Downhill Skier

So many ways to enjoy winter...
some can't wait to get out on the slopes... others are content to sit by a cozy fire and knit!

An Intarsia Landscape Sweater design by Lynne & Douglas Barr
Instructions

Finished Sweater Measurements
Chest: 42 (45,48) inches
Length: 25 (27,29) inches

Equipment
#6 and #8 needles (or size needed to obtain gauge)
Row Counter
Bobbins

Materials
Peace Fleece yarns, 4 ounces/200 yard skeins
16 oz  Galooboy Blue
10 oz  Antarctica White
  4 oz  Patience Blue
  2 oz  Soyuz-Apollo Teal
  1 oz  Yablaka Blossom
  1 oz  Baikal-Superior Green
  1 oz  Perestroika Pink
  1 oz  Samantha-Katya Pink
  1 oz  Khrushchev Corn
  1 oz  Buffalo Brownski

Gauge
Stockinette Stitch: Using size 8 needles (or size needed to obtain gauge): 16 sts by 21 rows will make a 4 inch square.

Knitting Intarsia
This pattern is knit by the intarsia method. Unlike Fair Isle or Jacquard knits, whose repeating color changes require strands of yarn to be carried across the wrong side of the sweater, in intarsia the blocks of color are worked with separate balls or bobbins of yarn, producing a sweater only one layer thick.

If you are knitting intarsia for the first time, we suggest that you visit our website, www.sweaterscapes.com, where you will find complete illustrated instructions.

Sweater Front
Using Antarctica White yarn and size 8 needle, cast on 82(90,94) stitches. Change to size 6 needles, and rib in K2, P2 pattern for 2 inches. Increase 2(0,2) stitches after rib.

Change to size 8 needles and follow sweater charts on pages 5 and 6 for the front.

Knit stitches on chart:
small 7-90    medium 4-93    large 1-96
Knit rows on chart:
small 13-142  medium 7-146  large 1-150

Finishing
Weave in the ends from the intarsia knitting.
Block sweater pieces before assembling and knitting the neck rib. All you need is a wet, lightweight cotton dishtowel (it should be neither dripping nor wrung out to the point that it’s almost dry), a hard surface with a bath towel laid out flat on it, and a steam iron set to “wool”. Lay the knitting piece on the towel, cover it with the wet dishtowel, and press it lightly with the iron. Voilà – it’s blocked. If you have been careful about testing your gauge, you should not have to pin, stretch, or reshape the sweater in order to fit the desired measurement.

The Neck Rib
Work neck using Galooboy Blue yarn.
If your shoulder stitches are still on needles, bind off the front and back stitches together at the right shoulder. Otherwise, sew the right sweater shoulder.

If traditional bind-off method was used for neck shaping - pick up 82(90,98) stitches around the neck opening.

If short-row wrapping was used for neck shaping - with sweater front facing you, pick up 11(13,15) stitches at right front edge. Knit front neck stitches on the needle from short-row wrapping, hiding the wraps as you knit. Pick-up 11(13,15) stitches and continue knitting stitches on neck back. You should have 82(90,98) stitches on your needle for the neck rib.
If you have circular size 6 needles, you may choose to knit the neck rib in the round. If so, first attach sweater front and back at left shoulder.

Rib in K2, P2 pattern using size 6 needles for 1¾ inches. Bind off.

**Sleeves**

- **Large** - 82 sts (20 inches)
- **Medium** - 78 sts (19 inches)
- **Small** - 74 sts (18 inches)

Using a piece of yarn, mark center of sleeve on the bind-off row.

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- **Medium** - 78 sts (19 inches)
- **Small** - 74 sts (18 inches)

Calculated Measurements:
- **Large** - 21 inches
- **Medium** - 20 inches
- **Small** - 19 inches

After rib, increase 4 sts evenly spaced across, then change to size 8 needle.

**Rib: K2, P2 for 1.5 inches**

Cast on 38 sts using Galooboy Blue yarn and size 6 needles

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**Finishing the Sweater**

If you knit the neck rib on straight needles, sew left shoulder, or bind off shoulders together. Attach sleeves. Sew side and sleeve seams.