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# Juice Sweater

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The Juice Sweater is the perfect blend of modern elegance and effortless comfort. The sweater is worked seamlessly from the top down and the yoke is shaped with evenly spaced increases. The increase segments create a subtle yet decorative detail which give the Juice sweater a minimal and contemporary look.

The oversized fit makes the sweater feel relaxed while the narrow sleeves add a feminine touch. This design embodies casual luxury—perfect for lounging at home or stepping out in style. Thoughtful features like side splits at the hem add to its flowy, easy-to-wear feel, while German Short Rows ensure a beautifully tailored fit at the neck.

A timeless staple that balances comfort and sophistication, the Juice Sweater is a project you'll love knitting—and a wardrobe essential you'll reach for again and again.

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## SIZES:

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

## FINISHED GARMENT MEASUREMENTS:

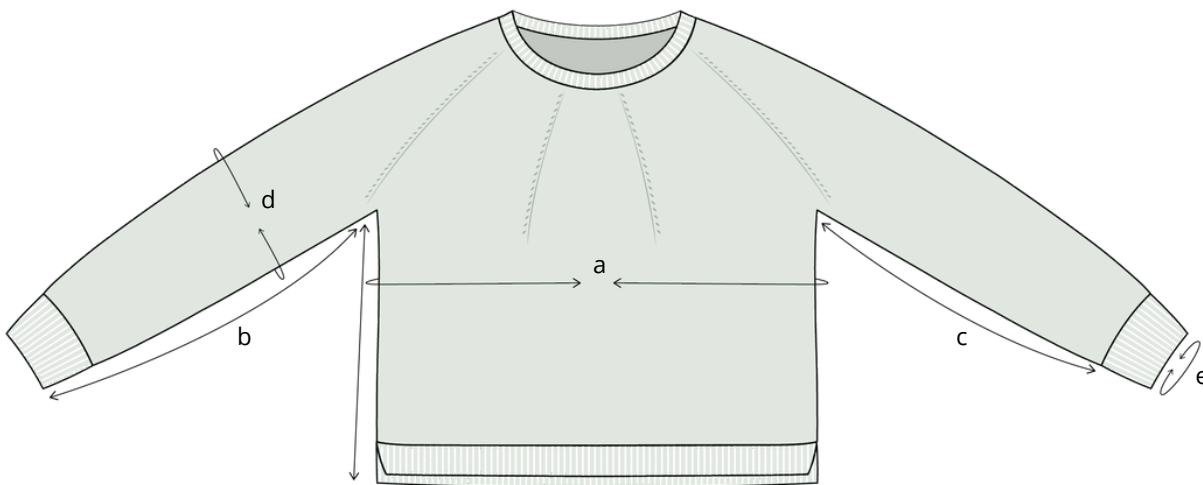
**a.Bust circumference:** 101 (110, 122) (128, 134, 143) (155, 167, 173) cm / 39 (43, 48) (50, 52, 56) (61, 65, 68)".

**b.Body length from underarm to hem:** 37.5 (37.5, 37.5) (38.5, 38.5, 38.5) (40.5, 41.5, 41.5) cm / 14.75 (14.75, 14.75) (15.25, 15.25, 15.25) (16, 16.25, 16.25)".

**c.Sleeve length underarm to cuff:** 45 cm / 17.75" (or desired length).

**d.Upper sleeve circumference:** 27.5 (29, 31) (32, 33, 34.5) (36.5, 38.5, 39.5) cm / 10.75 (11.5, 12.25) (12.5, 13, 13.5) (14.25, 15.25, 15.5)".

**e.Sleeve cuff circumference:** 18.5 (20, 21.5) (22.5, 23, 24) (25.5, 27, 28) cm / 7.25 (7.75, 8.5) (8.75, 9, 9.5) (10, 10.5, 11)".



The Juice Sweater is designed to have 20-30 cm / 8-12" of positive ease.

Sample in size M, Kika has a bust of approx. 87 cm / 34.75".

## GAUGE:

20 sts x 27 rows / rnds = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4" on 4.5 mm / US7 needles in **Stockinette st, after** blocking.

25 sts x 32 rnds = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4" on 3 mm / US2.5 needles in **1 x1 rib, after** blocking.

## NEEDLES:

4.5 mm / US7: circular needles 80-100 cm / 32-40" for body, 40-60 cm / 16-24" for sleeves or DPNs, or just 80-100 cm / 32-40" needles if you're using Magic Loop technique.

3 mm / US2.5: circular needles 80-100 cm / 32-40" for body hem, 40-60 cm / 16-24" for collar and sleeve cuffs or DPNs, or just 80-100 cm / 32-40" needles if you're using Magic Loop technique.

## NOTIONS:

16 stitch markers (*I recommend using different colored markers as follows: 2 sets of 2 markers in colors one and two, 3 sets of 4 markers in colors three, four and five*). Stitch wire or scrap yarn, tapestry needle.

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## **SUGGESTED YARN:**

The sweater is worked with one strand of fingering weight yarn held together with one strand of lace weight yarn. You'll need approx.:

1175 (1295, 1410) (1530, 1645, 1765) (1880, 2000, 2115) m / 1280 (1420, 1540) (1670, 1800, 1930) (2060, 2190, 2310) yds of fingering weight yarn

### **together with**

1175 (1295, 1410) (1530, 1645, 1765) (1880, 2000, 2115) m / 1280 (1420, 1540) (1670, 1800, 1930) (2060, 2190, 2310) yds of lace weight yarn.

## **SAMPLE KNITTED WITH YARNS:**

### Green sample

250 (275, 300) (325, 350, 375) (400, 425, 450) g of Sandnes Garn Sunday (100% merino wool - 235 m / 266 yds / 50 g) in the color 9564

### **together with**

140 (155, 170) (180, 195, 210) (225, 240, 250) g of Filcolana Tilia (70% kid mohair, 30% silk - 210 m / 230 yds / 25 g) in the color 326.

The sweater is worked by holding one strand of merino together with one strand of silk mohair.



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## DIRECTIONS

The sweater is worked top down seamlessly. First the collar is worked in a 1x1 rib, then the yoke is shaped by working German Short Rows flat. The yoke is continued in the round while working increases. Once the yoke is complete, the stitches are separated for the sleeves and lower body. The lower body is worked in the round and new stitches are cast on for the underarms. At the hem, the front and back are worked separately in 1x1 rib to create side splits at the underarm seams. Lastly, the sleeves are worked in the round.

## COLLAR

Cast on 96 (104, 104) (104, 104, 112) (112, 112, 112) sts with the Long-Tail Cast-on method on 3 mm / US2.5 circular needles (40-60 cm / 16-24") and join to work in the round. Place BOR-m (the BOR-m is in the seam between the back and sleeve).

Work k1, p1 ribbing in the round until the collar measures 3 cm / 1.25".

## YOKE

Change to 4.5 mm / US7 circular needles and place 15 markers (in addition to the BOR-m) on the first rnd.

*Tip! I recommend using different colored markers for the markers in bold (markers numbers **3, 8, 11** and **16 = BOR-m**), it will help stay organised when working the German Short Rows.*

*Example:*

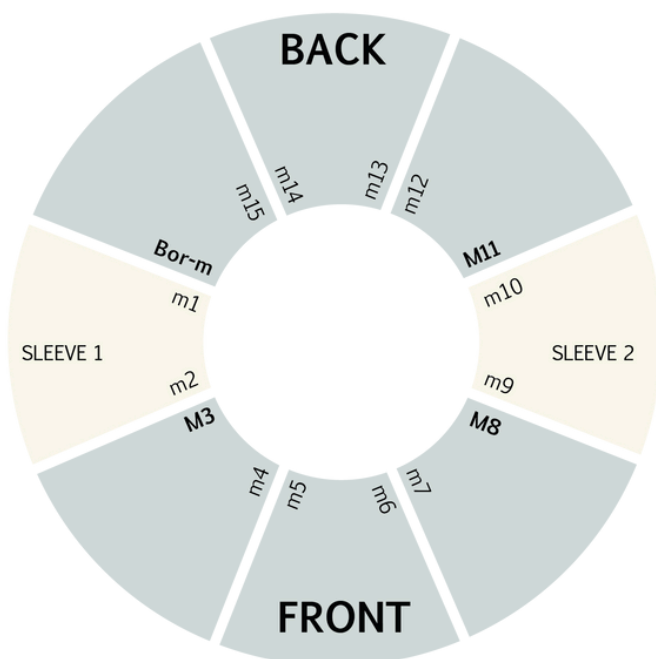
*Sleeve 1: m1 and m2 in color red,*

*German short rows: **Bor-m, M3, M8, M11** in color green*

*Front: m4, m5, m6 and m7 in color blue*

*Sleeve 2: m9 and m10 in color yellow*

*Back: m12, m13, m14 and m15 in color orange*



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Work one setup rnd as follows:

## Sleeve 1:

K5, PM1, k 7 (8, 8) (8, 8, 9) (9, 9, 9), PM2, k5, **PM3**,

## Front:

k 7, (8, 8) (8, 8, 9) (9, 9, 9), PM4, k5, PM5, k 7 (8, 8) (8, 8, 9) (9, 9, 9), PM6, k5, PM7, k 7 (8, 8) (8, 8, 9) (9, 9, 9), **PM8**,

## Sleeve 2:

k5, PM9, k 7 (8, 8) (8, 8, 9) (9, 9, 9), PM10, k5, **PM11**,

## Back:

k 7, (8, 8) (8, 8, 9) (9, 9, 9), PM12, k5, PM13, k 7 (8, 8) (8, 8, 9) (9, 9, 9), PM14,

k5, PM15, k 7 (8, 8) (8, 8, 9) (9, 9, 9). *Note: Marker 16 = **BOR-m**, which marks the transition from back to sleeve.*

Work German Short Rows as follows:

## **GSR 1 (RS):**

K5, SM1, M1L, k to m, M1R, SM2, k5, **SM3**,  
M1L, k1. Turn work. *3 sts increased.*

*There are 99 (107, 107) (107, 107, 115) (115, 115, 115) sts in total.*

## **GSR 2 (WS):**

Make DS, p to **BOR-m** (slipping all m along the way), **SM**,  
M1Rp, p to m, M1Lp, SM15, p to m, SM14, M1Rp, p to m, M1Lp, SM13, p to m, SM12, M1Rp, p to m, M1Lp, **SM11**, p to m, SM10, M1Rp, p to m, M1Lp, SM9, p to m, **SM8**,  
M1Rp, p1. Turn work. *9 sts increased.*

*There are 108 (116, 116) (116, 116, 124) (124, 124, 124) sts in total.*

## **GSR 3 (RS):**

Make DS, k1, **SM8**,  
k to **BOR-m** (slipping all m along the way), **SM**,  
k to m3 (slipping all m along the way), **SM3**,  
k1, k DS, k1. Turn work.

## **GSR 4 (WS):**

Make DS, p to **BOR-m** (slipping all m along the way), **SM**,  
p to m8 (slipping all m along the way), **SM8**,  
p1, p DS, p1. Turn work.

## **GSR 5 (RS):**

Make DS, k to **BOR-m**, **SM**,  
k to m, SM1, M1L, k to m, M1R, SM2, k to m3, **SM3**, M1L, k2, k DS, k1. Turn work. *3 sts increased.*

*There are 111 (119, 119) (119, 119, 127) (127, 127, 127) sts in total.*

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## GSR 6 (WS):

Make DS, p to **BOR-m** (slipping all m along the way), **SM**,  
M1Rp, p to m, M1Lp, SM15, p to m, SM14, M1Rp, p to m, M1Lp, SM13, p to m, SM12, M1Rp, p to m, M1Lp,  
**SM11**,  
p to m, SM10, M1Rp, p to m, M1Lp, SM9, p to m, **SM8**,  
M1Rp, p2, p DS, p1. Turn work. 9 sts increased.

*There are 120 (128, 128) (128, 128, 136) (136, 136, 136) sts in total.*

## GSR 7 (RS):

Make DS, k to **BOR-m** (slipping all m along the way), **SM**,  
k to m3 (slipping all m along the way), **SM3**,  
k4, k DS, k1. Turn work.

## GSR 8 (WS):

Make DS, p to **BOR-m** (slipping all m along the way), **SM**,  
p to m8 (slipping all m along the way), **SM8**,  
p4, p DS, p1. Turn work.

## GSR 9 (RS):

Make DS, k to **BOR-m**, **SM**,  
k to m, SM1, M1L, k to m, M1R, SM2, k to m, SM3, M1L, k5, k DS, k1. Turn work. 3 sts increased.

*There are 123 (131, 131) (131, 131, 139) (139, 139, 139) sts in total.*

## GSR 10 (WS):

Make DS, p to **BOR-m** (slipping all m along the way), **SM**,  
M1Rp, p to m, M1Lp, SM15, p to m, SM14, M1Rp, p to m, M1Lp, SM13, p to m, SM12, M1Rp, p to m, M1Lp,  
**SM11**,  
p to m, SM10, M1Rp, p to m, M1Lp, SM9, p to m, **SM8**,  
M1Rp, p5, p DS, p1. Turn work. 9 sts increased.

*There are 132 (140, 140) (140, 140, 148) (148, 148, 148) sts in total.*

## GSR 11 (RS):

Make DS, k to **BOR-m** (slipping all m along the way), **SM**,  
k to m3 (slipping all m along the way), **SM3**,  
k7, k DS, k1. Turn work.

## GSR 12 (WS):

Make DS, p to **BOR-m** (slipping all m along the way), **SM**,  
p to m8 (slipping all m along the way), **SM8**,  
p7, p DS, p1. Turn work.

## GSR 13 (RS):

Make DS, k to **BOR-m** (slipping all m along the way). Don't turn work.

German Short Rows are complete. 36 sts increased.

*There are 132 (140, 140) (140, 140, 148) (148, 148, 148) sts in total.*

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Next, continue working the yoke in the round. Increases are worked on every 4th rnd.

Work as follows (k all DS on the first rnd):

**Rnd 1:** [K to m, SM, M1L, k to m, M1R, SM] 8 times. *16 sts increased.*

**Rnd 2:** K to end.

**Rnd 3:** K to end.

**Rnd 4:** K to end.

*There are 148 (156, 156) (156, 156, 164) (164, 164, 164) sts in total.*

Repeat rnds 1-4, for 6 (7, 9,) (10, 11, 12) (14, 16, 17) more times.

*There are 244 (268, 300) (316, 332, 356) (388, 420, 436) sts in total.*

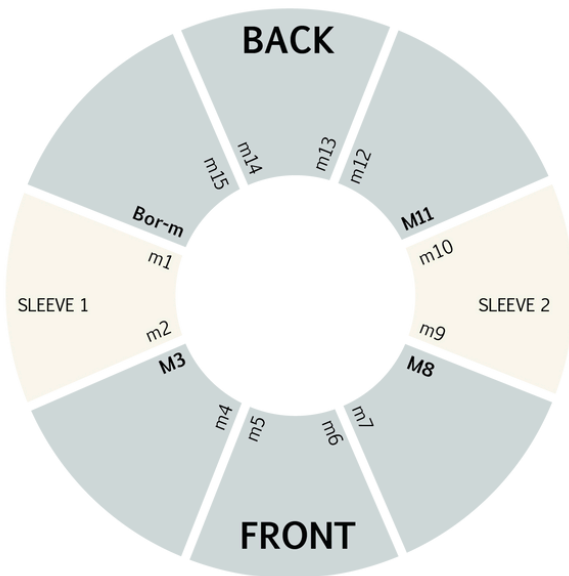
*Distribution of sts:*

*Sleeve 1 (sts between **Bor-m** and **M3**): 37 (40, 44) (46, 48, 51) (55, 59, 61) sts.*

*Front (sts between **M3** and **M8**): 79 (88, 100) (106, 112, 121) (133, 145, 151) sts.*

*Sleeve 2 (sts between **M8** and **M11**): 37 (40, 44) (46, 48, 51) (55, 59, 61) sts.*

*Back (sts between **M11** and **Bor-m**): 91 (100, 112) (118, 124, 133) (145, 157, 163) sts.*



On the next rnd, markers number 12, 13, 14 and 15 (=back) are removed. Work as follows:

**Rnd 1:**

Sleeve 1:

K to m, SM1, M1L, k to m, M1R, SM2, k to m, **SM3**,

Front:

M1L, k to m, M1R, SM4, k to m, SM5, M1L, k to m, M1R, SM6, k to m, SM7, M1L, k to m, M1R, **SM8**,

Sleeve 2:

\_k to m, SM9, M1L, k to m, M1R, SM10, k to m, **SM11**,

Back:

k to m, RM12, k to m, RM13, k to m, RM14, k to m, RM15, k to **BOR-m**. *10 sts increased.*

**Rnd 2:** K to end.

**Rnd 3:** K to end.

**Rnd 4:** K to end.

*There are 254 (278, 310) (326, 342, 366) (398, 430, 446) sts in total.*

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**Rnd 5:** [K to m, SM, M1L, k to m, M1R, SM] 5 times, k to end. *10 sts increased.*

**Rnd 6:** K to end.

**Rnd 7:** K to end.

**Rnd 8:** K to end.

*There are 264 (288, 320) (336, 352, 376) (408, 440, 456) sts in total.*

The yoke is complete. *Note! If you want to add more depth to the yoke before separating for the lower body and sleeves, continue working the yoke in the rnd to add some length before moving onto the next section.*

*Distribution of sts:*

*Sleeve 1 (sts between **Bor-m** and **M3**): 41 (44, 48) (50, 52, 55) (59, 63, 65) sts.*

*Front (sts between **M3** and **M8**): 91 (100, 112) (118, 124, 133) (145, 157, 163) sts.*

*Sleeve 2 (sts between **M8** and **M11**): 41 (44, 48) (50, 52, 55) (59, 63, 65) sts.*

*Back (sts between **M11** and **Bor-m**): 91 (100, 112) (118, 124, 133) (145, 157, 163) sts.*

## BODY

Next, the lower body is worked in the round, and sleeve stitches are placed on hold. On the first round, remove all markers **\*\*except M3, M8, M11, and the BOR-m\*\***. 10 new stitches will be cast on for the underarms (the first set of new sts will be between **Bor-m** and **M3**, and the second set between **M8** and **M11**).

Continue like this:

Sleeve 1:

Transfer 5 sts onto a holder, RM1, transfer all sts until m onto holder, RM2, transfer 5 sts onto holder, cast on 10 sts with the Backwards-Loop Cast-on method (=underarm sts), **SM3**,

Front:

K to m, RM4, k to m, RM5, k to m, RM6, k to m, RM7, k to m, **SM8**,

Sleeve 2:

Transfer 5 sts onto a holder, RM9, transfer all sts until m onto holder, RM10, transfer 5 sts onto holder, cast on 10 sts with Backwards-Loop Cast-on method (=underarm sts), **SM11**,

Back:

K to **BOR-m**.

*There are 202 (220, 244) (256, 268, 286) (310, 334, 346) sts in total for the body.*

Work in Stockinette stitch in the round until the body measures 2.5 cm / 1" from the underarm.

Next, begin body shaping as follows:

**Decrease Rnd:**

K to m, **SM3**, k2tog, k to 2 sts before m, ssk, **SM8**, k to m, **SM11**, k2tog, k to 2 sts before **Bor-m**, ssk.  
*4 sts decreased.*

*There are 198 (216, 240) (252, 264, 282) (306, 330, 342) sts in total for the body.*

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Repeat the Decrease Rnd approx. every 2.5 cm / 1" for 7 more times (meaning you'll work the Decrease rnd 8 times in total). *28 more sts decreased.*

*There are 170 (188, 212) (224, 236, 254) (278, 302, 314) sts for the body.*

Continue working in Stockinette stitch in the round until the body measures 30 (30, 30) (31, 31, 31) (32, 33, 33) cm / 11.75 (11.75, 11.75) (12.25, 12.25, 12.25) (12.5, 13, 13)" from the underarm, or until the body measures 7.5 cm / 3" less than the desired total length.

## FRONT RIB HEM

Next, the body sts will be separated in half for the body rib hem. The hem will be worked separately flat for the front and back.

Work as follows:

K5 (still using the 4.5 mm / US7 needle), then change to 3 mm / US2.5 circular needles (80-100 cm / 32-40") and work as follows:

Only sizes XS, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL and 5XL:

**Row 1 (RS):** K3, p1, k1, **RM3**, p1, \*k1, p1\* to m, **RM8**, k1, p1, k3. Turn work (you can leave the rest of the sts on the 4.5 mm / US 7 needle, or transfer them onto a holder).

Only sizes S, M, L and XL:

**Row 1 (RS):** K3, p1, k1, **RM3**, p2tog, \*k1, p1\* to m, **RM8**, k1, p1, k3. Turn work (you can leave the rest of the sts on the 4.5 mm / US 7 needle, or transfer them onto a holder).

*There are 85 (93, 105) (111, 117, 127) (139, 151, 157) sts for the front rib hem.*

All sizes:

**Row 2 (WS):** Sl1 wyif, p2, \*k1, p1\* to the last 4 sts, k1, p3. Turn work.

**Row 3 (RS):** Sl1 wyib, k2, \*p1, k1\* to the last 4 sts, p1, k3. Turn work.

Repeat rows 2-3, until the rib hem measures 7.5 cm / 3" and bind off using the Italian Bind-off method.

*Tip! When working the Italian Bind-off, treat the second and the second to the last stitch (both are knit stitches) as purl stitches in order to keep the rhythm correct.*

## BACK RIB HEM

Next, work the rib hem for the back. Begin by transferring the sts that were on hold onto the 3 mm / US2.5 circular needle (80-100 cm / 32-40"), or if you had them on the 4.5 mm / US7 circular needle change to 3 mm / US 2.5 circular needles.

Join new yarn and work as follows:

Only sizes XS, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL and 5XL:

**Row 1 (RS):** K3, p1, k1, RM, p1, \*k1, p1\* to m, RM, k1, p1, k3. Turn work.

Only sizes S, M, L and XL:

**Row 1 (RS):** K3, p1, k1, RM, p2tog, \*k1, p1\* to m, RM, k1, p1, k3. Turn work.

*There are 85 (93, 105) (111, 117, 127) (139, 151, 157) sts for the back rib hem.*

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All sizes:

**Row 2 (WS):** Sl1 wyif, p2, \*k1, p1\* to the last 4 sts, k1, p3. Turn work.

**Row 3 (RS):** Sl1 wyib, k2, \*p1, k1\* to the last 4 sts, p1, k3. Turn work.

Repeat rows 2-3, until the rib hem measures 7.5 cm / 3" and bind off using the Italian Bind-off method.

*Tip! When working the Italian Bind-off, treat the second and the second to the last stitch (both are knit stitches) as purl stitches.*

## SLEEVES

Transfer 41 (44, 48) (50, 52, 55) (59, 63, 65) sleeve sts that you had on hold onto 4.5 mm / US7 circular needles (40-60 cm / 16-24"), double-pointed needles or longer circular needles for the Magic Loop technique.

Starting from the middle of the underarm, pick up and knit 5 sts, pick up and k2 sts from the gap between the underarm and sleeve sts, k all 41 (44, 48) (50, 52, 55) (59, 63, 65) sleeve sts, pick up and k2 sts from the gap between the underarm and sleeve sts, pick up and knit 5 sts from the underarm. Place a marker to indicate the beginning of rnd (BOR-m).

*There are 55 (58, 62) (64, 66, 69) (73, 77, 79) sts in total for the sleeve.*

Work in Stockinette stitch in the round until the sleeve measures 7.5 cm / 3" from the underarm.

Next, begin sleeve shaping as follows:

### **Decrease Rnd:**

K5, k2tog, knit to 7 sts before the marker, ssk, k5. 2 sts decreased.

*There are 53 (56, 60) (62, 64, 67) (71, 75, 77) sts in total for the sleeve.*

Repeat the Decrease Rnd approx. every 7.5 cm / 3" for 3 more times (meaning you'll work the decrease Rnd a total of 4 times). 6 more sts decreased.

*There are now 47 (50, 54) (56, 58, 61) (65, 69, 71) sts remaining.*

Continue working in Stockinette stitch in the round until the sleeve measures 37.5 cm / 14.75" from the underarm or until it measures 7.5 cm / 3" less than the desired total length.

Only sizes XS, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL and 5XL:

Work one decrease rnd: K5, k2tog, k to end. 1st decreased.

*There are 46 (50, 54) (56, 58, 60) (64, 68, 70) sts in total.*

Change to 3 mm / US2.5 circular needles and work in \*k1, p1\* rib until the cuff measures 7.5 cm / 3" and bind off all sts using the Italian Bind-off method.

Work the other sleeve the same way.

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## FINISHING

Weave in all ends and block your sweater. Enjoy your new handmade knit!



Hope you enjoyed this pattern!

You can use the hashtags **#juicesweater** and **#knitwithkika** when you post on Instagram so we can admire your work :)

If you have any questions, please send them to [support@kutovakika.com](mailto:support@kutovakika.com)

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## ABBREVIATIONS

**BOR** = beginning of round

**DPN** = double pointed needle

**DS** = double stitch, used when working German Short Rows. Work as follows:

The double stitch is always worked on the first stitch of the row following a turn. The first stitch on the left needle is slipped purlwise with yarn in front (wyif), then the yarn is pulled tightly over the needle so that the two legs of the stitch in the row below are pulled up and exposed on the right needle. Continue working the row as the pattern says. On the next row, work the double stitch as a “normal” stitch, either knitting or purling it as normal.

**K** = knit

**K2tog** = knit 2 stitches together through front loops. (1 stitch decreased)

**M1L** = make 1 left (left-leaning increase), knit the strand between two sts by inserting the left needle from front to back and knit the stitch twisted (through the back loop). (1 stitch increased)

**M1Lp** = make 1 left purl (left-leaning increase), purl the strand between two sts by inserting the left needle from front to back and purl the stitch twisted (through the back loop). (1 stitch increased)

**M1R** = make 1 right (right-leaning increase), knit the strand between two stitches by inserting the left needle from back to front and knit the stitch (through the front loop). (1 stitch increased)

**M1Rp** = make 1 right purl (right-leaning increase), purl the strand between two stitches by inserting the left needle from back to front and purl the stitch (through the front loop). (1 stitch increased)

**P** = purl

**PM** = place marker

**RM** = remove marker

**Rnd(s)** = round(s)

**Sl1 wyib** = slip one stitch purl wise (without knitting it) with the yarn held back

**Sl1 wyif** = slip one stitch purl wise (without knitting it) with the yarn held in front

**SM** = slip marker

**Ssk** = slip, slip, knit. Slip the first stitch as if to knit, slip the second stitch as if to knit. Slide both stitches from the right needle back to the left-hand needle. Knit both stitches through the back loops together as if they were one stitch. (1 stitch decreased)

**St(s)** = stitch(es)

**\*-\*** = repeat the steps between the \*