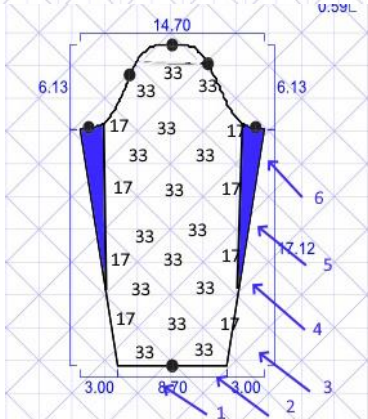
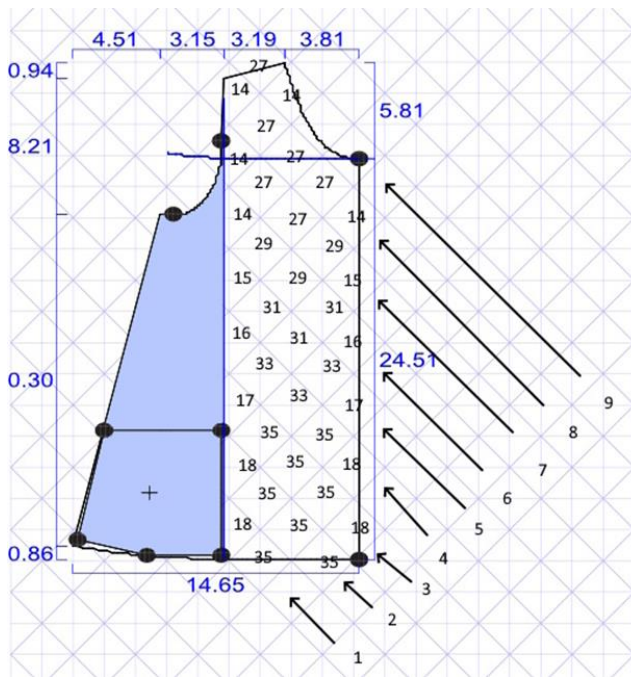
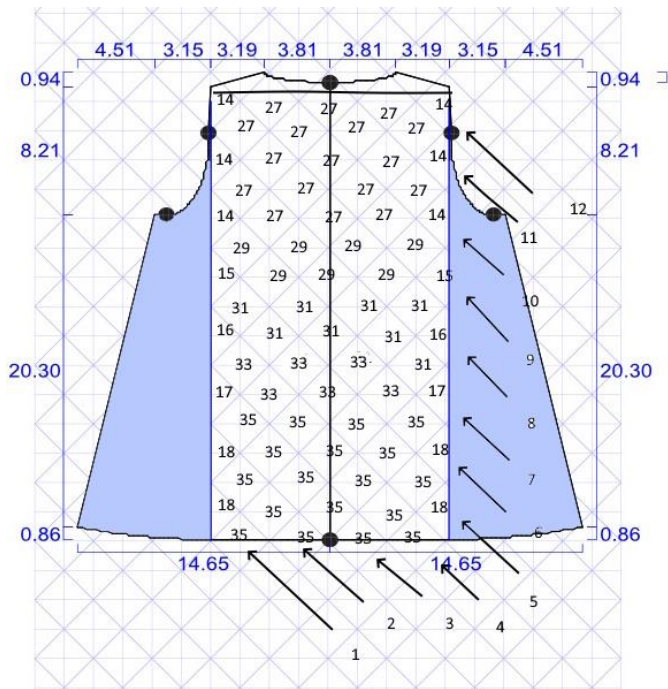


Harlequin

Knitted in 4 ply/light DK and on 4mm needles for patchwork, 4.5mm needles for other parts.

Total weight = 600g



1. Knit the patchwork rectangle for the back. The top 'corner' triangles are knitted with decreasing at the beginning of every row.

2. Knit the shaped parts for the front, left shown, right as mirror image. The top shaping is a little distorted from the diagram but works well.

3. Knit shaped parts for the sleeves. A basic rectangle with a pointed top. The inverted triangles at the bottom of the sleeve have to be knitted after the upper rows are finished and need to be knitted in reverse direction [as if they were top triangles] I finished the top with a diamond that had been truncated a bit, by decreasing at the beginning of every row when I had 23 stitches on the needle.

4. Finishing the body:

All pieces: pick up stitches at side of patchwork piece, using a circular needle. I picked up 110 stitches, and decreased at armhole edge by 1 stitch every alternate row to 96. Then I knitted a godet: beginning at bottom edge, I knitted to within 30 stitches of the top, then wrapped a stitch and knitted back. Then knitted to within 15 stitches of the wrapped stitch, wrapped again and knitted back, and repeated this until there were no more stitches. Then I knitted a whole row and back again, and took the stitches off on to a spare circular needle.

Repeat for the other side, then cast off both sides together using a 3 needle bind off.

Then repeat for the other side of the cardigan.

Join shoulder seams by picking up stitches on each shoulder, i.e., front and back so four times altogether, knitting 4 rows, and casting off front and back each side together.

5. Finishing the sleeves:

Pick up from one side of a sleeve - 54 stitches from top of sleeve to end of last but one triangle.

Knit, decreasing 1 st at top of sleeve every 4 rows, and knitting short rows, by knitting to within 4 sts of the bottom end each time, wrapping and returning, until no more stitches are available. Then knit 3-4 rows straight to cuff. Take the stitches off on spare needle.

Join sleeve seam by casting off two sides together using 3 needle bind off.

6. Joining sleeves to body:

Pick up 86 stitches from sleeve head, and 86 stitches from armhole. Knit one row for each, then cast off together.

7. Bands:

Pick up and knit 6 rows from each of the neckline, and the fronts [my fronts were 118 stitches]. Include buttonholes as desired.

8. Pockets:

I chose to knit pockets and sew them on to the sides at the bottom edge.

I knitted one 45 stitch patchwork square, with two side triangles above, and one top triangle above that. I picked up stitches at the top and knitted a few rows of garter stitch.

