

Tips for Converting Sizzle into the Round

If you are an experienced knitter and used to converting patterns in the round, this will be easy. However, since the front has a deep v-neck, this will mean you will have to work a couple balls at the same time--and once, as many as three if you want to work the entire thing all at once. That is why I decided to go ahead and make this pattern flat, in two pieces. Plus, there are only two seams that need to be worked.

The Sizzle pattern consists of a front and a back which are worked separately. The top shoulders are placed on holders and weaved together at the end of the project for a seamless look.

The shaping in the shell appears as darts in the outer thirds of the front and the back of the garment, so the side seams are not curved and that makes sewing the two pieces together particularly easy (use mattress stitch).

Still, some have expressed interest in working the garment in the round. Here are some tips:

1. The garment has side vents, therefore, you will have to cast on for the back only, work the bottom hem as directed, then place it on hold. You will then have to repeat the procedure for the front. And when you have completed the front, join the two parts together and begin working it in the round, placing markers denoting the front and the back, and deciding which marker is your end of round marker.
2. There is a selvedge stitch on either side of the front and the back. You will need to omit these four stitches as well as make note of your omission for future stitch count adjustments.
3. Follow the front and back section directions together, placing dart markers and working dart shaping as directed. It will be important to make note of your End of Round by placing a marker at one of the sides so you know when you have completed a round.
4. When separating the front for the v-neck, you can continue working the piece in the round with one ball of yarn and just separate the two front sections and begin working the piece in stockinette stitch (flat), back and forth until it is time to work the armholes.
5. Once you reach the armholes, you will need to work the two sides separately again, i.e., place the front section on hold, then work the back section in stockinette and work underarm decreases separately up to the top of the shoulder. Then, you will place the on-hold stitches for the front sections back on the needles and work the two sides (with two balls of yarn) and the armhole decreases separately up to the shoulders.

In sum, if you are an experienced knitter, this should be a no-brainer. If this is your first time to attempt to convert a flat pattern to one in the round, you may need some further assistance from a more experienced friend. OR, this just may not be the one you experiment on. There are only two seams in this garment, so proceed with caution and either way, have fun!

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