Join left shoulder. The neckband seam can then be joined and the neck edge turned to the inside where it can be sewn down loosely onto the cast off edge. Take care not to twist the rib by pinning the ribs to match.

**Joining sleeves** Hang the 66sts in main yarn at top of sleeve onto the machine with the right side facing. Then hang the body onto these stitches, wrong side facing, matching markers and taking a whole stitch as the seam. Knit 1 row in main yarn at main tension and cast off.

If you have chosen to put the 5 live stitches at the base of the armhole onto a safety pin/contrast yarn it's now time to hang the matching pairs onto the machine right sides together Knit 1 row at main tension & cast off. You may think it's a bit fiddly but it's neater and probably quicker than trying to sew these together.

Mattress stitch remaining seams. Steam garment if necessary.