Crochet this warm, chic and appealing sweater for yourself or a favorite friend.

Spruce Cables Sweater

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DIRECTIONS

Intermediate

SIZE

Small (8–10), medium (14–16) and large (18–20) Finished bust measurement: 40 (44-48) inches

MATERIALS

- 3-ply sport weight yarn: 4,500 (5,000–5,500) yds spruce
- Crochet hooks sizes H/8 and I/9
- Tapestry needle

GAUGE

With crochet hook size I, 7 sts = 2 inches; 3 rows = 1 inch Check gauge to save time.

PATTERN NOTE

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

FRONT

Row 1 (WS): With crochet hook size I, ch 71 (85-99), hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in each rem ch across, turn. (70-84-98 sts)

Row 2 (RS): Ch 1, hdc in each of next 15 (22-29) sts, sk next 2 sts, fpdc around next 2 sts, fpdc around 2 skipped sts, hdc in each of next 32 sts, sk next 2 sts, fpdc around next 2 sts, fpdc around 2 skipped sts, hdc in each of next 15 (22-29) sts, turn. (70-84-98 sts)

Row 3 (WS): Ch 1, hdc in each of next 15 (22-29) sts, bpdc around each of next 4 post sts, hdc in each of next 32 sts, bpdc around each of next 4 post sts, hdc in each of next 15 (22-29) sts, turn. (70-84-98 sts)

Rep Rows 2 and 3 until piece measures 12 inches.

Row 4 (RS): Ch 1, hdc in next 15 (22-29) sts, sk next 2 sts, fpdc around next 2 sts, fpdc around 2 skipped sts, [hdc in each of next 2 sts, sk next 2 sts, fpdc around each of next 2 sts, fpdc around 2 skipped sts] 5 times, hdc in each of next 2 sts, sk next 2 sts, fpdc around 2 skipped sts, hdc in each of next 2 sts, fpdc around 2 skipped sts, hdc in each of next 2 sts, fpdc around next 2 sts, fpdc around 2 skipped sts, hdc in each of next 2 sts, fpdc around around 2 skipped sts, hdc in each of next 2 sts, fpdc around 2 skipped sts, hdc in each of next 2 sts, fpdc around 2 skipped sts, hdc in each of next 2 sts, fpdc around 2 skipped sts, hdc in each of next 2 sts, fpdc around around 2 skipped sts, hdc in each of next 2 sts, fpdc ar

next 15 (22-29) sts, turn.

Row 5 (WS): Ch 1, hdc in each of next 15 (22-29) sts, bpdc around each of next 4 sts, [hdc in each of next 2 sts, bpdc around each of next 4 sts] 5 times, hdc in each of next 2 sts, bpdc around each of next 4 sts, hdc in each of next 15 (22-29) sts, turn.

Rep Rows 4 and 5 until piece measures 14 inches. Place markers at each outer edge for underarm, continue in pattern of Rows 4 and 5 for 4 (5-6) inches. (Measures 18-19-20 inches from beg)

Work in pattern of Rows 2 and 3 for 1 inch. (Measures 19-20-21 inches from beg)

Neckline & shoulder shaping

Note: Work in pattern of Rows 2 and 3 as follows.

Row 1: Ch 1, work in established pattern across next 28 (31-35) sts, turn.

Row 2: Ch 1, work in established pattern across, dec 1 st at neckline edge every row 4 (5-6) times. (24-26-29 sts)

Row 3: Ch 1, work in established pattern with no dec until piece measures 1 inch.

At the end of last rep, fasten off.

Sk next 14 (22-28) sts for neckline opening, rep neckline and shoulder shaping on opposite edge of front.

BACK

Row 1: With crochet hook size I, ch 71 (85-99), hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in each rem ch across, turn. (70-84-98 hdc)

Row 2: Ch 1, hdc in each hdc across, turn.

Rep Row 2 until piece measures 14 inches. Rlace markers at each side for underarms.

Rep Row 2 until piece measures within 1 inch from the length of front.

Shoulder shaping

Row 1: Ch 1, hdc in each of next 24 (26-29) sts until piece measures 1 inch, fasten off.

Sk 22 (32-40) sts for neckline opening, rep Row 1 of shoulder shaping on opposite edge of back for 1 inch, fasten off.

SLEEVE (make 2)

Row 1: With crochet hook size I, ch 57, hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in each rem ch across, turn. (56 hdc)

Row 2: Ch 1, hdc in each hdc across, turn.

Rep Row 2 until piece measures

16 (18-20) inches from beg.

 $Holding \ last \ row \ to \ opposite \ side \ of \\ foundation \ ch, \ sl \ st \ sleeve \ seam \ closed.$

Ribbing

Rnd 1: With crochet hook size H, attach spruce in sleeve seam, ch 1, sc evenly sp around sleeve opening, sl st to join in beg sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in same st as beg ch-1, dec 1 sc over next 2 sc, [sc in next sc, dec 1 sc over next 2 sc] rep around, ending with an odd number of sts, sl st to join in beg sc.

Rnd 3: Ch 3 (counts as first dc throughout), dc in each st around, sl st to join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, [fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st] rep around, sl st to join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 5: Ch 3, [fpdc around fpdc, bpdc around bpdc] rep around, sl st to join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rep Rnd 5 until ribbing measures 2 inches, fasten off.

ASSEMBLY

With crochet hook size I, sl st across shoulder seams. Attach yarn at underarm markers, working through both thicknesses, sl st side seams closed. Matching side and sleeve seams, sl st sleeves into armhole opening.

BOTTOM RIBBING

Rnd 1: With crochet hook size H, attach spruce yarn at side seam, ch 1, sc evenly sp around bottom edge of sweater, ending with an odd number of sts, sl st to join in beg sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 3, dc in each sc around, sl st to join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 3: Ch 3, [fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st] rep around, sl st to join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, [fpdc around fpdc, bpdc around bpdc] rep around, sl st to join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rep Rnd 4 until ribbing measures 2 inches from beg, fasten off.

NECKLINE RIBBING

Rnd 1: With crochet hook size H, attach spruce yarn at shoulder seam, ch 1, sc evenly sp around neckline opening, ending with an odd number of sts, sl st to join in beg sc.

Rnds 2 & 3: Rep Rnds 2 and 3 of bottom ribbing.

Rep Rnd 4 of bottom ribbing until neckline ribbing measures 1½ inches from beg, fasten off. ≫

