

LBMK Modified drop shoulder sweaters general notes

These patterns are designed for using up whatever yarn you have in stock so the weight needed for each size has not been given. As usual start by knitting a tension swatch. Any 4 ply yarn which can achieve a tension of 30 sts & 42 rows = 4" or 10 cm. 4 ply acrylic, Panama, King Cole Superwash wool, 2 strands of 3/14 cotton, or 3 strands of 2/30s acrylic will normally knit to this tension using between T6 & T7 depending on your machine and the yarn used.

What size to knit?

As a guide	20"	22"	24"	26"	28"	30"	4" ease is added to each size
Will suit	1-2	2-3	4-5	5-6	7-8	9-10	years old

Children do vary a lot so the best way is to check the finished measurements shown on the diagrams for each size against a sweater which fits. It is much easier to alter the length of a garment so if in doubt choose the pattern by the finished chest measurement and add or subtract 10 rows per 1" to get the required length.

If you are a knitter who prefers diagrammatic patterns these are included. Just refer to the written pattern for any extra information that you need.

If you don't have a ribber you can do a mock rib or knit a rolled hem the same as the neckband.

I have used the following abbreviations:

Inc	Increase	E5R	Every 5 th row
-1E2R	Decrease every 2 nd row	ff	fully fashioned
LHS	Left hand side	RHS	Right hand side
sts	stitches		

Design Ideas

Regular stripes Plan these before knitting. If the stripes match at the sleeve head and the body marked x you can work the stripes downward toward the ribs. It doesn't show if you start the main body with a different number of rows to the rest of the stripes especially if it is the same colour as the rib. It is possible to carry the yarn not being used up the side of the garment hanging it onto the first needle. I do this every time the carriage is on the RHS. I found it was better to omit stripes after shaping the armhole which makes it easier to knit the neck.

Research Fibonacci stripes. Colour blocking can also be effective.

Try having a row of fair isle pattern on the body e.g. transport, flowers or animals or knit a single motif.

I look forward to seeing your garments.