

Gregor's Pullover & Wintersport's Cap

Hand knitting pattern for lovers of Sasha dolls, free of charge.

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This is Denims 5-101 from the English production, manufactured from 1967 to the end of the production in 1986. Over the years his name changed to Dark Denims and then Jeans, and a blonde version of him in the same outfit, known as Fair Denims, was made from 1971-74. Throughout his production his outfit was also made as a dress set. Gregor's pullover was made on knitting machines in fisherman rib with 1x1 (knit1, purl 1) ribbed borders. The same sweater was used for other Sashas too, made in white for Kilt and Sasha London, and light yellow for Caleb. Gregor's pullover was made from wool yarn until 1974, then acrylic yarn to the end of the production. Those for Kilt, London and Caleb were also of acrylic yarn. All of these sweaters are the same pattern which did not change during the entire production.



Wintersport 130E was made only in 1986 and in few numbers since the English production ended suddenly just as her production was underway. Her cap is machine-knitted like Gregor's pullover, in fisherman rib with 1x1 ribbed borders. In addition, a red manufactured knitted tape was sewn to the edge of the cap. The hand knit version given here, has a purl-stitch hem substitute for the separate border.



L-R: Kilt, London, Caleb.
The pattern for matching
knitted panties can be
found in *Cora's Knitted
Dress & Panties*.

These pages are patterns to make copies of Gregor's pullover and Wintersport's cap, using yarn, needles and gauges appropriate for hand knitting. They should fit both earlier, smaller dolls as well as later, larger dolls. The patterns given here are not reproductions of the original garments. They are copies with changes as needed for hand knitters, and they remain faithful to the original styling and construction of the garments. They are very simple garments with no shaping except armhole bind off on the pullover. They are made flat in two fabrics, 1x1 rib, and fisherman rib. Both garments have seams to sew.



Yarn: 1.5 oz (43gm) fingering weight wool or wool blends such as sock yarn. Several yards of contrasting color yarn for the border on the cap.

Needles: single point needles for flat knitting
 4.00mm for CO and BO (US 5 or 6, UK 8)
 2.25mm for 1x1 rib (US 1, UK 13)
 3.00mm for fisherman rib (US 2 or 3, UK 11)

Markers: Small safety pins to mark the start of each garment section. In each section, after the first two rows are made, mark a stitch on the first of the two rows (always on the R side) with a pin so you can easily count the rows you have made in each section.

Gauge: In fisherman rib with 3.00mm ndls, 16 rows (8 fabric rows) = 1 inch (2.5 cm). If you use the practice instructions below, knit about 20 rows, wash and dry the swatch, then measure for gauge.

Abbreviations

CO, BO = cast on, bind off
 R side, W side = right side, wrong side
 k, p = knit, purl
 kwise = knitwise
 sl = slip
 ndls = needles
 sts = stitches
 * . . * = repeat instruction between *'s
 across the row.

Practice fisherman rib: In case you are not familiar with this reversible brioche fabric, make a practice swatch.

With 4.00mm ndl, CO an odd number of sts. Change to 3.00mm ndls and knit 1 row.

1. R side: Sl 1 kwise, *k1, k1 in row below* to last 2 sts, k1, p1.

2. W side: Sl 1 kwise, *k1 in row below, k1* to last 2 sts, k1 in row below, p1.

Repeat rows 1 and 2.

When you knit a stitch in the row below, you are unknitting the stitch above it. Since alternate sts are being unknitted on both sides of the fabric, it takes two rows of knitting in order to complete one row in the fabric. The selvages are similar, purl the last st in every row, and slip it knitwise on the next row. Run the yarn end through the open sts to remove the swatch from the ndls. Wash the swatch and let it dry flattened and relaxed, do not stretch or block it.

Cast on method: Use a cast on that makes a row of knitted stitches, such as “Thumb,” “Two-strand,” or “Long Tail,” leaving an unused length of about 12 inches for sewing up during finishing. It is important that the cast on be very loose, thus the large needle, so that the edge of the garment can fit over the head and arms. It is worth noting that the factory-made sweaters and caps do not have any cast on, the knitting begins with 1x1 rib, which will readily stretch to any width. If you know how to cast on in 1x1 rib, or use a waste yarn cast on, you may prefer this over a normal cast on with a large needle. The raw edge of 1x1 rib does not unravel from the bottom like other knitting does, and doesn’t really need a formal cast on.

Pullover Sweater

Front and Back, make two pieces alike

Waist rib

1. With 4.00mm ndl, CO 25 sts, leaving a tail for sewing up. Change to

2.25mm ndls for 1x1 rib.

2. W side: *P1, k1* across, end p1.

3. R side: *K1, p1* across, end k1.

4-6. Repeat row 2, row 3, row 2. Change to 3.00mm ndls for fisherman rib.

Fisherman rib

1. R side: Sl 1 kwise, *k1, k1 in row below* to last 2 sts, k1, p1.

2. W side: Sl 1 kwise, *k1 in row below, k1* to last 2 sts, k1 in row below, p1.

3-32. Repeat rows 1 and 2. At the end of 32 rows you will have 16 rows of fisherman rib.

Armhole

1-2. Continuing in fisherman rib, BO 2 sts at the beginning of the next two

rows. To do this, on the R side, K2, sl 1st st over 2nd to BO 1 st, k1 in row

below, sl 2nd st over 3rd to BO 2nd st. The remaining st on R ndl is now the new selvage st. Finish the row in pattern. On the W side, K1, K1 in row below, sl 1st st over 2nd to BO 1 st, k1, sl 2nd st over 3rd to BO 2nd st. The remaining st on R ndl is now the new selvage st. Finish the row in pattern = 21 sts.

3-20. Continue straight in fisherman rib. There will be 9 additional rows total of fisherman rib. Change to 2.25mm ndls for 1x1 rib.

Neck rib

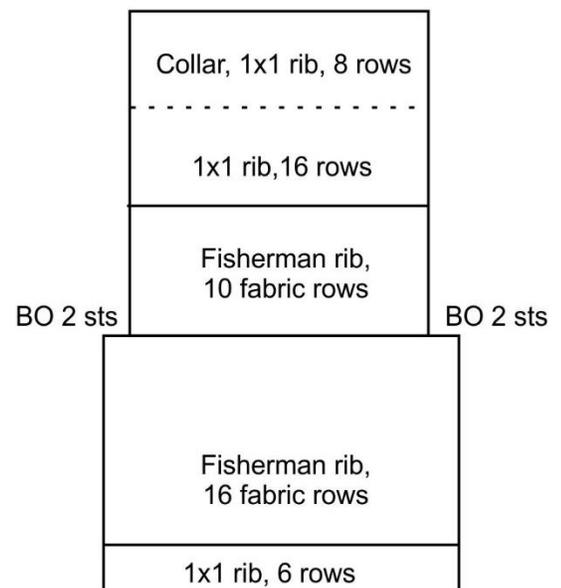
1. R side: Transition to 1x1 rib. K1, *p1, k1 in row below* to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

2. W side: *P1, k1* across, end p1.

3. R side: *K1, p1* across, end k1.

4-16. Repeat rows 2 and 3, ending with row 2. Change to 3.00mm ndls for the collar.

17-24. Continue with 1x1 rib. Change to 4.00mm ndl and BO all sts in knit, from the R side. Cut yarn, leaving a tail for sewing up.



FRONT & BACK: CO 25 sts
PULLOVER

