



Aurea Pullover

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Materials

Any kind of fingering weight yarn, 400m/100g, 440yds/3.5oz, merino or merino blend, if possible

2 colors – **Main Color (MC) – gold(ish) on sample, Contrast Color (CC) – brown on sample**

This pattern is a collaboration between NCD and “Kolibriyarn, Andrea Lukacs, who is a Hungarian indie dyer. Her webshop:

<https://www.kolibriyarn.com/>

Required amount of yarn – colors MC/CC

Main color (MC)

980 (1100, 1225, 1340, 1445) (1560, 1695, 1810, 1935, 2176) m 1070(1200, 1340, 1465, 1580)

(1705, 1850, 1975, 2115, 2380) yds

Contrast color (CC)

Approx.

320(345, 370, 390, 410) (435, 450, 480, 510, 550) m, 350(377, 405, 427, 449) (476, 492, 525, 558, 602) yds

Knitting needles and other notions

US2 / 2.75 mm and US2 1/2 /3 mm circular needles, and double pointed needles for the sleeves (or size needed to obtain gauge)

Locking stitch markers

Stitch holder or scrap yarn to divide sleeves

Tapestry needles to weave in ends

Gauge

28 sts x 36 rows = 4" x 4"/ 10 x 10 cm in stockinette, with US 2 1/2 /3mm knitting needles

Swatch both plain stockinette and colorwork, as you might need to change needle sizes to maintain the gauge. Block your swatch the same way you plan to block your pullover and let it fully dry before measuring the gauge.

Techniques used

Knitting in the round, short rows, trapping floats in stranded knitting, lifted increases, stretch bind-off.

Finished sizes – actual sizes of the finished pullover, no ease built in

1(2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10)

Bust circumference: 87(92, 98.5, 104.5, 108.5) (115.5, 120, 124.5, 132, 137) cm, 34 1/4 (36 1/4, 38 3/4, 41, 42 3/4) (45 1/2, 47 1/4, 49, 52, 53 3/4) "

Height of yoke (from cast on to underarm): 21 (21.5, 22.5, 23.5, 24) (25, 25.5, 26, 27, 28) cm, approx. 8 1/4 (8 1/2, 8 3/4, 9 1/4, 9 1/2) (9 3/4, 10, 10 1/4, 10 3/4, 11)" – customizable

Length of the sleeve (from armpit to cuff): 37(37.5, 40.5, 41, 44) (46.5, 49.5, 50, 52, 53) cm, approx. 14.5 (14 3/4, 16, 16 1/4, 17 1/4) (18 1/4, 19.5, 19 3/4, 20 1/2, 20 3/4) "- customizable

Upper arm circumference: 30.5 (33, 34, 36.5, 38) (40, 42, 43.5, 46.5, 48) cm, 12 (13, 13 1/4, 14 1/4, 15) (15 3/4, 16 1/2, 17 1/4, 18 1/4, 18 3/4)"



Length of torso (from armpit to ribbing): 34(35, 36, 37, 38) (39, 40, 41, 42, 43) cm, approx. 13 1/2 (13 3/4, 14 1/4, 14 1/2, 15) (15 1/4, 15 3/4, 16 1/4, 16 1/2, 17)" - customizable

Construction notes

- This pattern contains 10 sizes, 1(2, 3, 4, 5) (6, 7, 8, 9, 10) the stitch count follows in this order. In case of one number, it's for all sizes.
- The pullover is worked seamlessly in the round from the top down.
- Count with appr. 3-4" positive ease. Not built in pattern, measurements show the actual size of the pullover.
- Neck shaped with German short rows – click here for a [VIDEO](#)
- Stitches added to armpit – click here for a [VIDEO](#)
- Gap free armpit – click here for a [VIDEO](#)
- Lifted increases - [VIDEO](#)
- Ladder Back Jacquard technique – [VIDEO](#)
- Stretch bind off – [VIDEO](#)
- Depending on your knitting style, using a larger needle at the yoke design may be necessary (if you knit tight).
- Read the chart from bottom up, and from right to left.

Fair isle pattern

The motif is knit using the fair isle stranded colorwork technique with two colors. The yarn not in use must be carried loosely across the back of the work and caught by twisting it with the working yarn every 5 sts maximum. On the following round, make sure to twist the yarn in a different place to avoid little bumps showing on the right side.

Abbreviations

st(s)= stitch(es)

k, K= knit

p, P= purl

inc= increase

dec= decrease

BORm= beginning of row stitch marker

m= marker

turn= turn work to other side

CO= cast on

BO= bind off

ssk= slip knitwise, slip knitwise, knit 2 stitches together

k2tog= knit 2 stitches together

Nr= number

RS= right side

WS= wrong side

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Begin the pullover

With **US 2 /2.75mm** needles, with color **MC**, using long tail method, CO 102(108, 114, 120, 120) (120, 120, 120, 125, 130) sts.

Join in the round, being careful not to twist the sts. Mark the first st with a BORm, as the beginning of the round. Slip BORm from one needle to the other, at the beginning of each row.

The next 4 rounds are:

Row1-Row3: p all sts, Row2-Row4: k all sts. (it will be a small garter neckline)

In the next round change to larger size needles increase sts as follows:

Size 1-4 no increases

Size 5: inc. 1 st after every 20th st, 6 sts total

Size 6: inc. 1 st after every 10th st, 12 sts total

Size 7: k6, inc. 1 st after every 6th st 18 sts total, k until BORm

Size 8: inc. 1 st after every 5th st, 24 sts total

Size 9: inc. 1 st after every 5th st, 25 sts total

Size 10: inc. 1 st after every 5th st, 26 sts total

There are **102(108, 114, 120, 126) (132, 138, 144, 150, 156)** sts on needles.

Now start working on **short rows** as follows – after turning, make the first st according to the technique:

1. From BORm k 20(20, 20, 25, 25) (30, 30, 30, 30, 30) sts, turn, p to BORm, p 20(20, 20, 25, 25) (30, 30, 30, 30, 30) sts, turn, k back until BORm.
2. From BORm k until turning st, past turning st, k 4 more sts, turn, p to BORm, p until turning st, past turning st, p 4 more sts, turn, k back to BORm.

Repeat 2 a further 4 times.

German short rows are completed for all sizes.

Work with only KNIT sts from now on, until directed otherwise.

Colorwork

Knit 1 round ensuring you place m(s) after every 6sts (use different m from BORm). Repeats are marked.

There will be **17(18, 19, 20, 21) (22, 23, 24, 25, 26)** repeats in the round.

Follow colorwork chart, making increases as noted and working in colors as indicated in the chart.

When Row35 is completed, there are **374(396, 418, 440, 462) (484, 506, 528, 550, 572)** sts on needles.

How to work on the chart

For the whole pullover the chart is used as follows:

Work on Row1-Row46, then repeat Row47-Row68 3(3, 3, 3, 3) (4, 4, 4, 4, 4) times, then finish it with Row69-Row86

Yoke

Start working the chart until the yoke is measuring 21 (21.5, 22.5, 23.5, 24) (25, 25.5, 26, 27, 28) cm, approx. 8 1/4 (8 1/2, 8 3/4, 9 1/4, 9 1/2) (9 3/4, 10, 10 1/4, 10 1/2, 11)", or desired yoke height reached. (measure the height of the yoke at the center of the front)

As a guide for the above sizes this would be 75(77, 81, 85, 87,) (90, 92, 94, 97, 101) rows

Divide sleeves and torso

- Place **locking m** counting from BORm after 56 (59, 63, 66, 69) (73, 76, 79, 83, 86) sts (half back)
- after 75(80, 83, 88, 93) (96, 101, 106, 109, 114) sts (right sleeve)
- after 112(118, 126, 132, 138) (146, 152, 158, 166, 172) sts (front)
- after 75(80, 83, 88, 93) (96, 101, 106, 109, 114) sts (left sleeve)
- then 56 (59, 63, 66, 69) (73, 76, 79, 83, 86) sts left (other half back).

Next round:

- Work **56 (59, 63, 66, 69) (73, 76, 79, 83, 86)** sts in stabilized pattern ending st number 12 (15, 19, 22, 3) (7, 10, 13, 17, 20) of the repeat (half of the back)
- Place next **75(80, 83, 88, 93) (96, 101, 106, 109, 114)** sts on holder ending with st number 21 (7, 14, 22, 8) (15, 1, 9, 16, 2) of repeat (right sleeve)
- CO **10(12, 12, 14, 14) (16, 16, 16, 20, 20)** sts on right needle (underarm) – place a m in the middle of the stitches
- Work **112(118, 126, 132, 138) (146, 152, 158, 166, 172)** sts in stabilized pattern ending st number 1(15, 8, 22, 14) (7, 21, 13, 6, 20) (front)
- Place next **75(80, 83, 88, 93) (96, 101, 106, 109, 114)** sts on holder ending with st number 10 (7, 3, 22, 19) (15, 12, 9, 5, 2) (left sleeve)
- CO **10(12, 12, 14, 14) (16, 16, 16, 20, 20)** sts on right needle (underarm) – place a m in the middle of the stitches
- Work **56 (59, 63, 66, 69) (73, 76, 79, 83, 86)** sts in stabilized pattern ending st number 22(22, 22, 22, 22) (22, 22, 22, 22, 22) (half of the back)

Work on body

There are **244 (260, 276, 292, 304) (324, 336, 348, 370, 384)** sts on needles – back-front and underarm sts all together. Work on body with established pattern, plus extended underarm sts, in the round, as follows:

- From BORm work on **61 (65, 69, 73, 76) (81, 84, 87, 93, 96)** sts in stabilized pattern until underarm m, ending st nr. 17(21, 3, 7, 10) (15, 18, 21, 5, 8) (half back)
- From right underarm m work on next **122(130, 138, 146, 152) (162, 168, 174, 186, 192)** sts on established pattern starting at sts number 18(3, 9, 17, 3) (8, 17, 2, 8, 15) and ending st nr. 7(22, 14, 8, 22) (16, 8, 21, 16, 8) until left underarm m.

- From left underarm m work on next **61 (65, 69, 73, 76) (81, 84, 87, 93, 96)** sts with established pattern starting at sts number 6 (2, 20, 16, 12) (8, 5, 2, 18, 15) and ending st nr 22(22, 22, 22, 22) (22, 22, 22, 22), back to BORm.

The underarm design will be different and unique by each size.

Work on colorwork chart until last round, then cut yarn CC, leave a 5" tail to weave in end. Remove underarm m-s.

Continue working in k sts with MC for 5cm/2" to desired length reached.

Ribbing: Switch to US2 / 2.75mm needles and work on k1-p1 in the next 20 rounds. BO all sts in next round, cut yarn, weave in ends.

Right sleeve:

Slide sleeve stitches back on US2 1/2 /3mm needles. Join yarn MC and CC at the center of underarm and pick up 5 (6, 6, 7, 7) (8, 8, 8, 10, 10) sts – keep on alternating colors - mark the first st with a m. Work on established colorwork - follow colorwork chart on next **75(80, 83, 88, 93) (96, 101, 106, 109, 114)** sts, then pick up the next 5 (6, 6, 7, 7) (8, 8, 8, 10, 10) sts. There are **85 (92, 95, 102, 107) (112, 117, 122, 129, 134)** sts on needles.

The first st on chart is nr. 8(10, 14, 15, 20) (22, 3, 6, 7, 11) and the last one is 16(1, 21, 14, 2) (7, 15, 1, 5, 14) Work on the chart until the last round - with the same amount of sts, no inc or dec.

After last round of colorwork, cut CC, leave a 15cm/5" tail to weave in end. Continue working in the round with MC, with k sts for 6 rounds, then in next round dec 2 sts as follow:

Decreasing round: k, ssk, k until last 3 sts, k2tog, k1

Round 1-7: k all sts.

Repeat dec in every 8th round 6 (6, 7, 7, 8) (8, 8, 9, 9, 10) times altogether, 12(12, 14, 14, 16) (16, 16, 18, 18, 20) sts decreased, there are **73(80, 81, 88, 91) (96, 101, 104, 111, 114)**.

Continue working to desired length minus 5cm/2".

In the last row decrease evenly 13(10, 11, 8, 11) (10, 11, 10, 17, 20) sts, there are **60(70, 70, 80, 80) (86, 90, 94, 94, 94)** sts on needles.

Ribbing: Switch to US2 / 2.75mm needles and work on k1-p1 in the next 20 rounds. BO all sts in next round, cut yarn, weave in ends.

Left sleeve

Slide sleeve stitches back on US2 1/2 /3mm needles. Join yarn A and B at the center of underarm and pick up 5 (6, 6, 7, 7) (8, 8, 8, 10, 10) sts – keep on alternating colors -, mark the first st with a BORm. Work on established colorwork - follow colorwork chart on next **75(80, 83, 88, 93) (96, 101, 106, 109, 114)** sts, then pick up the next 5 (6, 6, 7, 7) (8, 8, 8, 10, 10) sts. There are **85 (92, 95, 102, 107) (112, 117, 122, 129, 134)** sts on needles.

The first st on chart is nr. 2 (16, 2, 1, 15) (8, 20, 14, 6, 21) and the last one is 10(7, 9, 22, 19) (15, 10, 9, 4, 2) Work on the chart until the last round - with the same amount of sts, no inc or dec.

After last round of colorwork, cut CC, leave a 15cm/5" tail to weave in end. Continue working in the round with MC, with k sts for the next 6 rounds, then in next round dec 2 sts as follow:

Round1: k, ssk, k until last 3 sts, k2tog, k1



Round 2-7: k all sts.

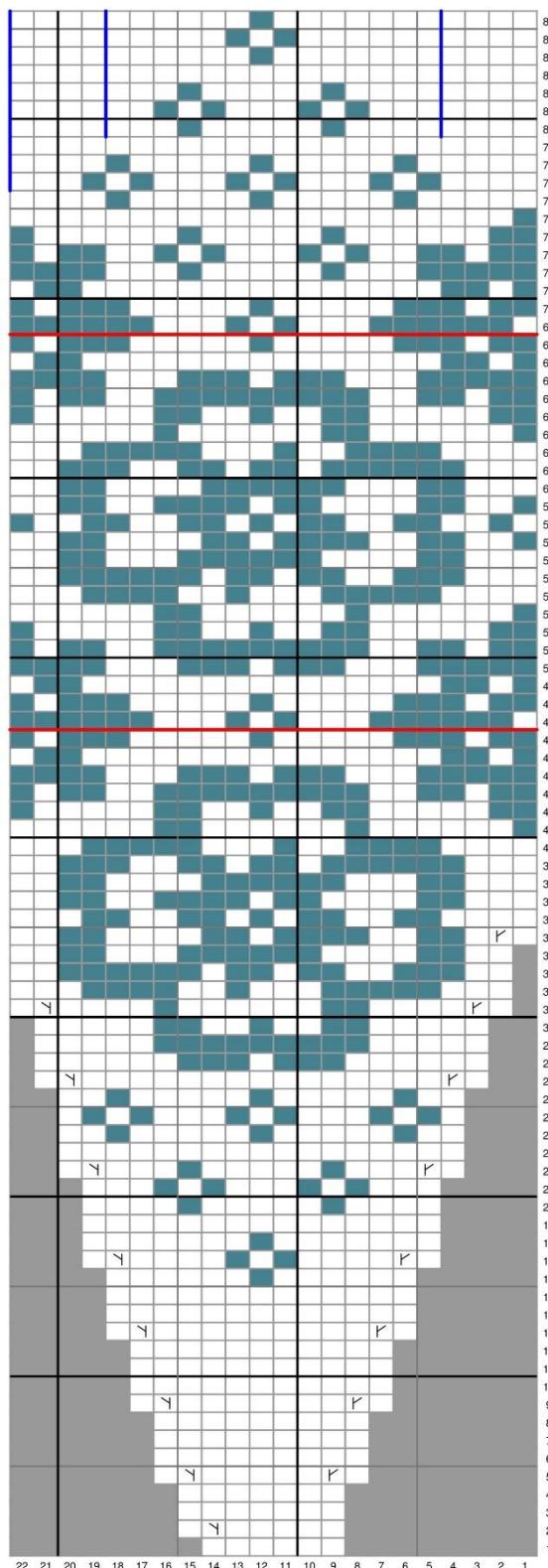
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Weave in ends. Wash your pullover gently, lay it flat and let it dry.



Light background



Main Color - MC - knit



Contrast Color - CC - knit



Right leaning lifted knit increase



Left leaning lifted knit increase



No stitch

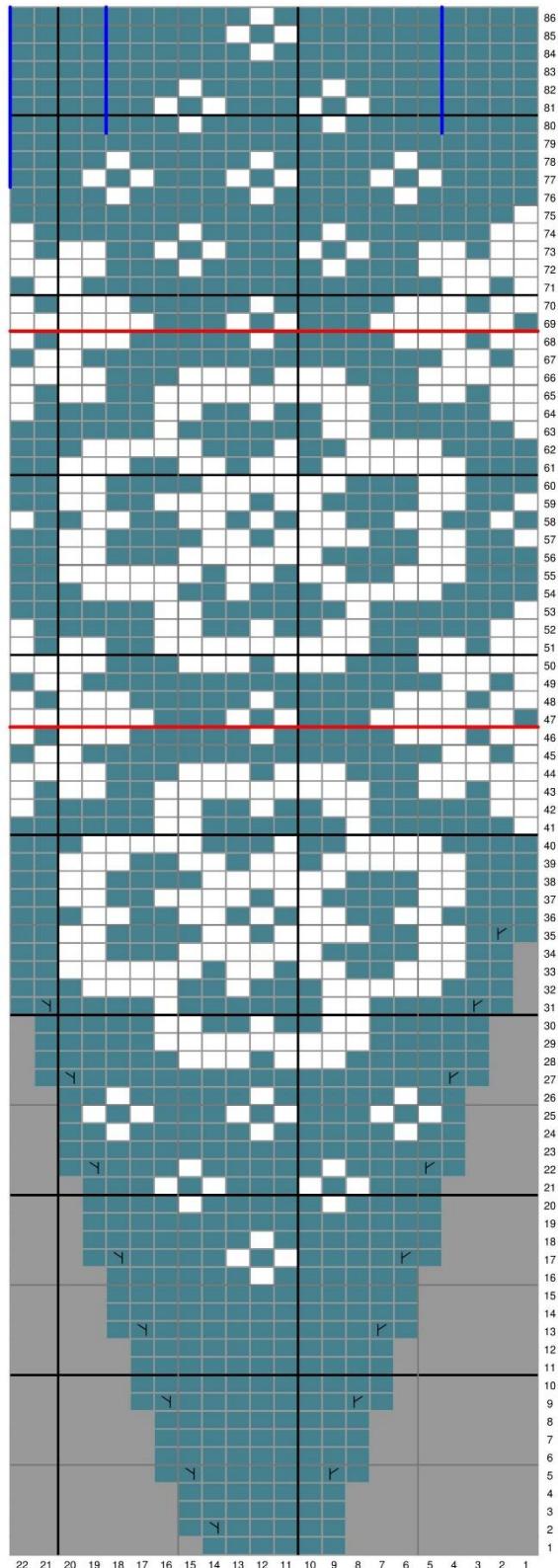


Repeat



Ladderback jacquard st

Dark background



Main Color - MC - knit



Contrast Color - CC - knit



Right leaning lifted knit increase



Left leaning lifted knit increase



No stitch



Repeat



Ladderback jacquard st