Granny mandala sweater in blues

M, to fit bust 37 in (94 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 43 in (109 cm) at the bust and about 23½ in (59.5 cm) long
To fit a bust of 37 in (94 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Granny rounds that grow, short triangles, picked-up edges, sleeves in rounds

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 7 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In granny stitch.

What you need

Yarn A: navy, main color	**about 675 yd (617 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: denim, contrast	**about 125 yd (114 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cornflower, color 3	**about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: sky, color 4	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: ice, color 5	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 500 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure and stitch markers.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

Sizes

Size	To fit bust	Yarn, an estimate	Bust	Length, with the hem rib	Armhole depth	Sleeve	Upper sleeve	Cuff around	Neck opening across, before the edging	Octagon across, from side to side
S	33 in (84 cm)	about 895 yd (818 m)	40 in (101.5 cm)	21¼ in (54 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	15¾ in (40 cm)	14¾ in (37.5 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	18¼ in (46.5 cm)
M (this file)	**37 in (94 cm)**	**about 1,000 yd (914 m)**	**43 in (109 cm)**	**23½ in (59.5 cm)**	**8 in (20.5 cm)**	**15¾ in (40 cm)**	**16 in (40.5 cm)**	**8½ in (21.5 cm)**	**11 in (28 cm)**	**20½ in (52 cm)**

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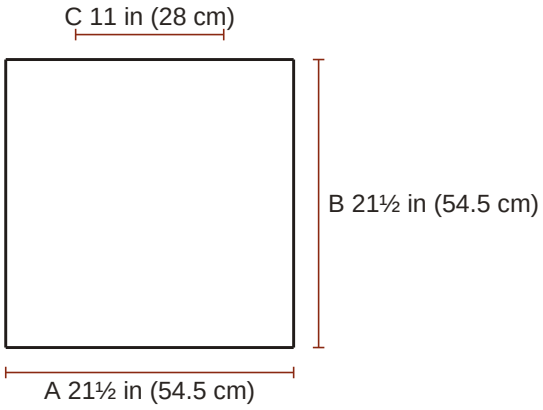
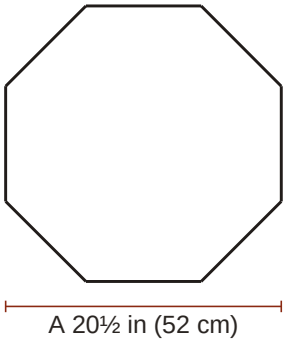
L	41 in (104 cm)	about 1,095 yd (1,001 m)	48 in (122 cm)	23½ in (59.5 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)	15¾ in (40 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	20½ in (52 cm)
1X	45 in (114.5 cm)	about 1,200 yd (1,097 m)	51¾ in (131.5 cm)	23½ in (59.5 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	15¼ in (38.5 cm)	18½ in (47 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	20½ in (52 cm)
2X	49 in (124.5 cm)	about 1,360 yd (1,244 m)	56 in (142 cm)	26¼ in (66.5 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	15¼ in (38.5 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	23 in (58.5 cm)
3X	53 in (134.5 cm)	about 1,440 yd (1,317 m)	59¾ in (152 cm)	26¼ in (66.5 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	14¾ in (37.5 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	23 in (58.5 cm)
4X	57 in (145 cm)	about 1,575 yd (1,440 m)	63½ in (161.5 cm)	26¼ in (66.5 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	14¾ in (37.5 cm)	22¼ in (56.5 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	23 in (58.5 cm)

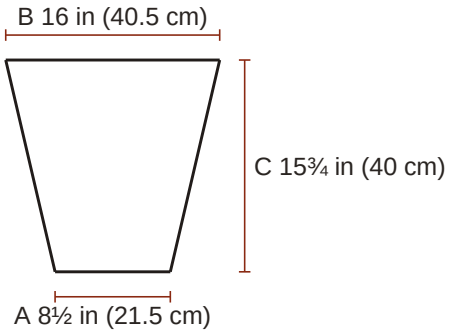
Schematic



Front and back
A half the bust
B how deep the neck is
C across the top



Octagon in the middle of it
A the octagon across, from side to side



Sleeve
A around the cuff
B the top of the sleeve, opened flat
C the sleeve

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Gauge

13 stitches and 7 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in granny stitch.

Count every dc and every ch 1 as a stitch, and nothing else: a group of 3 dc and its ch 1 is 4 sts.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 22. Row 1 (right side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Row 2: Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, skip next st, [3 dc in next st, ch 1, skip next 3 sts] 4 times, 3 dc in next st, skip next st, dc in last st. Row 3: Ch 2, turn; 2 dc in first st, ch 1, [3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 4 times, 2 dc in last st. Row 4: Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, [3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 4 times, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in last st. Rows 5 to 10: Repeat Rows 3 and 4, 3 more times. The swatch of 10 rows is about 6½ in (16.5 cm) wide and 5½ in (14 cm) high. Measure 4 in (10 cm) in the middle. Use a larger hook if your swatch is small, a smaller one if it is large. Rounds of the octagon: rnds 1 to 4 make a circle about 4¾ in (12 cm) across. Single crochet (UK: double crochet): 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm); half double crochet (UK: half treble): 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm). Ribs of the hem and the cuffs: rounds of front and back post double crochet, 7.5 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). The rib draws in: it is a little narrower than the piece above it, and stretches.

Notes

- The finished bust is from 6 in (15 cm) to 7 in (18 cm) wider than the body measurement, by the size. Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The chain at the start of a row or round (ch 1 for single and half double crochet, ch 2 for double crochet, ch 3 for treble crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch into the stitch at the base of that chain, unless the line says otherwise.
- The rounds are not turned: the right side always faces you. In the triangles, the strips and the upper edges the rows are turned; odd-numbered rows are right side rows.
- A group is 3 dc in one place. To work into a chain space, insert the hook under the whole chain.
- An octagon of many rounds may wave a little while you work. Lay it flat after every few rounds: if it ruffles, take a smaller hook for the next rounds; if it cups, a larger one. Wetted and pinned out to its measure when it is done, it lies flat.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- For the ribs, work around the post (the upright part) of the stitch below, not into its top.
- Sew every seam with the yarn needle and yarn A: cut a length about three times as long as the seam.
- Color changes in rounds: work the sl st that joins the round before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm), or, if it is needed again within 6 rnds, carry it loosely up the inside at the join.

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch, **sp** space.

3 dc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 3 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(12 dc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

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Special stitches

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together (UK double crochet 2 together)): Insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop, insert the hook in the following stitch and pull up a loop (3 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

fpdc (front post double crochet (UK front post treble)): Yarn over, insert the hook from the front to the back and to the front again around the post of the stitch named, pull up a loop, [yarn over and pull through 2 loops] twice. The front is the side that faces you. A post stitch takes the place of the stitch it is worked around: do not work into the top of that stitch as well.

bpdc (back post double crochet (UK back post treble)): As fpdc, but insert the hook from the back to the front and to the back again around the post.

Octagon: make 2, one for the front and one for the back

Yarn E, ice.

☐ **Foundation**	Worked from the middle in rounds, with the right side facing you. From rnd 3 to the last granny round a round begins with slip stitches to the next ch-1 sp, and its first group is worked in that sp. With yarn E, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring. Colors: rnds 1 to 3 yarn E; rnds 4 to 6 yarn D; rnds 7 to 9 yarn C; rnds 10 to 12 yarn B; rnds 13 to 20 yarn A.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2; 12 dc in ring; join with sl st in first dc	(12 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; **[**3 dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(18 dc, 6 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; beginning in that sp, **[**(3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 3 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(27 dc, 9 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; beginning in that sp, **[**(3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, [3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] twice**] 3 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(36 dc, 12 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; beginning in that sp, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, [3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] twice**] 3 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(45 dc, 15 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; beginning in that sp, **[**(3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 4 times] 3 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(54 dc, 18 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; beginning in that sp, **[**[3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] twice, (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 3 times] 3 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(63 dc, 21 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; beginning in that sp, **[**(3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 6 times] 3 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(72 dc, 24 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 9**	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; beginning in that sp, **[[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 3 times**, (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 4 times] 3 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(81 dc, 27 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; beginning in that sp, **[**(3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 8 times] 3 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(90 dc, 30 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; beginning in that sp, **[[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 4 times**, (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 5 times] 3 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(99 dc, 33 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; beginning in that sp, **[**(3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 10 times] 3 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(108 dc, 36 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; beginning in that sp, **[[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 5 times**, (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 6 times] 3 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(117 dc, 39 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; beginning in that sp, **[**(3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times] 3 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(126 dc, 42 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; beginning in that sp, **[[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 6 times**, (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 7 times] 3 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(135 dc, 45 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; beginning in that sp, **[**(3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 14 times] 3 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(144 dc, 48 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 3 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 48 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(192 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 3; **[**tr in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 8 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next 3 sts, tr in next 2 sts, ch 2**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first tr	(32 tr, 48 dc, 48 hdc, 64 sc, 8 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, sc in next 10 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, dc in next 3 sts, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(64 dc, 64 hdc, 80 sc, 8 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 20**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 25 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(224 sc, 8 ch-2 sps)
☐ **End**	Each of the 8 sides has 28 sc, with a ch-2 sp at each corner. The octagon is about 20½ in (52 cm) across, from side to side. Fasten off.	

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Triangle: make 8, four on each octagon

Yarn A, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	Work a triangle on every second side of the octagon. With the right side facing and the side uppermost, join yarn A in the first sc of the side, at its right-hand end; ch 1, sc in each of the 28 sc of the side (28 sc). This is row 1, and a right side row. The ch-2 sps at the two ends of the side are left.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	(18 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6	
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(18 sc)
☐ **Rows 8 to 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	(4 sc)
	8 9 10 11 12 13 14	
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog twice	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog	(1 sc)
☐ **End**	The one st of row 16 is the tip. Fasten off.	

Upper edge: make 2, one on each square

Yarn A, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn A in the end of row 1 of the side strip at the right-hand end of one of the two free sides of the square, which is held uppermost; ch 1, then work these edges in order: over the right-hand strip, along row 1 of the side strip, sc in the end of the next row (1 sc); over the square, sc in the ch-2 sp, in each of the 66 sc of the side and in the next ch-2 sp (68 sc); over the left-hand strip, along row 1 of the side strip, sc in the end of the next row (1 sc). There are 70 sc in all. This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(70 hdc)
☐ **End**	This is the top of the front or of the back; the two are alike. Fasten off.	

Neck edging

Yarn A, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 4 of Assembly. With the right side facing, join yarn A in the first open st of the back neck, at the right shoulder seam (as worn); ch 1, sc in each of the 36 open sts of the back neck and in each of the 36 open sts of the front neck (72 sc); join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; sc2tog, sc in next 32 sts, sc2tog twice, sc in next 32 sts, sc2tog; join with sl st in first sc2tog	(68 sc)
☐ **End**	The decreases lie at the two shoulder seams, so that the corners of the neck lie flat. Fasten off.	

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Sleeve: make 2

Yarn A, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	Work these at step 6 of Assembly. Rnds 5, 8, 11, 14, 17 and 20 end with a group and no ch 1, so that the last group and the first group of the round have no space between them. The round after each of these has one space less to work into, and makes one group fewer. Colors: rnds 1 to 6 yarn A; rnds 7 to 11 yarn B; rnds 12 to 16 yarn C; rnds 17 to 20 yarn D; rnds 21 to 24 yarn E; rnds 25 to 29 yarn A. With the right side facing, join yarn A in the st of row 1 of the side strip that has the marker (for the right sleeve, as worn, the marker of the back; for the left sleeve the marker of the front); ch 1, sc in each of 24 sts of that strip, from the marker up to the upper edge, sc in the end of each of the 2 rows of the upper edge, sc in the end of each of the 2 rows of the upper edge of the other piece, and sc in each of 24 sts of its side strip, down to the marker (52 sc); join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; **[**3 dc in next st, ch 1, skip next 3 sts**] 13 times**; join with sl st in first dc (39 dc, 13 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 4** 3 4	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; beginning in that sp, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 13 times**; join with sl st in first dc (39 dc, 13 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; beginning in that sp, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp; join with sl st in first dc (39 dc, 12 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 7** 6 7	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; beginning in that sp, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc (36 dc, 12 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; beginning in that sp, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 11 times**, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp; join with sl st in first dc (36 dc, 11 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnds 9 to 10** 9 10	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; beginning in that sp, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 11 times**; join with sl st in first dc (33 dc, 11 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; beginning in that sp, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 10 times**, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp; join with sl st in first dc (33 dc, 10 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnds 12 to 13** 12 13	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; beginning in that sp, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 10 times**; join with sl st in first dc (30 dc, 10 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; beginning in that sp, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 9 times**, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp; join with sl st in first dc (30 dc, 9 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Rnds 15 to 16** 15 16	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; beginning in that sp, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 9 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(27 dc, 9 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; beginning in that sp, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 8 times**, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp; join with sl st in first dc	(27 dc, 8 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnds 18 to 19** 18 19	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; beginning in that sp, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(24 dc, 8 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; beginning in that sp, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 7 times**, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp; join with sl st in first dc	(24 dc, 7 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnds 21 to 24** 21 22 23 24	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; beginning in that sp, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 7 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(21 dc, 7 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 25**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 3 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 7 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(28 sc)
☐ **Rnd 26**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(28 dc)
☐ **Rnds 27 to 29** 27 28 29	Ch 2; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 14 times**; join with sl st in first fpdc	(14 fpdcs, 14 bpdcs)
☐ **End**	The sleeve is about 15¾ in (40 cm) long. Fasten off.	

Hem rib

Yarn A, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 8 of Assembly. Turn the sweater upside down, so that its lower edge is uppermost. With the right side facing, join yarn A in the end of row 1 of the side strip that comes first after a side seam; ch 1, then work these edges in order: first piece, along row 1 of the side strip, sc in the end of the next row (1 sc); over the square, sc in the ch-2 sp, in each of the 66 sc of the side and in the next ch-2 sp (68 sc); along row 1 of the side strip, sc in the end of the next row (1 sc); second piece, along row 1 of the side strip, sc in the end of the next row (1 sc); over the square, sc in the ch-2 sp, in each of the 66 sc of the side and in the next ch-2 sp (68 sc); along row 1 of the side strip, sc in the end of the next row (1 sc). There are 140 sc in all; join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(140 dc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 4** 3 4	Ch 2; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 70 times**; join with sl st in first fpdc	(70 fpdcs, 70 bpdcs)
☐ **End**	The hem rib is about 2 in (5 cm) deep. Fasten off.	

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Assembly

1. Square edging (make 2): With the right side facing and a side without a triangle uppermost, join yarn A in the first sc of that side, at its right-hand end; ch 1, [sc in each of the 28 sc of the side, sc in the ch-2 sp, sc in the end of each of the 16 rows up the next triangle, with 2 sc in the 9th of them (17 sc), (sc, ch 2, sc) in the st of row 16, sc in the end of each of the 16 rows down its other edge, with 2 sc in the 9th of them (17 sc), sc in the ch-2 sp] 4 times (264 sc, 4 ch-2 sps); join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1, and the only round. The piece is a square now. Each side has 66 sc, with a ch-2 sp at each corner; in the middle of each side lie the 28 sts of the octagon. Fasten off.

2. Side strip (make 4): With the right side facing and one side of the square uppermost, join yarn A in the ch-2 sp at the right-hand end of that side; ch 1, sc in that sp, sc in each of the 66 sc of the side and sc in the ch-2 sp at its left-hand end (68 sc). This is row 1, a right side row, and the only row. Work the second strip by the same words on the opposite side of the square. The strip is about ¼ in (0.6 cm) wide. Fasten off.

3. Shoulders: lay the two pieces together with right sides facing each other and the upper edges level. Sew the 17 sts at each end of row 2 of the upper edges together, st to st. The middle 36 sts of each piece stay open for the neck. Either piece can be the front.

4. Neck edging: work it now, as written above.

5. Markers: on each of the four side strips count 24 sts of row 1 down from the upper edge and place a marker in the 24th st. These 24 sts and the 2 row ends of the upper edge above them, about 8 in (20.5 cm), are half of an armhole.

6. Sleeve: work a sleeve around each armhole now, as written above.

7. Side seams: with right sides together sew the 44 sts of row 1 of the side strip below the marker of one piece to the 44 sts of the other, st to st, from the underarm to the lower edge. Turn the sweater right side out.

8. Hem rib: work it now, as written above.

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends. Wash as the yarn label says and lay flat to the measurements to dry.

In all: 2 pieces.

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