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- Yarn : Worsted yarn 100 (110)g
- Size : S (M)
- Needles : 4.5mm / 40cm, 80cm circular needles, 4mm / 40cm circular needles
- Gauge : 18sts x 34rows = 10cm x 10cm in seed stitch on 4.5mm needles

Seed Stitch pattern
 RS : *K1, P1*, repeat * - * to end of row
 WS : *P1, K1*, repeat * - * to end of row

Edge st : Every row first & last sts st-st (RS row K, WS row P)

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 Cast on 17 (19) sts on the 4.5 mm / 80cm needles. Work back and forth in seed stitch pattern as follows:

 Row 1 (WS) : p1 (edge st), *k1, p1*, repeat * - * to end of row
 Row 2 (RS) : k1 (edge st), *k1, p1*, repeat * - * to the last 2 sts on the needle, k2

Repeat rows 1 - 2 until the piece measures 10 (11.5)cm / 35 (39) rows from CO, ending with a WS row.

Break the yarn and 17 (19) sts are resting on knitting neeldle. Join new yarn and from RS facing pick up knit 23 (25) sts along the right side (2sts for every 3 rows, pick up from the second row and skip the first row of the edge)
Work across the resting 17 (19) sts as follows: *p1, k1*, repeat from * to * to the last st on the needle, p1
Then pick up and knit 23 (25) sts from the left side as well = 63 (69) sts

Work back and force in seed stitch pattern as follows :

 Row 1 (WS) : p1 (edge st), *p1, k1*, repeat * - * to the last 2 sts on the needle, p2
 Row 2 (RS) : k1 (edge st), *p1, k1*, repeat * - * to end of row

Repeat Rows 1 - 2 until the measures 20 (21)cm from where sts were picked up. End on a RS row

Neck

Cast on an additional 9 sts using the backward loop method in extension of the sts on the needle.
Join in the round and place marker for BOR = 72 (78) sts Work 7cm ribbing k1, p1 in the rounds.
Work Italian bind off loosly

Double-knitted edge around Face opening

Pick up and knit 1 st in every stitch along the face opening with a 4mm / 40cm circular needle. Start picking up sts in right corner of the chin. Join in the round and place marker for BOR and double knitting as follows :

 Row 1 : *k1, Sl1 wyif*, repeat * - * to end of row
 Row 2 : *sl1 wyib, p1*, repeat * - * to end of row

Work row 1 - 2 until measures 1.5cm. Work Italian bind off