Transformation Sweater

This sweater has been designed so that you can wear it in a number of ways. Look at the photo of it flat at the end of this pattern. You'll understand how it can be worn with the cowl at the top, or turned upside-down so that the cowl becomes the body of a short cropped sweater. Wear either side at the top and change the length of the body and also the size of the cowl. You can also enjoy it as a cowl or as a hood.

Directions are for size small; changes for sizes medium, large, x-large, and xx-large are in parentheses.

Sweater measures 36½ (40½, 44½, 48½, 52½)” [93 (103, 113, 123, 133) cm] in bust circumference, 14 (14, 14¾, 15½, 15½)” [35.5 (35.5, 37.5, 39.5, 39.5) cm] in length from armhole to bottom edge. Cowl is 10” (25.5 cm) in length.

Special Stitch

Beg- ldc (beginning linked double crochet) = Ch 2, insert hook in 2nd chain, yo and pull up a loop. Insert hook in next st or foundation ch indicated, yo and pull up a loop. (3 loops on hook) *Yo and draw through two loops on hook, repeat from * once more. (Note: Ch 2, does not count as a stitch throughout)

Ldc (linked double crochet) = Insert your hook (on RS from top of stitch to base) in the horizontal bar from the previous ldc, yo and pull up a loop. Insert your hook in next st or foundation ch indicated, yo and pull up a loop. (3 loops on hook) *Yo and draw through two loops on hook, repeat from * once more.

BODY

With A,
Ch 168 (186, 204, 222, 240), join with a slip st to the first ch to work in the round.

Round 1 (right side): Beg-ldc in first foundation ch, ldc in each ch around, join with slip st to the top of the beg-ldc. Do not turn- 168 (186, 204, 222, 240) ldc.

Round 2: Beg-ldc in first st, ldc in each st around, join with slip st to the top of the beg-ldc. Do not turn.
Repeat round 2 until body measures 13½” (13½, 14, 14¼, 14¼)” [34.5 (34.5, 35.5, 37.5, 37.5) cm] (about 40 (40, 42, 44, 44) rounds total).

Armhole Opening Round 1: Beg-ldc in first st, ldc in next 51 (57, 64, 70, 77) sts, fasten off. Skip 32 (35, 37, 40, 42) sts (armhole created). Join yarn to next st with slip st, beg-ldc in same st as join, ldc in next 51 (57, 64, 70, 77) sts, fasten off. Leave remaining sts unworked. Do not turn. Change to B

Cowl Round 1: Join yarn to first st, beg-ldc in first st, *ldc in ea st across, ch 32 (35, 37, 40, 42) loosely,** join with dc in first st (the other side of the sweater); repeat from * to ** once, join with slip st into to of beg-ldc. Do not turn- 168 (186, 204, 222, 240 sts).

Round 2: Beg-ldc in first st, ldc in ea st around, join with slip st to top of beg-ldc. Do not turn.

Repeat cowl round 2 until cowl measures 10” (25.5 cm) (about 30 rows total). Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends.

Optional: Use a long piece of yarn and yarn needle to seam the join at the end of the rounds and mimic horizontal bars up seam. Insert needle from WS to RS of fabric at horizontal bar of last ldc of round. Thread yarn through horizontal bar of first beg-ldc of round. Insert needle from RS to WS of fabric and up to next round. Continue up entire seam.

What you will need:

RED HEART® Fashion Soft™: 2 (3, 3, 4) balls 4604 Navy A, 2 (2, 2, 2, 3) balls 3720 Lavender B

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 4mm [US G-6]

Yarn needle

GAUGE: 23 ldc = 5” (13 cm); 12 rows = 4” (10cm). CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.
ABBREVIATIONS

A, B = Color A, Color B; ch = chain; st(s) = stitch(es); slip st = slip stitch; RS = right side; WS = wrong side; ( ) = work directions in parentheses in same st; [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

See next page for schematic and alternate photo
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