

Ozark Circle Jacket

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Sizes: Small (medium, large)

Finished Bust: 36 inches (38,40)

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MATERIALS:

5 Skeins Ozark Handspun Opulent, 50 yds/100g
3 Skeins Tahki Donegal Tweed worsted weight, 183 yds/100g (three different colors if desired)
1 US size 10 24 inch circular knitting needles
1 US size 10 47 inch circular knitting needles
1 US size 10 double pointed knitting needles (DPN)
1 US size N crochet hook
stitch markers, waste yarn

Note: To create larger sizes, measure your shoulder width across the back and divide by two. This will be the measurement needed before establishing armholes using waste yarn. For example, if your back measures 22 inches (or whatever your measurement is) from armhole to armhole, work to 11 inches (or whatever your measurement is) from the center and then shape armholes. Continue circle, increasing as previously until piece measures 22 inches (or whatever your measurement is) from the center. When binding off, do so loosely.

This circular vest is worked from the center, beginning with the use of DPNs and changing to longer circular needles as required. If making a larger vest, you may need a 60 inch long size 10 circular needle to accommodate all stitches on needles.

Increases: increase 1 knitwise or increase 1 purlwise

Abbreviations: CO=cast on; BO=bind off; k=knit; p=purl; inc=increase; dec=decrease; DPN=double pointed needles; sts=stitches; pm=place marker; sm=slip marker.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Using size 10 DPNs, CO 8 sts on one of the DPNs.

Rnd 1: K in front and back of every st-16. Divide onto four needles. Join, being careful not to twist sts and pm (this will be beginning of round marker so make sure it is of a different color than other markers used.)

Rnd 2: *k1, inc1 k st, repeat from * resulting in 6 sts per needle.

Rnd 3: Knit to end of rnd.

Rnd 4: *k1, inc1, repeat from * to end of rnd - 9 sts per needle.

Rnd 5: Knit to end of rnd.

Rnd 6: *K1, inc1, repeat from * to end of rnd - 12 sts per needle.

Rnd 7: Knit, placing a marker every 6th st. Each needle will have two sections.

Rnd 8: *K1, inc1, repeat from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 9: Knt to end of rnd.

Rnds 10-14: Repeat rnds 8 & 9, switching to 24 inch circular needles when able. Piece should measure about 3 inches from center at this point. Add new color at beginning or next rnd, cutting previous color yarn. IMPORTANT NOTE: From this point on, increases will continue every other rnd, once in the segment between two markers (eight sections.)

Rnd 15: *P1, inc 1 purlwise, repeat from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 16: Purl to end of rnd.

At this point, you will continue to increase every other rnd for approximately 2 2/3 inches. Switch to third color at this point. Then purl two rnds.

*K1, inc 1, repeat from * to end of round. Knit to end of next round. Continue in this matter for approximately 2 1/2 inches and then cut this yarn and change colors as you desire.

Continue increasing every other round until piece measures approximately 10 inches from center. On the next round without increases leave yarn attached but just hanging there. Now, using waste yarn, knit stitches of first segment from beginning of round marker. Place these stitches back onto the left needle and pick up original yarn and continue knitting the waste yarn stitches. Knit the next segment (between two markers.) Again, using waste yarn, knit stitches of the next segment between two markers, slip waste stitches back onto left needle and picking up original yarn continue knitting the waste yarn stitches. Knit remaining segments of this round. Measurement from armhole to armhole should be approximately 20 inches.

Continue knitting as before, increasing 1 stitch in each segment every other round until piece measures about two inches from armhole. At beginning of round, switch to Ozark Handspun and continue knitting as before increasing every other round until piece measures about 3 1/2 inches. Switch back to one of the previous tweed colors and continue knitting as before until piece measures about 10 inches from armhole. Loosely BO sts. Using US size N crochet hook with Ozark Handspun, single crochet around outer edge of circle. Fasten off and bury ends.

Finishing: Using DPNs and carefully removing waste yarn, pick up and knit the armhole stitches with tweed yarn for one row and then loosely bind off. Fasten off and bury ends.

Your finished garment may require a light blocking before wearing. You may add a button if desired or use a shawl pin as a closure.