



Nimbus, by Jennifer Thurston



This zippy jacket is perfect for the upcoming cold, dull weather - the Polar yarn is soft and warm, and furry edgings keep the icy drafts out. Although the trim on the hood and pockets is sewn on all the rest are knitted in, so seaming shouldn't be too arduous at the end! The jacket is roomy enough to be work over other clothes, but is still shapely. It's a speedy knit, so get going now to have one before Winter really gets hold!

Difficulty Level - Intermediate

Materials needed- Yarn A - Rowan Polar (60% pure wool, 30% alpaca and 10% acrylic) 9 (10, 10, 11, 11) balls

Yarn B - Rowan Big Wool Tuft (97% merino wool, 3% nylon) 3 (3, 3, 4, 4) balls

1 pair of 8mm (US 11) straight needles

1 pair of 20mm straight needles

Sewing thread to match Yarn A (for sewing in zip)

Zip to fit opening edges of fronts

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Sizes - 81cm/32 inch (86cm/34 inch, 91cm/36 inch, 97cm/38 inch, 102cm/40 inch) bust.

Gauge - Yarn A: 12 sts and 16 rows to 10cm (4 inches) in st st
Yarn B: 5.5 sts and 7 rows to 10cm (4 inches) in st st

Pattern Note

When changing from yarn A to yarn B, the different tensions of the 2 yarns mean several sts have to be increased. On these rows, the abbreviation **inc1** means knit into the front and back of the next st, and the abbreviation **inc2** means knit into the front, back and front of the next st.

A Note on Big Wool Tuft

To make the finished garment look as fluffy as possible, it is necessary to pull all the tufts through the stitches and onto the right side of the work. This is nowhere near as laborious as it sounds! Just pull them through the knitted fabric with your fingers - it's worth it.

Back

Cast on 26 (28, 29, 31, 32) sts, using yarn B and 20mm needles.

Work 4 rows of garter st (k every row)

Change to 8mm needles and yarn A.

Next row: inc1 2 (2, 3, 4, 4) times, inc2, inc1 4 (4, 5, 5, 5) times, inc2, inc1 4 (11, 4, 9, 4) times, inc2, inc1 4 (4, 4, 5, 5) times, inc2, inc1 4 (3, 5, 4, 5) times, inc2 1 (0, 1, 0, 1) times, inc1 3 (0, 3, 0, 4) times, 57 (60, 63, 66, 69) sts.

Next row: purl

Cont in st st, and work 6 more rows, ending with a WS row.

Next row: k3, s1 k1 pss0, k to last 5 sts, k2tog, k3.

Working decreases as set in previous row, dec 1 st at each end of every foll 6th row until 49 (52, 55, 58, 61) sts remain.

Work 7 rows, ending with a WS row.

Next row: k3, m1 by picking up loop between sts and knitting into the back of it, k to last st, m1, k3.

Working increases as set, inc 1 st at each end of every foll 6th row, until there are 57 (60, 63, 66, 69) sts.

Cont in st st until back measures 42 (43, 44, 45, 45) cm ending with a WS row.

Shape armholes

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows, 51 (54, 57, 60, 63) sts.

Work raglan decreases as follows:

On a RS row: k2, s1 k1 pss0, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2.

On a WS row: p2, p2tog, p to last 4 sts, p2tog tbl, p2.

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Working decreases as explained above, dec 1 st at each end of next and every foll alt row until 33 (32, 29, 30, 29) sts remain, and then on every foll 3rd row until 25 (26, 27, 28, -) sts remain.

Work 1 (2, 2, 2, 1) rows, ending with a WS row. Break yarn and place the sts on a holder.

Pocket Linings (Make 2)

Cast on 16 sts using yarn A and 8mm needles.

Work 20 rows in st st, and break yarn, leaving remaining sts on a holder.

Left Front

Cast on 13 (14, 15, 15, 16) sts, using yarn B and 20mm needles.

Work 4 rows of garter st (k every row)

Change to yarn A and 8mm needles.

Next row: inc1 2 (4, 4, 3, 5) times, inc2, inc1 3 (4, 5, 3, 4) times, inc2, inc1 3 (4, 4, 3, 5) times, inc2 1 (0, 0, 1, 0) times, inc1 2 (0, 0, 3, 0) times, 29 (30, 32, 33, 34) sts. ***

Next row: p1 k1, p to end

Next row: k to last 3 sts, p1 k1 p1

These 2 rows set the pattern of st st with 3 sts of moss stitch edging. Work in pattern for a further 5 rows, ending with a WS row.

Next row: k3, s1 k1 pssso, k to last 3 sts, p1 k1 p1.

Working decreases as set by last row, dec 1 st at beg of every foll 6th row until 25 (26, 28, 29, 30) sts remain.

Place Pocket

Next row (WS): p1 k1 p4, cast off 16 sts, p3 (4, 6, 7, 8).

Next row: k3 (4, 6, 7, 8) sts, k 16 sts from holder of pocket lining, k3, p1 k1 p1.

Work 5 rows, ending with a WS row.

Next row: k3, m1 by picking up loop between sts and knitting into the back of it, work rest of row.

Working increases as set, inc 1 st at beg of every foll 6th row, until there are 29 (30, 32, 33, 34) sts.

Cont in st st with moss st edging until left front measures 42 (43, 44, 45, 45) cm, ending with a WS row.

Shape armholes

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next row, and work one row, ending with a WS row, 26 (27, 29, 30, 31) sts.

Work raglan decreases as set in **Back** instructions.

Keep moss st edging correct throughout.

Dec 1 st at armhole edge of next and every foll alt row until 17 (16, 16, 16, 18) sts remain, and then on every foll 3rd (-, -, -, -) row until 15 (-, -, -, -) sts remain. 15 (16, 17, 17, 18) sts. Work 0 (2, 0, 0, 0) more rows, ending with a RS row.

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Next row (WS): cast off 6 (7, 8, 8, 9) sts at beg of row, 9 sts.

Next row: dec 1 st at each end of row (working raglan decreases as explained)

Next row: dec 1 st at beg of row

Rep last 2 rows once more, 3 sts.

Cast off remaining 3 sts.

Right Front

Work to match **Left Front** until ***.

Next row: p to last 2 sts, k1 p1

Next row: p1 k1 p1, k to end

These 2 rows set the pattern of st st with 3 sts of moss stitch edging. Work in pattern for a further 5 rows, ending with a WS row.

Next row: p1 k1 p1, k to last 5 sts, k2tog k3

Working decreases as set by last row, dec 1 st at end of every foll 6th row until 25 (26, 28, 29, 30) sts remain.

Place Pocket

Next row (WS): p3 (4, 6, 7, 8), cast off 16 sts, p4 k1 p1

Next row: p1 k1 p1 k3, k16 sts from holder of pocket lining, k3 (4, 6, 7, 8) sts

Work 5 rows, ending with a WS row.

Next row: k to last 3 sts, m1 by picking up loop between sts and knitting into the back of it, k3

Working increases as set, inc 1 st at end of every foll 6th row, until there are 29 (30, 32, 33, 34) sts.

Cont in st st with moss st edging until right front measures 42 (43, 44, 45, 45) cm, ending with a WS row.

Shape armholes

Work one row.

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next row, 26 (27, 29, 30, 31) sts.

Work raglan decreases as set in **Back** instructions.

Keep moss st edging correct throughout.

Dec 1 st at armhole edge of next and every foll alt row until 17 (16, 16, 16, 18) sts remain, and then on every foll 3rd (-, -, -, -) row until 15 (-, -, -, -) sts remain. 15 (16, 17, 17, 18) sts. Work 1 (3, 1, 1, 1) more rows, ending with a WS row.

Next row: cast off 6 (7, 8, 8, 9) sts at beg of row, 9 sts.

Next row: dec 1 st at each end of row (working raglan decreases as explained)

Next row: dec 1 st at beg of row

Rep last 2 rows once more, 3 sts.

Cast off remaining 3 sts.

Sleeves

Cast on 12 (13, 14, 14, 15) sts using 20mm needles and yarn B,

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Starting with a k row, work 4 rows in garter st.

Next row: change to 8mm needles and yarn A, inc1 2 (3, 6, 4, 7) times, inc2, inc1 2 (4, 7, 4, 7) times, inc2 1 (1, 0, 1, 0) times, inc1 2 (4, 0, 4, 0) times, inc2 1 (0, 0, 0, 0) times, inc1 3 (0, 0, 0, 0) times, 27 (28, 29, 30, 31) sts.

Next row: purl.

Cont working in st st and inc 1 st at each end of 9th and every foll 8th row until there are 41 (42, 43, 44, 45) sts.

Cont in st st until sleeve measures 47 (47, 48, 48, 49) cm, ending with a WS row.

Shape Top

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows, 35 (36, 37, 38, 39) sts.

Work raglan decreases as described in BACK instructions.

Dec 1 st at each end of next and every foll alt row until 7 (8, 9, 8, 9) sts remain.

Left Sleeve

Cast off 2 (3, 4, 3, 4) sts at beg of next row, 5 sts.

Dec 1 st at end of next row, and foll alt row, 3 sts.

Work 1 row, ending with a WS row.

Cast off remaining 3 sts.

Right Sleeve

Work 1 row, ending with a WS row.

Cast off 2 (3, 4, 3, 4) sts at beg of next row, 5 sts.

Dec 1 st at end of next row and foll alt row, 3 sts.

Cast off remaining 3 sts.

Hood

Join raglan seams. Using 8mm needles and yarn A, with RS facing, pick up and knit 50 (52, 54, 56, 58) sts evenly around the neck shaping (including knitting the 25 (26, 27, 28, 29) sts of the back from the holder), and work straight in st st until hood measures 35 cm.

Place half the sts on one needle and half on another, fold the hood inside out, and bind off using a third needle.

Hood Trim

Using 20mm needles and yarn B, cast on 50 sts and work 4 rows in garter st. Cast off.

Pocket Flaps (make 2)

Using 20mm needles and yarn B, cast on 8 sts and work 4 rows of garter st. Cast off.

Finishing

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Sew the side and sleeve seams. Sew the hood trim to the edge of the hood. This can either be left as it is (as in photos), or can be folded back over the hood and slip stitched in place for a less prominent look.

Slip st pocket linings to inside of jacket, and sew pocket flaps over the pocket openings.

Sew zip in place along front edges.

Weave in ends.

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