# **Bosom Buddies Pattern**

#### Mission

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Bosom Buddies of Wyoming is a knitting project that benefits breast cancer survivors. Volunteers knit prosthetics called "bosom buddies" that are comfortable and functional. These are available without charge to breast cancer survivors.

### **Pattern Overview**

Bosom buddies are light, non-allergenic, breathable, and soft. They may be machine washed and dried on a low setting. A version of this pattern, "Tit Bits," was copyrighted in 2005 by Beryl Tsang and was originally published in Knitty.com.

#### **Materials**

Yarn: Knitpicks Shine worsted

Supplies: US #6 and #5 Double Pointed Needles, stitch marker, tapestry needle, fiberfill.

Gauge: 22 stitches/24 rows = 4" stockinette stitch Sizes: A (B, C, D, DD) cup

Knitting Skills: Cast-on, bind-off, knitting in the round, increasing, decreasing.

- 1. Using larger needles, cast on three stitches.
- 2. Round 1: Knit in the front and back of each stitch (6 stitches).
- 3. Divide stitches evenly between three double-pointed needles and join to work in the round, placing marker at the first stitch.
- 4. Round 2: Knit to the last stitch on each needle, M1. Three stitches increased (9stitches).
- 5. Repeat round 2 until there are 20 (22, 24, 26, 30) stitches on each needle or 60 (66, 72,78, 90) stitches total.
- 6. Purl two rounds.
- 7. Change to smaller needles as you knit the next row and knit the last two stitches together on each needle (3 stitches decreased per round.)
- 8. Repeat the decreasing row until there are eight stitches on each needle.

## Finishing:

- 1. Moderately stuff with filling. The inside piece should be flatter than the outer piece. Stuff until soft rather than bouncy!
- 2. Knit decreasing row until there are three stitches on each needle.
- 3. Run a 10" tail of yarn through the remaining stitches.

- 4. Weigh the bosom buddy. They should weigh 26(32,40, 50, 52) grams. If you don't want to weigh the Bosom Buddy, put a little stuffing in it, secure the stitches with yarn, return it to us and we will finish it.
- 5. Tack the outer and inner pieces together through the center so the back is concave.
- 6. Weave in ends and repeat directions for the second bosom.

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