

A man with a dark beard and glasses is smiling, wearing a dark green ribbed sweater with a brown leather-like patch pocket on the left chest. He is sitting on a grey couch. In the background, there is a wooden shelf with various bottles.

So Basic sweater

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FINISHED MEASUREMENTS



Sizes

XS (S, M, L, XL)(2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL)

Choose a size that allows for an intended positive ease of 3 to 5 in (7.5 to 12.5 cm).

Neck opening: 18¼ (18½, 18¾, 19½, 20)(21, 21, 22, 22) in;

45.75 (46.25, 47, 48.75, 50)(52.5, 52.5, 55, 55) cm

Chest circumference: 33½ (37½, 41½, 45½, 49½)(53½, 57½, 61½, 65½) in;

84 (94, 104, 114, 124)(134, 144, 154, 164) cm

Raglan depth: 9½ (10, 11, 11½, 12)(13, 13½, 14, 15) in;

23.75 (25, 27.5, 28.75, 30)(32.5, 33.75, 35, 37.5) cm

Sleeve cir. at underarm: 14 (15, 16¼, 17½, 18¾)(19½, 20½, 21½, 23) in;

35 (37.5, 41, 44, 46)(49, 51, 54, 57.5) cm

SUPPLY LIST



Yarn

Weight: fingering

• MC (green): approx.

1,220 (1,340, 1,475, 1,625, 1,790)(1,970, 2,165, 2,380, 2,620) yards;

1,115 (1,225, 1,350, 1,485, 1,635)(1,800, 1,980, 2,175, 2,395) metres

Sample shown in La Bien Aimée x Mondim

MC (Emiline)



Needles

US 4 (3.5 mm) circular, at least 32 in (80 cm) long

US 3 (3.25 mm) circular, at least 32 in (80 cm) long



Gauge

26 sts and 30 rnds = 4 in (10 cm) in stockinette stitch in the round with larger needles



Tools

Removable stitch markers, waste yarn or stitch holders, tapestry needle, a piece of faux leather, white thread and sewing needles



Neck

You will now use the 1/1 tubular cast-on method. If you do not wish to use this method, CO 118 (120, 122, 126, 130)(136, 136, 144, 144) sts, using your favourite stretchy CO method then go to row 6.

With smaller needles and waste yarn, cast on 60 (61, 62, 64, 66)(69, 69, 73, 73) sts. Do not join to work in the round.

Setup row (WS): With MC, p to end of row.

Row 1 (RS): [K1, m1lp] to last st, k1. (59 [60, 61, 63, 65][68, 68, 72, 72] inc.)

You should have 119 (121, 123, 127, 131)(137, 137, 145, 145) sts on your needles.

Row 2 (WS): [Sl1 wyif, k1] to last st, sl1 wyif.

Row 3: [K1, sl1 wyif] to last st, place marker on your right needle, then slip the final stitch to the right needle. Join to work in the round, being careful not to twist your stitches. Slip the final stitch on right needle to the left needle and k2tog. (1 dec.)

You should have 118 (120, 122, 126, 130)(136, 136, 144, 144) sts on your needles.

Round 4: You will begin this round having already worked the first stitch. [P1, sl1 wyib] to last st, p1.

Round 5: [K1, sl1 wyif] to end of rnd.

Round 6: [K1, p1] to end of rnd.

Repeat **round 6** until the collar measures 1 in (2.5 cm). Remove waste yarn.



Back shaping

Sleeve pattern

RS: [K7, p1]

WS: [K1, p7]

Switch to larger needles

Setup round 1:

Sizes XS to M: K to end of rnd.

L: [K5, m1r] to last 6 sts, k6. (24 inc.)

XL: [K4, m1r] to last 12 sts, k12. (28 inc.)

2XL: [K3, m1r] to last 16 sts, k16. (40 inc.)

3XL: [K2, m1r, k3, m1r] to last 6 sts, k6. (52 inc.)

4XL: [K2, m1r] to last 16 sts, k16. (64 inc.)

5XL: [K2, m1r] to end of rnd. (72 inc.)

You should have 118 (120, 122, 150, 158)(176, 188, 208, 216) sts on your needles.

Setup round 2:

K3, pm (right back), k20 (18, 16, 20, 18)(20, 20, 22, 22), pm (right front), k39 (42, 45, 55, 61)(68, 74, 82, 86), pm (left front), k20 (18, 16, 20, 18)(20, 20, 22, 22), pm (left back), k to end of rnd.

Row 1 (RS): K3, sm (right back), k2, work in sleeve pattern to 2 sts before m, k2, sm (right front), k3, w&t.

Row 2 (WS): P3, sm (right front), p2, work in sleeve pattern to 2 sts before m, p2, sm (right back), [p to m, sm] twice, p2, work in sleeve to 2 sts before m, p2, sm (left front), p3, w&t.



In the next few short rows, you will make increases for the sleeves. You will need to integrate the increases into the sleeve pattern, i.e. you will need to keep the established [k7, p1] rib (on the right side; [k1, p7] on the wrong side, only for short rows) by treating the new stitches as if they were part of the pattern.

Row 3: K to 2 sts before m, m1r, k2, sm, k2, m1l, work in sleeve pattern to 2 sts before m, m1r, k2, sm, k2, m1l, k to BOR, sm, k to 2 sts before m, m1r, k2, sm, k2, m1l, work in sleeve pattern to 2 sts before m, m1r, k2, sm, k2, m1l, k to the last wrapped st, k it together with its wrap, k1, w&t. (8 inc)

Row 4: P to m, sm, p2, work in sleeve pattern to 2 sts before m, p2, sm, [p to m, sm] twice, p2, work in sleeve pattern to 2 sts before m, p2, sm, p to last wrapped st and p it together with its wrap, p1, w&t.

Work **rows 3 and 4** a total of 6 times.

You should have 166 (168, 170, 198, 206)(224, 236, 256, 264) sts on your needles

Next row:

K to 2 sts before m, m1r, k2, sm, k2, m1l, work in sleeve pattern to 2 sts before m, m1r, k2, sm, k2, m1l, k to BOR, remove BOR m, k to 2 sts before m, m1r, k2, sm, k2, m1l, work in sleeve pattern to 2 sts before m, m1r, k2, sm, k2, m1l, k to last wrapped st, k it together with its wrap, k to next wrap, k it together with its wrap, place BOR marker. (8 inc)

You should have 174 (176, 178, 206, 214)(232, 244, 264, 272) sts on your needles, divided as is: 53 (56, 59, 69, 75)(82, 88, 96, 100) sts for each back and front, and 34 (32, 30, 34, 32)(34, 34, 36, 36) sts for each sleeve.

Raglan shaping

Rnd 1: [K to m, sm, k2, work in sleeve pattern to 2 sts before m, k2, sm] twice, k to end of rnd.

Rnd 2: [K to 2 sts before m, m1r, k2, sm, k2, m1l, work in sleeve pattern to 2 sts before m, m1r, k2, sm, k2, m1l] twice, k to end of rnd. (8 inc)



Remember to integrate the sleeve increases made during the raglan shaping to the sleeve pattern.

Repeat **rnds 1 and 2** a total of 26 (31, 35, 37, 40)(42, 46, 47, 52) times.

You should have 382 (424, 458, 502, 534)(568, 612, 640, 688) sts on your needles, divided as is: 105 (118, 129, 143, 155)(166, 180, 190, 204) sts for each back and front, and 86 (94, 100, 108, 112)(118, 126, 130, 140) sts for each sleeve.

Repeat **rnd 1** one last time.

Divide body and sleeves

K to m, remove m, place the next 86 (94, 100, 108, 112)(118, 126, 130, 140) sts on hold using waste yarn or a stitch holder, remove next m.

Using the backwards loop method, CO 2 (2, 3, 3, 3)(4, 4, 5, 5) sts, pm to indicate BOR, CO 2 (2, 3, 3, 3)(4, 4, 5, 5) sts, k to next m.

Remove m, place the next, 86 (94, 100, 108, 112)(118, 126, 130, 140) sts on hold using waste yarn or a stitch holder, remove next m.

Using the backwards loop method, CO 4 (4, 6, 6, 6)(8, 8, 10, 10) sts, k to end of rnd.

You should have 218 (244, 270, 298, 322)(348, 376, 400, 428) sts on your needles.

Work in stockinette stitch in the round until the body of the sweater measures 14½ (15, 15½, 16, 16½)(17, 18, 18, 18) in or 36.25 (37.5, 38.75, 40, 41.25)(42.5, 45, 45, 45) cm from the underarm, or 2 in (5 cm) from desired length.

Decrease round: [K11 (13, 14, 16, 18)(19, 21, 23, 24), k2tog] 16 times, k to end of rnd. (16 dec)

You should have 202 (228, 254, 282, 306)(332, 360, 384, 412) sts on your needles.

Ribbing

Switch to smaller needles.

[K1, p1] until ribbing measures 2 in (5 cm).

BO all sts loosely in pattern.



Sleeves

Starting at the centre of the armhole, pick up and knit 2 (2, 3, 3, 3)(4, 4, 5, 5) sts. Place the 86 (94, 100, 108, 112)(118, 126, 130, 140) held sts for one sleeve onto the left needle and knit them in sleeve pattern. Pick up and knit 2 (2, 3, 3, 3)(4, 4, 5, 5) sts, reaching the centre of the armhole. Pm to indicate BOR.

You should have 90 (98, 106, 114, 118)(126, 134, 140, 150) sts on your needles.



Integrate the picked up stitches into the sleeve pattern.

Rnd 1: K1, work in sleeve pattern to end of rnd.

Rnd 2: Sl1, work in sleeve pattern to end of rnd.

Repeat **rnds 1 and 2** until your sleeve measures 4 (4, 3, 3, 3)(2, 1, 1, 4) in or 10 (10, 7.5, 7.5, 7.5)(5, 2.5, 2.5, 10) cm.



Dec rnd: K1, k2tog, work in sleeve pattern to last 3 sts, ssk, k1. (2 dec)



Always work the decrease round on a round 1. When the third st is a purl, p2tog instead of k2tog. When second to last st is a purl, ssp instead of ssk.

Continue working in pattern, repeating the **dec rnd** every 4 (4, 4, 4, 4)(4, 4, 4, 2) rnds 18 (19, 23, 24, 24)(28, 29, 32, 37) more times.

You should have 52 (58, 58, 64, 68)(68, 74, 74, 74) sts on your needles.

Repeat **rnds 1 and 2** until sleeve measures 14 (15, 16, 16½, 17)(17½, 18, 18, 18) in or 35 (37.5, 40, 41.25, 42.5)(43.75, 45, 45, 45) cm from the underarm, or 3 in (7.5 cm) less than your desired length.



If you have followed the instructions for the sleeve to the letter and not made any modifications, at the end of the following decrease round, the purls from the sleeve pattern should align with a purl stitch in the cuff ribbing. When working the decreases before the cuff, make sure to keep an odd number of stitches between each purl stitch from the sleeve pattern.

Dec rnd:

XS: K1, k3tog, [p1, k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1] 6 times. (14 dec)

S: K1, [p1, k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1] 7 times, k1. (14 dec)

M: K3, k2tog, k1, [p1, k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1] 6 times, k1, k2tog, k1. (14 dec)

L: [P1, k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1] 7 times, p1, k7. (14 dec)

XL: K3, [p1, k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1] 7 times, p1, k7, p1. (14 dec)

2XL: K6, [p1, k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1] 7 times, p1, k7. (14 dec)

3XL: K2, p1, k7, [p1, k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1] 7 times, p1, k7. (14 dec)

4XL: K4, p1, k7, [p1, k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1] 7 times, p1, k5. (14 dec)

5XL: K1, p1, k7, [p1, k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1] 7 times, p1, k7, p1. (14 dec)

You should have 38 (44, 44, 50, 54)(54, 60, 60, 60) sts on your needles.

Cuff

Switch to smaller needles.

Sizes XS, L, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL

[P1, k1] until ribbing measures 3 in (7.5 cm).

Sizes S, M, XL, 5XL

[K1, p1] until ribbing measures 3 in (7.5 cm).

BO all sts using Elizabeth Zimmerman's sewn bind off.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DM40GtSq6aU>

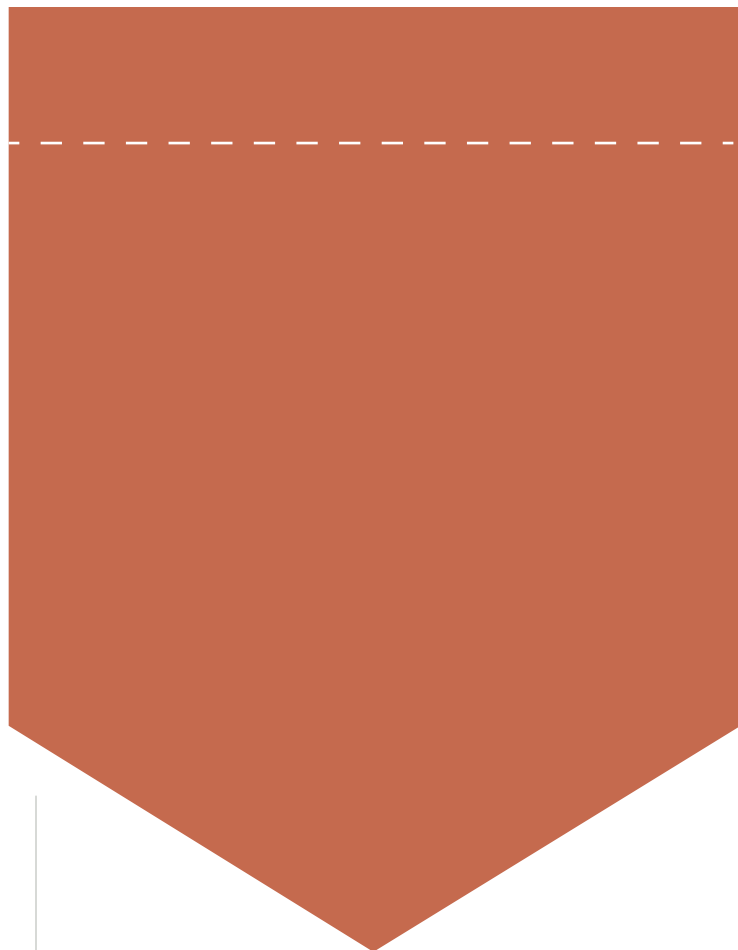
Finishing

Weave in the ends and block the sweater to measurements.

While it dries, enjoy the following drink.

Recipe for the So Basic Cucumber Gin & Tonic

Fill a large Mason jar with ice. Add 2 oz of gin, mint leaves and a few cucumber slices. Put the cap on the Mason jar and give it a few shakes. Fill with tonic and serve. Cheers!



Pocket

Trace the shape above on a piece of recycled faux leather.



For this pocket, I used one of Vincent's old leather jacket. (With his permission! Could you imagine if I didn't ask?)

Before sewing the pocket to the sweater, top stitch the upper part of the pocket (about 0.75 in [2 cm] from the top; see diagram).

Place the pocket on the sweater and sew it in place.

Congrats! Now you're SO BASIC! :)

ABBREVIATIONS

BO	bind off	P	purl
CO	cast on	PM	place marker
DEC	decrease	SL1 WYIB	slip one with yarn in back
INC	increase	SL1 WYIF	slip one with yarn in front
K	knit	RND	round
K2TOG	knit two together	SSK	slip slip knit
MC	main colour	ST (STS)	stitch (stitches)
M1L	make one left	W&T	wrap and turn
M1R	make one right		
M1LP	make one left purl		

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