

# LATTES & LLAMAS PRESENTS

# *Natural 20 Sweater*

THE 2024 GEEK-A-LONG



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# History of the Geek-A-Long

First imagined in the Winter of 2013, the Geek-A-Long (GAL) was born from unrestrained idealism and way too much coffee. The idea was ridiculous: Release a new pattern every week all year, based on pop-culture nerdiness. At the end of the year, we would join 48 double-sided squares together to make a massive blanket. Our Fandom Opus would be sent to the Child's Play Charity Dinner Auction in Seattle, and the proceeds of the sale would go towards providing video games and other entertainment to children in hospitals and domestic violence shelters.

When Megan-Anne cast on that first square, she had no idea what the GAL would turn into. Seven years, seven blankets, and nearly 300 squares later, the Geek-A-Long has grown far beyond us. The community has grown each year and based on our square download statistics there are GAL knitters in every corner of the world. Your generosity is astounding. The GAL community has raised over \$10,000 for Child's play with individual donations and proceeds raised from the sale of the auctioned blankets.

We wanted to do something to make 2020 memorable. Admittedly, that decision was made in 2019, and 2020 doesn't need help standing out. Still, we wanted to shake things up. When Megan-Anne finished knitting that first blanket in 2014, we never imagined we'd still be making them in 2020. We are blown away by how much love and support the project has gotten and couldn't have predicted it. We want you to see [Eight Bit](#), [On Board](#), and now this sweater for what they are: a love letter from us to the entire GAL community.



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# Natural 20 Sweater: Clue 5

**Note:** If you would prefer to have a more traditional straight edge at the end of your colorwork, skip the first section of these instructions and go straight to the HEM section.

## EDGE

**Rounds 1-2:** Alternate MC and CC between the steek markers as established in prior sections, then work the EDGE chart around. Note that this section includes purls on stitches that have previously been knits in the charts so take care to pay attention to the chart.

**Round 3:** Before starting round 3, break MC and work round 3 with just CC, knitting across the 7 steek sts with CC and then following the chart around. (noting that some sts in the chart for this row are to slip an MC st without working it).

## HEM

**Row 1:** With CC bind off the 7 steek sts between the first 2 markers, removing those markers as you do. K1, M1R. K to the last 2 sts. M1L, K1, M1L, K1. 3 sts increased.

**Row 2 (wrong side row):** Turn work. Change to smaller needles. Sl1 Purlwise with yarn in front (wyif). P2. [K3, Sl1wyif, K3, Sl3wyif] to last 10 sts. K3, Sl1wyif, K3, P3.

**Row 3 (right side row):** Turn work. Sl1wyif. Bring yarn to back. K to end.

**Row 4 (wrong side row):** Turn work. Sl1wyif, P2. [K3, Sl1wyif, K3, Sl3wyif] to last 10 sts. K3, Sl1wyif, K3, P3.

**Repeat rows 3-4 until hem is 2" long or desired length. Bind off all sts using your favorite stretchy bind off.**

## SLEEVES

**Set Up:** Transfer the 70(76, 82, 88) 94(100, 106, 112) 118(124, 130, 136) sleeve sts from your holder to the smaller needles. Join MC and with right side facing, pick up and knit the 10 underarm sts (these are the

ones that were cast on when you separated the sleeves and body) K across the sleeve sts. When you reach the underarm, join to work in the round and K the first 5 underarm sts. Place marker to indicate BoR. 80(86, 92, 98) 104(110, 116, 122) 128(134, 140, 146) sts.

**Set Up 2:** K 0(3, 6, 9) 2(5, 8, 1) 4(7, 0, 3) sts. PM.

**Note: sizes 1 and 11 do not need to place markers in this round.** Join CC and work the first row of the SLEEVE chart 4(4, 4, 4) 5(5, 5, 6) 6(6, 7, 7) times. PM and K to end with MC, carrying CC behind your work.

**Rows 2-25:** K to first M with MC, carrying CC behind your work. Work the SLEEVE chart to 2<sup>nd</sup> M. K to end with MC carrying CC behind your work. After completing the final row of the chart, break CC.

**Sleeve decreases:** Change to smaller needles and knit 4 rounds.

1. Decrease round: K1, K2tog. K to last 3, SSK, K1.
2. K4 rounds.
3. Repeat 1-2 7(7, 7, 7) 9(9, 9, 9) 9(9, 9, 9) times more.
4. Decrease round: K1, K2tog. K to last 3, SSK, K1.
5. K3 rounds.
6. Repeat 3-4 3(3, 3, 3) 4(4, 4, 4) 5(5, 5, 5) times more.
7. Decrease round: K1, K2tog. K to last 3, SSK, K1.
8. K1 round.
9. Repeat 7-8 3(3, 3, 3) 3(3, 3, 3) 5(5, 5, 5) times more. 48(54, 60, 66) 66(72, 78, 84) 84(90, 96, 102) sts.

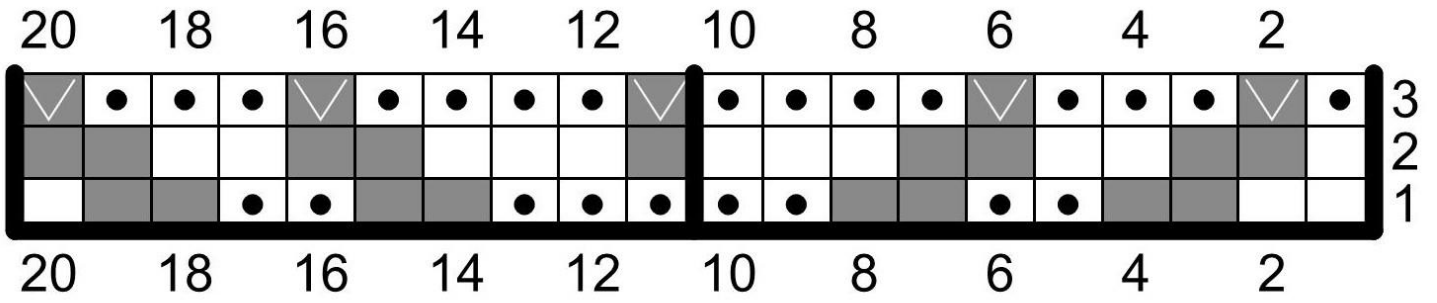
**Cuff:** K all rounds until the sleeve is 2" less than desired length.

1. K1, [P3, K3] to last 5 sts. P3, K2.
2. K all sts.
3. Repeat 1-2 until cuff measures 2" or desired length.




Bind off all sts using the same BO you used on the hem. Repeat all sleeve instructions for 2<sup>nd</sup> sleeve.



# EDGE



**Stitches**

-  k
-  p
-  s1

# SLEEVE

