



Free Knitting Pattern

**LION BRAND® POUND OF LOVE®
SKULLS PULLOVER**

Pattern Number: M20204 POL



SKILL LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

SIZES

XS (S/M, L/1X, 2X/3X, 4X/5X)

Finished Bust About 38 (45, 52, 59, 66) in. (96.5 (114.5, 132, 150, 167.5) cm)

Finished Length About 24 (25, 26, 27, 28) in. (61 (63.5, 66, 68.5, 71) cm)

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

MATERIALS

- **LION BRAND® POUND OF LOVE®** (Art. #550)
#149 Charcoal 1 (1, 2, 2, 2) ball(s) (A)
#100 White 1 (1, 1, 1, 1) ball (B)
- **LION BRAND®** stitch markers
- **LION BRAND®** stitch holders
- **LION BRAND®** large-eyed blunt needle



ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Circular knitting needle size 8 (5 mm), 29 in. (73.5 cm) long

Circular knitting needle size 8 (5 mm), 16 in. (40.5 cm) long

GAUGE

19 sts + 24 rows = about 4 in. (10 cm) in St st (k on RS, p on WS).

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

STITCH EXPLANATION

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.

PATTERN STITCHES

K1, p1 Rib worked in rows (over an odd number of sts)

Row 1: K1, *p1, k1; rep from * to end of row.

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

K1, p1 Rib worked in rnds (over an even number of sts)

Rnd 1: *K1, p1; rep from * to end of rnd.

Rep Rnd 1 for K1, p1, Rib worked in rnds.

NOTES

1. Pullover is made in 4 pieces; Back, Front, and 2 Sleeves.
2. A circular needle is used to accommodate the number of sts. Work back and forth on the circular needle as if working on straight needles.
3. All pieces begin with a ribbed lower edge. The remainder of each piece is worked in St st (k on RS, p on WS).
4. Skulls are worked in intarsia and St st, following a chart. Read RS rows of Chart from right to left and WS rows from left to right.
5. Before beginning, wind 12 small balls of color B, about 15 yards (14 meters) each. Use a separate ball of B for each skull.
6. Sometimes, when working Front and Back, there are 2 skulls being worked at the same time. Stitch markers are used to indicate placement of each skull. Take care to keep track of which chart row needs to be worked for each skull.
7. When changing yarn color, pick up new color from under the old color to twist yarns on WS to prevent holes.
8. The neckband is worked from stitches picked up around the neck edge.
9. When you see 'as established' in the instructions, this means to continue in the current pattern st, lining up sts as in previous rows.
10. When you see 'work even' in the instructions, this means to continue on in the pattern st you have established without changing the st count by increasing, decreasing or binding off.

BACK

With longer needle and A, cast on 91 (107, 123, 141, 157) sts.

Work in K1, p1 rib worked in rows until piece measures about 2 1/2 in. (6.5 cm) from beg.

Beg with a RS (knit) row, work in St st (k on RS, p on WS) until piece measures about 3 (3 1/2, 4, 4 1/2, 5) in. (7.5 (9, 10, 11.5, 12.5) cm) from beg, ending with a WS row as the last row you work.

Beg First Skull

Row 1 (RS): With A, k15 (19, 23, 27, 31), place marker (pm), work Row 1 of Chart over next 15 sts, pm; with A, k to end of row.

Row 2: With A, p to first marker, slip marker (sm), work Row 2 of Chart to next marker, sm; with A, p to end of row. Continue to slip markers as you come to them.

Continue to work in St st, following Chart pattern between markers until piece measures about 7 1/2 (8, 8 1/2, 9, 9 1/2) in. (19 (20.5, 21.5, 23, 24) cm) from beg, ending with a WS row as the last row you work.

Note: Depending on the size you are making, the first skull may not be complete before the second skull is started.

Beg Second Skull

Note: When the last row of a skull has been completed, remove the markers and work those sts in St st using A only.

Next Row (RS): Work in pattern as established over first 60 (64, 68, 72, 76) sts, pm, work Row 1 of Chart over next 15 sts, pm, k to end of row.

Continue to work in St st as established, following Chart pattern between markers, until piece measures about 12 (12 1/2, 13, 13 1/2, 14) in. (30.5 (32, 33, 34.5, 35.5) cm), ending with a WS row as the last row you work.

Beg Third Skull

Next Row (RS): With A, k24 (28, 32, 36, 40) sts, pm, work Row 1 of Chart of over next 15 sts, pm, work in pattern as established to end of row.

Continue to work in St st as established, following Chart pattern between markers, until piece measures about 15 in. (38 cm) from beg, ending with a WS row as the last row you work.

Shape Armholes

Row 1 (RS): Bind off 4 (4, 6, 6, 8) sts, work in pattern as established to end of row – 87 (103, 117, 135, 149) sts.

Row 2: Rep Row 1 – 83 (99, 111, 129, 141) sts.

Continue to work in St st as established, following Chart pattern between markers, until piece measures about 16 1/2 (17, 17 1/2, 18, 18 1/2) in. (42 (43, 44.5, 45.5, 47) cm) from beg, ending with a WS row as the last row you work.

Beg Fourth Skull

Next Row (RS): Work in pattern as established over first 65 (69, 73, 77, 81) sts, pm, work Row 1 of Chart over next 15 sts, pm, k to end of row.

Continue to work in St st as established, following Chart pattern between markers, until armholes measure about 6 (7, 8, 9, 10) in. (15 (18, 20.5, 23, 25.5) cm), ending with a WS row as the last row you work.

Shape Shoulders and Back Neck

Rows 1-6: Bind off 2 (3, 3, 4, 5) sts, work in pattern as established to end of row – 71 (81, 93, 105, 111) sts in Row 6.

Rows 7 and 8: Bind off 2 (3, 4, 4, 5) sts, work in pattern as established to end of row – 67 (75, 85, 97, 101) sts in Row 8.

Rows 9-12: Bind off 2 (3, 4, 5, 5) sts, work in pattern as established to end of row – 59 (63, 69, 77, 81) sts in Row 12.

Place markers on each side of center 33 (35, 37, 39, 41) sts for back neck – there will be 13 (14, 16, 19, 20) sts on each side of neck sts for shoulders.

Shape Back Right Shoulder

Next Row (RS): Bind off 3 (3, 4, 5, 5) sts, k to first neck marker for right shoulder, place 33 (35, 37, 39, 41) neck sts between markers on a holder, place rem 13 (14, 16, 19, 20) sts on another holder for left shoulder – 10 (11, 12, 14, 15) sts rem on needle.

Next Row (WS): Bind off 3 sts, p to end of row – 7 (8, 9, 11, 12) sts.

Next Row: Bind off 3 (3, 4, 5, 5) sts, k to end of row – 4 (5, 5, 6, 7) sts.

Next Row: P2tog, p to end of row – 3 (4, 4, 5, 6) sts.

Bind off.

Shape Back Left Shoulder

Return the 13 (14, 16, 19, 20) left shoulder sts to needle, so that you are ready to work a RS row. Join A.

Next Row (RS): K to end of row – 13 (14, 16, 19, 20) sts.

Next Row: Bind off 3 (3, 4, 5, 5) sts, p to end of row – 10 (11, 12, 14, 15) sts.

Next Row: Bind off 3 sts, k to end of row – 7 (8, 9, 11, 12) sts.

Next Row: Bind off 3 (3, 4, 5, 5) sts, p to end of row – 4 (5, 5, 6, 7) sts.

Next Row: K2tog, k to end of row – 3 (4, 4, 5, 6) sts.

Bind off.

FRONT

Work same as for Back until armhole measures about 6 (7, 8, 9, 10) in. (15 (18, 20.5, 23, 25.5) cm), ending with a WS row as the last row you work.

Place markers on each side of center 23 (25, 27, 29, 31) sts for front neck – there will be 30 (37, 42, 50, 55) sts on each side of neck sts for shoulders.

Shape Front Left Shoulder

Row 1 (RS): Bind off 2 (3, 3, 4, 5) sts, work in pattern as established to marker for left shoulder, place 23 (25, 27, 29, 31) neck sts between markers on a holder, place rem 30 (37, 42, 50, 55) sts on another holder for right shoulder – 28 (34, 39, 46, 50) sts.

Row 2: Bind off 4 sts, work in pattern as established to end of row – 24 (30, 35, 42, 46) sts.

Row 3: Bind off 2 (3, 3, 4, 5) sts, work in pattern as established to end of row – 22 (27, 32, 38, 41) sts.

Row 4: Bind off 2 sts, work in pattern as established to end of row – 20 (25, 30, 36, 39) sts.

Row 5: Bind off 2 (3, 3, 4, 5) sts, work in pattern as established to end of row – 18 (22, 27, 32, 34) sts.

Row 6: P2tog, p to end of row – 17 (21, 26, 31, 33) sts.

Row 7: Bind off 2 (3, 4, 4, 5) sts, k to end of row – 15 (18, 22, 27, 28) sts.

Row 8: P2tog, p to end of row – 14 (17, 21, 26, 27) sts.

Row 9: Bind off 2 (3, 4, 5, 5) sts, k to end of row – 12 (14, 17, 21, 22) sts.

Row 10: P2tog, p to end of row – 11 (13, 16, 20, 21) sts.

Row 11: Bind off 2 (3, 4, 5, 5) sts, k to end of row – 9 (10, 12, 15, 16) sts.

Row 12: Purl.

Row 13: Bind off 3 (3, 4, 5, 5) sts, k to end of row – 6 (7, 8, 10, 11) sts.

Row 14: Purl.

Row 15: Bind off 3 (3, 4, 5, 5) sts, k to end of row – 3 (4, 4, 5, 6) sts.

Row 16: Purl.

Bind off.

Shape Front Right Shoulder

Return the 30 (37, 42, 50, 55) right shoulder sts to needle, so that you are ready to work a RS row. Join A.

Row 1 (RS): Work in pattern as established to end of row – 30 (37, 42, 50, 55) sts.

Row 2: Bind off 2 (3, 3, 4, 5) sts, work in pattern as established to end of row – 28 (34, 39, 46, 50) sts.

Row 3: Bind off 4 sts, work in pattern as established to end of row – 24 (30, 35, 42, 46) sts.

Row 4: Bind off 2 (3, 3, 4, 5) sts, work in pattern as established to end of row – 22 (27, 32, 38, 41) sts.

Row 5: Bind off 2 sts, work in pattern as established to end of row – 20 (25, 30, 36, 39) sts.

Row 6: Bind off 2 (3, 3, 4, 5) sts, work in pattern as established to end of row – 18 (22, 27, 32, 34) sts.

Row 7: K2tog, k to end of row – 17 (21, 26, 31, 33) sts.
Row 8: Bind off 2 (3, 4, 4, 5) sts, p to end of row – 15 (18, 22, 27, 28) sts.
Row 9: K2tog, k to end of row – 14 (17, 21, 26, 27) sts.
Row 10: Bind off 2 (3, 4, 5, 5) sts, p to end of row – 12 (14, 17, 21, 22) sts.
Row 11: K2tog, k to end of row – 11 (13, 16, 20, 21) sts.
Row 12: Bind off 2 (3, 4, 5, 5) sts, p to end of row – 9 (10, 12, 15, 16) sts.
Row 13: Knit.
Row 14: Bind off 3 (3, 4, 5, 5) sts, p to end of row – 6 (7, 8, 10, 11) sts.
Row 15: Knit.
Row 16: Bind off 3 (3, 4, 5, 5) sts, p to end of row – 3 (4, 4, 5, 6) sts.
Row 17: Knit.

Bind off.

SLEEVES (make 2)

With longer needle and A, cast on 41 (45, 49, 53, 57) sts.

Work in K1, p1 Rib worked in rows until piece measures about 2 1/2 in. (6.5 cm) from beg, ending with a WS row as the last row you work.

Beg with a RS row, work in St at for 6 rows.

Next Row (Increase Row – RS): K1, M1, k to last st, M1, k1 – 43 (47, 51, 55, 59) sts.

Next Row: Purl.

Beg First Skull

From RS, mark center st. Mark the st, not the needle. Leave this marker in place until after second skull has been started.

Next Row (RS): K to 15 sts before center marked st, pm, work Row 1 of Chart over next 15 sts, pm, k to end of row.

Continue to work in St st as established, following Chart pattern between markers, for 5 (5, 3, 3, 3) rows.

Next Row (Increase Row – RS): K1, M1, work in pattern as established to last st, M1, k1 – 45 (49, 53, 57, 61) sts.

Continue to work in St st as established, following Chart pattern between markers, for 5 (5, 3, 3, 3) rows.

Note: When first skull is complete, remove the markers and work those sts in St st with A only.

Rep last 6 (6, 4, 4, 4) rows for 6 (9, 12, 14, 17) more times. **AT THE SAME TIME**, when piece measures about 12 in. (30.5 cm) from beg, continue working increases as established and beg Second Skull as follows:

Beg Second Skull

Next Row (RS): Work in pattern as established to center st, pm, work Row 1 of Chart over next 15 sts, pm, k to end of row.

Continue to work in St st as established, following Chart pattern between markers while working any remaining increases until all increases and last row of Chart are completed.

Work even in St st on 57 (67, 77, 85, 95) sts until piece measures about 18 in. (45.5 cm) from beg, ending with a WS row as the last row you work.

Shape Sleeve Cap

Bind off 4 sts at the beg of the next 12 rows.

Bind off rem 9 (19, 29, 37, 47) sts.

FINISHING

Sew shoulder seams.

Neckband

From RS with shorter needle and A, beg at right shoulder seam, pick up and k6 sts down right back neck edge, k33 (35, 37, 39, 41) back neck sts from holder, pick up k6 sts up left back neck edge to left shoulder seam, pick up and k14 sts down left front edge, k23 (25, 27, 29, 31) front neck sts from holder, and pick up and k14 sts up right front edge – 96 (100, 104, 108, 112) sts.

Place marker for beg of rnd. Join by working the first st on left hand needle with the working yarn from the right hand needle.

Work K 1, p1 Rib worked in rnds for about 3 in. (7.5 cm).

Bind off.

Sew Sleeves into armholes.

Sew Sleeve and side seams.

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

beg = beginning

k = knit

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together (decrease)

p = purl

p2tog = purl 2 stitches together (decrease)

rem = remaining

rep = repeat

rnd(s) = round(s)

RS = right side

St st = Stockinette stitch

st(s) = stitch(es)

WS = wrong side

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