



#### TIMELESS WRAP JACKET

*IMPORTANT NOTE:* Unless yarn specified is used, African Expressions cannot accept the responsibility for the finished work.

Owing to printing restrictions the colour reproduction is matched as closely to the yarn as possible.

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#### **MATERIALS:**

COMFORT (50g balls) 10 (11, 12, 13, 13, 14) balls (50g ball = 100m), Colour used for this jacket 4081

#### **NEEDLES:**

One pair of 5mm needles One tapestry needle

# MEASUREMENTS:

SIZES:

Extra Small (Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large, 2X Large)

NOTE: this is an oversized wrap sweater

Actual all round measurement of garment: Bust: 91 (102, 112, 122, 132, 142) cm

## ${\bf TENSION: SAVE\ TIME, TAKE\ TIME, CHECK\ TENSION}$

12 sts and 12 rows = 10cm over Stocking Stitch using 5mm needles.

FOR BEST RESULTS IT IS ESSENTIAL TO OBTAIN THE CORRECT TENSION. IF THERE ARE TOO FEW STS ON TEST SWATCH, USE THINNER NEEDLES; IF THERE ARE TOO MANY STS, USE THICKER NEEDLES.

#### **ABBREVIATIONS:**

**k** = knit; **LS** = left side; **p** = purl; **PM** = place marker; **R(W)S** = right(wrong) side; **R(W)SF** = right(wrong) side facing; **sl** = slip; **st(s)** = stitch(es)

#### STITCHES USED:

Stocking Stitch:

RSF, one row K. WSF, one row P. Repeat these 2 rows.

1x1 Rib:

**1st row:** K1, \*p1, k1, repeat from \* to end. **2nd row:** P1, \*k1, p1, repeat from \* to end. Repeat these 2 rows.

#### BODY (knit as one piece):

Using 5mm needles, cast on 138 (150, 162, 174, 186, 198)sts.

NOTE: Slip the first and knit the last stitch of every row (edge stitch).

Row 1 (WS): Sl1, \*p1, k1; repeat from \*, end k1. Work last row till piece measures 5cm - then work as follows: Row 1 (WS- set up row): Sl1, \*(p1, k1) 3 times, PM (place marker), p 36 (39, 42, 45, 48, 51), PM (left side marker), p 54 (60, 66, 72, 78, 84), PM (right side marker), purl till last 7 sts, PM, (p1, k1)3 times, k1. Row 2: Sl1, (p1, k1) 3 times, knit till last 7 sts, (p1, k1) 3 times, k1. Work evenly as established in the last 2 rows till piece measures 49(51, 52, 53.5, 55, 56)cm. Then on the next RS row, Shape Armhole: Work to 3 sts before the Right Side marker, cast off 6 sts (remove marker), work to 3 sts before the Left Side marker, cast off 6 sts (remove marker), work till the end.

**Left side** = 40 (43, 46, 49, 52, 55)sts; **Back** = 51 (57, 63, 69, 75, 81)sts; **Right side** = 40 (43, 46, 49, 52, 55)sts left.

NOTE I: Work Left/Right Fronts and Back panel at the same time.

NOTE II: Left/Right Fronts and Back are separated by ";"

**Next 2 Rows:** Work till last 2 sts, k2tog; cast off 2sts, work till last 2 sts, k2tog; cast off 2 sts, work till the end.

**Next 2 Rows:** Work till last 2 sts, k2tog; cast off 1 st, work till last 2 sts, k2tog; cast off 1 st, work till the end.

**Left side** = 35 (38, 41, 44, 47, 50); **Back** = 41 (47, 53, 59, 65, 71); **Right side** = 35 (38, 41, 44, 47, 50)sts left . Work each panel evenly till Armhole measures 23 (23, 23, 24, 24, 24) cm, **Shape Shoulder** as follows:

Next 4 rows: Work till the end; Cast off 6 sts, work till the end; cast off 6 sts, work till the end. Next 2 rows: Work till the end; cast off 4 sts, work till the end; cast off 4 sts, work till the end.

### For sizes L, XL & XXL only:

**Next 2 rows:** Work till the end; cast off 2 sts, work till the end; Work till the end.

### For size XXL only:

**Next 2 rows:** Work till the end; cast off 2 sts, work till the end; Work till the end. Put remaining 19 (22, 25, 28, 31, 34) Front sts, 9 (15, 21, 23, 29, 31) back sts & 19 (22, 25, 28, 31,34) Front sts on holders (these sts will become your collar sts).

### **SLEEVES** (both alike):

Using 5mm needles cast on 40 (42, 44, 46, 48, 50) sts.

NOTE: Slip the first and knit the last stitch of every row (edge stitch).

**Row 1 (WS):** Sl1, \*p1, k1; repeat from \*, end k1. **Row 2:** Sl1, \*k1, p1; repeat from \*, end k1. Work last 2 rows till piece measures 5cm.

Then continue working evenly in Stocking Stitch till piece measures 47 (48,48,50,50,50) cm then **Shape Sleeve Cap** as follows:

Row 1: Cast off 3 sts, work till the end.

Row 2: Cast off 3 sts, work till last 2 sts, k2tog.

Rows 3 & 4: Cast off 2 sts, work till last 2 sts, k2tog.

Rows 5 & 6: Cast off 1 st, work till last 2 sts, k2tog.

Row 7: Work till the last 2 sts, k2tog.

Work evenly for 5 cm. On the next RS Row decrease 1 stitch at each end of the row = 20 (22, 24, 26, 28, 30) sts left. Work evenly for 2.5cm - then repeat the decrease row again. Work evenly for 2.5cm - then repeat the decrease row again = 16 (18, 20, 22, 24, 26) sts left. Work evenly for 2.5cm - then start decreasing as follows: **Next 6 rows:** Cast off 2 sts, work till the end = 4 (6, 8, 10,

12, 14) sts left. Cast off all sts.

#### TO MAKE UP:

Sew shoulder seams together. Facing the RS of garment - slide 19 (22, 25, 28, 31, 34) right side sts, 9 (15, 21, 23, 29, 31) back sts, 19 (22, 25, 28, 31, 34) left side sts onto one needle.

These 47 (59, 71, 79, 91, 99) sts become the Collar sts. On the next Row increase 5 sts evenly across the back part of the collar = 52 (64, 76, 85, 96, 104) sts. Work Collar evenly as established (including the Border) till Collar measures 19 (19, 20, 20, 22, 22) cm.

Then work in 1x1 Rib for 4 Rows. Cast off all sts loosely in rib. Sew the sleeve side seams and attach to the body.

#### BELT:

Using 5mm needles, cast on 8 sts. Work in 1x1 Rib till desired length. Cast off all sts.

Block pieces to measurement, cover with damp cloth and allow to dry.





# KNITTING TIPS AND GARMENT CARE

# **Tension**

The most important factor in determining the finished size of a knitted item is the tension. Patterns will produce different finished sizes by using a different needle size. It is important to be able to determine how much difference a needle change will make, especially in clothing items.

Each one of us knits differently and there is no standard for knowing exactly how much a needle size will change the tension or finished size of a garment. The tension you hold in the yarn will create loose or tight stitches. For smooth, even stitches, it is important to maintain the same tension. Tension is the responsibility of the knitter and must be consistent throughout the entire item to assure an accurate finished size. It is always best to make a small tension swatch, using the yarn, stitch pattern and needles recommended. Check your tension frequently - if you are not getting the proper tension, you will need to rework that portion adjusting your tension accordingly.

## Garment Care

This is important for ensuring that your labour of love remains in pristine condition. Always hand wash garments in a mild soapy solution. Allow to dry flat (on a bath towel on the floor). Never hang your garment on the washing line to dry and always fold and store in a drawer or flat on a shelf.

#### KNITTING NEEDLE SIZES AND CONVERTIONS

Metric	US	UK / Canada
sizes(mm)		
2.0	0	14
2.25	1	13
2.75	2	12
3.0	-	11
3.25	3	10
3.5	4	-
3.75	5	9
4.0	6	8
4.5	7	7
5.0	8	6
5.5	9	5
6.0	10	4
6.5	10 1/2	3
7.0	-	2
7.5	-	1
8	11	0
9	13	00
10	15	000
12	17	-
16	19	-
19	35	-
25	50	-

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5.0	8	6
5.5	9	5
6.0	10	4
6.5	10 1/2	3
7.0	-	2
7.5	-	1
8	11	0
9	13	00
10	15	000
12	17	-
16	19	-
19	35	-
25	50	

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