

Starting a Sweater

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I've started Rob's new sweater. The yarn arrived last week and I dug out my needles. It turns out the only 5 mm circular I have is 16" long so I'm starting with the sleeves and have ordered a longer needle for doing the front and back. I'm working at 4 stitches per inch (8 stitches per 5 cm) and the resulting fabric has a nice, dense, hard wearing feel to it. I imagine this being a sweater that is worn frequently and for many years. I'm thinking of ordering a lighter weight yarn in the same colour for doing the seaming; partially because I think it will make for less bulk at the seams and partially because I have *exactly* as much yarn as the pattern says I'll need and that makes me nervous. Does anyone have experience doing this?