

Knitted coat «Northern Lights»



This fashionable hooded coat looks best in variegated yarn with long color repeats, but shorter repeats, self-striping or hand-painted yarns make for an interesting effect, too. Individual parts are knitted up separately using the short-row technique and then sewn together in mattress stitch. The fronts with attached side seam panels and the back are worked sideways, the sleeves bottom up, the hood top down and then seamed. A decorative button-less band is knitted on after sewing the individual parts together.

The coat may either be closed with a shawl pin or leather belt or a crocheted cord threaded through optional eyelets around the waist. (For the hood, an optional cord may be threaded directly in-between stitches since additional eyelets would throw the leaf pattern off track.)

Sizes: US XS, S/M, M/L, XL = European 34, 36/38, 42/44, 46/48 = GB 8, 10/13, 16/18, 20/22

Size XS / 34: chest circumference 82 cm (32.25 in), waist 62 cm (24.5 in), hip 88 cm (34.75")

Size S/M / 36–38: chest 84–88 cm (33–34.75 in), waist 64–68 cm (25.25–26.75 in),
hip 90–94 cm (35.5–37 in)

Size M/L / 42–44: chest 96–100 cm (37.75–39.5 in), waist 77–82 cm (30.25–32.25 in),
hip 102–106 cm (40.25–41.75 in)

Size XL / 46–48: chest 104–108 cm (41–42.5 in), waist 87–92 cm (34.25–36.25 in),
hip 110–114 cm (43.25–45 in)

Yarn:

Noro Kirara (50 g /150 m) 900 g for size L (see pg. 1 photo), size S: 800 g, M: 850 g, XL: 950 g

Needles:

– 3 mm (UK11, US between 2 and 4) – straight, 17 cm long + circular needle, 74 cm (29 in) long.

– (24) stitch markers – I recommend trying small latex pet hair ties from the pet store for stitch markers. They slide smoothly, are easy to move and are not in the way when holding the needles.
(They are also much thinner and less in the way than, for instance, children’s bracelet loops.)



– tapestry needle

Gauge:

21 sts and 28 rows = 10 cm x 10 cm (4 x 4 inches) in garter stitch.

Construction note:

The fronts and the back of this coat are knitted *sideways*, the direction of knitting is shown with black arrows in the schematic.

If not indicated otherwise, all stitches are garter stitch (k on RS, k on WS rows).

Selvedge stitches: The first stitch of every row is always slipped, the last knit.

Turning: I used “wrap and turn” (knit the indicated number of sts, wrap working yarn around next stitch, turn and knit back in the opposite direction), but any other short-row turn works just as well.

Row-by row descriptions for the different motifs

Motif (A): “Full leaf” (36 stitches)

Row 1: k20, turn

Row 2: k13, turn

Row 3: k15, turn

Row 4: k13, turn

Row 5: k15, turn

Row 6: k13, turn

Row 7: k16, turn
Row 8: k13, turn
Row 9: k16, turn
Row 10: k13, turn
Row 11: k16, turn
Row 12: k17, turn
Row 13: k13, turn
Row 14: k16, turn
Row 15: k13, turn
Row 16: k16, turn
Row 17: k13, turn
Row 18: k15, turn
Row 19: k13, turn
Row 20: k15, turn
Row 21: k13, turn
Row 22: k17, turn
Row 23: k34, continue k without turning

Motif (B) “Half Leaf at Right Edge” (18 stitches)

Row 1: k15, turn
Row 2: k15, turn
Row 3: k13, turn
Row 4: k13, turn
Row 5: k11, turn
Row 6: k11, turn
Row 7: k9, turn
Row 8: k9, turn
Row 9: k7, turn
Row 10: k7, turn
Row 11: k8, turn
Row 12: k8, turn
Row 13: k10, turn
Row 14: k10, turn
Row 15: k12, turn
Row 16: k12, turn
Row 17: k14, turn
Row 18: k14, turn
Row 19: k18, continue k WITHOUT TURNING.

Motif (C) “Half Leaf at Left Edge” (18 stitches)

Row 1: k18, turn
Row 2: k15, turn
Row 3: k15, turn
Row 4: k13, turn
Row 5: k13, turn
Row 6: k11, turn
Row 7: k11, turn

Row 8: k9, turn
Row 9: k9, turn
Row 10: k7, turn
Row 11: k7, turn
Row 12: k8, turn
Row 13: k8, turn
Row 14: k10, turn
Row 15: k10, turn
Row 16: k12, turn
Row 17: k12, turn
Row 18: k14, turn
Row 19: k14.

Motif (D) “Bottom Part of Leaf” (36 stitches)

Row 1: k20, turn
Row 2: k13, turn
Row 3: k15, turn,
Row 4: k13, turn
Row 5: k15, turn
Row 6: k13, turn
Row 7: k16, turn
Row 8: k13, turn
Row 9: k16, turn
Row 10: k13, turn
Row 11: k16, turn
Row 12: k17, turn
Row 13: k34, continue k WITHOUT TURNING.

Motif (F) “Top Part of Leaf” (36 stitches)

Row 1: k33, turn
Row 2: k17, turn
Row 3: k13, turn
Row 4: k16, turn
Row 5: k13, turn
Row 6: k16, turn
Row 7: k13, turn
Row 8: k15, turn
Row 9: k13, turn
Row 10: k15, turn
Row 11: k13, turn
Row 12: k17, turn
Row 13. k34, continue k WITHOUT TURNING.

Motif (E) “Edge – right half” (Leaves with corners) (36 stitches)

Row 1: Bind off 23 sts (hereby slipping the last st from the right needle back to the left needle), WITHOUT TURNING, knit on-cast on 5 stitches, continue k WITHOUT TURNING.

Row 2: k18, turn
Row 3: k13, turn
Row 4: k15, turn
Row 5: k13, turn
Row 6: k15, turn
Row 7: k13, turn
Row 8: k16, turn
Row 9: k13, turn
Row 10: k16, turn
Row 11: k13, turn
Row 12: k16, turn
Row 13: k17, turn
Row 14: k13, turn
Row 15: k16, turn
Row 16: k13, turn
Row 17: k16, turn
Row 18: k13, turn
Row 19: k15, turn
Row 20: k13, turn
Row 21: k15, turn
Row 22: k13, turn
Row 23: k17, turn

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Motif (G) “Edge – left half” (Leaves with corners) (36 stitches)

Row 1: 23 Bind off (hereby slipping the last st from the right needle back to the left needle), WITHOUT TURNING, knit on-cast on 5 stitches, continue k WITHOUT TURNING.
Row 2: k31, turn
Row 3: k15, turn
Row 4: k13, turn
Row 5: k15, turn
Row 6: k13, turn
Row 7: k16, turn
Row 8: k13, turn
Row 9: k16, turn
Row 10: k13, turn
Row 11: k16, turn
Row 12: k17, turn
Row 13: k13, turn
Row 14: k16, turn
Row 15: k13, turn
Row 16: k16, turn
Row 17: k13, turn
Row 18: k15, turn
Row 19: k13, turn
Row 20: k15, turn
Row 21: k32, turn

Instructions:

BACK:

Cast on 30 stitches and knit two rows.

Continue working in garter stitch, hereby, for armhole shaping, RS facing, in every other row co additional sts as follows: 2x1, 1x2, 1x3, 1x4, 1x6, 1x27/29/31/33 = 74/76/78/80 stitches.

After 7/8/9/10 cm from co edge, co for shoulder slope (1) st. = 75/77/ 79/81 sts.

After 9/10/11/12 cm from co edge, co for shoulder slope another (1) st = 76/78/80/82 sts.

After 21/23/25/27,5 cm from co edge (which is the center back), work mirror-inverted (= bo instead of co). Bind off remaining 30 stitches.

LEFT FRONT:

Cast on 30 stitches and knit 2 rows.

Continue working in garter stitch, hereby, for armhole shaping, RS facing, in every other row co additional sts as follows: 2x1, 1x2, 1x3, 1x4, 1x6, 1x27/29/31/33 = 74/76/78/80 stitches.

After 7/8/9/10 cm from co edge, for shoulder slope, co 1 st = 75/77/ 79/81 sts

After 9/10/11/12 cm from co edge, for shoulder slope, co another 1 st = 76/78/80/82 sts.

After 13/15/17/19 cm from co edge, bind off all sts.

RIGHT FRONT:

Work like “Left Front”, only mirror-inverted.

SLEEVES:

Cast on 50/54/58/62 stitches.

Knit 2 rows.

Continue working in garter stitch, hereby, for sleeve cap shaping, RS facing, in every 12th row, co (1) additional st at ea. side, 10 times in all for a total of = 70/74/78/82 sts.

After 45 cm from co edge, bind off for sleeve tapering at each side:

In every other row – 2 x 2, 6/6/8/8 x 1 st(s), in every 4th rows – 2 x 1 st, in every other row – 5 x 1 st, 2 x 2 sts, 1 x 3 sts, 1 x 4 sts.

After 15/15/16/16 cm from begin of sleeve tapering, bind off remaining sts.

BACK SKIRT:

Cast on 144 sts.

- 1) Purl one row.
- 2) Motif (F) – work 4 times in all.
- 3) Purl one row.
- 4) Motif (B) – work once, Motif (A) – 3 times, Motif (C) – work once.
- 5) Purl one row.
- 6) Motif (A) – work 4 times in all.
- 7) Purl one row.
- 8) Motif (B) – work once, Motif (A) – 3 times, Motif (C) – work once.
- 9) Purl one row.
- 10) Motif (A) – work 4 times in all.
- 11) Purl one row.
- 12) Motif (B) – work once, Motif (A) – 3 times, Motif (C) – work once.
- 13) Purl one row.
- 14) Motif (A) – work 4 times in all.

- 15) Purl one row.
- 16) Motif (B) – work once, Motif (A) – 3 times, Motif (C) – work once.
- 17) Purl one row.
- 18) Motif (A) – work 4 times in all.
- 19) Purl one row.
- 20) Motif (B) – work once, Motif (A) – 3 times, Motif (C) – work once.
- 21) Purl one row.
- 22) Motif (D) – 4 times.
- 23) Purl one row.

Bind off all sts.

LEFT FRONT SKIRT:

Cast on 144 sts.

- 1) Purl one row.
- 2) Motif (A) – work 4 times in all.
- 3) Purl one row.
- 4) Motif (B) – work once, Motif (A) – 3 times, Motif (C) – work once.
- 5) Purl one row.
- 6) Motif (A) – work 4 times in all.
- 7) Purl one row.
- 8) Motif (B) – work once, Motif (A) – 3 times, Motif (C) – work once.
- 9) Purl one row.
- 10) Motif (D) – 4 times.
- 11) Purl one row.

Not binding off sts, continue working the wedge for the side seam panel, hereby always knitting the yarn-overs through the back loop.

Row 1: k144.

Row 2: k140, place marker, turn.

Row 3: k139, yo, p1.

Row 4: k134, place marker, turn.

Row 5: k133, yo, p1.

Row 6: k128, place marker, turn.

Row 7: k127, yo, p1.

Row 8: k122, place marker, turn.

Row 9: k121, yo, p1.

Row 10: k116, place marker, turn.

Row 11: k115, yo, p1.

Row 12: k110, place marker, turn.

Row 13: k109, yo, p1.

Row 14: k104, place marker, turn.

Row 15: k103, yo, p1.

Row 16: k98, place marker, turn.

Row 17: k97, yo, p1.

Row 18: k92, place marker, turn.

Row 19: k91, yo, p1.

Row 20: k86, place marker, turn.

Row 21: k85, yo, p1.

Row 22: k80, place marker, turn.

Row 23: k79, yo, p1.
Row 24: k74, place marker, turn.
Row 25: k73, yo, p1.
Row 26: k68, place marker, turn.
Row 27: k67, yo, p1.
Row 28: k62, place marker, turn.
Row 29: k61, yo, p1.
Row 30: k56, place marker, turn.
Row 31: k55, yo, p1.
Row 32: k50, place marker, turn.
Row 33: k49, yo, p1.
Row 34: k44, place marker, turn.
Row 35: k43, yo, p1.
Row 36: k38, place marker, turn.
Row 37: k37, yo, p1.
Row 38: k32, place marker, turn.
Row 39: k31, yo, p1.
Row 40: k26, place marker, turn.
Row 41: k25, yo, p1.
Row 42: k20, place marker, turn.
Row 43: k19, yo, p1.
Row 44: k14, place marker, turn.
Row 45: k13, yo, p1.
Row 46: k8, place marker, turn.
Row 47: k8,
Row 48: p143, turn.
Row 49: k143.
Row 50: selv st, k2tog, k to next marker (remove marker when you encounter it), turn.
Row 51: knit all sts.
Repeat rows 50 and 51, until there are 144 sts again on the needles.
(*You will be removing one more marker in every subsequent repeat of row 50 until all are gone.*)
Bind off.

RIGHT FRONT SKIRT:

Work like “Left Front Skirt”, only mirror-inverted.

HOOD:

Cast on 163 sts.
Knit for 23 rows.
Row 24: 1 selv st, k2tog, k77, k3tog, k77, k2tog, p1.
Row 25: 1 selv st, k2tog, k75, k3tog, k75, k2tog, p1.
Row 26: 1 selv st, k2tog, k73, k3tog, k73, k2tog, p1.
Row 27: 1 selv st, k2tog, k71, k3tog, k71, k2tog, p1.
Row 28: 1 selv st, k2tog, k69, k3tog, k69, k2tog, p1.
Row 29: 1 selv st, k2tog, k67, k3tog, k67, k2tog, p1.
Row 30: 1 selv st, k2tog, k65, k3tog, k65, k2tog, p1.
Row 31: 1 selv st, k2tog, k63, k3tog, k63, k2tog, p1.
Row 32: 1 selv st, k2tog, k61, k3tog, k61, k2tog, p1.

Row 33: 1 selv st, k2tog, k59, k3tog, k59, k2tog, p1.
Row 34: 1 selv st, k2tog, k57, k3tog, k57, k2tog, p1.
Row 35: 1 selv st, k2tog, k55, k3tog, k55, k2tog, p1.
Row 36: 1 selv st, k2tog, k53, k3tog, k53, k2tog, p1.
Row 37: 1 selv st, k2tog, k51, k3tog, k51, k2tog, p1.
Row 38: 1 selv st, k2tog, k49, k3tog, k49, k2tog, p1.
Row 39: 1 selv st, k2tog, k47, k3tog, k47, k2tog, p1.
Row 40: 1 selv st, k2tog, k45, k3tog, k45, k2tog, p1.
Row 41 – knit.
Bind off all sts.

ASSEMBLING PIECES:

Close shoulder seams, side seams and sleeve seams. Sew in sleeves. Close back seam of hood. Sew hood onto back, joining point “C” with “C” as indicated in schematic on page 10. Along bottom edges of front pieces and back, pick up and knit 131 sts from the selvedge. Work in garter stitch for 4 rows. *Optional:* If desired, you may create eyelets for threading a drawstring-belt by ([k2tog, yo] once) in each of 10–12 evenly spaced spots during the 3rd row.

Bind off.

Close skirt side seams, joining points “A” with “A” and “B” with “B” as indicated in schematic. Sew skirt part onto upper portion of coat.

EDGING:

Along the edge of the right front, hood and left front, p/u and knit from the selvedge 324 sts.

1) p324.

2) Motif (F) – Repeat 9 times.

3) p324.

Not binding off sts, hold those with a spare needle and temporarily put this part aside.

At right skirt part, p/u and knit from the selvedge 144 sts, now knit the formerly held 323 sts of the top part with the hood, now at left skirt part, p/u and knit from the selvedge 144 sts for a total of 612 stitches.

Purl one row, hereby placing markers as follows: k18, pm, [k36, pm] 16 times, k18.

Continue as follows:

1) Motif (B) – work once, Motif (A) – 16 times, Motif (C) – work once.

2) Purl one row.

3) Motif (A) – 17 times

4) Purl one row.

Continue:

– Right half of the edging (leaves with corners) (begin of work at bottom edge of skirt and up to center of hood).

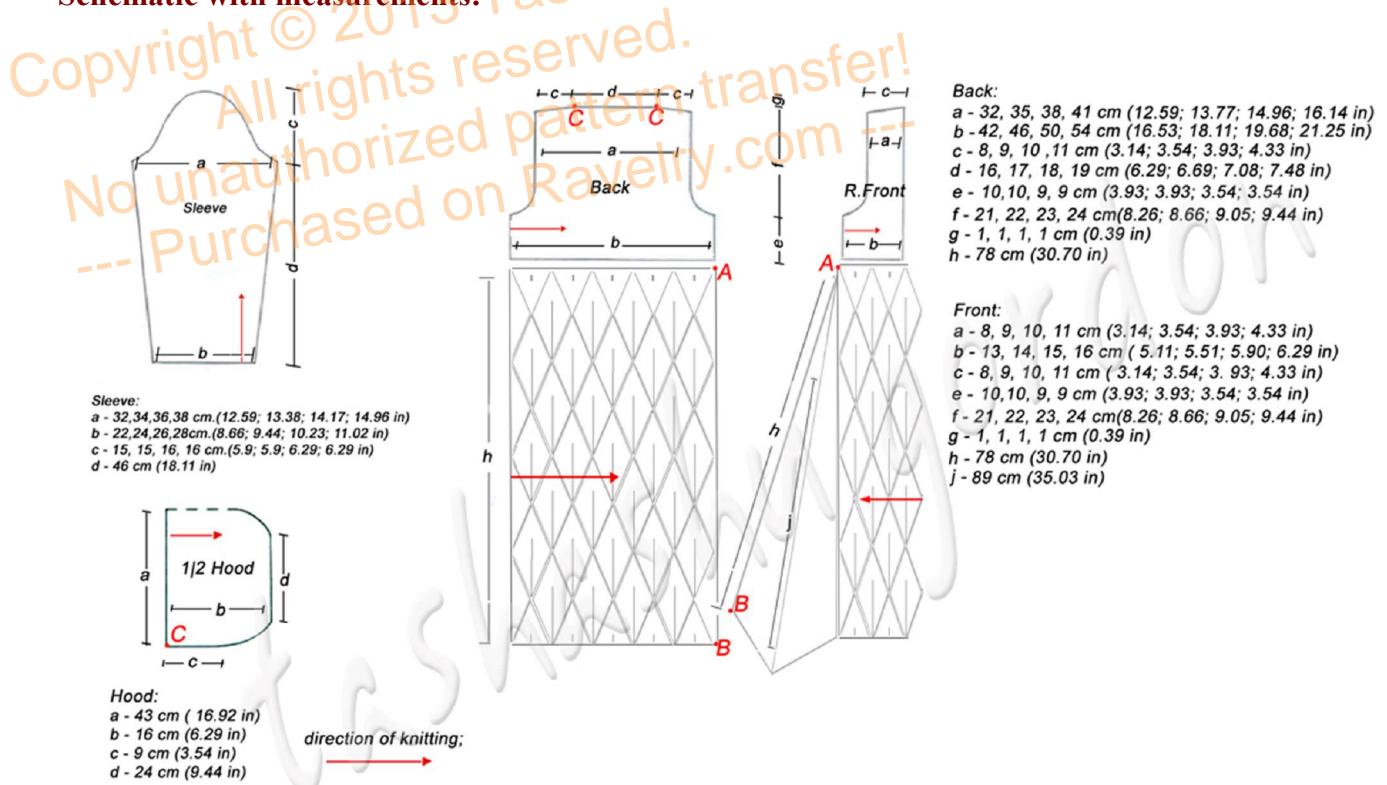
– Motif (E) – Repeat 15 times, bind off 36 stitches.

– Left half of the edging (leaves with corners) (begin of work at bottom edge of skirt and up to center of hood). *(continued on next page)*

- Motif (G) – Repeat 15 times, bind off 18 stitches. You should have a total of 18 remaining stitches. Knit those and add another 18 stitches by p/u and knitting them out of the selvedge of the right half of the hood for a total of now 36 stitches.
- Work Motif (A) once, bind off all sts.

If desired, crochet two cords and thread them through the edge of the hood and the waist where you’ve previously made the little openings. Fasten with a sturdy shawl pin, or top off with a leather belt.

Schematic with measurements:



Happy knitting!