

## **READY, SET, KNIT**

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### **Shay Cap Sleeve KAL: Part 3– The Front**

**Cable needles:** There are several types of cable needles available. I prefer the hook type, but there is also a straight one with a dip in the middle and ones that are totally straight. Many folks just use dpns; the brave ones do cables w/o any needles but that makes me too nervous.

**Tip:** Transfer your stitches back to your regular needle before knitting them. I find this makes the stitches more uniform because cable needles only come in a couple of different sizes.

If you would like to work your sweater in the round up to the armholes, this is how to proceed: cast on 136(144, 152, 160, 168) sts. Join in the round, being careful not to twist the sts. Knit the 4 rounds of twisted ribbing. Then, as you work the first round after the ribbing, place markers as follows:

**Size 34:** After the 1<sup>st</sup> st, the 67<sup>th</sup> st, the 69<sup>th</sup> st and the 135<sup>th</sup> st.

**Size 36:** After the 1<sup>st</sup> st, the 71<sup>st</sup> st, the 73<sup>rd</sup> st and the 143<sup>rd</sup> st.

**Size 38:** After the 1<sup>st</sup> st, the 75<sup>th</sup> st, the 77<sup>th</sup> st and the 151<sup>st</sup> st.

**Size 40:** After the 1<sup>st</sup> st, the 79<sup>th</sup> st, the 81<sup>st</sup> st and the 159<sup>th</sup> st.

**Size 42:** After the 1<sup>st</sup> st, the 83<sup>rd</sup> st, the 85<sup>th</sup> st and the 167<sup>th</sup> st.

**Note:** The 2 sts inside the markers are your “seam” sts. You will do your waist shaping decreases and increases before and after these sts.

**Note:** Work the cable panel from right to left on every round up to the armholes. Then, since you will be working in rows and not rounds, work the chart from right to left on the outside of the sweater and from left to right on the inside.

If you are working your sweater in pieces, cast on as for the back, work in twisted rib for 4 rows and change to larger needles (if you used the smaller needles for the rib).

The next row (WS) is the set-up row for the cable. Depending on your size, purl 10, 11 or 12 sts, pm, work row 1 of cable (be sure to read the chart from left to right on all WS rows), pm, and purl to the end of the row.

Continue to knit as for back, working the cable panel between markers, and working the decreases and increases as indicated. Remember to do the dec and inc 2 sts in from the edge and to use the paired dec SSK and K2tog. When the front measures the same number of rows to the underarm as the back, do the armhole shaping as indicated.

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