



A basket of flowers

Ideal for sunny summer days, our striped basketweave

pullover, created especially for us by **Susan Guagliumi**, can be made by machine or by hand. This natural beauty comes sized from small to extra large and is as perfect with linen as it is with denim. As a bonus, the slip stitch pattern forms its own scalloped edges. Spill an array of flowers down the front via simple embroidered stitches and it's ready to wear.

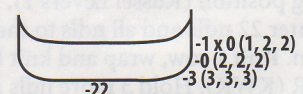
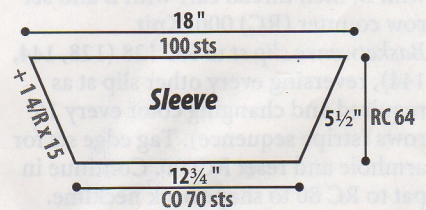
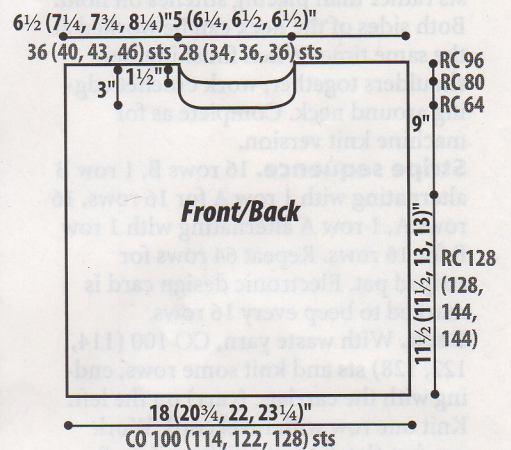
Sizes. S (M, L, XL). Sweater measures 36 (41½, 44, 46½)" around and 20½ (20½, 22, 22)" in length.

Materials. A. Cascade's 'Classic Mercerized Cotton' (cotton; 50g/approx 117 yds): 4 (5, 6, 6) balls each in color #002 Natural (A) and #010 Buff (B). For embroidery, 1 ball each: #012 Lakeside (light green), #010 Vista (light purple), #006 Sky (pale blue), #001 White, and #008 Sailboard (medium blue). **B.** Waste yarn of same size but contrasting color. **C.** Mid-gauge (6.5 mm) knitting machine. Sample garment was knit on the Studio by White SK-860 (electronic). A second auto tension unit is recommended. Or for handknitters, size 5 (3¾ mm), or size to obtain gauge. **D.** Size G (4¼ mm) crochet hook.

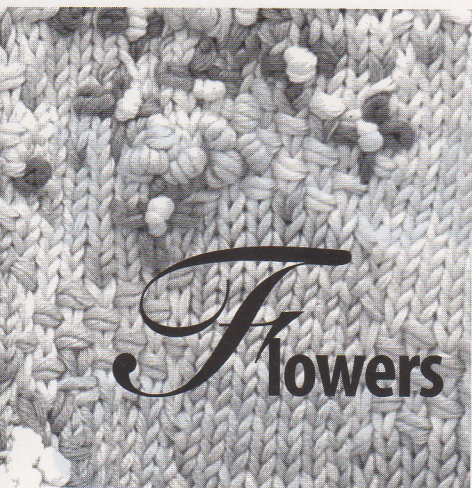
Gauge. 22 sts and 44 rows equal 4" in *Basketweave slip st* with st size 5. Swatch was hand washed and machine dried before measuring.

Notes. 1. This slip st pat can be knit with automatic (electronic) ndl selection or by hand selecting the ndls according to the directions in your manual. Use *Chart 1* (p. 22) and center the pat on the bed of the machine. Groups of 7 sts slip for two rows, five times with a plain row between, before the pat alternates every 16 rows. For electronics, place N-1 cam at zero to center pat and knit with cam lever set to slip throughout. For hand selecting, set carriage (carr) to hold ndls in holding position and hold groups of ndls shown on chart. **2.** Whether you knit the pat manually or electronically, machines are able to form slip sts only on the purl

side of the fabric, so after knitting two rows of slip sts, you have to use a transfer tool to manually place every alt slip on the knit side (as shown in *Chart 2*). Insert the transfer tool under the 2 slips (floats) to remove the st from its ndl, then replace the st in front of the floats. Try using a 3-prong tool to reverse two



Shape back and front necks the same, starting at different row counts.



slips at the same time, using only the first and third prongs of the tool. **3.** A simple (and faster) version of this fabric can be knit in one color to create a pattern of undulating slip st stripes. The basketweave effect will be lost, but the fabric will still form scallops and interlocking stripes.

Notes for handknitters. CO 100 (114, 122, 128) sts. Work in *Basketweave slip st* to lengths shown on schematic rather than row numbers (RC). When shaping neck, BO or dec sts rather than placing stitches on hold. Both sides of the neck can be worked at the same time. When finishing, sew shoulders together, work crochet edging around neck. Complete as for machine knit version.

Stripe sequence. 16 rows B, 1 row B alternating with 1 row A for 16 rows, 16 rows A, 1 row A alternating with 1 row B for 16 rows. Repeat 64 rows for striped pat. Electronic design card is marked to keep every 16 rows.

Back. With waste yarn, CO 100 (114, 122, 128) sts and knit some rows, ending with the carriage (carr) on the left. Knit one row with ravel cord. Work crochet (latch tool) CO from L to R with B, then thread carr with B and set row counter (RC) 000. Knit *Basketweave slip st* to RC 128 (128, 144, 144), reversing every other slip st as required and changing color every 16 rows (stripe sequence). Tag edge sts for armhole and reset RC000. Continue in pat to RC 80 to shape back neckline. With carr on R and set to hold ndls in holding position (Russel Levers 1), hold the center 22 ndls and all ndls to the L of them. Knit 1 row, wrap and knit back to the R (KWK). Hold 3 more ndls at the neck edge, KWK. Hold 0 (2, 2, 2) ndls, KWK then hold 1 ndl 0 (1, 2, 2)

Knitter's Pattern

1. Electronic design card

32 rows

14 stitches

2. Basketweave slip st

16R

14 sts

In other words:

Basketweave slip st for handknitters. Mult of 14 + 2. Begin and end each row with an edge st (k on RS, p on WS). **Row 1.** (WS) Purl. **2.** *(Sl1 wyb, sl1 wyf)3x, sl1 wyb, k7; rep from*. **3.** *P7, (sl1 wyf, sl1 wyb)3x, sl1 wyf; rep from*. **4.** Knit. **5.**

P7, (sl1 wyb, sl1 wyf)3x, sl1 wyb; rep from. **6.** *(Sl1 wyf, sl1 wyb)3x, sl1 wyf, k7; rep from*. **7-12.** Rep Rows 1-6. **13-16.** Rep Rows 1-4. **17.** Purl. **18.** *K7, (sl1 wyb, sl1 wyf)3x, sl1 wyb; rep from*. **19.** *(Sl1 wyf, sl1 wyb)3x, sl1 wyf, p7; rep from*. **20.** Knit. **21.** *(Sl1 wyb, sl1 wyf)3x, sl1 wyb, p7; rep from*. **22.** *K7, (sl1 wyf, sl1 wyb)3x, sl1 wyf; rep from*. **23-28.** Rep Rows 17-22. **29-32.** Rep Rows 17-20. Rep Rows 1-32.

times. *At the same time*, continue in pat to RC 96. Scrap off (S/O) rem 36 (40, 43, 46) shoulder sts. Rep for second side. S/O all 28 (34, 36, 36) back neckline sts.

Front. Knit same as for Back to RC 64 above armhole tags to begin shaping front neckline, using same decs as for Back. Complete as for Back.

Sleeves. Knit 2 alike. For all sizes, CO 70 sts as for Back and Front. Knit in *Basketweave slip st* and *color sequence* while inc 1 st every 4 rows, 15 times. At RC 64 tag center sts then S/O all 100 sts.

Finishing. Fold back scrap and join

shoulder seams. Position sleeve top tags at shoulder seams and join sleeves to garment. Sew side and sleeve seams. Work 1 row single crochet around neckline, folding back the waste knitting to work in live sts. Remove all waste knitting. Work simple flowers with lazy daisy st, duplicate st (for 'leaves') and French knots (see *School* and page 45). You might want to make the embroidery even more pronounced by using beads or fine ribbons in some of the flowers. Wash and dry; coax scallops into place as you press from the wrong side. ◊