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Yarn:

- 2 skeins Softwist wool in Cuttlefish
- 3 skeins Beaded wool in Cuttlefish

Equipment:

- size #7 needles straight and circular

Gauge: 5 st/6 1/2 rows/in chest 42" length 24" sleeve cuff to center back 27 1/2"

Directions: This sweater is knit sideways from sleeve to center back and then cast off together at the back seam. Alternate 2 rows Softwist wool with 2 rows beaded wool throughout. One pattern equals 1 repeat of these 4 rows. Always complete the pattern. All ribbing is k2p2.

Sleeves: Cast on 35 st with the Softwist wool and work in ribbing for 20 rows. On the next row (k) increase 1 stitch every 5 st (6 st total) 42 st. (5 patterns)

Continue in stockinette stitch. Increase 1 st at the beginning and end of every knit row of the Beaded wool until there are 88 st. (23 patterns)

Sides: Cast on 40 st on the next 2 rows. Place markers with 2 st in the center and 83 st on

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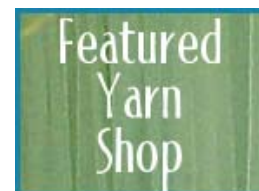
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either side. Increase 1 st on both outer sides of the markers on every knit row of the Beaded wool until there are 96 st on each side. Knit 1 pattern with no increases. (14 patterns) Maintain the two st between the markers.

Back Neck Side 1: Knit 96 st, cast off 2 st, knit 96 st. Decrease 1 st at the neck edge on the k rows until there are 90 st. Continue in pattern with no more decreases to complete 4 patterns total.

Front Side 1: On purl row at neck edge cast off 9 st with the Softwist wool and p to end of row. (87 st) Attach the Beaded wool and knit to the end of this and all knit rows. Cast off 4 st at the beginning of the next 2 purl rows and p to the end. Cast off 3 st on the next 2 purl rows. Cast off 2 st on the next 2 purl rows. Cast off 1 st on the next purl row. Complete pattern (4 patt)

Front Side 2: Knit 96 st, cast off 2 st, knit 96 st. Purl to end of this row and all purl rows. Cast off 9 st at the beginning of the next knit row. Cast off 4 st at the beginning of the next 2 knit rows and knit to the end. Cast off 3 st on the next two k rows. Cast off 2 st on the next 2 k rows. Cast off 1 st on the next k row. Complete pattern (4 patterns)

Back Neck Side 2: Attach Softwist wool at neck edge and decrease 1 st at neck edge on every p row until there are 90 st. Continue in pattern with no more decreases to complete 4 patterns.

Assembly: Cast off the back seams together with right sides on the outside. Sew the side and underarm seams together.

Bottom Ribbing: With the circular needles and the Softwist wool pick up 3 st of every 4 around the bottom. Knit ribbing in pattern for 20 rows. (5 patterns) Cast off.

Front and Neck Band: With the circular needle and the Softwist wool pick up 16 st in the bottom ribbing, 96 st including the first 2 cast off st at the shoulder, 13 st to the center back, 13 st to the shoulder, 96 st to the ribbing, and 16 st in the bottom ribbing. Make 1 row ribbing. Next row continue ribbing but cast off the second pair of knit stitches for buttonholes. Continue casting off every other pair of knit st 8 more times. (9 buttonholes) On the next row cast the stitches back on. Continue ribbing to complete 2 patterns. Cast off. Sew on pearl buttons and weave in any ends.

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