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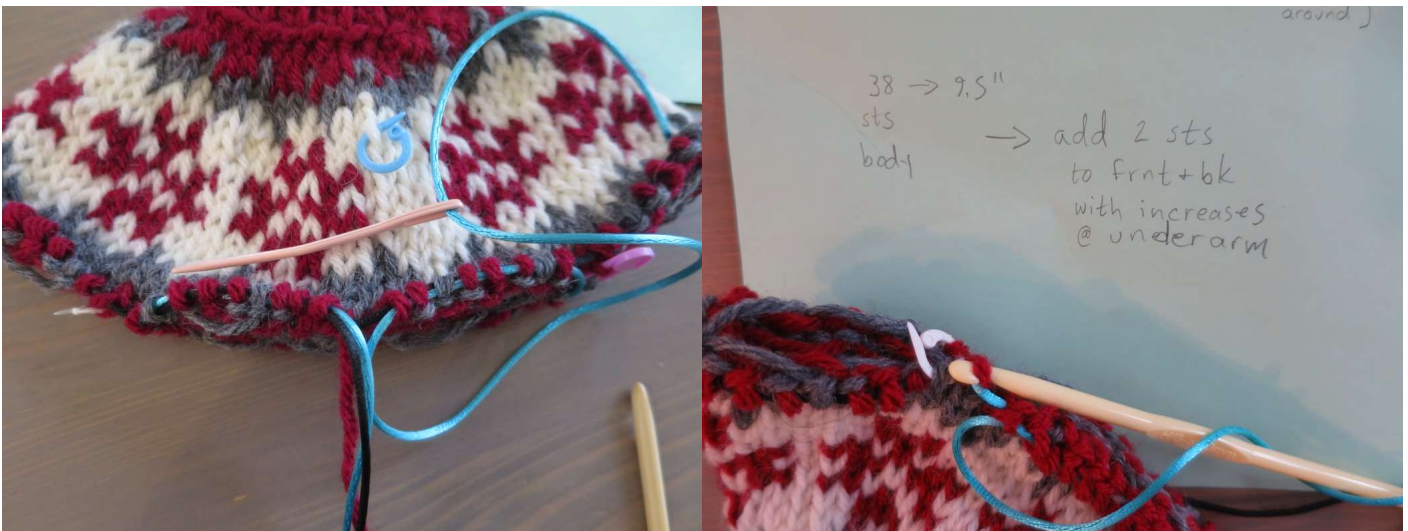
Let's knit with a crochet hook – part 2

Pictured on American Girl Blaire

So you finished the yoke?

Congratulations! Let's divide for the sleeves and body.

The cord you've been using all along will stay in place now until you're completely finished. But you'll need to get another one, preferably of a different color. Divide the arms with 17 sts on the ends, and put a stitch marker or safety pin to hold sts 18-19. With a gauge of 4sts/in, this will be 4.25" around, but remember it's stretchy, and your solid color area may be a little bit looser and thinner than the colorwork area.

After you pin the arms out of the way, we'll start the body. Use a blunt tapestry needle to thread a contrasting cord right alongside the one that's already there. You'll now ignore the old cord until you've gotten some sleeve rows done.

There should be 38 sts for the body, which works out to 9.5". This is fine for slim dolls like Götz, Magic Attic, etc., but to increase to 10.5" to fit an AG, add 2 sts to the front and back with increases at the underarm for a total of 4 extra sts.

This is how the sweater looks without the increases for the body. It's going to fit a Götz Happy Kidz doll.

Work about 6-8 rows in red depending how long you want it and finish off by slipstitching the bottom with a regular-size crochet hook that you used for the neck rib. Pull out that cord and use it to repeat the process for the sleeves. Once both sleeves are done, the cord at the bottom of the yoke can come out.

The bottom ribbing is done with slipstitch rows just like the neck ribbing, only attaching in every stitch at the sweater side instead of chaining to turn which you do at the other side. To draw the wrist ribbing in a little, I skipped about every 3rd stitch on the sleeve while doing the ribbing.

The scary part now is steeking. I'll refer you back to this post if you need instructions

Now that you are an expert, you will likely want to make more of these sweaters!

Here are some blank charts to experiment with your own motifs!