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**SKILL LEVEL:** Easy + (Level 3)

**SIZE:** Small, Medium

To fit dogs about 10-18 (18-29) lbs.

**Finished Neck Circumference** 14 1/2 (15 1/2) in. (37 (39.5) cm)

**Finished Chest** 22 1/2 (25 1/2) in. (57 (65) cm)

**Finished Length** 18 1/2 (21 1/2) in. (47 (54.5) cm)

**Note:** Pattern is written for smallest size with changes for larger sizes in parentheses. When only one number is given, it applies to all sizes. To follow pattern more easily, circle all numbers pertaining to your size before beginning.

**CORRECTIONS:** None as of May 31, 2014. To check for later updates, click [here](#).

### MATERIALS

- 860-175 [Lion Brand Vannas Choice Yarn: Radiant Lime](#)  
2 2 Balls (A)
- 860-113 [Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn: Scarlet](#)  
1 1 Ball (B)
- [Lion Brand Knitting Needles- Size 8 \[5 mm\]](#)
- [Lion Brand Knitting Needles- Size 9 \[5.5 mm\]](#)
- [Lion Brand Double-Pointed Needles - Size 8](#)
- [Clover Bamboo Circular Knitting Needles 29 inches Size 8](#)
- [Lion Brand Split Ring Stitch Markers](#)
- [Lion Brand Stitch Holders](#)
- [Lion Brand Large-Eye Blunt Needles \(Set of 6\)](#)

*\*Vanna's Choice® (Article #860). 100% Premium Acrylic*

**400, 401, 403:** 92% Acrylic, 8% Rayon  
**402:** 96% Acrylic, 4% Rayon; package size: **Solids:** 3.5 oz (100 g), 170 yards (156 m)

**Prints, Tweeds, & Heathers:** 3 ozs (85 g) , 145 yards (133 meters)

**Twists:** 2.5 oz (70 g), 121 yards (111 meters)



### GAUGE:

16 sts + 22 rows = 4 in. (10 cm) in St st (k on RS, p on WS).

When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. The needle or hook size called for in the pattern is based on what the designer used, but it is not unusual for gauge to vary from person to person. If it takes you fewer stitches and rows to make your swatch, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

[Making a Gauge Swatch](#)

### STITCH EXPLANATION:

**kfb (knit in front and back)** Knit next st without removing it from left needle, then k through back of same st – 1 st increased.

**M1 (make 1)** An increase worked by lifting the horizontal strand lying between needles and placing it onto the left needle.

Knit this new stitch through the back loop – 1 st increased.

**M1P (make 1 st as if to purl)** An increase worked by lifting the horizontal strand lying between the needles and placing it onto the left needle. Purl this new stitch through the back loop – 1 st increased.

**ssk (slip, slip, knit)** Slip next 2 sts as if to knit, one at a time, to right needle; insert left needle into fronts of these 2 sts and knit them tog – 1 st decreased.

#### **PATTERN STITCHES**

##### **K2, p2 Rib worked in rows (multiple of 4 sts)**

**Row 1:** \*K2, p2; rep from \* to end of row.

**Row 2:** K the knit sts and p the purl sts.

Rep Row 2 for K2, p2 Rib worked in rows.

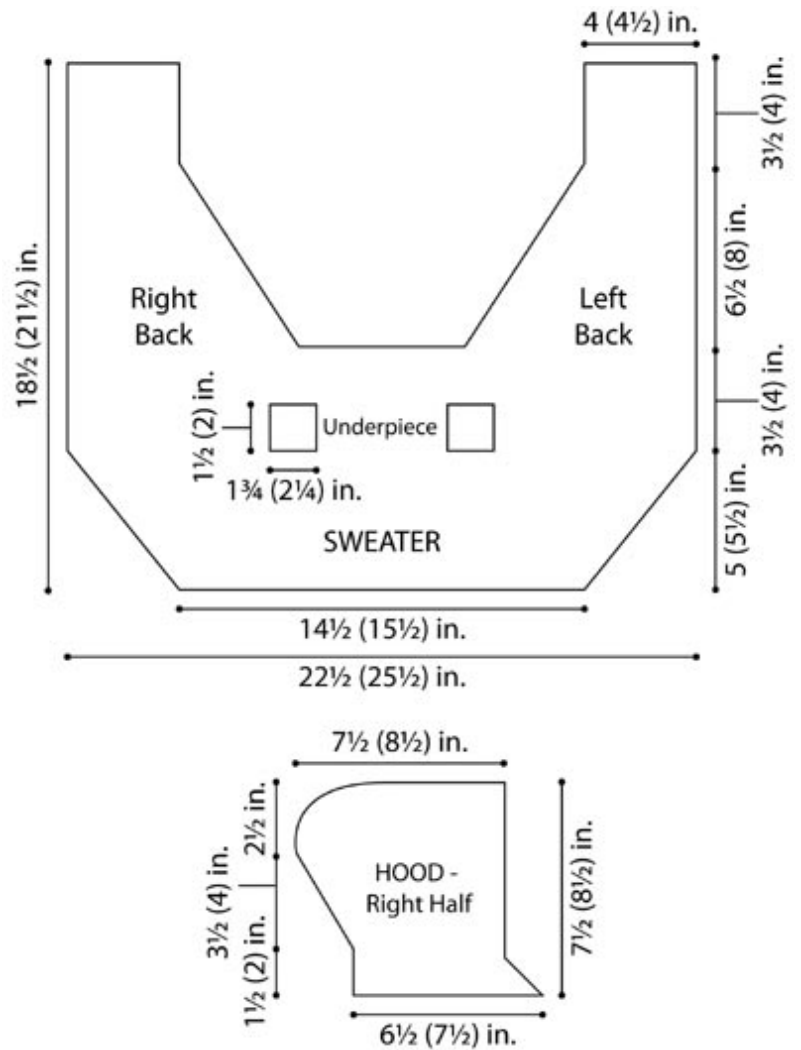
##### **K2, p2 Rib worked in rnds (multiple of 4 sts)**

**Rnd 1:** \*K2, p2; rep from \* to end of rnd.

Rep Rnd 1 for K2, p2 Rib worked in rnds.

#### **NOTES:**

1. Body is worked back and forth in rows in one piece beg at neck. Piece is divided for leg openings and left back, underpiece, and right back are worked separately to end of leg openings. Pieces are then rejoined and worked to end of underpiece. Piece is again divided for lower underpiece and left and right back are worked separately.
2. Spikes and Hood are worked separately and sewn to Sweater.
3. Hood is worked in two halves, with short rows to shape each half. Short rows are rows that are worked over a portion of the sts in a row, leaving the remaining sts unworked. To work short rows, the pattern instructions will tell you to 'turn' before you reach the end of the row.
4. Spikes are sandwiched between the left and right back and secured in place when the center back seam is sewn.



## SWEATER

### Body

With larger straight needles and A, cast on 58 (62) sts.

**Row 1 (RS):** K28 (30), place marker (pm), k2, pm, k to end of row.

**Row 2 (Increase Row):** P to marker, M1P, slip marker (sm), p2, sm, M1P, p to end of row – 60 (64) sts.

**Row 3 (Increase Row):** K to marker, M1, sm, k2, sm, M1, k to end of row – 62 (66) sts.

Rep last 2 rows – 74 (86) sts when all increases have been completed.

**Next Row (WS):** Purl.

**Next Row (Increase Row):** K to marker, M1, sm, k2, sm, M1, k to end of row – 76 (88) sts.

Rep last 2 rows – 90 (102) sts when all increases have been completed.

**Next Row (WS):** Purl.

**Divide for Leg Openings (RS):** K29 (32) sts for right back and place these sts on a holder, bind off 7 (9) sts for leg opening, k18 (20) sts for underpiece and place these sts on a holder, bind off 7 (9) sts for leg opening, k to end of row for left back – 29 (32) sts rem for left back.

### Left Back

Work even in St st (k on RS, p on WS) until left back measures 1 1/2 (2) in. (4 (5) cm), end with a WS row. Place sts on holder.

### Underpiece

Return 18 (20) underpiece sts to needles ready to work a WS row.

Work even in St st until underpiece measures same as left back, end with a WS row.

Place sts on holder.

### Right Back

Return 29 (32) right back sts to needles ready to work a WS row.

Work even in St st until right back measures same as left back, end with a WS row.

### **Join Back and Underpiece**

**Next Row (RS):** K29 (32) right back sts, cast on 7 (9) sts to complete leg opening, k18 (20) underpiece sts from holder, cast on 7 (9) sts to complete leg opening, k29 (32) left back sts from holder – 90 (102) sts. Work even in St st until piece measures 2 in. (5 cm) from leg opening cast-on, end with a WS row.

### **Divide for Lower Underpiece**

**Next Row (RS):** K33 (39) sts for right back, join a 2nd ball of yarn and bind off center 24 sts, k to end of row for left back – 33 (39) sts on each side.

Work both sides at the same time with separate balls of yarn.

**Next Row:** On first side, purl; on 2nd side, purl.

**Next Row:** On first side, k to last 2 sts, k2tog; on 2nd side, ssk, k to end – 32 (38) sts on each side.

Rep last 2 rows until – 15 (18) sts rem.

Work even in St st working both sides at the same time with separate balls of yarn for 3 1/2 (4) in. (9 (10) cm), end with a WS row.

Bind off both sides separately.

### **Lower Body Ribbing**

From RS with circular needle and B, pick up and k132 (152) sts evenly spaced across lower edge.

Work back and forth in rows as if working with straight needles.

Work in K2, p2 Rib for 6 rows.

Bind off in rib.

## **HOOD**

### **Right Half**

With larger straight needles and A, cast on 26 (29) sts.

**Row 1 (RS):** K1, ssk, knit to end – 25 (28) sts.

**Row 2:** Purl.

Rep last 2 rows until – 22 (24) sts rem.

**Next Row:** K15 (17), pm, k to end of row.

**Increase Row:** Purl to 1 st before marker, M1P, p1, sm, p to end of row – 23 (25) sts.

**Next Row:** Knit.

Rep last 2 rows 7 (9) more times – 30 (34) sts.

**Next Row:** Purl.

**Next Row:** Knit.

### **Shape Hood with Short Rows**

**Row 1:** Purl to marker, remove marker, p2tog, p1, TURN.

**Row 2:** Sl 1, k to end of row.

**Row 3:** P16 (18), p2tog, p1, TURN.

**Row 4:** Sl 1, k to end of row.

**Row 5:** P17 (19), p2tog, p1, TURN.

**Row 6:** Sl 1, k to end of row.

**Row 7:** P18 (20), p2tog, p1, TURN.

**Row 8:** Sl 1, k to end of row.

**Row 9:** P19 (21), p2tog, p1, TURN.

**Row 10:** Sl 1, k to end of row.

**Row 11:** P20 (22), p2tog, p1, TURN.

**Row 12:** Sl 1, k to end of row.

**Row 13:** P21 (23), p2tog, p1, TURN – 23 (27) sts.

### **Size S ONLY**

Bind off.

### **Size M ONLY**

**Row 14:** Sl 1, k to end of row.

**Row 15:** P20 (24), p2tog, p1, TURN – 26 sts.

Bind off.

### **Left Half**

With larger straight needles and A, cast on 26 (29) sts.

**Row 1 (RS):** K to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 25 (28) sts.

**Row 2:** Purl.

Rep last 2 rows until – 22 (24) sts rem.

**Next Row:** K7, pm, k to end of row.

**Increase Row:** Purl to marker, sm, p1, M1P, p to end of row – 23 (25) sts.

**Next Row:** Knit.

Rep last 2 rows until – 30 (34) sts.

**Next Row:** Purl.

### **Shape Hood with Short Rows**

**Row 1:** Knit to marker, remove marker, ssk, k1, TURN.

**Row 2:** Sl 1, p to end of row.

**Row 3:** K16 (18), ssk, k1, TURN.

**Row 4:** Sl 1, p to end of row.

**Row 5:** K17 (19), ssk, k1, TURN.

**Row 6:** Sl 1, p to end of row.

**Row 7:** K18 (20), ssk, k1, TURN.

**Row 8:** Sl 1, p to end of row.

**Row 9:** K19 (21), ssk, k1, TURN.

**Row 10:** Sl 1, p to end of row.

**Row 11:** K20 (22), ssk, k1, TURN.

**Row 12:** Sl 1, p to end of row.

**Row 13:** K21 (23), ssk, k1, TURN – 23 (27) sts.

### **Size S ONLY**

Bind off.

### **Size M ONLY**

**Row 14:** Sl 1, p to end of row.

**Row 15:** K20 (24), ssk, k1, TURN – 26 sts.

Bind off.

### **Both Sizes**

Sew Left and Right Halves together across back and top edges.

From RS with circular needle and B, pick up and k68 (80) sts evenly spaced across front edge. Work back and forth in rows as if working with straight needles.

Work in K2, p2 Rib for 5 rows.

Bind off in rib.

Sew lower edge of Hood to neck opening of body, leaving Sweater open at center back.

### **SPIKES**

With smaller straight needles and B, cast on 1 st.

**Row 1:** Kfb – 2 sts.

**Row 2:** Kfb, k1 – 3 sts.

**Row 3:** K1, p1, kfb – 4 sts.

**Row 4:** Kfb, k1, p1, k1 – 5 sts.

**Row 5:** (K1, p1) twice, kfb – 6 sts.

**Row 6:** Kfb, (k1, p1) twice, k1 – 7 sts.

**Row 7:** (K1, p1) 3 times, kfb – 8 sts.

**Row 8:** Kfb, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1 – 9 sts.

**Row 9:** (K1, p1) 4 times, k1.

**Row 10:** P2tog, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1 – 8 sts.

**Row 11:** (K1, p1) 3 times, k2tog – 7 sts.

**Row 12:** P2tog, (k1, p1) twice, k1 – 6 sts.

**Row 13:** (K1, p1) twice, k2tog – 5 sts.

**Row 14:** P2tog, k1, p1, k1 – 4 sts.

**Row 15:** K1, p1, k2tog – 3 sts.

**Row 16:** P2tog, k1 – 2 sts.

**Row 17:** K2.

Rep Rows 2-17, 10 (12) more times.

Bind off.

## FINISHING

Sew the center back seam, sandwiching Spikes between left and right back.

### Leg Ribbing

From RS with double pointed needles and B, pick up and k20 (28) sts evenly spaced around one leg opening. Place marker for beg of rnd.

Join by working the first st on the left hand needle with the working yarn from the right hand needle.

Work in K2, p2 Rib worked in rnds for 5 rnds.

Bind off in rib.

Rep on opposite leg opening.

Weave in ends.

<b>ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES</b>	
Click for explanation and illustration	
<u>beg = begin(s)(ning)</u>	<u>k = knit</u>
<u>k2tog = knit 2 together</u>	<u>p = purl</u>
<u>p2tog = purl 2 together</u>	<u>rem = remain(s)(ing)</u>
<u>rep = repeat(s)(ing)</u>	<u>RS = right side</u>
<u>sl = slip</u>	<u>St st = Stockinette stitch</u>
<u>st(s) = stitch(es)</u>	<u>WS = wrong side</u>

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