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with  
**SIMPLY SOFT**

designed by Lisa Gentry  
**TECHNIQUE USED:** Knit



**SIZES**

Small (Medium, Large, X-Large, XX-Large, XXX-Large)

**KNITTED MEASUREMENTS**

Bust (slightly stretched): 34 (38, 42, 46, 50, 54)"  
Length: 23 ¾ (23 ¾, 25¼, 25¼, 26¾, 26¾)"

**MATERIALS**

Caron International's Simply Soft (100% acrylic; 6 oz/170 g, 315 yds/288 m):

Color #2722 Chocolate, 2 (2, 3, 3, 4, 4) skeins

One pair US size 8 (5 mm) needles or size to obtain gauge

One circular US size 8 (5mm) needle 24" circular needle

Stitch holder

Yarn needle

**GAUGE**

In Basic pattern (slightly stretched) using larger needles, 19 sts and 23 rows = 4"/10 cm

In 2x2 Rib (unstretched) using smaller needles, 21 sts and 25 rows = 4"/10 cm

**STITCHES USED**

2x2 Rib (multiple of 4 sts)

**Row 1 (RS):** \*K2, p2; repeat from \* across.



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Repeat Row 1 for 2x2 Rib.

**Basic Pattern** (multiple of 6 sts + 2)

**Row 1:** K1, \*p1, k5; repeat from \* across, ending last repeat with k6.

**Row 2 and all even numbered rows:** Work each st as if appears on this side of work (k the k sts and p the p sts) and k any yo's.

**Row 3:** K1, \*yo, p1, k1, SKP, k2; repeat from \* across, ending last repeat with k3.

**Row 5:** K1, \*yo, p2, k1, SKP, k1; repeat from \* across, ending with k2

**Row 7:** K1, \*yo, p3, k1, SKP; repeat from \* across, ending with k1.

Repeat rows 1-8 for Basic pattern.

### SPECIAL TERMS

SKP (sl 1 kwise, k1, pass slipped stitch over)

### BACK

With smaller needles, cast on 80 (92, 100, 112, 116, 124) sts

Work in 2x2 Rib until piece measures 4 ½" from beginning, dec 0 (0, 2, 2, 0, 2) sts evenly across row – 80 (92, 98, 110, 116, **122**) sts.

Change to larger needle and work in Basic pattern until piece measures 16 (16, 17, 17, 18, 18)" from beginning, end with a WS row.

**Shape armholes:** Bind off 2 (4, 4, 6, 6, 6) sts at beginning of next 2 rows, 2 (3, 4, 4, 5, 6) sts at beginning of foll 2 rows and then 2 (3, 3, 5, 5, 5) sts at next beginning of foll 2 rows -- 68 (72, 76, 80, 84, 88) sts. Work even until armhole measures 7 (7, 7 ½, 7 ½, 8, 8)", end with a WS row.

**Shape shoulders:** Bind off 8 (7, 8, 8, 8, 9) sts at beginning of next 2 rows, 6 (7, 7, 8, 8, 8) sts at beginning of foll 2 rows, and then 6 (7, 7, 7, 8, 8) sts at beginning of foll 2 rows. Bind off rem 28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 38) sts for neck.

### FRONT

Work same as for Back until piece measures 11 ½" from beginning, end with a WS row.

#### Shape neck:

(RS) Work to center 4 sts, k2tog, join another ball of yarn, k2tog, work to end.

Working both sides at once, at each neck edge dec 1 st every 4th (4th, 4th, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd) row for 13 (14, 15, 16, 17, 18) times; AT THE SAME TIME, when pieces measures same as back to underarm shape armholes, and when same length to shoulders, shape shoulders as for Back.

### FINISHING

Sew shoulder and side seams.

**Neckband:** With RS facing, using circular needle, beginning at left shoulder, pick up and k76 (76, 80, 80, 84, 84) sts along left Front neck edge, place marker (pm), k2 (=k1 at end of left front, k1 at beg of right front), pm, pick up and k76 (76, 80, 80, 84, 84) sts along right Front neck edge, then 32 (32, 34, 34, 36, 36) sts along Back neck edge – 186 (186, 196, 196, 206, 206) sts. Mark for beginning of rnd and carry marker up.

**Rnd 1:** (K2, p2) to first marker, sl marker (sm), k2, sm, (p2, k2) to end

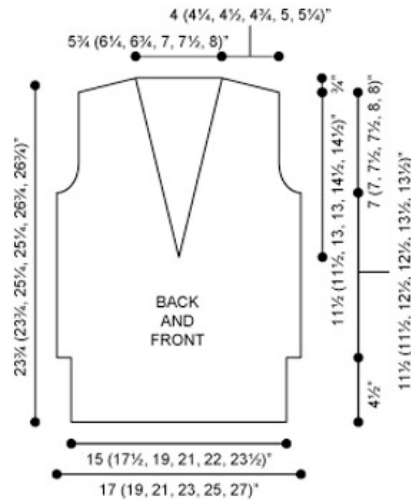
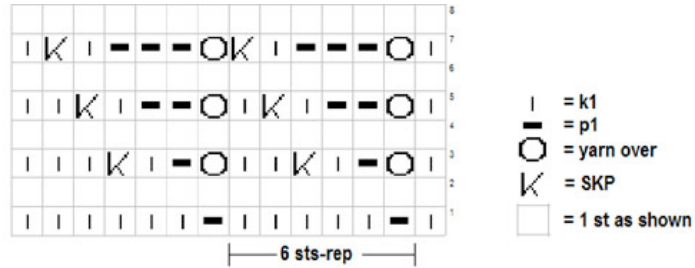
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**Rnd 2:** Rib to 2 sts before marker, work 2tog, sm, k2, sm, work 2tog, rib to end – 184 (184, 194, 194, 204, 204) sts.

**Rnd 3:** Rib to first marker, sm, k2, sm, rib to end.

Repeat rnds 2-3 for 2 more times, then work 2 rows even in rib. On next row, bind off in rib.

**Armbands:** With RS facing, using circular needles, beginning at side seams, pick up and k116 (116, 120, 120, 124, 124) sts around armhole edge. Mark for beginning of rnd and carry marker up. Work 8 rnds in 2x2 Rib. Bind off in rib.



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