

#### SIZES

X-Small (Small, Medium, Large,  
1X-Large, 2X-Large, 3X-Large)

#### FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

29 (33½, 36¼, 42¼, 46½, 49½,  
53¾)" chest

#### YARN

Elsebeth Lavold Silky Wool  
(65% wool / 35% silk; 192 yards /  
50 grams): 4 (4, 5, 6, 7, 7, 8)  
hanks #17 sandstone

#### NEEDLES

One 29" (74 cm) long or longer  
circular (circ) needle size US 6  
(4 mm)

One 29" (74 cm) long circ needle  
size US 4 (3.5 mm)

One or two 24" (60 cm) long or  
longer circ needles or one set of  
five double-pointed needles (dpn)  
size US 6 (4 mm), as preferred,  
for Sleeves

One or two 24" (60 cm) long or  
longer circ needles or one set of  
five dpn size US 4 (3.5 mm), as  
preferred, for Sleeves

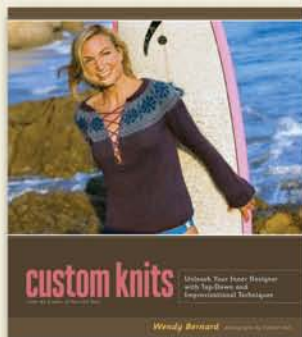
Change needle size if necessary  
to obtain correct gauge.

#### NOTIONS

Waste yarn; stitch markers in 3  
colors; removable stitch marker;  
five ¼" buttons

#### GAUGE

22 sts and 28 rows = 4" (10 cm)  
in 2x2 Rib, slightly stretched,  
using larger needles



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## SLINKY RIBS

One of the things that has always bothered me about hand-knit ribbed sweaters—particularly ones that are knit in pieces—is that it's just about impossible for me to make the ribs fit into the armhole correctly. Honestly, I think you have to be an expert knitter and seamstress, and maybe even some kind of a magician, if you want to end up with a sweater that can be worn out of doors without drawing a few curious stares. But I tell you, the clouds parted and the angels sang for me when I learned how to work a top-down seamless sleeve. When worked this way, the lines of a ribbed sleeve flow effortlessly off of the shoulder and out of the armhole, yielding very professional-looking results.

#### PATTERN FEATURES

Top-down set-in sleeve construction, body and sleeves worked in the round, provisional cast-on, short-row shaping



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## STITCH PATTERN

### 2×2 Rib

(multiple of 4 sts; 1-row repeat)

Row 1 (RS): \*K2, p2; repeat from \* to end, end k2 if necessary.

Row 2: Knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts as they face you.

Repeat Row 2 for 2×2 Rib.

## BACK

*Note: After the initial Provisional CO, use Backward Loop CO for any other COs in this pattern (see Special Techniques, page 162). When increasing or casting on sts, work increased sts in st pattern. Using larger 29" long circ needle, waste yarn and Provisional CO, CO 70 (78, 86, 86, 94, 94, 94) sts. (RS) Change to working yarn, begin 2×2 Rib. Work even until piece measures 6 (6, 6 ¼, 6 ¾, 6 ¾, 7, 7 ½)" from the beginning, ending with a WS row. Place removable marker on first row to indicate RS.*

**Shape Armholes (RS):** Increase 1 st each side this row, then every other row 1 (1, 2, 2, 2, 2) time(s), as follows: K1-f/b, work to last st, k1-f/b—74 (82, 92, 92, 100, 100, 100) sts. Work even for 1 row.

**Next Row (RS):** CO 1 (2, 2, 4, 4, 6, 8) sts, work to end, CO 1 (2, 2, 4, 4, 6, 8) sts—76 (86, 96, 100, 108, 112, 116) sts. Work even for 1 row.

**Next Row (RS):** CO 2 (3, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8) sts, work to end, CO 2 (3, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8) sts—80 (92, 100, 108, 118, 124, 132) sts. Work even for 1 row.

**Sizes Large, 1X-Large, 2X-Large, and 3X-Large Only:**

**Next Row (RS):** CO 4 (5, 6, 8) sts, work to end, CO 4 (5, 6, 8) sts—116 (128, 136, 148) sts. Work even for 1 row.

**All Sizes:**

Transfer sts to waste yarn for Body. Break yarn.

## FRONT

With RS facing, carefully unravel Provisional CO and place first and last 20 (24, 24, 24, 28, 28, 28) sts on larger 29" long circ needle for Front. Transfer remaining center 30

(30, 38, 38, 38, 38, 38) sts to waste yarn for Back neck. Place removable marker for top of shoulder. (RS) Working BOTH SIDES AT SAME TIME using separate balls of yarn, begin 2×2 Rib as follows: On Right Front, \*k2, p2; repeat from \* to end; on Left Front, \*p2, k2; repeat from \* to end. When piece measures 6 (6, 6 ¼, 6 ¾, 6 ¾, 7, 7 ½)" from top of shoulder, ending with a WS row, shape armholes as for Back, ending with a WS row—25 (31, 31, 39, 45, 49, 55) sts each side. Break yarn for Right Front.

## BODY

### Join Back to Fronts

With RS facing, transfer Back sts, then Right Front sts to left-hand end of circ needle. *Note: The Back sts referred to are the sts that were placed on waste yarn after working the armhole shaping, not the Back neck sts that were placed on waste yarn after unraveling the Provisional CO.* Your sts should now be in the following order, from right to left, with RS facing: Left Front, Back, Right Front. Using yarn attached to Left Front, work across Left Front, pm for left side, work across Back, pm for right side, work across Right Front—130 (154, 162, 194, 218, 234, 258) sts. Do NOT join. Working back and forth, work even for 1 row.

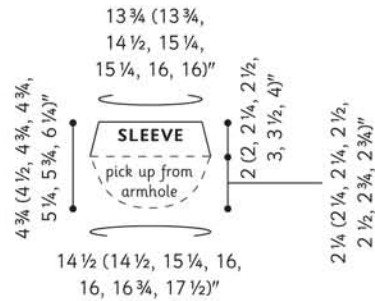
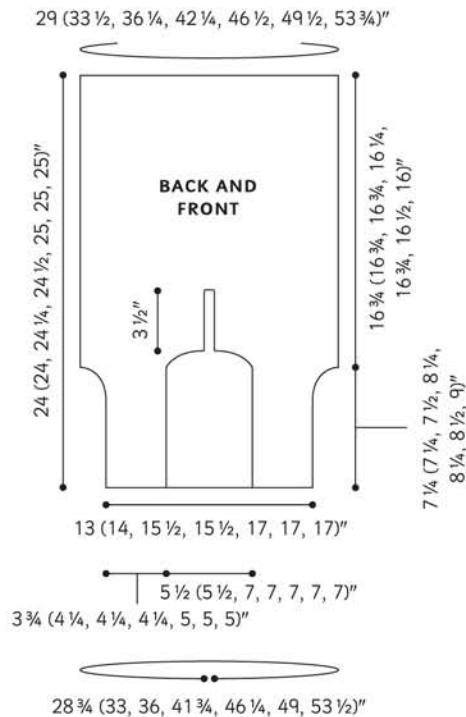
**Shape Neck (RS):** Increase 1 st each side this row, then every other row once, as follows: K1-f/b [or p1-f/b if first st to be worked is a purl st], work to last st, k1-f/b [or p1-f/b]—134 (158, 166, 198, 222, 238, 262) sts. Work even for 1 row.

**Next Row (RS):** CO 6 (6, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8) sts, work to end, CO 6 (6, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8) sts—146 (170, 182, 214, 238, 254, 278) sts. Work even for 1 row.

**Next Row (RS):** CO 6 (6, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8) sts, work to end, CO 6 (6, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8) sts—158 (182, 198, 230, 254, 270, 294) sts. Work even until piece measures 10 ¾ (10 ¾, 11, 11 ¾, 11 ¾, 12, 12 ½)" from top of shoulder, ending with a WS row.

### Join Fronts

**Next Row (RS):** Work to end, CO 2 sts—160 (184, 200, 232, 256, 272, 296) sts. Join for working in the rnd; work to second marker [this will now be beginning of rnd marker]. Work even for 4 rnds.



**Work Rib Detail 1:** Work 3 (5, 1, 5, 3, 7, 1) sts, k4, \*p2, k6; repeat from \* to last 1 (7, 3, 7, 1, 5, 3) sts, p1 (2, 2, 2, 1, 2, 2), k0 (5, 1, 5, 0, 4, 1). *Note: Size 2X-Large will overlap next rnd by 1 st. Do not reposition beginning of rnd marker. Work even for 7 rnds.*

**Sizes Small (Medium, Large, 3X-Large):**

**Work Rib Detail 2:** Work 9 (13, 5, 5) sts, k8, [p2, k14] 1 (1, 2, 3) times, p2, k22, \*p2, k14; repeat from \* to last 15 (11, 3, 3) sts, p2, k13 (9, 1, 1).

**Sizes X-Small (1X-Large, 2X-Large):**

**Work Rib Detail 2:** Work 7 (15, 2) sts, k8, \*p2, k14; repeat from \* to last 1 (9, 5) sts, p1 (2, 2), k0 (8, 3). *Note: Size 1X-Large will overlap next rnd by 1 st. Do not reposition beginning of rnd marker.*

**All Sizes:**

Work even for 7 rnds.

**Next Rnd:** Change to St st. Work even until piece measures 23 1/2 (23 1/2, 23 3/4, 24, 24 1/2, 24 1/2, 24 1/2) inches

from top of shoulder, or to desired length minus 1/2". Purl 1 rnd.

**Next Rnd:** Change to smaller 29" long needle. Work even for 6 rnds. BO all sts loosely. *Note: BO edge will roll slightly. If you would prefer that the edge not roll, you may fold it to WS at purl rnd and sew to WS, being careful not to let sts show on RS.*

## SLEEVES

*Note: Use your preferred method of working in the rnd when working the Sleeves (see page 150). You will be using 3 different color markers: 1 color for beginning of rnd, 2 of color A to mark end of cap shaping, and 2 of color B to mark center of cap shaping.*

With RS facing, using larger needle(s) beginning and ending at center underarm, pick up and knit 80 (80, 84, 88, 88, 92, 96) sts as follows: 12 (12, 13, 12, 12, 12, 13) sts, pm color A, 15 (15, 15, 17, 17, 19, 19) sts, pm color B, 26 (26, 28, 30, 30, 30, 32) sts, pm color B, 15 (15, 15, 17, 17, 19, 19) sts, pm color A, 12 (12, 13, 12,

12, 12, 13) sts. Do NOT join. *Note: Be sure to pick up the same number of sts between bottom center of armhole and top of shoulder on both sides of the armhole. Color B markers should be equidistant from top of shoulder. If you would prefer not to place markers while you pick up sts, you may first pick up the total number of sts required, join for working in the rnd, then knit 1 rnd, placing the markers according to the numbers given in the pick-up instructions.*

### Shape Cap

*Note: Cap will be shaped using Short Rows (see Special Techniques, page 162). Hide wraps as you come to them.*

**Row 1:** Begin 2x2 Rib as follows: K1, p2, \*k2, p2; repeat from \* to last st, k1.

**Rows 2 and 3:** Continuing in pattern, work to second color B marker, sm, wrp-t.

**Row 4:** Work to wrapped st of row before last row worked, work wrapped st, work 1 st, wrp-t.

Repeat Row 4 until you have reached the color A markers on each side of Sleeve.

**Next Rnd (RS):** Change to working in the rnd, hiding remaining wrap as you come to it, and removing all markers; pm for beginning of rnd.

**Shape Sleeve:** Decrease 2 sts this rnd, then every 7 rnds 1 (1, 1, 1, 1, 3) time(s), as follows: Ssk, work to last 2 sts, k2tog—76 (76, 80, 84, 84, 86, 88) sts remain. Work even until Sleeve measures 1 (1, 1 ¼, 1 ½, 2, 2 ½, 3)'' from underarm, or to 1'' less than desired length, measuring from bottom center of underarm. Change to smaller needle(s). Work even for 1''. BO all sts loosely in pattern.

### FINISHING

**Button Bands:** With RS facing, using smaller needle, beginning at center of left Front, where Fronts are joined, pick up and knit approximately 2 sts for every 3 rows along Left Front edge. Begin St st. Work even for 3 rows. BO all sts loosely. Repeat for opposite side. Sew lower right-hand edge of right Button Band to WS of 2 CO sts at center Front; sew lower left-hand edge of left Button Band to WS of right Button Band.

### MAKE IT YOUR OWN

The best thing about working sleeves top-down is that once you finish the shaping at the top, you can keep working, round and round, until the length is just right for you. For a shallower neckline, (shown unbuttoned on the variation here), work to 1'' before where you want the bottom of your neck shaping to be. Work the neck shaping on the Fronts as given in the pattern (under Body), then work to the required length to begin the armhole shaping. Complete the pattern as written, omitting the neck shaping. Work the Sleeves until they reach your wrist, adding shaping as necessary (see page 148). Rib the entire length of the Sleeve, if you want, or, like the one here, work the body rib pattern to the middle of the Sleeve, change to Stockinette stitch (knit all rounds), and then about ½'' before you're done, work a purl round, knit a few rounds, then bind off so the Sleeve edge looks the same as the body.

This variation was worked in a size X-Small with 6 hanks of the same yarn used for the main version, but in color #16. Read about estimating yarn requirements on page 160.

**Neckband:** Transfer Back neck sts from waste yarn to spare needle. With RS facing, using smaller circ needle, beginning at top edge of right Button Band, pick up and knit approximately 2 sts for every 3 rows to Back, knit across Back neck sts, pick up and knit approximately 2 sts for every 3 rows to top edge of left Button Band. Begin St st. Work even for 3 rows. BO all sts loosely. Sew buttons, evenly spaced, to left Button Band and Neckband; push buttons through right Button Band and Neckband.

Block as desired.



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