

HELICAL KNITTING WITH RAGLAN SHAPING - KNIT THE SWATCH!

Knit using fingering weight yarns (blue and light green) or sport weight yarns (lavender and purple) on a US 4 / 3.5 mm needle. I started on a 12" circular and moved up to a 16" circular as the circumference grew. Gauge isn't critical since it's just for practice / learning so you can use whatever you have lying around! You'll want a 6 stitch markers - one unique for the BOR!

Abbreviations:

BOR - beginning of round

CC - Contrast Color

CO - cast on

inc - increase(s/d)

k - knit

LHN - left hand needle

M - Marker

M-A (B, C, D, E) - Marker A (B, C, D, E)

MC - Main Color

M1L - insert the tip of your LHN needle under the running yarn between sts from front to back, knit this new stitch tbl [1 st inc]

M1R - insert the tip of your RHN needle under the running yarn between sts from back to front, knit this new stitch [1 st inc]

PM - place marker

rep - repeat

RHN - right hand needle

rnd(s) - round(s)

sl - slip stitch purlwise (unless otherwise noted)

sm - slip marker

st(s) - stitches

tbl - through the back loop(s)

wyib - with yarn in back

Notes

I cast on and worked the swatch exactly as written. Once I was done, in order to prevent the edges from rolling, I worked the top and bottom garter edges as follows:

Bottom Edge (CC): Immediately following Rnd 22 - knit 1 rnd, purl 1 rnd, knit 1 rnd; bind off all sts purlwise.

Top Edge (MC): Using the shorter needle and MC, pick up and knit 82 sts around the cast on edge; knit 1 rnd, purl 1 rnd, knit 1 rnd; bind off all sts purlwise.

Begin Swatch

Using MC, CO 82 sts using the Long Tail cast on. PM for BOR and join to work in the rnd.

Setup Rnd (MC): K10, pm (M-A), k15, pm (M-B), k16, pm (M-C), k10, pm (M-D), k15, pm (M-E), knit to end of rnd. [10 sts each sleeve, 31 sts each front & back]

Note: the BOR M is located at the "back right shoulder" (as worn).

Rnd 1 (join / use CC): *K1, M1L, knit to 1 st before M-A, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to M-B, sm, sl1 wyib, knit to 1 st before M-C, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to 1 st before M-D, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to M-E, sm, sl1 wyib, knit to last 3 sts. Drop CC. Slip 3 MC sts purlwise, move BOR M to RHN. [7 sts inc; 89 sts total: 12 right sleeve sts, 33 front sts, 12 left sleeve sts, 32 back sts]

Rnd 2 (MC): {Knit to M, sm} 5 times, knit to 3 sts before previous color change. Drop MC. Slip 3 CC sts purlwise. Pick up CC yarn. Knit to 1 st before BOR M, M1R, k1. [1 st inc; 90 sts total: 12 sts each sleeve, 33 sts each front & back]

Rnd 3 (CC): *K1, M1L, knit to 1 st before M-A, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to M-B, sm, sl1 wyib, knit to 1 st before M-C, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to 1 st before M-D, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to M-E, sm, sl1 wyib, knit to 3 sts before previous color change. Drop CC. Slip 3 MC sts purlwise. Pick up MC yarn. Knit to BOR M, move BOR M to RHN. [7 sts inc; 97 sts total: 14 right sleeve sts, 35 front sts, 14 left sleeve sts, 34 back sts]

Rnd 4 (MC): {Knit to M, sm} 5 times, knit to 3 sts before previous color change. Drop MC. Slip 3 CC sts purlwise. Pick up CC yarn. Knit to 1 st before BOR M, M1R, k1. [1 st inc; 98 sts total: 14 sts each sleeve, 35 sts each front & back]



Rnd 5 (CC): *K1, M1L, knit to 1 st before M-A, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to M-B, sm, sl1 wyib, knit to 1 st before M-C, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to 1 st before M-D, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to M-E, sm, sl1 wyib. Drop CC. Slip 3 MC sts purlwise. Pick up MC yarn. Knit to BOR M, move BOR M to RHN. [7 sts inc; 105 sts total: 16 right sleeve sts, 37 front sts, 16 left sleeve sts, 36 back sts]

****Note:** *on this round we just completed, you'll notice that there were 3 MC stitches and a slipped stitch following the marker. So it's essentially slipping 4 stitches. This is worked into the next rounds so don't worry that we have a 4-stitch slip instead of a 3-stitch slip. This is just a function of incorporating slipped stitches into a pattern. :)*

Rnd 6 (MC): {Knit to M, sm} 4 times, knit to 3 sts before previous color change. Drop MC. Slip 3 CC sts purlwise. Pick up CC yarn and slip marker E. Sl1 wyib, knit to 1 st before BOR M, M1R, k1. [1 st inc; 106 sts total: 16 sts each sleeve, 37 sts each front & back]

Rnd 7 (CC): *K1, M1L, knit to 1 st before M-A, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to M-B, sm, sl1 wyib, knit to 1 st before M-C, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to 1 st before M-D, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to 3 sts before previous color change. Drop CC. Slip 3 MC sts purlwise. Pick up MC yarn. Knit to BOR M, move BOR M to RHN. [7 sts inc; 113 sts total: 18 right sleeve sts, 39 front sts, 18 left sleeve sts, 38 back sts]

Rnd 8 (MC): {Knit to M, sm} 4 times, knit to 3 sts before previous color change. Drop MC. Slip 3 CC sts purlwise. Pick up CC yarn. Knit to M-E, sm, sl1 wyib, knit to 1 st before BOR M, M1R, k1. [1 st inc; 114 sts total: 18 sts each sleeve, 39 sts each front & back]

Rnd 9 (CC): *K1, M1L, knit to 1 st before M-A, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to M-B, sm, sl1 wyib, knit to 1 st before M-C, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to 1 st before M-D, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to 3 sts before previous color change. Drop CC. Slip 3 MC sts purlwise. Pick up MC yarn. Knit to BOR M, move BOR M to RHN. [7 sts inc; 121 sts total: 20 right sleeve sts, 41 front sts, 20 left sleeve sts, 40 back sts]

Rnd 10 (MC): {Knit to M, sm} 4 times, knit to 3 sts before previous color change. Drop MC. Slip 3 CC sts purlwise. Pick up CC yarn. Knit to M-E, sm, sl1 wyib, knit to 1 st before BOR M, M1R, k1. [1 st inc; 122 sts total: 20 sts each sleeve, 41 sts each front & back]

Rnd 11 (CC): *K1, M1L, knit to 1 st before M-A, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to M-B, sm, sl1 wyib, knit to 1 st before M-C, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to 1 st before M-D, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, k1 (you'll now be 3 sts from the previous color change). Drop CC. Slip 3 MC sts purlwise. Pick up MC yarn. Knit to BOR M, move BOR M to RHN. [7 sts inc; 129 sts total: 22 right sleeve sts, 43 front sts, 22 left sleeve sts, 42 back sts]

Rnd 12 (MC): {Knit to M, sm} 4 times. Drop MC. Slip 3 CC sts purlwise. Pick up CC yarn. Knit to M-E, sm, sl1 wyib, knit to 1 st before BOR M, M1R, k1. [1 st inc; 130 sts total: 22 sts each sleeve, 43 sts each front & back]

Rnd 13 (CC): *K1, M1L, knit to 1 st before M-A, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to M-B, sm, sl1 wyib, knit to 1 st before M-C, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to 3 sts before M-D. Drop CC. Slip 3 MC sts purlwise, move M-D to RHN. Pick up MC yarn. Knit to BOR M, move BOR M to RHN. [5 sts inc; 135 sts total: 24 right sleeve sts, 45 front sts, 23 left sleeve sts, 43 back sts]

Rnd 14 (MC): {Knit to M, sm} 3 times, knit to 3 sts before previous color change. Drop MC. Slip 3 CC sts purlwise. Pick up CC yarn. K2, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to M-E, sm, sl1 wyib, knit to 1 st before BOR M, M1R, k1. [3 sts inc; 138 sts total: 24 sts each sleeve, 45 sts each front & back]

Rnd 15 (CC): *K1, M1L, knit to 1 st before M-A, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to M-B, sm, sl1 wyib, knit to 1 st before M-C, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to 3 sts before previous color change. Drop CC. Slip 3 MC sts purlwise. Pick up MC yarn. Knit to BOR M, move BOR M to RHN. [5 sts inc; 143 sts total: 26 right sleeve sts, 47 front sts, 25 left sleeve sts, 45 back sts]



Rnd 16 (MC): {Knit to M, sm} 3 times, knit to 3 sts before previous color change. Drop MC. Slip 3 CC sts purlwise. Pick up CC yarn, knit to 1 st before M-D, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to M-E, sm, sl1 wyib, knit to 1 st before BOR M, M1R, k1. [3 sts inc; 146 sts total: 26 sts each sleeve, 47 sts each front & back]

Rnd 17 (CC): *K1, M1L, knit to 1 st before M-A, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to M-B, sm, sl1 wyib, knit to 1 st before M-C, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to 3 sts before previous color change. Drop CC. Slip 3 MC sts purlwise. Pick up MC yarn. Knit to BOR M, move BOR M to RHN. [5 sts inc; 151 sts total: 28 right sleeve sts, 49 front sts, 27 left sleeve sts, 47 back sts]

Rnd 18 (MC): {Knit to M, sm} 3 times, knit to 3 sts before previous color change. Drop MC. Slip 3 CC sts purlwise. Pick up CC yarn, knit to 1 st before M-D, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to M-E, sm, sl1 wyib, knit to 1 st before BOR M, M1R, k1. [3 sts inc; 154 sts total: 28 sts each sleeve, 49 sts each front & back]

Rnd 19 (CC): *K1, M1L, knit to 1 st before M-A, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to M-B, sm, sl1 wyib, knit to 1 st before M-C, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to 3 sts before previous color change. Drop CC. Slip 3 MC sts purlwise. Pick up MC yarn. Knit to BOR M, move BOR M to RHN. [5 sts inc; 159 sts total: 30 right sleeve sts, 51 front sts, 29 left sleeve sts, 49 back sts]

Rnd 20 (MC): {Knit to M, sm} 3 times, k2. Drop MC. Slip 3 CC sts purlwise. Pick up CC yarn, knit to 1 st before M-D, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to M-E, sm, sl1 wyib, knit to 1 st before BOR M, M1R, k1. [3 sts inc; 162 sts total: 30 sts each sleeve, 51 sts each front & back]

Rnd 21 (CC): *K1, M1L, knit to 1 st before M-A, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to M-B, sm, sl1 wyib, knit to 1 st before M-C, M1R. Drop CC. Slip 3 MC sts purlwise. Pick up MC yarn. Knit to BOR M, move BOR M to RHN. [4 sts inc; 166 sts total: 32 right sleeve sts, 53 front sts, 30 left sleeve sts, 51 back sts]

Partial Rnd 22 (MC): Slip all sts purlwise to the color change between MC and CC. Pick up MC yarn. K1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to 1 st before M-D, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to M-E, sm, sl1 wyib, knit to 1 st before BOR M, M1R, k1. [4 sts inc; 170 sts total: 32 sts each sleeve, 53 sts each front & back]

