

Autumn Kimono Style Sweater

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I created this pattern based on a sweater I recently purchased that I found to be ultra flattering and relatively simple in construction. The sleeve's cables kept me from getting bored and helped me to knit the piece so much faster than usual (for me at least). ☺

I am offering this pattern for free since it was a lot of fun to create! Enjoy!

Size

MEDIUM

The pattern is for only my size (38 bust, dress size 8), however, it's easily customizable. The sleeves' construction should work for most sizes, however, for XL or larger, I would probably add a few more inches to the width of the sleeves as well as the body.

Be sure to knit a gauge swatch to make sure your tension will work for the pattern, or if it will need to be adjusted.

Gauge

4" = 20 sts and 28 rows (Stockinette stitch using US size 8 needles)

Materials

US size 6 circular needles (at least 24")

US size 8 needles

US size 9 needles

Stitch markers (I used scrap yarn)

Tapestry needle

1,000 – 1,500 yds Aran/Worsted yarn

(I used 3.5 skeins of Handmaiden Sea Three in Victoria)



Pattern

Begin sleeve 1

With size 8 needles, cast on 102 sts.

Row 1 (rs): sl1, k1, p1 to end.

Row 2 (ws): sl1, p1, k1 to end.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 one time.

Row 5 (rs): sl1, k44, p3, k6, p3, k45.

Row 6 (ws): sl1, p44, k3, p6, k3, p45.

Repeat rows 5 & 6 two more times.

Row 11 (rs): sl1, k44, p3, cb3f, k3, k3 off cable needle, p3, k45.

Row 12 (ws): sl1, p44, k3, p6, k3, p45.

Row 13 (rs): sl1, k44, p3, k6, p3, k45.

Row 14 (ws): sl1, p44, k3, p6, k3, p45.

Repeat rows 13 & 14 three more times (cable every 10 rows).

Repeat cable pattern until piece measures 14" in length.

Begin neck hole

--Side A--

Row 1a (rs): sl1, k44, bo12.

Place remaining 45 sts onto a stitch holder.

Using a new ball of yarn...

Row 2a (ws): sl1, p44.

Row 3a (rs): sl1, k44.

Repeat rows 2a & 3a for 10".

End on a ws row.

Place sts onto a stitch holder.

--Side B--

Return to first set of sts already on a stitch holder.

Using original ball of yarn...

Row 1b (rs): k45.

Row 2b (ws): sl1, p44.

Row 3b (rs): sl1, k44.

Row 4b (ws): sl1, p44.

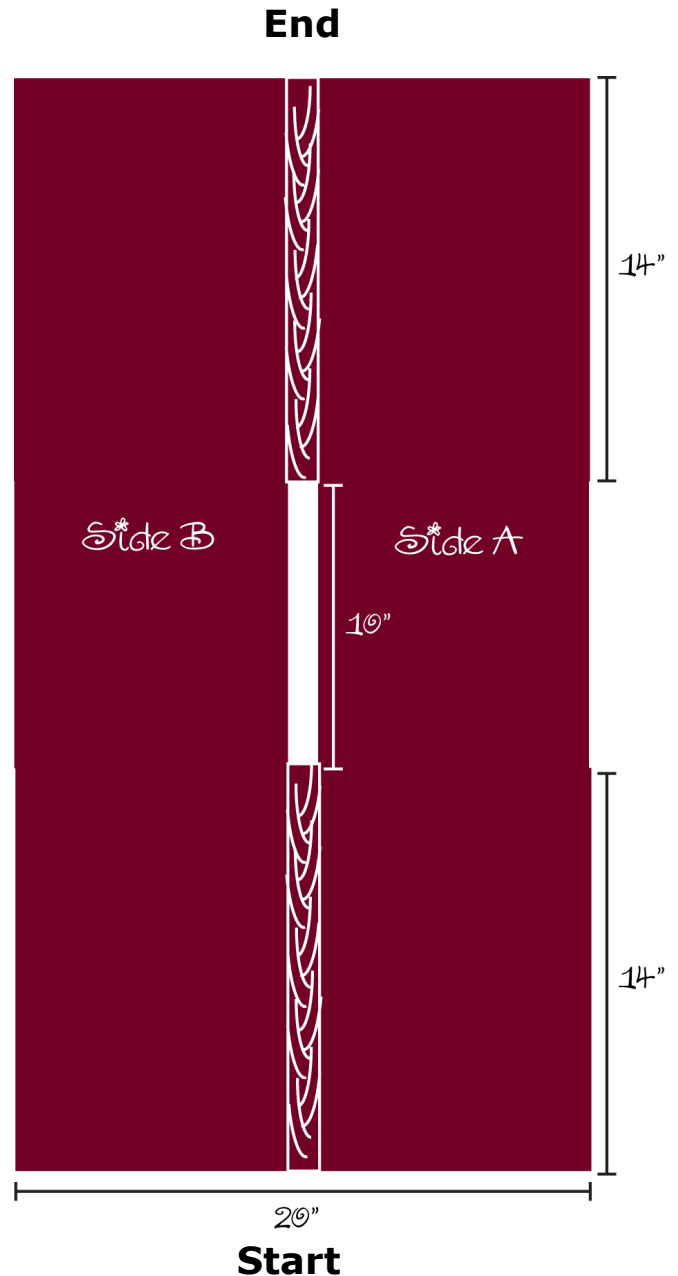
Repeat rows 3b & 4b until piece measures same length as Side A.

End on a ws row.

Rejoin to work sleeve 2

Add live sts from Side A back onto the needle with the live sts from Side B.

Working yarn should be at the end of the Side A row.



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Row 1 (rs): sl1, k44, co12 (see note at bottom), k45.

Row 2 (ws): sl1, p44, k3, p6, k3, p45.

Cut yarn from Side B ball, leaving a long tail for weaving.

Row 3 (rs): sl1, k44, p3, k6, p3, k45.

Row 4 (ws): sl1, p44, k3, p6, k3, p45.

Match the cable pattern on the other side of the neck hole to determine when to begin cabling.

Cable pattern (rs): sl1, k44, p3, cb3f, k3, k3 off cable needle, p3, k45.

Cable pattern (ws): sl1, p44, k3, p6, k3, p45.

Cross every 10 rows.

Repeat cable pattern until 2nd sleeve measures the same length as the other sleeve (minus the 1x1 ribbed rows).

Last 4 Rows

(rs): sl1, k1, p1 to end.

(ws): sl1, p1, k1 to end.

Repeat one time.

Bind off.

Block sleeves to match measurements in the diagram.

Begin body

Fold the blocked sleeves in half along the neck hole so Sides A and B are together.

Switch to size 6 circular needle.

Beginning at the seam under one of the sleeves (11-12" from sleeves' ribbed ends), pick up 138 sts along the bottom of both sides (69 sts per side) using a new ball of yarn.

Round 1: Join sts in the round and work in a 2x2 ribbing - k2, p2.

Continue working in ribbing until body measures 12" (or desired length)

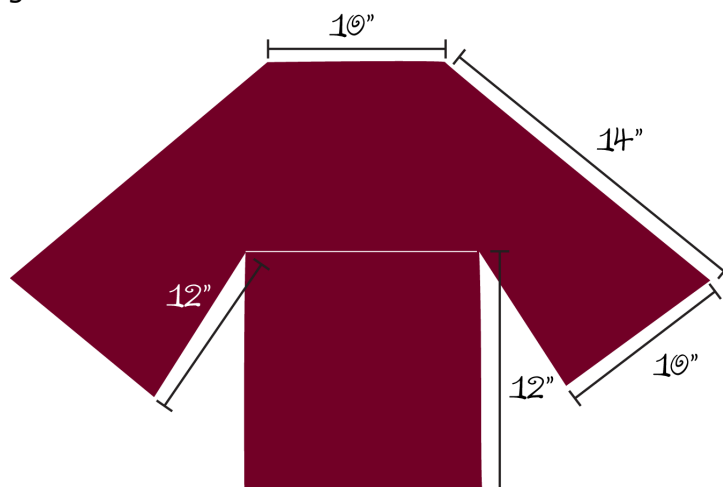
Bind off with size 9 needle using **Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind Off** (Before each knit st, do a reverse yo, k1, pull right two sts over last st. Before each purl st do a regular yo, p1 and pull right two sts over last st. Continue until only one st remains).

Finishing

Sew the inseams of both sleeves.

Weave in all ends.

NOTE: When casting on to work on sleeve 2, use the basic cable cast on method (turn work, pull new st through left two sts and place on left needle)



Construction Notes:

1. The skeins of Sea Three I purchased were 264 yds each. The yd length stored in Ravelry's database is different and lists skeins as 164 yds.
2. If I make this sweater again, I'll most likely use a solid colored yarn as hand-painted yarns will look different in various parts of the sweater based on how that section was knit.
3. The sleeve's current measurements create an empire waistline. If you desire a lower seam, widen the overall width of the sleeves.
4. The body can also be knit separate from the sleeves (and/or flat) and seamed later. I chose to pick up stitches in the round to limit the amount of seaming needed.
5. Widen or narrow the neckline by varying the length of the opening. You can also add a cowl, ribbed collar or any other embellishments.
6. I originally knit my sweater with a body that was 132 sts in the round. This was just a little snug for my taste so I added 6 additional sts to the pattern.
7. Always use a row counter when cabling.

Please let me know your thoughts on this pattern! I'd love your feedback! Also, be sure to share pictures of your finished sweaters with me! ☺