

Jess's Gansey

Design by Elizabeth Lovick



Amanda Stevenson

★ FINISHED SIZE:

29½ (35½, 41½, 47½)" bust circumference. Sweater shown measures 35½".

🌀 YARN:

Frangipani 5-ply Guernsey Wool (100% wool; 1280 yd [1170 m]/500 g): crushed raspberry, 1 (1, 2, 2) cone(s). Available from www.guernseywool.co.uk or www.yarnbarn.com by mail order.

✂️ NEEDLES:

Body and sleeves—size 2 (3 mm): 16" and 24" circular (cir). Facings and neckband—size 1 (2.5 mm) 16" and 24" circular. Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

★ NOTIONS:

Markers (m); smooth, contrasting waste yarn; stitch holders; tapestry needle.

★ GAUGE

27 sts and 40 rows = 4" average gauge in charted knit-and-purl texture patterns using larger needles, after washing and blocking.

★ SKILL LEVEL:

Intermediate 



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NOTES

- ◆ The gansey is worked in the round from lower edge to the beginning of the armholes, then the front and back are worked separately to the shoulders. The shoulders are joined using the three-needle bind-off, and the neckband is worked in the round. The sleeves are picked up from the armhole openings and worked in the round down to the cuffs.
- ◆ Markers are noted in the instructions when they are placed on the needle. On the following rounds or rows, slip all markers as you come to them.
- ◆ All charts are nine-stitch patterns, with the exception Chart H which contains nineteen stitches for the body and a marked nine-stitch section for the sleeves. Charts C, D, L, and M also have beginning and ending stitches indicated for the sleeves.
- ◆ Charts show patterns as viewed from the right side. When working in the round, work all chart rows as right-side rounds. When working back and forth, alternate right-side and wrong-side rows.
- ◆ Not all charts contain the same number of rows or rounds. When you reach the end of the chart for each pattern, repeat the entire chart from the beginning as necessary.
- ◆ For charts that contain odd number of rows, this means that the odd-numbered rows will alternate between being right-side or wrong-side rows in subsequent repeats. For example, if Rows 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 were right-side rows the first time you worked Chart A back and forth in rows, on the next repeat, Rows 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 will be wrong-side rows because the first row that immediately follows a right-side Row 9 should be a wrong-side Row 1.

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Notions Markers (m); smooth, contrasting waste yarn; stitch holders; tapestry needle.

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LOWER BODY

With longer, smaller-size cir needle, CO 200 (240, 280, 320) sts loosely. Join for working in the rnd and place marker (pm) for beg of rnd; rnd beg at right side at start of sts for back. **Next rnd:** K100 (120, 140, 160), pm for left side, knit to end—100 (120, 140, 160) sts each for front and back. Knit 7 more rnds. Change to longer, larger-size cir needle. **Picot fold line:** *K2tog through back loop (tbl), yo, k1; rep from * to last 2 (0, 1, 2) st(s), k2 (0, 1, 2). Knit 6 rnds. Establish patts from Rnd 1 of charts for your size as foll, working all 19 sts of Chart H (see Notes):

Size 29½" only:

P1, work Chart D, p1, Chart E, p1, Chart F, p1, Chart G, p1, Chart H (19 sts), p1, Chart I, p1, Chart J, p1, Chart K, p1, Chart L; rep from * once more.

Size 35½" only:

*P1, work Chart C, p1, Chart D, p1, Chart E, p1, Chart F, p1, Chart G, p1, Chart H (19 sts), p1, Chart I, p1, Chart J, p1, Chart K, p1, Chart L, p1, Chart M; rep from * once more.

Size 41½" only:

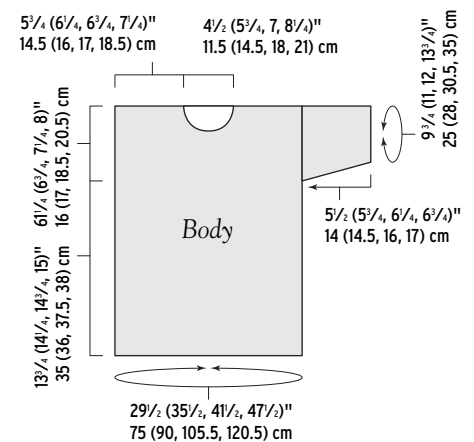
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Chart J, p1, Chart K, p1, Chart L, p1, Chart M, p1, Chart N; rep from * once more.

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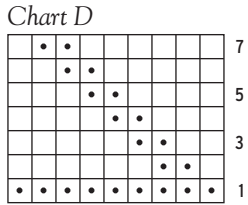
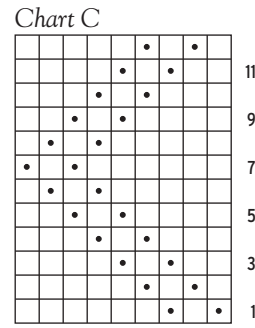
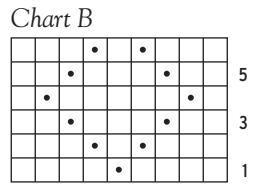
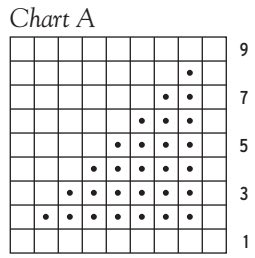
*P1, work Chart A, p1, Chart B, p1, Chart C, p1, Chart D, p1, Chart E, p1, Chart F, p1, Chart G, p1, Chart H (19 sts), p1, Chart I, p1, Chart J, p1, Chart K, p1, Chart L, p1, Chart M, p1, Chart N, p1, Chart O; rep from * once more.

Cont in established patt for your size until piece measures 13¾ (14¼, 14¾, 15)" from picot fold line. **Divide for back and front:** Work 99 (119, 139, 159) sts in patt, work k1, p1 both in next st to inc 1, turn—101,

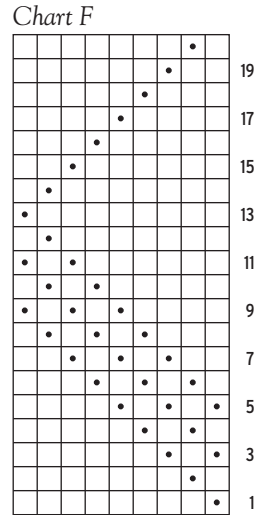
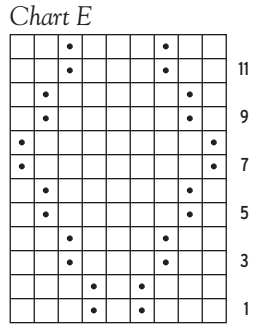




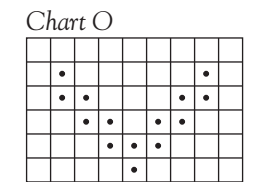
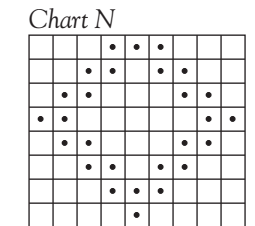
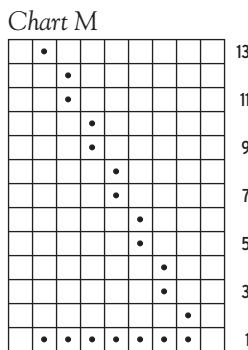
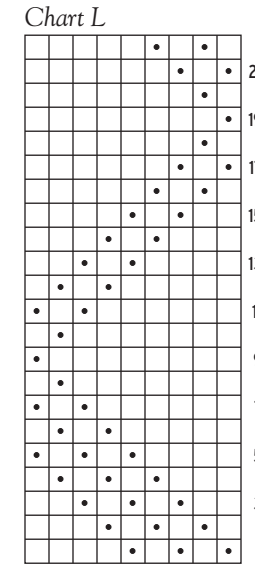
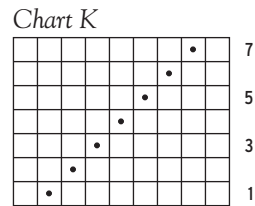
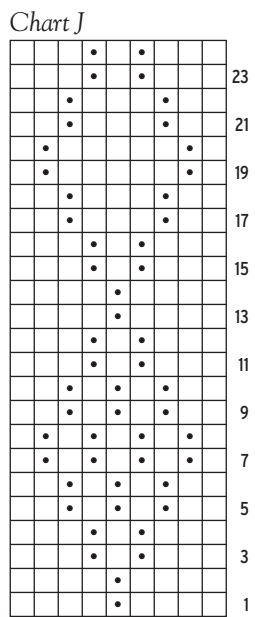
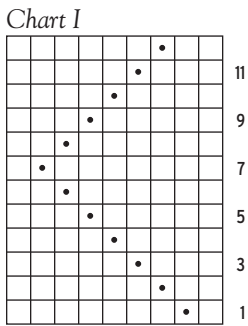
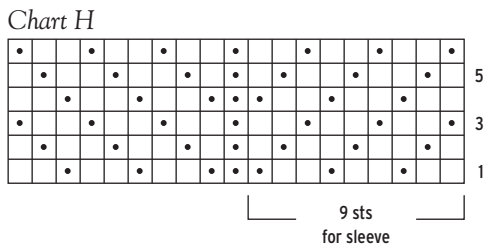
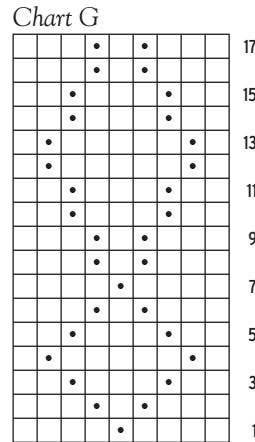
□ k on RS; p on WS
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 sleeve



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(121, 141, 161) sts for back. Place rem 100 (120, 140, 160) sts on a length of waste yarn for front.

BACK

Work established patt back and forth in rows on 101 (121, 141, 161) sts until back measures $6\frac{1}{4}$ ($6\frac{3}{4}$, $7\frac{1}{4}$, 8)" from dividing row, ending with a WS row. Make a note of the total number of rows worked above the dividing row so you can later position the front neck the correct number of rows down from the shoulder line. With RS facing, place first 31 (40, 47, 55) sts on holder for right-back shoulder, next 39 (41, 47, 51) sts on separate holder for back neck, and rem 31 (40, 47, 55) sts on separate holder for left-back shoulder.

FRONT

With RS facing, return 100 (120, 140, 160) held front sts to longer, larger-size cir needle and rejoin yarn. **Next row:** (RS) Work 99 (119, 139, 159) sts in patt, work k1, p1 both in last st to inc 1—101, (121, 141, 161) sts. Work established patt back and forth in rows until front contains 24 (26, 28, 30) fewer rows than the back above the dividing row, ending with a WS row. **Shape left-front neck:** Work 38 (48, 57, 66) sts in patt, k2tog, turn—39 (49, 58, 67) sts for left-front neck. Leave rem 61 (71, 82, 93) sts on needle to work later. Cont in patt on left-front sts only, dec 1 st at neck edge (end of RS rows, beg of WS row) on next 8 (9, 11, 12) rows—31 (40, 47, 55) sts rem. Cont even in patt until left front has the same number of rows above the dividing row as back. Place sts on holder for left-front shoulder. **Shape right-front neck:** With RS facing, place center 21 (21, 23, 25) sts on holder, and rejoin yarn to beg of rem 40 (50, 59, 68) sts. **Next row:** (RS) K2tog tbl, work in patt to end—39 (49, 58, 67) sts. Dec 1 st at neck edge (end of WS rows, beg of RS rows) on next 8 (9, 11, 12) rows—31 (40, 47, 55) sts rem. Cont even in patt until right front has the same number of rows above the dividing row as back. Place sts on holder for right-front shoulder.

JOIN SHOULDERS

Transfer 31 (40, 47, 55) held shoulder sts of right front and back to separate smaller



needles, and hold sts with WS of fabric touching and RS facing outward. Using the three-needle BO (see Glossary) and larger needle, join sts tog. The three-needle BO will create a decorative welt on the RS of the garment. Join left-shoulder sts in the same manner.

NECKBAND

With shorter, smaller-size cir needle and beg at left shoulder seam, pick up and knit 18 (19, 21, 22) sts along left-front neck, knit across 21 (21, 23, 25) held front neck sts, pick up and knit 18 (19, 21, 22) sts along right-front neck, knit across 39 (41, 47, 51) held back-neck sts dec 0 (1, 1, 0) st—96 (99, 111, 120) sts total. Pm and join for working in the rnd. Knit 6 rnds. **Picot fold line:** *K2tog through back loop (tbl), yo, k1; rep from * to end. Knit 5 rnds. BO all sts loosely.

SLEEVES

With shorter, larger-size cir needle and beg at base of armhole, pick up and knit 43 (47, 50, 54) sts to shoulder seam, pick up and knit 1 st in seam, then pick up and knit 43 (47, 50, 54) sts to base of armhole—87 (95, 101, 109) sts. Pm and join for working in the rnd. Establish patt from Rnd 1 of charts beg and ending where indicated for your size as foll; working 9 sts of Chart H marked for sleeves (see Notes):

Size 29½" only:

Work last 8 sts of Chart L, p1, work Chart K, p1, Chart J, p1, Chart I, p1, Chart H (9 sts), p1, Chart G, p1, Chart F, p1, Chart E, p1, work first 8 sts of Chart D.

Size 35½" only:

Work last 2 sts of Chart M, p1, work Chart

L, p1, Chart K, p1, Chart J, p1, Chart I, p1, Chart H (9 sts), p1, Chart G, p1, Chart F, p1, Chart E, p1, Chart D, p1, first 2 sts of Chart C.

Size 41½" only:

Work last 5 sts of Chart M, p1, work Chart L, p1, Chart K, p1, Chart J, p1, Chart I, p1, Chart H (9 sts), p1, Chart G, p1, Chart F, p1, Chart E, p1, Chart D, p1, work first 5 sts of Chart C.

Size 47½" only:

Work Chart M, p1, Chart L, p1, Chart K, p1, Chart J, p1, Chart I, p1, Chart H (9 sts), p1, Chart G, p1, Chart F, p1, Chart E, p1, Chart D, p1, Chart C.

All sizes:

Work 3 rnds even in patt. On the next rnd (Rnd 5 of charts), dec 1 st on each side of m as foll: K2tog, work in patt to last 2 sts, k2tog tbl—2 sts dec'd. Cont in patt, rep the dec rnd every 4th rnd 9 (9, 9, 6) more times—67 (75, 81, 95) sts rem. Cont in patt until sleeve measures 5 ($5\frac{1}{4}$, $5\frac{3}{4}$, $6\frac{1}{4}$)" from pick-up rnd. Knit 6 rnds, dec 1 (0, 0, 2) st(s) in last rnd—66 (75, 81, 93) sts rem. **Picot fold line:** *K2tog through back loop (tbl), yo, k1; rep from * to end. Change to shorter, smaller-size cir needle and knit 7 rnds. BO all sts loosely.

FINISHING

Fold facings of lower body, neckband, and sleeves to WS along picot fold lines, and slip-stitch in place. Weave in ends. Carefully handwash garment, and block to measurements on a woolly board, or flat on a towel (if drying on a towel, turn garment over when partially dry to speed up the process). ■

Three-Needle Bind-Off

Place stitches to be joined onto two separate needles. Hold them with right sides of knitting facing together. Insert a third needle into first stitch on each of the other two needles and knit them together as one stitch. *Knit next stitch on each needle the same way. Pass first stitch over second stitch. Repeat from * until one stitch remains on third needle. Cut yarn and pull tail through last stitch.

