



## **GUMDROP**

*Designed by Emily Sproul / Skill level: Intermediate*

### **FINISHED MEASUREMENTS**

Approximately 6" / 15 cm wide (cuff to cuff) x 3" / 7.5 cm long

### **YARN**

BERROCO VINTAGE BABY (50 grs): 1 ball each #10033 Poppy (MC) and #10002 Pearl (CC)

### **NEEDLES and NOTIONS**

1 set double-pointed needles, size 6 / 4 mm or size to obtain gauge

4 stitch markers (1 a different color for beg-of-rnd)

Waste yarn to hold stitches

### **GAUGE**

22 sts and 28 rows = 4" / 10 cm in pattern stitch

To save time and ensure accurate measurements, take time to check gauge.

## **NOTE**

Body and sleeves are worked in the round, then joined to work the yoke in the round.

**For additional instructions see attached document titled: Joining Body and Sleeves Knitted in the Round.**

## **BODY**

With MC, cast on 38 sts Divide stitches onto 3 needles, place marker and join for working in the round.

Work even in k1, p1 ribbing for 2 rounds. Join CC.

Establish Pattern: Rnd 1: With CC, \* k1, sl 1 wyib; rep from \* around.

Rnd 2: With CC, \* p1, sl 1 wyib; rep from \* around.

Rnd 3: With MC, knit.

Rnd 4: With MC, purl.

Repeat Rnds 1–4 three times more, then work Rnds 1–3 once.

Slip stitches and marker to waste yarn for yoke.

## **SLEEVES (Make 2)**

With MC, cast on 12 sts. Divide stitches onto 3 needles, place marker and join for working in the round.

Work even in k1, p1 ribbing for 2 rounds. Join CC.

Establish Pattern: Rnd 1: With CC, \* k1, sl 1 wyib; rep from \* around.

Rnd 2: With CC, \* p1, sl 1 wyib; rep from \* around.

Rnd 3: With MC, knit.

Rnd 4: With MC, purl.

Repeat Rnds 1–4 three times more, then work Rnds 1–3 once. Slip stitches and marker to waste yarn for yoke.

**JOINING YOKE AND SLEEVES:** See the attached document for additional information before you start joining the sleeves to the yoke.

Joining Rnd: Purl 12 sts of left sleeve, pm, p19 sts of body, pm, purl 12 sts of right sleeve, pm, purl remaining 19 sts of body, place beg-of-rnd marker—62 sts.

Dec Rnd: Continuing in pattern, \* work to 2 sts before marker, SSK, sm, k2tog; rep from \* around—8 sts dec'd.

Rep Dec Rnd 5 times more—14 sts.

**COLLAR:** Work in k1, p1 for 2 rounds.

Bind off.

## **FINISHING**

Weave in all ends and block if desired. Make a hanging loop with CC and fasten to center back neck.

## Joining Body and Sleeves Knitted in the Round



When you're knitting a bottom-up sweater and reach the directions for 'joining the body and sleeves' do you find it difficult to visualize how the pieces fit together? If you lay the two sleeves and body out like the photo above you may find it easier to picture where the knitting is going next. Each round of the yoke will be worked across the back of the body, around one sleeve, across the front and around the second sleeve. The stitches that are lying against each other at the underarms are put 'on hold'. They'll eventually be seamed or bound off together.





The photos above and below show the underarm stitches and are going to be ignored until the finishing steps of the sweater construction.

Some patterns will instruct you to put these stitches on hold before joining the three pieces together: usually as part of the body and sleeve directions. The photos in this tutorial show the underarm stitches already on hold, for clarity. Other patterns will instruct you to slip the underarm stitches to scrap yarn *before* working those stitches as you work the round joining the body and sleeves together.

To put the stitches on hold, use a smooth, strong scrap yarn threaded onto a darning needle and slip the underarm stitches off the working needle onto the darning needle. Use a separate length of yarn for each set of stitches, and tie the ends together in a knot to keep them secure.



On this sweater the EOR (end of round) is at the back left shoulder between the back and the sleeve. You start the round by adding in the sleeve, the underarm stitches are put on hold, and the working yarn has just finished the last stitch of the back. Sometimes you may be instructed to knit across the front of the body until x stitches before the underarm marker and then put the sleeve in.



To add in a sleeve, get the two needles ready. You might need to return the sleeve and / or body to the needle. Use the needle in the body as the right needle tip and the needle in the sleeve as the left.

Place a marker on the right needle tip and then knit the first stitch of the sleeve onto the right needle, and continue knitting the sleeve stitches.



When you get to the last stitch of the sleeve, place another marker and then knit the first live stitch from the body.





Join in the second sleeve in the same manner as the first. Depending on your needle length the stitches could be quite cramped together, below the sweater is on a 32" / 80cm needle.

### **Underarm stitches on hold**

The held underarm stitches for the body and sleeve will now be next to each other. When you're done knitting, they can either be joined with a 3 needle bind off or grafted together. Some patterns will instruct you to bind off the underarm stitches and sew them together at the end.





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