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**Little Bit Of Lopi KDO fall 2018-**

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## **5/8 Scale Sweater- teddy bear or doll sized**

### **Size**

Chest: 16"

Length body to underarm: 7"

Sleeve to underarm: 7"

### **Materials:**

Alafoss Lopi- 100g balls/110 yds: 2 main color, 1 each of two contrasting colors

Lighter weight worsted wool in very contrasting color- 5 yards minimum up to one ball

US 6 and US 10 double pointed needles- 8 inch length- and if you like, a circular needle for each size of a length that will allow you to knit a 16" round comfortably without stretching the work so tightly that it is making you miserable! You can also knit magic loop with longer circular needles of these sizes.

Crochet hook size G/6, Stitch holders, markers, Sharp, pointed, small scissors, 4 small 1/2" buttons, or zipper if desired, Large-eyed tapestry needle

**Gauge:** 13 sts = 4" and 9R = 2" in stockinette size 10 needles. Check gauge and get a reasonable needle size to get gauge. On this sweater it will not be critical, but on a full sized sweater Lopi's large stitch size can make quite a difference in size if gauge is off.

### **Note:**

Sweater body is made from bottom to underarm level in one piece with steek stitches incorporated into center front. Sleeves are made before making body from cuff to underarm and joined at start of yoke. Yoke is carried to collar decreasing for neckline. Collar is made by turning back several rows of loose ribbing and stitching to inside of yoke. Front finishing is done after steeking using crochet with facings and button band, or knitted self facings can be done to close the edge.

Colorwork FLOATS on reverse need to be caught loosely in work every three stitches at the maximum in order to make colorwork neat and non snagging. Pick up yarns from underneath to prevent holes. Carry floats loosely. Any round has only two colors.

**Before coming to class** it would be good to decide if you want to complete the sweater mostly in class, or if you want to just learn colorwork and steeking in class, reserving making the actual sweater for later. If you want to have a mostly completed sweater by the end of class time and have experience making colorwork, please work the sleeves as described before class, and make a tube of 50 stitches with 5 steek stitches of alternating colors in the center front. This process is described under the body section below. If you just want to plan and learn to steek in class, just show up with your body cylinder made with the five steek stitches in the center front and the rest of the process will be explained to do later.

### Appropriate and useful video learning:

Floats in colorwork:

[https://youtu.be/tTQxk\\_TNXTM](https://youtu.be/tTQxk_TNXTM)

Another video of working stranded colorwork floats:

<https://youtu.be/Myf7r-fHNeA>

Steeks with Knit Facings- Purl Soho- clever and beautiful finishing:

<https://youtu.be/ZRamG7R1gGY>

A close up of crocheted steeking by two stitches, single and slip.

<https://youtu.be/JvpOUoDUH2c>

**Sleeves:** With smaller dp needles and main color, cast on over two needles 15 stitches. Distribute evenly among three needles. Join by transferring one stitch from end to the starting needle and k2tog. Rib 4 rounds in K1, P1 rib over these 14 remaining sts. MARK start of round. Next round, change to larger needles and knit, increasing one stitch at start of round. Next round knit even, 15 stitches. **R7:** K1MainColor, K1color A. Repeat around. **R8:** K1 A, K1MC. Repeat around. **R9:** Knit all Color A. **R10:** Knit 1A, K3B, \*K2A, K3B. Repeat from \* around. **R11:** K2A, \*K1B, K4A. Repeat from \* around being careful to catch floats in color stitch groups over 3 sts in length. **R12:** Knit all color B, increasing three stitches evenly, one centered in each pattern group of 5 stitches-18 sts. **R13:** K2B, \*K2MC, K4B. Repeat from \* around. **R14:** Knit MC around. **R15:** K1B, \*K4MC, K2B. Repeat from \* around. **R16:** K1A, \*K4MC, K2A . Repeat from \* around. **R17:** knit A around. **R18:** K1A, K1MC, Repeat around. **R19:** Knit MC, increasing three stitches evenly spaced, one in each of three pattern sections- 21 sts. After patterning break contrast colors of yarn leaving tails to weave in later. Continue in main color increasing three stitches in Round 25=total 24 sts. Continue even to 32 rounds. Length should be rows until a length of 7" is reached. Place all live stitches on a contrasting yarn. Leave a 10" tail.

### Make two alike.

**Body:** With smaller dp needles and main color, cast on 51 stitches. Then tie on a contrasting thread and cast on 5 stitches of the following color pattern -light, dark, light, dark, light (or reversed if your main color is a light color). Join by transferring end st to beginning and k2tog. Rib 6 rounds in K1, P1 rib- *EXCEPT do plain knitting across the 5 alternating colored stitches*. MARK start of round. Round 7 change to larger needles and knit, **keeping 5 steek stitches constant throughout remainder of sweater**. One long piece (about a yard for starters) of contrasting yarn can be kept at steek placket area instead of dragging yarn ball along. **R8:** Knit around. **R9-13:** Follow pattern above for sleeves for **R 7-11**. **R14:** KB around. **R15:** K2B, \*K1MC, K4B. Repeat from \*. **R16:** Knit MC around. **R17:** K1B, \*K3MC, K2B. Repeat from \*. **R18:** K1A, \*K3MC, K2A. Repeat from\* around. **R19:** KA around. **R20:** K1A, K1MC. This ends the color work for the bottom band. After patterning break contrast colors of yarn leaving tails to weave in later. Continue in main color until a length of 7" is reached and keeping steek sts in patter at center front. Leave ball of MC yarn attached.

**Note- If you have no interest or time in patterning, just knit a tube of 50 stitches with the 5 alternating color steek stitches in the center front. Bring this along to learn to steek.**