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SOUTHWEST SUNRISE PULLOVER

Combine vibrant pastels for this comfortable cotton sweater

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She's a superstar — talented, extremely kind, beautiful and petite — she's Crystal Gayle. Crystal's not only a terrific performer, but also, a wife and mother. She tries to keep road performances to a minimum so she can spend her free time with her family: husband Bill, daughter Catherine, son Chris and their four dogs.

Crystal was a child when her mother taught her to knit. Her first knitting effort was a sweater for herself. "The stitches were uneven," Crystal said. "I dropped stitches so there were holes, but I wore it anyway." Since then, she has knit two sweaters for Bill and just recently went to a yarn shop to select yarns in several colors for a new project. Unfortunately, there is a price to pay for fame. Fans began following her around, and she stopped to visit with them. After a time, she had to leave the store without making her purchase.

Crystal is so easy to talk with that I asked her about her incredibly long hair. She replied that at home, for convenience, she wears it in a knot at the back of her neck. She said she's often thought of cutting it, but it's her trademark and she feels that her fans would be disappointed.

When asked where her brown eyes were (Crystal's "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue" hit the top of the Country and Pop charts in 1977), she just grinned and said, "I've always had blue eyes." —*RJR*





Directions for the Sunrise Pullover, worn by Crystal Gayle, are given for finished size 40- and 46-inch bust with changes for the larger in parentheses. To work the pattern on both front and back you will need 5 skeins orange #341 (A), 3 skeins aqua #50 (B), 1 skein yellow #130 (C); for pattern on front only, use 6 skeins orange, 2 skeins aqua, 1 skein yellow Reynolds "Saucy" yarn. "Saucy" is 100% mercerized cotton available in 100-gram skeins of about 185 yards. This pullover was knit using numbers 5 and 8 knitting needles and bobbins.

Gauge: 5 sts equal 1 inch
7 rows equal 1 inch

TO SAVE TIME, TAKE TIME TO CHECK GAUGE.

BACK: With smaller needles and A, cast on 91 (99) sts. Work in ribbing (k 1, p 1) for 3 inches, inc 17 sts evenly spaced on last row — 108 (116) sts. Change to larger needles and work in stockinette (k 1 row, p 1 row) until piece measures 5 inches from beginning, ending with a wrong side row. Follow color chart (if desired), and AT SAME TIME, when piece measures 15 (15-1/2) inches, mark armholes. Continue working even, following chart. When chart is complete, work only in A until armholes measure 8-1/2 (8-3/4) inches, ending with a wrong side row.

Back Neck and Shoulders: Work across 39 (41) sts, join another skein of

yarn and bind off center 30 (34) sts, complete row. Working both sides at same time with separate yarns, dec one st each neck edge every row 3 times — 36 (38) sts each shoulder. Bind off remaining sts.

FRONT: Work same as back until armholes measure 6 (6-1/4) inches, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape Front Neck and Shoulders: Work across 41 (43) sts, join another skein of yarn and bind off center 26 (30) sts, complete row. Working both sides at same time with separate yarns, dec one st each neck edge every other row 5 times — 36 (38) sts each shoulder. Work even until armholes measure same as back. Bind off remaining sts.

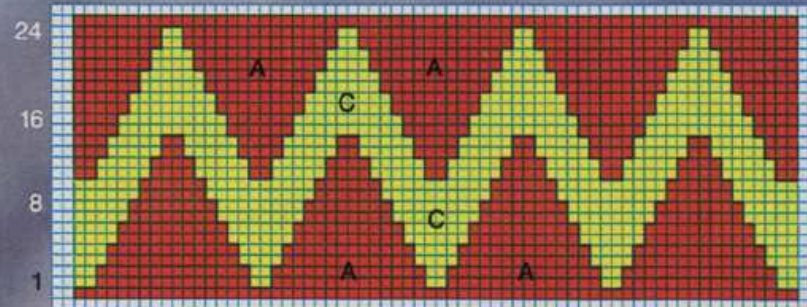
Sew right shoulder seam.

Neck Ribbing: With right side facing, smaller needles and A, pick up 119 (127) sts around neck edge. Work in ribbing for 3/4 inch. Bind off in ribbing. (Optional collar will be added later.)

Sew second shoulder seam, including neck ribbing.

SLEEVES: (Make 2) With right side facing, larger needles and A, pick up 106 (114) sts between armhole markers. Work in stockinette for 1-1/2 (1) inches. Dec one st each end of needle every 4th row 20 (24) times — 66 sts. Work even until sleeve measures 12-1/2 (12-3/4) inches. Follow pattern chart for sleeve for next 24 rows. Work 2 more rows

Sleeve Chart



Rows

even. Change to 126
smaller needles. K one
row, dec 13 (11) sts 121
evenly spaced — 53
(55) sts. Work in rib-
bing for 2 inches. Bind 111
off in ribbing.

Finishing: Sew
each underarm sleeve
and side seam in a con-
tinuous seam. Weave in
all yarn ends. 101

COLLAR: (Op-
tional) With smaller
needles and A, cast on
119 (127) sts. Work in
ribbing for 3-1/2
inches. Bind off
loosely in ribbing. Pin
collar to inside of neck
ribbing and sew in
place. ♣ 91

Rows

Pattern Chart Body

