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This cat sweater is worked from the top down in the round and uses fair isle colorwork. It knits up quickly and can be easily adjusted for the dimensions of your cat. Even sweater-averse cats love this for its sleeveless fit.

#### Cat measurements

Rough measurements are okay. I prefer not to compress the cat's fur too much when measuring for a more comfortable fit. Measurements are best taken while the cat is standing.

Neck (A): The distance around the cat's neck.

Belly (B): The distance around the cat's torso, measured about 1 inch behind the front legs (measured just behind the shoulder blades).

|             | Neck<br>(A)      | Belly<br>(B)   |
|-------------|------------------|----------------|
| Extra small | 7.5"<br>(19 cm)  | 14"<br>(35 cm) |
| Small       | 9"<br>(23 cm)    | 16"<br>(40 cm) |
| Medium      | 10.5"<br>(23 cm) | 18"<br>(46 cm) |
| Large       | 12"<br>(30 cm)   | 20"<br>(51 cm) |

#### Gauge

18 sts per 4"; 32 rows per 4" (10 cm)

#### Yarn

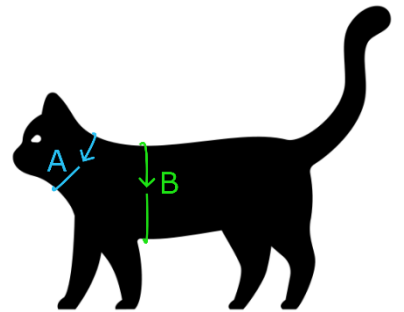
Loops & Threads Impeccable ® Acrylic (Yarn weight 4, worsted weight. 100 yards of MC and CC).

Colors used in images: Sapphire, Heather, Petunia, Fern, Lavender

#### Needles

US size 6 (4.0 mm) needles.

*If your cat is, for example, a size small around the neck and a size medium around the belly, you can adapt the pattern to fit. See page 6.*



*You can use double-pointed needles, a 4" circular needle, or a larger circular needle using the magic loop or traveling loop methods.*

# Knitting instructions

## Collar

Cast on 34 (42, 50, 58) stitches on size 6 circular needles or DPNs using CC.

Place beginning of round (BOR) marker

Join stitches in the round.

Round 1: \* K1, P1 \*. Repeat from \* to \* until the end of the round

Repeat this round 2 (2, 4, 6) times for a total of 3 (3, 5, 7) rounds.

## Neck

**Round 1:** Knit all sts in the round with CC. 34 (42, 50, 58 sts).

Join MC

**Round 2:** Knit all stitches in MC.

At the end of the Round, slip the BOR marker to the right needle.

### Round 3:

K1. M1R. Add a stitch marker to the right needle – this will be the marker for the end of the right increase section.

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Add a stitch marker to the right needle – this will mark the beginning of the left increase section.

M1L. K1. Add a stitch marker to the right needle – this will mark the beginning of the colorwork section.

Knit the rest of the stitches to the BOR marker. At the end of this round, there will be 35 (43, 51, 59) sts total.

Starting at the Beginning of Colorwork marker, add stitch markers every 8 stitches to divide according to the colorwork chart below. Depending on the size of the sweater, the last colorwork section may not be complete. Knit the colorwork section as follows:

\* **Round 4:** *This is the beginning of colorwork section 1, wave motif.* Knit across the increase section, from the BOR marker to the Beginning of Colorwork marker. Then, knit according to the colorwork chart until reaching the BOR marker

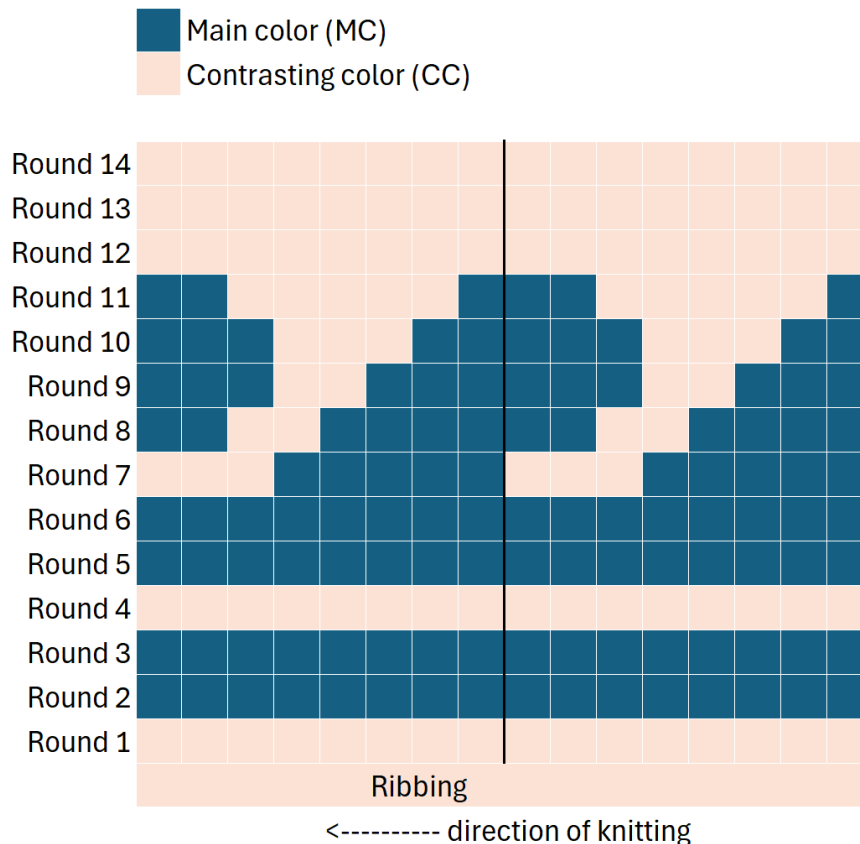
**Round 5:** Knit to the Right Increase marker. M1R. Slip the marker. K1. Slip the Left Increase marker. M1L. Resume

*The collar is designed to be a little loose so the cat isn't constricted.*

knitting the colorwork sections according to the chart until reaching the BOR marker. \*

**Rounds 6-13:** Repeat from \* to \* for the duration of the colorwork section, increasing in every other round. Follow the colorwork chart below.

**Round 14:** Knit all stitches according to the colorwork chart.  
Stitch count after colorwork: 45 (53, 61, 69) sts



After completing the colorwork section, break CC and continue knitting the neck section in MC.

\* **Round 15:** With MC, knit from BOR to the Right Increase marker. M1R. Slip the marker. K1. Slip the Left Increase marker. M1L. Continue knitting until you reach the BOR marker.

**Round 16:** Knit from BOR marker, across the increase section, and around the work until reaching the BOR marker again. \*

Now, you can remove the stitch markers for the colorwork section. Keep the BOR marker and the increase section markers.

*Please note: the colorwork charts are upside down – row 1 is on the bottom because the sweater is knitted from the bottom up.*

*There will be floats in the back of this work spanning up to 6 stitches. These floats may snag on your pet's paws when you put it on them, so for the safety of your pet, I recommend catching the floats every 3 stitches or so.*

*The increase section in the colorwork may not follow the wave pattern exactly. If you'd like, you can go in with CC and a darning needle after knitting and Swiss darn the wave pattern on top.*

***For size extra small:***

No further Rounds. 47 sts.

***For size small:***

Rounds 17-18: Repeat from \* to \*. 57 sts.

***For size medium:***

Rounds 17-22: Repeat from \* to \*. 69 sts.

***For size large:***

Rounds 17-28: Repeat from \* to \*. 83 sts.

***For all sizes:***

Remove all markers except the BOR marker and the two increase markers.

## **Front leg holes and chest**

*The front leg holes are created by first binding off the top of the right leg hole, then knitting across and binding off the top of the left leg hole. Then, short rows are knitted across the chest, continuing the pattern of increases.*

***For size extra small:***

**Round 1:** Knit to the first increase marker. M1R. Slip marker. K1. Slip marker. M1L. K1. Bind off 6 sts. Knit to BOR marker.

**Round 2:** K1. Bind off 6. K4.

**Round 3 (short row):** Turn the work. Purl all the stitches (5 sts) across the chest section between the arm holes.

**\*Round 4 (short row):** Turn the work. Knit to the first increase marker. M1R. Pass increase marker. K1. Pass increase marker. M1L. Knit to the end of the chest section. (7 sts)

**Round 5 (short row):** Turn the work. Purl all stitches in the chest section. \*

**Extra Rounds:** Repeat from \* to \* 4 additional times. Stitch count at the end of extra rows: 15 sts.

**Round 14 (short row):** Turn the work. Knit all stitches in the chest section.

*Remove the old BOR marker and place the new BOR marker at the end of short row 14.*

### *For size small:*

**Round 1:** Knit to the first increase marker. M1R. Slip marker. K1. Slip marker. M1L. K1. Bind off 8 sts. Knit to BOR marker.

**Round 2:** K2. Bind off 8. K4.

**Round 3 (short row):** Turn the work. Purl all the stitches (5 sts) across the chest section between the arm holes.

**\* Round 4 (short row):** Turn the work. Knit to the first increase marker. M1R. Pass increase marker. K1. Pass increase marker. M1L. Knit to the end of the chest section.

**Round 5 (short row):** Turn the work. Purl all stitches in the chest section. \*

**Extra Rounds:** Repeat from \* to \* 3 additional times. Stitch count at the end of extra rounds: 13

**Round 12 (short row):** Turn the work. Knit all stitches in the chest section.

*Remove the old BOR marker and place the new BOR marker at the end of short row 12.*

### *For size medium:*

**Round 1:** Knit to the first increase marker. M1R. Slip marker. K1. Slip marker. M1L. K2. Bind off 12 sts. Knit until 3 stitches from the BOR marker, then bind off the last 3 sts.

*You will lose your stitch marker during these bindoffs. You can leave it off for now and we will replace it later.*

**Round 2:** Bind off 9. K6

**Round 3 (short row):** Turn the work. Purl all the stitches (7 sts) across the chest section between the arm holes

**\* Round 4 (short row):** Turn the work. Knit to the first increase marker. M1R. Pass increase marker. K1. Pass increase marker. M1L. Knit to the end of the chest section.

**Round 5 (short row):** Turn the work. Purl all stitches in the chest section \*

**Extra Rounds:** Repeat from \* to \* 3 additional times. Stitch count at the end of extra rounds: 15.

**Short row 12:** Knit all stitches in the chest section.

*Place the new BOR marker at the end of short row 12.*

### *For size large:*

**Round 1:** Knit to the first increase marker. M1R. Slip marker. K1. Slip marker. M1L. K3. Bind off 16 sts. Knit until 8 stitches from the BOR marker, then bind off the last 5 sts.

*You will lose your stitch marker during these bindoffs. You can leave it off for now and we will replace it later.*

**Round 2:** Bind off 11 sts. K8.

**Round 3 (short row):** Turn the work. Purl all the stitches (9 sts) across the chest section between the arm holes.

**Round 4 (short row):** Turn the work. Knit to the first increase marker. M1R. Pass increase marker. K1. Pass increase marker. M1L. Knit to the end of the chest section. 11 sts.

**\* Round 5 (short row):** Turn the work. Purl all stitches in the chest section.

**Round 6 (short row):** Turn the work. Knit across all stitches in the chest section. \*

**Rounds 7 – 14 (short rows):** Repeat from \* to \*.  
*Place the new BOR marker at the end of short row 14.*

### **For all sizes:**

This marks the end of the short rows section.

## **Belly section**

**Round 1:** Using the backward loop method, cast on 8, (10, 12, 16) sts. Now, knit across to the back section until you reach the stitches you cast off for the other arm hole. Cast on 9 (11, 13, 17) stitches. Knit to the BOR marker.

**Round 2:** Knit all 64 (72, 80, 88) stitches.

Continue knitting in the round until the piece measures about 2 1/2" (6.5 cm) shorter than the final length of the sweater, measured along the center back of the piece. Then, begin the second colorwork portion, the fish motif.

There will be no further increases from this point, so you can remove the increase stitch markers. However, if your cat has a larger belly measurement, you can continue with the pattern of increases until reaching the final colorwork section.

*The colorwork section will add 2 inches (5 cm) to the length of the piece, the transition from colorwork to hem is about 1/2 inch (~1.3 cm), and the hem will add 1/4" (1/4", 1/2", 5/8"); (6mm [6mm, 13mm, 15mm]). You can adjust the length of the sweater in this section before beginning the colorwork if you would like to make it longer or shorter.*

## Final colorwork and hem

**Rounds 1 – 21 (Colorwork section):** Join CC. Follow the colorwork chart below, knitting all stitches in the round.

*If needed, place stitch markers every 8 stitches to guide you through the colorwork.*

After the colorwork section is complete, do not break the CC yarn strand yet, as it will be used for the hem section.

**Round 22 - 24:** K all stitches in MC

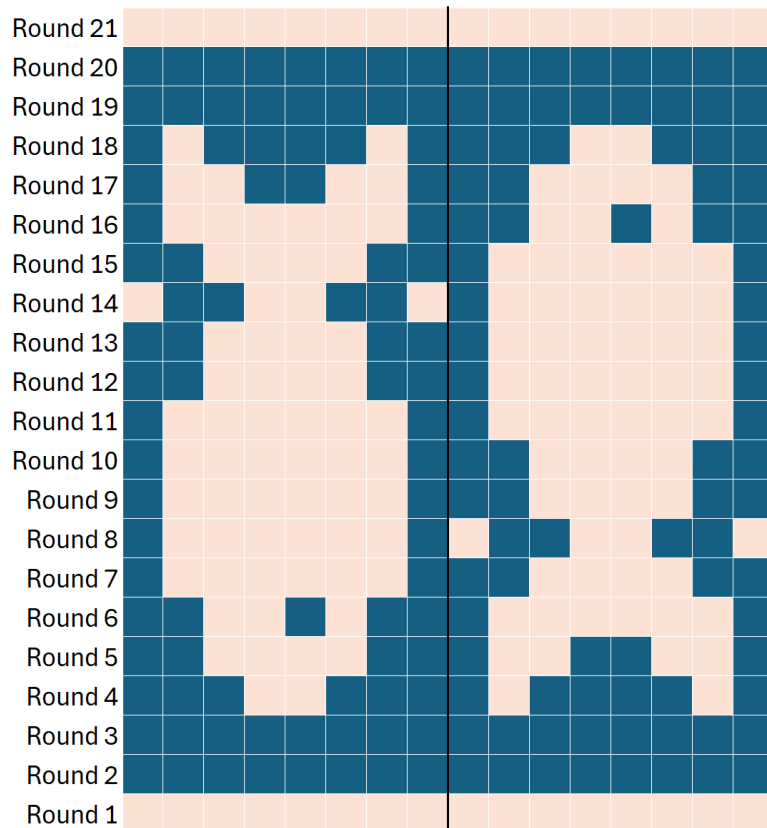
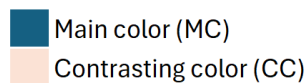
**Round 25:** K all stitches in CC.

**Round 26:** Using CC, \* K1, P1.\* Repeat from \* to \* until the end of the round

Repeat this round 2 (2 ; 4 ; 6) times for a total of 3 (3, 5, 7) rounds.

Bind off in pattern.

Weave in ends.



*Bind off extra loosely to prevent a tight edge.*



# Abbreviations

|     |                    |
|-----|--------------------|
| K   | Knit               |
| P   | Purl               |
| BOR | Beginning of round |
| MC  | Main color         |
| CC  | Contrasting color  |
| Sts | stitches           |

Disclaimer: Please use your best judgement in placing clothing on a pet and always monitor the pet when wearing clothing.