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Description of design: This concept for a sweater is based on an apple peeling. This look is achieved by creating two scarves and then wrapping them around your body ending up with a very hip and well-fitting sweater (with or without sleeves.)

MATERIALS:

- 4 (4,5) Skeins Ozark Handspun for small size (medium, large)
- 2 (2,3) different worsted weight yarns of your choice
- 1 pair US Size 17-19 inch circular knitting needles, 1 pair US Size 35 knitting needles
- 1 US Size P crochet hook

Stitch markers, Pins, Measuring tape, Stitch holder, Tapestry Needle

Note: When switching between worsted weight yarns knitted on size 17 needles and Ozark Handspun knitted on US Size 35 needles, you will have 20 stitches in worsted weight and 10 stitches in Ozark Handspun. Note this in instructions.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Using US Size 17 needles and one of the worsted weight yarns, cast on 20 stitches, knit 6 rows, break off yarn and add second worsted weight yarn, knit 4 rows, break off yarn.

Change to US Size 35 needles and add Ozark Handspun, knit 2 together across row (you will now have 10 stitches on needles.

Knit 2 rows with Ozark Handspun, break off yarn.

Change back to US Size 17 needles and using one of the worsted weight yarns knit, increasing in each stitch until there are 20 stitches on needle. Continue in this manner until you have a piece measuring approximately 65 inches, bind off loosely, break off yarn. Fasten off and bury ends.

Using the US Size P crochet hook, single crochet around edge of scarf. Fasten off and bury ends. In the same fashion, create a second scarf. When on last row, place the remaining 20 stitches on a holder and break off yarn. When crocheting around edge leave this area undone as this will allow adjustments in fit and drape of sweaters later.

Finishing: Take scarves and place finished ends of scarves on your shoulders with longer length down your back. Pin each of these pieces at point where you desire neckline in front. Now, take the finished scarf and begin to drape around your body at a diagonal angle (having a friend help makes this whole process easier.) Pin in place.

Wrap second scarf around your body lining it up with the first scarf in terms of edges meeting and pin as you go. You will end up with a little "fishtail" effect in the back which can be lessened or added to where you have left the stitches on the holder. When it has the desired effect, finish off that area of the scarf

Whip stitch these scarves together on the diagonal and at the neckline areas.

Using Ozark Handspun, single crochet around the neckline and (if you desire a sleeveless sweater) around the sleeve openings.

In the event you desire sleeves, using US Size 17 needles and worsted weight yarn, pick up an even number of stitches around sleeve openings (count these on each sleeve opening before beginning as they may vary a bit and will require either a few increases or a few decreases to match them up so keep this in mind.)

Join stitches being careful not to twist them, place beginning or row marker and knit until sleeve is length desired. Bind off loosely and bury ends.

Using US Size P crochet hook and Ozark Handspun, single crochet 1 row around edge of sleeve. Slip stitch together and fasten off and bury ends.