

READY, SET, KNIT

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Tips and Tricks, part 3

19. When knitting a sweater, mark every 10th/20th row on the front(s), back, sleeves to make matching the pieces and seaming easier. Measuring your pieces is not a good option as tape measures on knitting can lie!

20. If you are using a pattern from a stitch dictionary, be sure to turn it upside down if you are knitting a top-down sweater.

21. When adding a new ball of yarn at the edge of your work, make a simple knot with the new yarn around the tail of the old yarn. Slide it up.

Shay Cap Sleeve KAL: Part 1 - Getting Ready

The new KAL starts next week! Here are the details:

We're using a Valley Yarns pattern, #256, called the Shay Cap Sleeve Pullover. It has a lovely cable down one side of the front and a moderate V neck.

Finished sizes are 34 – 42” and gauge is 16 sts and 24 rows = 4” in St st with size 8 needles (or size needed to get gauge).

You will need the following:

- Yarn that knits at 4 sts per inch on a size 8 needle. Original pattern was made with Valley Yarns Amherst @ 109 yds per ball. Size 34 = 5 balls, sizes 36, 38, 40 = 6 balls and size 42 = 7 balls.
- I am using Knit One Crochet Two Second Time Cotton @ 180 yds per skein. Other suggestions include Dream in Colour Classy, Rowan Summer Tweed, Rowan Scottish Tweed Aran, Loop-d-Loop Birch (cotton/silk), Schachenmayr Ecologico, Classic Elite Lush, and Sublime Cashmere Merino Silk Aran.
- 16” and 24” size 6 and 8 circular needles (or size to get gauge).
- Cable needle
- Your Knitting Tool Kit