



# 1940s knitting patterns

## Victory jumper

### Materials

Of "Sirdar" Super Shetland Wool, 3-ply, 3 ozs. in navy, 2 ozs. in red, and about 0.5 oz in white. One pair of No. 10 and one pair of No. 12 knitting needles.

### Measurements

Length, 18.5 ins. To fit a 33-34 in. bust. Sleeve seam, 5.5 ins.

### Tension

7.5 sts. in width and 9.5 rows in depth to one inch.

### Abbreviations

K., knit; p., purl ; st., stitch ; sts., stitches ; rep., repeat ; ptn., pattern ; wl.fwd., wool forward ; p.s.s.o., pass slipped st. over ; cont., continue; tog., together; fin., finish or finishing.

### The front

Using No. 12 needles, cast on 108 sts. in navy wool and work in k. 1, p.1 ribbing for 3.75 ins. Change to No. 10 needles, and proceed in following ptn.

**1st row:** \* K. 2 tog., k. 2, wl.fwd., k. 1, wl.fwd., k. 2, slip 1, k. 1, p.s.s.o., rep. from \* to end of row.

**2nd row:** Purl. These 2 rows form the ptn. rep. them twice more. (6 rows.) join on red wool and work 4 rows. Join on white, and work 2 rows; take up red again and work 4 rows. These 16 rows form the stripes.

**Note:** When changing from one colour to another, do not break the wool, but twist each colour once at the beginning of the row. Cont. in ptn., inc. 1 st. at both ends of needle on the next row and on every following 6th row until there are 130 Sts. on needle. (Work the extra sts. in stocking-stitch at both ends of needle until there are 9 extra sts. at both ends, then work right across in ptn. Work the rem. extra sts. in st.-st.) Then cont. in ptn. without further shaping, until the Front measures 12.25 ins, from the beg., ending on a p. row.

**Shape armholes:** Cast off 7 sts, at the beg. of each of the next 2 rows, then dec. 1 st. at both ends of every row until 96 sts. rem. Cont, in ptn. without further shaping until the work measures 17 ins. from the beg., ending at armhole edge.

**Shape neck and shoulders** - Next row: Ptn. 39, turn. Cont. in ptn. on these 39 sts., dec. 1 st, at neck edge on every row until 27 Sts. rem. Work 3 rows without shaping, fin. at armhole edge.

**Next row:** Cast off 9 sts., work to neck.

**Next row:** Work to end of row. Rep, these 2 rows once. Cast off rem. sts. Slip the centre 18 sts. on to a spare needle and leave for the neck. Cont. in ptn. on the rem. 39 sts., dec. 1 st. at neck edge on every row until 27 sts. rem. Work 2 rows without shaping, thus ending at the armhole edge. Shape this shoulder as given for the first shoulder.

**The front neckband:** With the right side of work facing and using No. 12 needles, join on navy wool and pick up and k. 25 sts. along neck edge, 18 sts. from spare needle, 25 sts. along the neck edge to the shoulder. (68 sts.). Work in k. 1, p. 1 rib for 1in. Cast off loosely in ribbing with a No. 10 needle.

## The back

Work as given for the Front until the armhole shapings are completed and 96 sts. rem, Cont, in ptn. without shaping, until the work measures 18.5 ins. from beg., ending with a p. row.

Shape neck and shoulders:

**1st row:** Ptn. 32 sts., turn.

**2nd row:** P. 2 tog., p to end.

**3rd row:** Cast off 9 sts., ptn. to last 2 sts., k, 2 tog.

**4th row:** P. 2 tog., p. to end.

**5th row:** Cast off 9 sts., k. to last 2 sts., k. 2 tog,

**6th row:** P. 2 tog., p. to end. Cast off rem. sts. Slip the centre 32 sts. on to a spare needle and leave for the neck. Re-join wool at needle point and cont. as follows:

**1st row:** K. 2 tog., ptn. to end.

**2nd row:** Cast off 9 sts., p. to last 2 sts., p. 2 tog.

**3<sup>rd</sup> row:** K. 2 tog., ptn, to end.

**4th row:** Cast off 9 sts., p. to last 2 sts., p. 2 tog.

**5th row:** K. 2 tog., k. to end.

**6th row:** Cast off 9 sts.

**The back neckband:** With the right side of work facing, and using navy wool and No. 12 needles, pick up and k. 12 sts. along the neck edge, 32 from the spare needle, 12 sts. along the neck edge (56 sts.). Work it; k, 1, p. 1 rib for 1in. Cast off loosely in rib with a No. 10 needle.

## The sleeves

Using No. 12 needles and navy wool, cast on 72 sts., and work in k. 1, p. 1 rib for 1.75 ins. Change to No. 10 needles and ptn., inc. 1 st. at both ends of every 6th row until there are 88 sts. Cont, in ptn. until sleeve **measures** 5.5 ins. from the beg: Shape top. Dec. 1 st. at both ends of every alternate row until 68 sts. remain. Then dec. 1 st. at both ends of every row until 36 sts. remain, then on every alternate row until 28 sts. remain. Cast off.

## To make up

Lightly press work on the wrong side, omitting all ribbing. Join side, shoulder and sleeve seams. Stitch sleeves into armholes. Press all