

Week #18 Ladybug Luck



Lady bugs are said to bring good luck. Week #18 features a whimsical ladybug. The Variegated yarn is from Evilenabler on Etsy. The sweater is made using only 3 double pointed needles. This is so much less awkward than using 4 or 5 double pointed needles on such a tiny garment.

Sweater is knit from the top down.

Sweater is approx. 3" tall

Materials:

Size 2 Double pointed needles (set of 3)

Sport Weight, dk, lace or DMC #5 pearl cotton weight yarn. 20 yards of variegated yarn for main color and 5 yards of red for ladybug, 2 yards of black. Spots and antennae are embroidered after sweater is knit. Variegated yarn used in sample is hand dyed lace weight yarn from evilenabler.etsy.com

4 stitch markers

Abbreviations

st= stitch

pm= place marker

sm = slip marker

inc.= increase. Increases are made by knitting in front and back of stitch.

With main color , cast on 20 stitches on one needle.

Row 1 p1, k1 across

Row 2: p1, k1 across

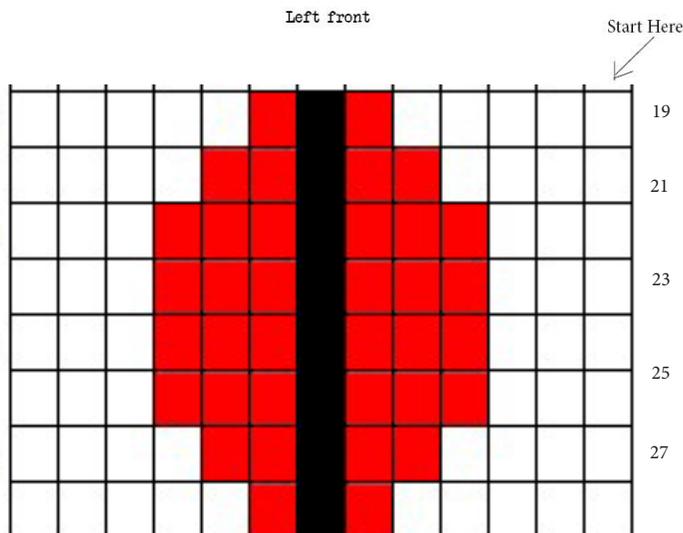
Row 3: Set up row for increases. k6 pm(left front) k2 pm (sleeve), k4 pm (back) , k2 pm (sleeve) k6 (right front)

Row 4: and every even row: Purl across, slipping markers as you work your way across the row.

Row 5: K to stitch before first marker, inc in stitch , sm, inc in stitch after marker, continue inc in the st before and the st after each marker, k to end. (28 sts)

Row 6: Repeat Row 4.

Rows 7-18: Repeat Rows 5 and 6. You will have 13 sts on each front, 16 sts on each sleeve and 18 sts on the back. (76 sts) .



Work Rows 19-28 of chart over first 13 sts (left front) reading odd rows from right to left and even rows left to right as instructed below:

Row 19: Knit 13 sts (following chart) to first marker slip sleeve sts onto a scrap piece of yarn, knit back sts, slip sleeve sts onto a scrap of yarn. Knit to the end.

Row 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 P across

Row 21, 23, 25, 27, 29: K across (following chart for first 13 sts)

Row 30 and 31: K1, P1 across

Bind off all sts in K1 P1 ribbing.

Sleeves:

Slip 16sts for first sleeve from waste thread onto 2 double pointed needles (8 sts on each). Hold the 2 needles parallel with the working yarn on the back needle. With a 3rd double pointed needle and main color, begin knitting on the first stitch on the front needle, K to end of first needle,turn so that stitches from second needle are facing you and join, knitting stitches from second needle, 1 round completed.

Knit 7 more rounds

Next 2 rounds k1, p1 around

Bind off all stitches in k1 p1 ribbing.

Repeat for second sleeve.

Finishing:

Weave in all ends and stitch up any holes under the armhole.

Sew up 3/4 of the fronts together by overlapping the right side onto the left side, leaving about 3/4" to 1" open at the top. Using red yarn make french knots for buttons, evenly spaced as shown in picture. With black yarn embroider antennae and spots on lady bug as shown in picture

Add miniature coat hanger and hang on tree.