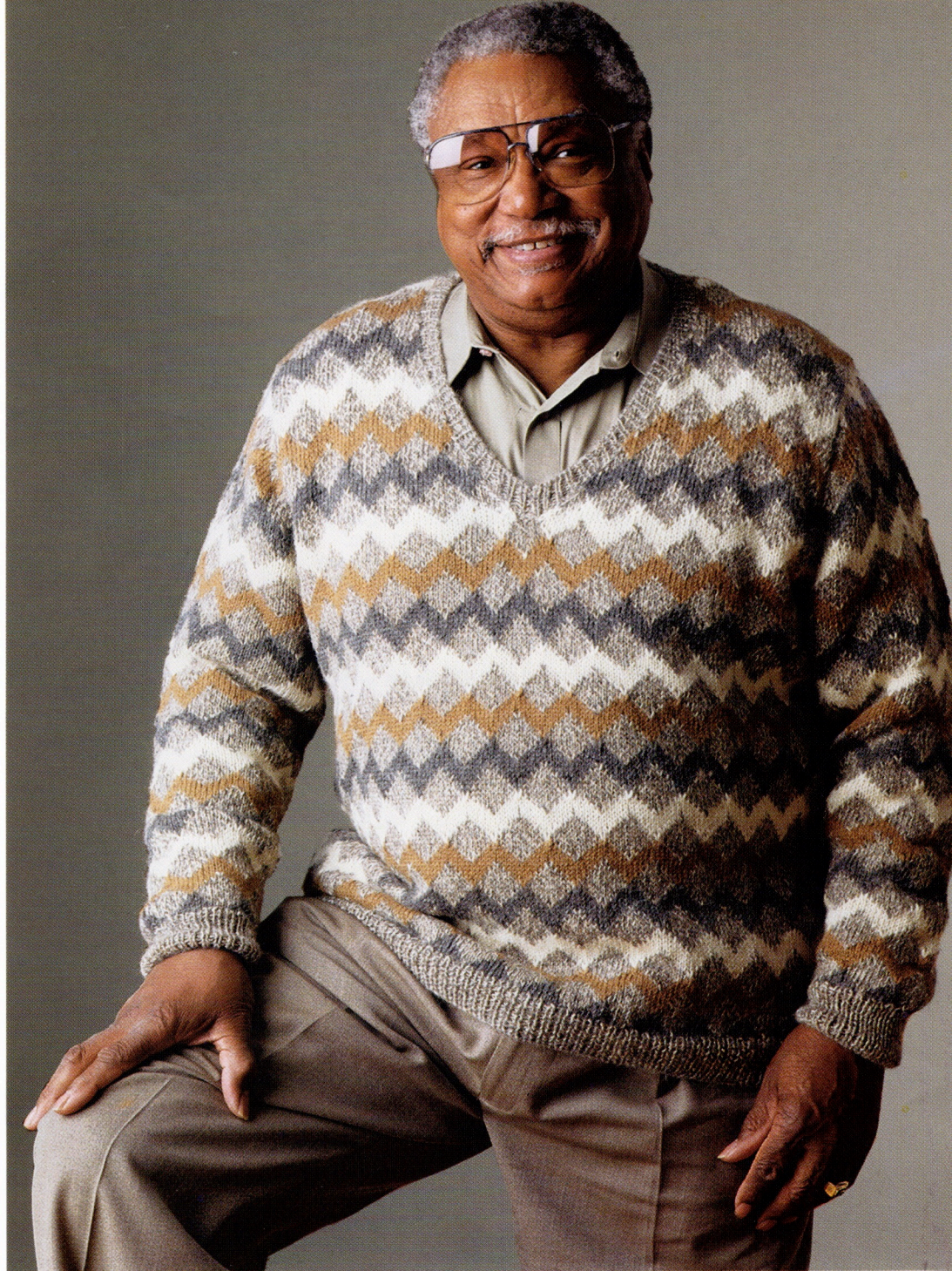


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Alpaca!

Alpaca is a luxuriously soft but rugged, warm yarn to use for men's wear. It was Susan's first choice to knit a special sweater. Tom Banks, our model and owner of the sweater, recently retired from VWS (Studio). We wanted to give him a sweater to remember us by... a sweater to keep him as warm as our wishes for a happy retirement!



Sizing: Men's Small/Medium (Medium/Large) with finished chest measurement 47 (50)" to fit actual chest 42-44 (44-46)".

Stitch Size: 3•• or to match gauge in fairisle; rib SS R/R.

Gauge: 6 STS/6 Rs = 1" in fairisle pat.

Machine: SK-860, 6.5 m mid-gauge electronic.

Accessories: EC-1, SR-860 ribber for bands (could be hand knit). A second auto tension is highly recommended.

Materials: JCA Reynolds "Andean Alpaca Classic 4 Ply" (100% alpaca with 110 yd/50g ball), 9 (11) balls tweed #942 for MC, 3 (3) balls each gray #43 for CC1, tan #23 for CC2, white #10 for CC3.

Pattern Notes: Use MC in feeder #1 and CCs in feeder #2 throughout. Beg with 5 Rs CC1, then use fol sequence for entire sweater: 10 Rs CC2, 10 Rs CC3, 10 Rs CC1. Place N-1 cam at center zero, PCs at edges of K. Use RT #1 and L #2

lights on EC-1. Note: if you turn off the machine to take a break, when you start to K, make sure that the RT #1 light is lit. When you turn off the unit and then turn it back on, it always defaults to the L light.

Knitting Notes: Beg all garment pieces with scrap and ravel and K 1 R MC before beg fairisle pat. After first 5 Rs, CCs K 10 Rs in sequence; do not attempt to carry the unused yarns along from one rep to the next. Instead, cut the last CC and catch the tail with a clothespin/clip (for weight) and hang one from the end of the new CC as well. Before K the first R of the next rep, bring the end NDL to HP and lay the old end over it. As you K the R, the end will be K with the ST. Wrap the same end NDL for 5 Rs, then cont wrapping the end NDL with the beg end of the current CC. In this way, every end is wrapped for five Rs and can be clipped close later on. It is much faster than working all the ends in by hand and quite secure because the edge ST will be caught in the seam. Beg front and back

pieces on R 1 of pat card, K 5 Rs CC1 then cont with 10 R color sequence. Beg sleeves with R 15 of pat card and 10 Rs CC3; all garment pieces are rehung and reduced to K rib bands.

Knitting Directions

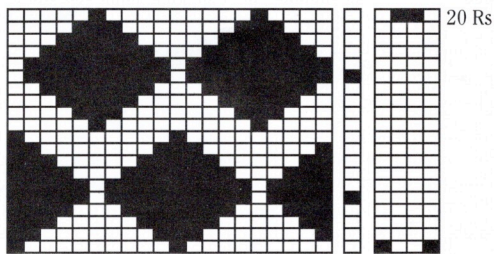
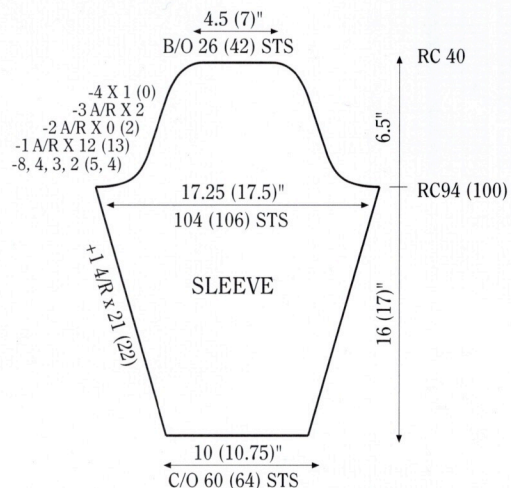
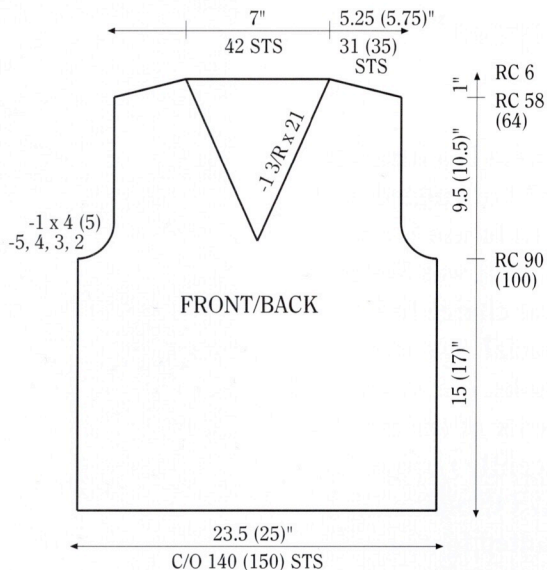
Back: With scrap and ravel C/O 140 (150) STS and K some Rs. K 1 R MC then cont in fairisle pat to RC 90 (100), RC 000. Shape armhole by B/O each side, A/R 5, 4, 3, 2 STS. Then B/O 1 ST each side 4 (5) times. 104 (112) STS rem. Cont to RC 58 (64). Set Russel levers (I) (I). On side opp carr hold 8 (9) STS 6 times, then 7 (8) STS twice. S/O rem 42 back neck STS then S/O each set of 31 (35) shoulder STS.

Front: K same as for back to armhole. Note R of design card. Hold the L half of the K by removing 70 (75) L STS on GB; slip eyes of GB over sinker posts and push down until it rests against the edge of the bed. Carr will slide right over the GB and the STS will not be stretched or abraded. Or, hold design card and S/O the L STS. Move opp PC even with N-1 cam. Shape one armhole as for back and *at the same time* shape V neckline by ff B/O 1 ST every 3 Rs 21 times. Shape and S/O shoulder. Return design card to noted R, reset RC 90 (100), reposition PC's and return STS from GB to same NDLS as before. Rep for second side.

Sleeves: With scrap and ravel C/O 60 (64) STS and K some Rs. K 1 R MC then cont in fairisle pat, inc 1 ST every 4 Rs 21 (22) times. At RC 94 (100) shape sleeve cap by B/O 8, 4, 3, 2 (5, 4) STS on EOR. Then dec 1 ST each side EOR 12 (13) times. Make 2 step ff decs as fol: move 4th ST from edge onto 3rd NDL, then move all 3 STS B/O 2 STS 0 (2) times, 3 STS twice, 4 STS 1 (0) times. B/O rem 26 (42) STS.

Finishing Directions

Block garment pieces to size before K rib bands. With wrong side facing you, fold back scrap and rehang lower edges on the machine, reducing 10% by doubling STS evenly across the width as fol: Hang back/front over 126 (136) NDLS each and sleeves over 54 (58) NDLS. K 14 Rs rib with SS R/R and B/O loosely or S/O and B/O by hand as shown in "The Guide to Knitting Techniques". Join one shoulder seam. Knit neck band: With scrap and ravel C/O 127 STS and K some Rs. K 1 R with MC and tr EOS to RB for 1 X1 rib. K 8 Rs rib. B/O or S/O to B/O by hand. Fold back waste and join neck band to garment, overlapping ends at center front. Join second shoulder. Sew side seams and sleeve seams. Set sleeves into armholes. Steam lightly.



Buzzer column is marked every 10 Rs to signal color changes.