Clue 17:

Sleeve Join

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A Geek-A-Long Sweater

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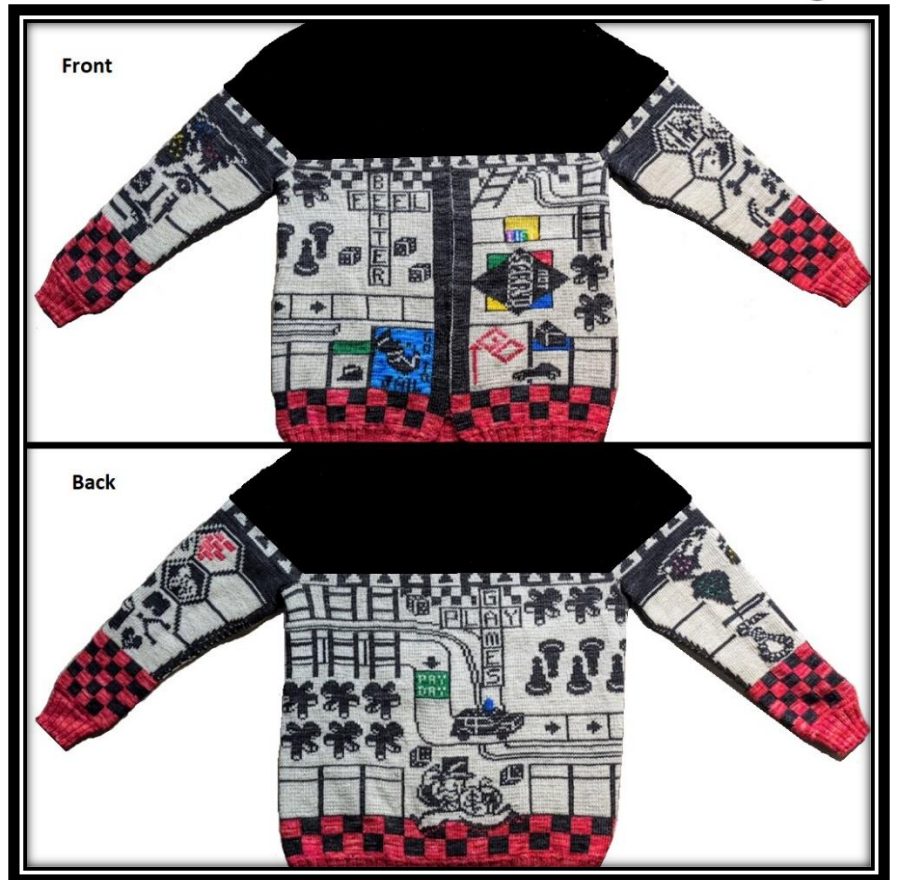
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The sleeves will be joined by first placing body sts that will make up the underarms on waste yarn holders (these underarm sts will ultimately be grafted to the underarm sts from the sleeves that are currently on waste yarn holders), then knitting the sleeve sts directly to the body.

Please read through the instructions for this section completely before you begin working and take your time as you join the sleeves. It is very important that the sleeve join follows the directions precisely to ensure that you have the correct number of sts for grafting the underarms closed as well as the correct number of sts going into the yoke.

I strongly recommend having some extra needles on hand as you work through the sleeve join row. You will want a pair of circular needles that is a size or 2 smaller than your working needles to transfer the sleeves to before you knit across them to join them to the body. It's fine to use needles that are the same size as your working needles if that's what you have available, but it's easier to slide the sts around if you transfer the sleeve sts to needles that are a little smaller.

As you work the first few rows after the join, the stitches at the midpoint of the sleeve can be difficult to work as you knit "around the corner" of each sleeve. I recommend either splitting the yoke sts onto 2 circular needles so that there is more slack on the cable of the circular needles, or a single pair of needles with an extremely long cable (60" or more) with the sleeves worked as if in magic loop. I prefer the latter. As I come up on each sleeve I pull a loop of the cable out between 2 sts at the center of the sleeve so that as I knit that sleeve I can knit around the curve of the sleeve in the same manner I would as if knitting socks in magic loop.

Going into this section, you'll want to remove all markers placed when working the body. You can do this before starting if you are using easily removed locking markers, or you can simply remove them as you come to them while working the first set up row (during the set up row you'll be placing some markers to indicate the underarms – don't forget to place those where indicated and remove any markers from the body charts at the same time).

Set Up Row 1 (RS): With CC1 facing (the K of each DK) and MC behind (the P of each DK) DK *39(42, 48, 51, 56)* **56(61, 64, 70, 73)** 75(78, 83, 86, 91) sts. Place marker. DK *6(4, 8, 6, 8)* **12(14, 12, 13, 11)** 19(17, 19, 17, 19). Place marker. DK *78(84, 96, 102, 112)* **112(122, 128, 138, 144)** 148(154, 164, 170, 180) sts. Place marker. DK *6(4, 8, 6, 8)* **12(14, 12, 13, 11)** 19(17, 19, 17, 19). Place marker. DK *39(42, 48, 51, 56)* **56(61, 64, 70, 73)** 75(78, 83, 86, 91) sts to end.

Set Up Row 2 (WS):

a. With MC facing and CC1 behind work double knitting to the first marker. Remove the marker and transfer the sts before the 2nd marker to a waste yarn holder (take care to transfer both the K and P of each double stitch to the holder!), removing the second marker once all the sts are transferred.

b. Take sleeve 1 (it doesn't matter which sleeve you attach to which side of the sweater. I recommend laying the sleeves next to the body and deciding which side you prefer them on) and transfer the sleeve sts to your second pair of circular needles. **Note that the** *6(4, 8, 6, 8)* **12(14, 12, 13, 11)** 19(17, 19, 17, 19) **underarm sleeve sts should remain on the waste yarn holder.** Holding the sleeve so that the right side of the sleeve underarm sts are facing the right side of the body underarm sts that you just transferred to a holder, work double knitting across the wrong side of the sleeve sts. When you reach the end of the sleeve sts resume working body sts (here you are working across the wrong side of the back of the sweater) until you reach the 3rd marker.
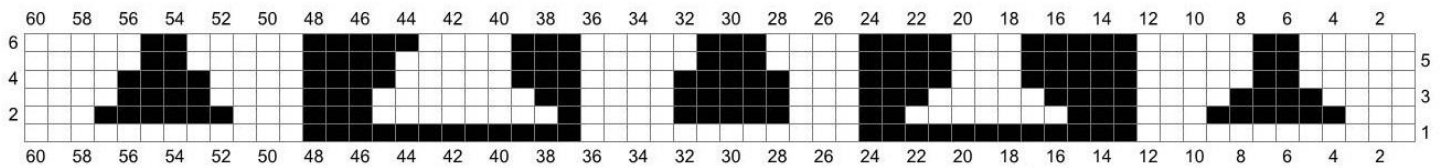
c. Remove the 3rd marker and transfer the sts before the 4th marker to a waste yarn holder, then remove the 4th marker. Join the second sleeve in the same manner as the first sleeve, transferring the sts to your second pair of needles, then working across the wrong side of the sleeve. When you reach the end of the sleeve sts, work the remaining body sts to the end of the row.

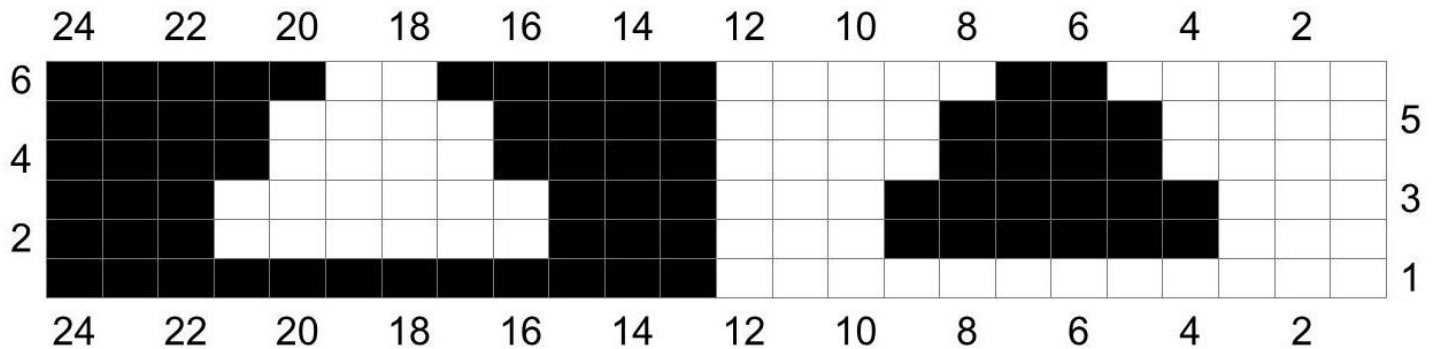*288(312, 336, 360, 384)* **384(408, 432, 456, 480)** 480(504, 528, 552, 576) sts.

Row 1 (RS): Work chart 1A across the first 60 sts. Place marker. Work Chart 1B across *168(192, 216, 240, 264)* **264(288, 312, 336, 360)** 360(384, 408, 432, 456) sts. Place marker. For reference, you have worked 1B *7(8, 9, 10, 11)* **11(12, 13, 14, 15)** 15(16, 17, 18, 19) times. Place marker. Work Chart 1C over the remaining 60 sts.

Rows 2, 4, 6 (WS): Work Chart 1C to marker. Work Chart 1B to 2nd marker. Work Chart 1A to end.

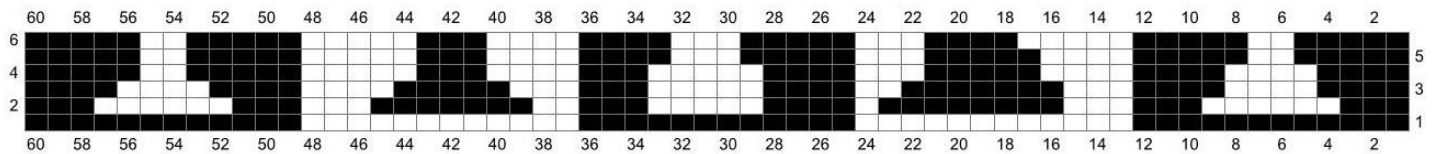**Rows 3, 5 (RS):** Work Chart 1A to marker. Work Chart 1B to 2nd marker. Work Chart 1C to end.

Yoke – 1C

Yoke – 1B

Yoke – 1A