North Cascades

Climbers find some of the world’s most challenging ascents in the rugged Picket Range of Washington state. We hope you will enjoy the challenge of knitting this sweater as well!

An Intarsia Landscape Sweater design by Lynne & Douglas Barr
Instructions

Finished Sweater Measurements
Chest: 39 (42,45) inches  
Length: 24 (26,28) inches

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

Materials
Green Mountain Spinnery yarns, 4 ounces/250 yard skeins
4(4,5) oz Champlain Blue  
8 oz Indigo  
6 oz Light Grey  
6 oz Natural Grey  
4 oz White  
1 oz Blue Spruce  
1 oz Ivy  
1 oz Blueberry  
1 oz Aquamarine

Gauge
Stockinette Stitch: Using size 6 needles (or size needed to obtain gauge): 20 sts by 28 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 size 4 needle and Indigo yarn, cast on 70(80,86) stitches. Then cast on 28(26,28) sts with White yarn. Rib in K2, P2 pattern for 2 inches, twisting the yarns when changing colors as when knitting intarsia.

Change to size 6 needles and follow sweater chart for the front.

Knit stitches on chart:
small 9-106 medium 5-110 large 1-114
Knit rows on chart:
small 17-171 medium 7-175 large 1-179

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 Champlain 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 102(110,118) stitches around the neck opening.

If short-row wrapping was used for neck shaping - with sweater front facing you, pick up 17(19,21) stitches at right front edge. Knit front neck stitches on the needle from short-row wrapping, hiding the wraps as you knit. Pick-up 17(19,21) stitches and continue knitting stitches on neck back. You should have 102(110,118) stitches on your needle for the neck rib.
If you have circular size 4 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 4 needles for 1½ inches. Bind off.

**Knitting the Sleeves**

Using size 4 needles and Natural Grey yarn, cast on 42 sts and rib in K2,P2 for 2 inches. Change to size 6 needles. Working in Stockinette stitch, increase 4 sts evenly spaced across first row. Then increase 1 stitch each side on row 4 and every sixth row (or possibly every fifth row if your row gauge is larger) thereafter. Refer to the sleeve charts below, which begin on row 84 for the right sleeve, and row 82 for the left sleeve. Finished length 19(20,21) inches.

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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.