

Wizard School Sweater – Child’s 12-18 Months [to 24 lbs]

This knitting pattern is for a Wizard School pullover sweater with ribbed edges at bottom of sweater and ribbed cuffs on the sleeves. We selected a loose fitting, dropped shoulder style for the smallest wizards, with tapered sleeves. It has a v-neck front and a shallow back neckline. The neckband is 1x1 ribbing.

For this smallest size, we recommend that you leave one shoulder open to make it easier for the baby's head to go through the neck opening. We also recommend a 3-row stripe of the “House” colors. At this row gauge, a wider stripe would look out of proportion.

Note: Be sure to read all of these instructions completely BEFORE you begin to knit. There may be sections such as the neckline where there are two sets of decreases [or increases] to work on at the same time such as the back neck and shoulder.

Hint: Our practice is to cast on the same number of stitches called for “above” the ribbing and knit them on smaller needles. The ribbed band knit on smaller needles will pull in and you do not have to increase stitches across the row to continue knitting the body of the sweater.

FINISHED sweater measurements in inches with “room to grow” wearing ease. Compare the infant’s actual chest measurement to the finished chest measurement to determine how the sweater will fit.

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| Finished Chest: 24 inches | Width of sleeve ribbing: 5 ½ inches [See HINT above] |
| Width of ribbed hem: 21 ½ inches [See HINT above] | Cuff depth: 1 inch |
| Ribbed Hem Depth: 1.5 | Back Neck Width: 4 inches |
| Armhole Depth: 9 ½ inches [total circumference] | Back Neck Depth [shallow neckline for a better fit]: a little more than ¼ inch |
| Top Neck Opening: 4 ½ inches | Sweater Body Length: 11 ½ inches |
| V-Neck Depth: 4.6 | Collar Depth: ¾ inch |
| Sleeve Length: 7 inches | |
| Width of sleeve piece above ribbed cuff: 6 inches | |

MATERIALS: The pattern was drafted to the stitch and row gauge of Red Heart Super Saver; #0400 Grey Heather; 100% acrylic; Machine Wash & Dry.

STITCH & ROW GAUGE:

Stockinet stitch over 4 inches = 10 cm: 17.0 stitches by 23.0 rows. The body is knit on # 8 US needles with the ribbing knit on # 6 US needles.

BACK:

Cast on 48 stitches on size 6 needles. Work in K1P1 ribbing for 1.5 inches. Increase 5 stitches evenly across the row to 53 stitches total, **OR** cast on 53 stitches and work K1P1 ribbing on smaller needles.

Change to size 8 needles and Stocking stitch. Work even until the piece measures 5.2 inches or 30 rows, excluding hem.

Mark this row at both ends for armhole. Continue until armhole measures 4.5 inches or 26 rows.

Shape neck, working both sides at the same time. Work 18 stitches. Slip the next 17 stitches to a holder. With a second ball of yarn, work remaining 18 stitches. Decrease 1 stitch at neck edge every row once, until 17 stitches remain.

Work even until armhole measures 4.9 inches or 28 rows. Cast off 17 shoulder stitches loosely.

FRONT:

Work as for back until the piece measures 5.2 inches or 30 rows.

Mark this row at both ends for armhole. **AT THE SAME TIME**, divide for neck and work both sides at the same time. Work 26 stitches.

With a second ball of yarn, cast off next 1 stitch and work remaining 26 stitches.

Shape neck. Decrease at neck edge:

- 1 stitch on next row
- 1 stitch every 3rd row 7 times
- 1 stitch every 4th row 1 time until 17 stitches remain.

Work even until armhole measures 4.9 inches (28 rows). Cast off 17 shoulder stitches loosely.

SLEEVES:

Cast on 26 stitches on size 6 needles. Work in K1P1 ribbing for 1 inch. Increase 3 stitches evenly across the row to 29 stitches total.

Change to size 8 needles and Stocking stitch. Increase:

1 stitch at each end of every 5th row 5 times, then
1 stitch at each end of every 6th row 1 time until you have 41 stitches (31 rows total, excluding hem).

Work even until sleeve measures 6 inches or 36 rows, excluding hem.

Cast off loosely.

SHOULDER SEAMS:

Sew front to back along 1 shoulder seam. For the second shoulder, seam along ½" from the shoulder point, leaving the rest of the shoulder open. Single crochet along both edges forming small button loops along the front edge.

V-NECK NECKBAND:

Knit the neckband in 2 pieces on size 6 needles.

With right side of work facing, pick up and work (starting at bottom of front neck) 21 stitches from right front neck edge, 1 stitch from right back neck edge and 8 stitches from back neck holder to center. You have a total of 30 stitches. Work 6 rows in K1P1 ribbing.

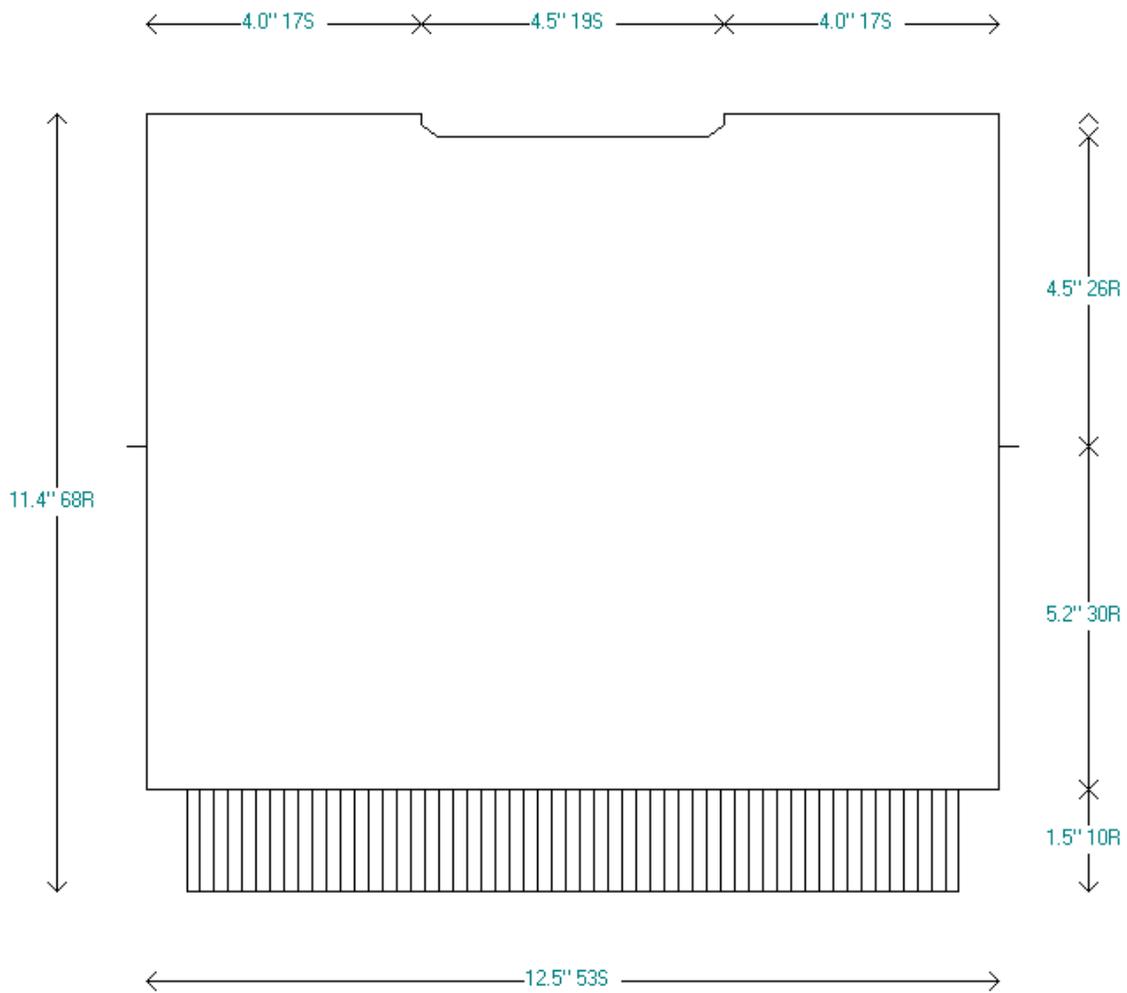
Cast off loosely.

Work the left side the same way as the right, picking up the back neck stitches first.

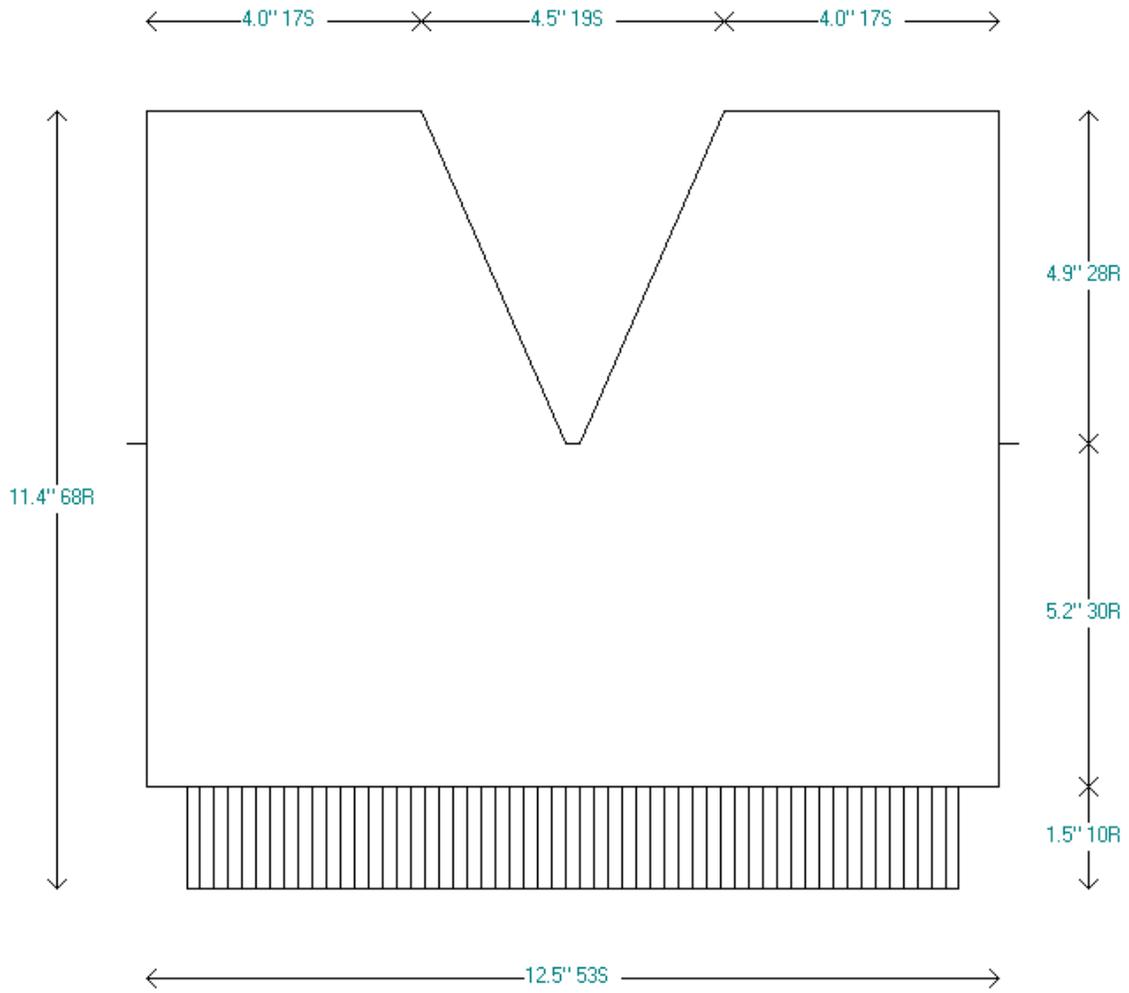
ASSEMBLY & FINISHING:

Sew sleeve top to armhole, easing to fit. Sew side and sleeve seams. Miter the neckband. Sew any remaining seams. Be sure to darn/weave/sew in all loose ends.

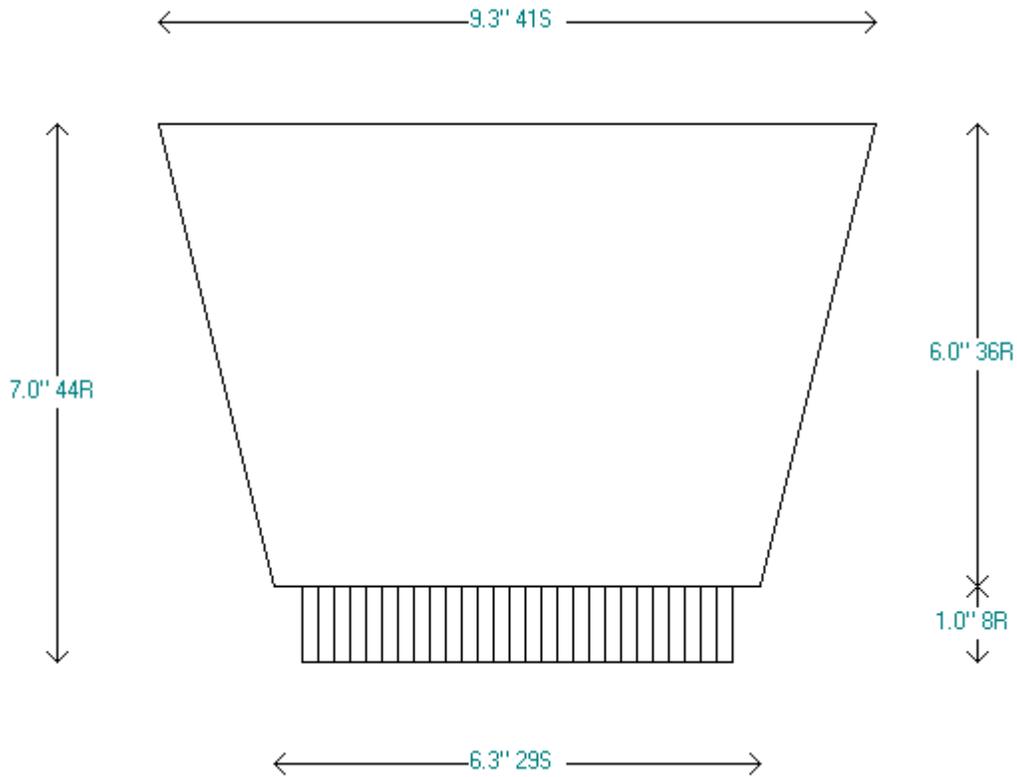
Estimated amount of yarn required: 5 ounces plus 1 skein each of the contrast colors. You only need a few yards of each color not a full skein.



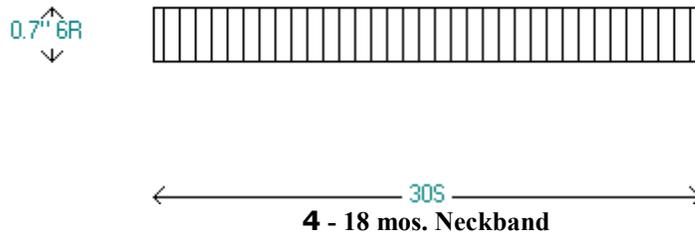
1 - 18 mos. School Sweater Back



2 - 18 mos. School Sweater V-Neck Front



3 - 18 mos. School Sweater Sleeve



4 - 18 mos. Neckband