

Windowpane Check

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This classic check is a snap to knit in Elite's LeGran Mohair. Ours was knitted on the SK890 with AG30 intarsia carriage, but any of the other 9-mm machines should match the gauge. We've oversized the silhouette for a one-size-fits-all that really does! Shoulder pads are optional, but will provide a more fitted look if desired.

Yarn

Elite LeGran Mohair: White (7 oz), black (12 oz).

Stitch Size

Intarsia knitted with stitch size 8 or to get gauge. Rib knitted with stitch size 0 or to get gauge.

Intarsia Gauge

3.5 sts/4.8 Rs = 1".

Rib Gauge

5 Rs = 1".

PATTERNING NOTES: Begin by centering one of the large black checks on the bed and then alternate large black (8 st) and small white (3 st) checks on either side for the full width. You won't need to follow a chart because the pattern is knitted with 10 Rs of this color placement, then reverses the color placement for the next 4 Rs. To avoid cutting and restarting the yarns after each (10 or 4 Rs) section, you can simply remove the intarsia carriage from the end of the bed and move it to the other side to begin again. This will keep the yarns running in the right direction so you can just shift them over to the next square. You'll need to add an extra bobbin at one side and carry that yarn up the edge when it is not knitting. The front and back will

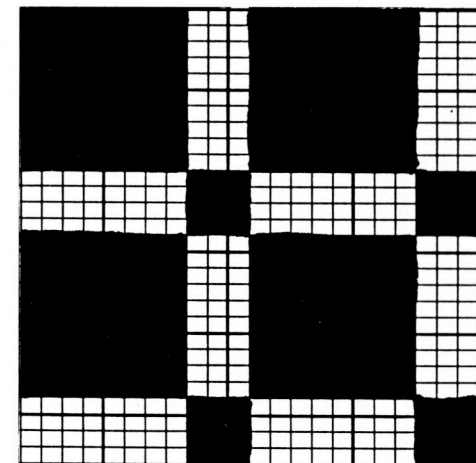
require 9 full repeats of the 14-row pattern sequence; the sleeves will require 5. Try to keep the yarn hairs clear of the needle hooks where colors join so the edges of the squares don't look salt and peppered. Some of this is unavoidable, but brushing the finished sweater will take care of it later.

Back

Cast on for 1 X 1 rib over a width of 78 NDLS and knit 15 Rs with stitch size 0. Transfer all stitches to main bed to knit with intarsia carriage, stitch size 8. Move intarsia carriage across the bed once to align all NDLS in C position and alternate groups of 8 black sts/3 white sts, making sure the center 8 NDLS on the bed are black. Knit the intarsia pattern, tagging the armhole stitches at RC 72. At RC 126, scrap off the stitches in three sections: 25 sts for each shoulder and 28 sts for the back neck.

Front

Knit exactly like the back, beginning neck shaping at RC 112. You can shape both sides of the neck at the

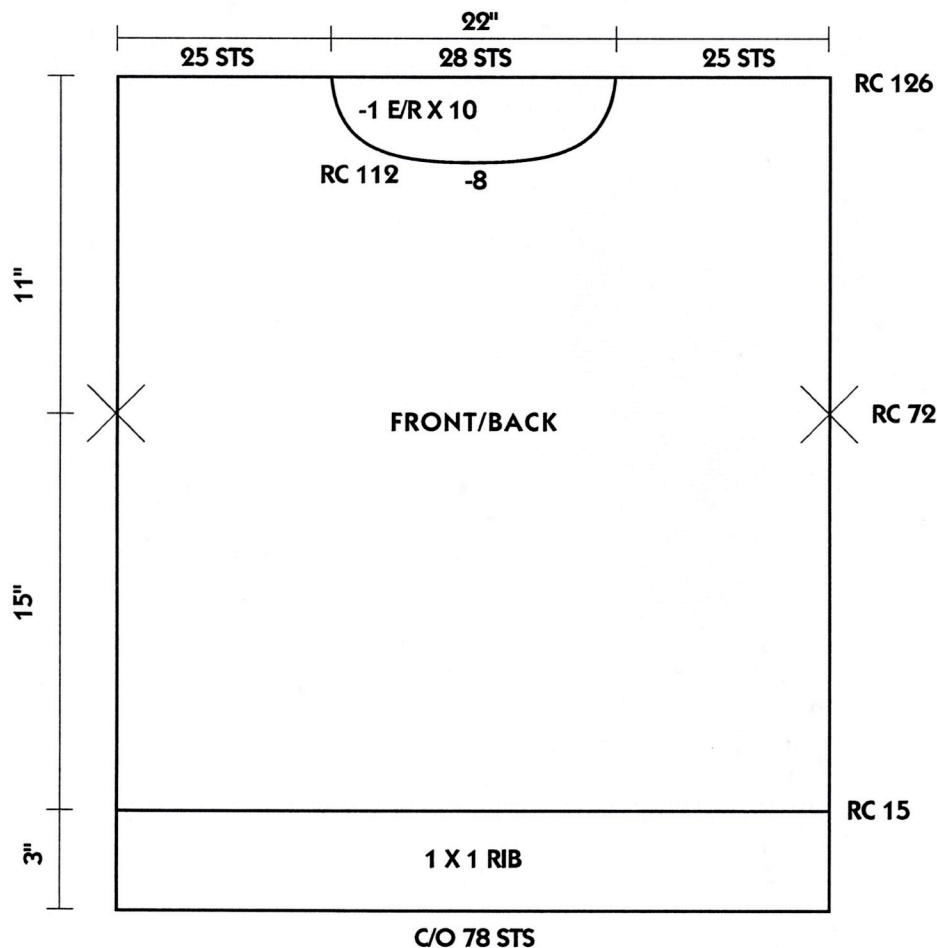


same time when working with an intarsia carriage or, if you prefer, shape each side separately. There are no Russell levers on the intarsia carriage, but it will hold any NDLS placed into D position. Begin by holding the center 8 NDLS and then hold 1 NDL, every row, 10 times on each side of the neck until 28 NDLS are in holding position. Scrap off each of the shoulders. Make stitches along the straight edges of the neckline by picking up and hanging full

stitches. Knit 1 R with black across all neckline stitches and then scrap off.

Sleeves

Knit two alike. Cast on for 1 X 1 rib over a width of 33 NDLS and knit 15 Rs with 8 stitch size 0. Transfer all stitches to main bed to continue in intarsia with stitch size 8. Center the pattern on the bed and then knit 5 full repeats to RC 70, increasing 1 st each side, every 3rd row, 22 times. Scrap off all 77 sts.



Finishing

Join one shoulder seam. With wrong side facing you, pick up the live stitches from the waste yarn and rehang the entire neck edge on the main bed. Hang comb and weights—the roller comb is excellent for this. Transfer every other stitch from the main bed to the ribber bed to knit 1 X 1 rib for turtleneck. With stitch size 1, knit 50 Rs, ending with carriage on right. Put beds into half pitch and bring the empty, alternate NDLS to working position. Knit 1 R. Drop the loops only from the NDLS that were

brought into working position for the last row. Tug gently on the knitting to distribute the slack evenly and then transfer all stitches to the main bed. Do latch tool bind off, inserting the tool into the front of all the knit stitches and into the back of all the purl stitches. This will produce a stretchy knit/purl bind off.

Join second shoulder seam. Join sleeves to body between armhole tags and then sew side and underarm seams. Wash, block, and brush if desired.

