SLEEVES

Cast on 36(36:40:40:44:44) sts using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) dpns. Work 6cm (2½in) in k2, p2 rib in the round for all sizes. Change to 5mm (UK 6, US 8) needles. Knit 1 round, increasing evenly across round to 48(48:50:50:54:54) sts. Place marker at beg of round = centre underarm. Work in the round in stocking (stockinette) stitch while increasing 1 st on each side of marker approx every 6(5.5:5:4:4.5:4.5)cm (2½(2½:2:1½:1¾:1¾)in). When work measures approx 41(41:43:43:44:44)cm (16¼(16¼:17:17:17½:17½)in), work patt: work to centre 16 sts in round, work stocking (stockinette) stitch over these 16 sts while increasing 8 sts. 24 sts rem in centre of round for patt. Work stocking (stockinette) stitch to end of round. On next round, beg patt as shown in chart over centre 24 sts with stocking (stockinette) stich on either side. Cont increases at centre underarm as before, making 7(8:9:11:10:10) increases in total. Once patt is complete, dec 8 sts across patt sts by k2tog equivalent to the increases. 16 patt sts rem. Work until sleeve measures stated or desired length. There should now be a total 62(64:68:72:74:74) sts on needles. On last round, cast (bind) off 12 sts at centre underarm, 6 sts each side of marker. Set work aside and work other sleeve the same way.

YOKE

Place all pieces on the same 5mm (UK 6, US 8) circular needle with one sleeve positioned over each set of cast (bound) off sts on body. 236(256:276:296:316:316) rem sts. Place marker at each join. Cont in stocking (stockinette) stitch in the round, working decreases at all four joins. Beg round at back on right shoulder. Work until 3 sts before marker, sl1 loosely, k1, psso, k2, k2tog. 8 sts decreased in round. Dec in same way on every alt round until you have worked raglan decrease rounds 17(19:22:24:26:26) times in total. On next round, cast (bind) off centre 10(14:14:16:20:20) sts on front for neck.

Work to end of round. Break yarn and beg at front after cast (bound) off sts. Cont back and forth in stocking (stockinette) stitch and in patt as before. At the same time, cont to dec at each side of neck on alt rows as foll: 4, 2, 1 sts for all sizes. Cont until you have worked 21(23:26:28:30:30) raglan decreases on back in total. 44(44:40:42:42:42) rem sts. Work neckband.

NECKBAND

Using 5mm circular needle (UK 6, US 8), pick up or knit approx 9 sts per 5cm (2in) on each side at front neck, adjusting the number of sts so the next round has a total of approx 92(100:100:102:104:104) sts. Work 20cm (8in) in stocking (stockinette) stitch in the round. Change to 4mm (UK 8, US 6) circular needle and yarn B. Work 2 rounds in stocking (stockinette) stitch. Create opening for cord: place marker at centre front and place two more markers approx 3cm (1½in) on each side of centre marker. Make a hole at each marker by working k2tog, yo. Work 2.5cm (1in) in stocking (stockinette) stitch. Cast (bind) off loosely. Fold edge in to WS and sew down below the holes, which will show on RS.

I-CORD

Cast on 4 sts using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) dpns and yarn B. Work in the round as foll: k4, slide sts to opposite side of needle, bring yarn round back of work and k4 again. Rep until cord measures approx 90cm (35½in). Cast (bind) off. Attach a safety pin to the cord and push it into one hole at front neck, then push the cord through the casing and out of the other hole.

MAKING UP

Sew together at underarms. Weave in all loose ends neatly on WS.