

Holes Sweater



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Notes

Construction:

This truly hole-y sweater begins with a provisional cast on / tubular cast on and is knit in the round from the bottom up. The front prominently features the holes while the back is stockinette. The shoulders are joined with crochet seams and the piece is finished with a folded rib at the neckline. The sleeves are picked up from the armholes and worked in the round. Finally, the holes are finished with a stockinette stitch rim.

Materials:

MAIN YARN: Bare Naked Wools Kent DK in color 'Beach Pebble.' 60% Merino / 40% Romney 115g // 300 yards. 380 (441, 471, 504, 542, 623, 692) grams // 990 (1150, 1230, 1315, 1415, 1625, 1805) yards needed

CONTRAST COLOR: Corrie Worsted in color 'Kokko.' 75% Falkland Corriedale, 25% Gotland Wool 100g // 230 meters (250 yards) OR anything from stash with a great color. 64 grams // 150 yards needed

Needles and Notions:

- 32" US6 circular needles
- 16" US6 circular needles
- US2 DPNs
- Waste yarn for provisional cast on and placing stitches on hold
- Crochet hook for tucking in ends, seams, and provisional cast on
- Stitch Markers



Pattern

Body:

Note: the sweater begins with a tubular cast on.

Using a provisional cast on and waste yarn cast on 96 (106, 116, 126, 138, 148, 158) sts on US6 circular needles with 32" cables.

Switch to the Main Yarn; use Main Yarn throughout unless otherwise specified.

Rnd 1 (RS): *K1, YO* repeat between the "**". Place marker for BOR and join in the round. [192 (212, 232, 252, 276, 296, 316) sts]

Moving forward, always slip marker at BOR.

Rnd 2: With yarn in back, *K1, bring yarn to front, Sl1, bring yarn to back* repeat between the "**"s.

Rnd 3: With yarn in back, *Sl1, bring yarn to front, P1, bring yarn to back* repeat between the "**"s.

Repeat round 2 one more time. Remove waste yarn.

Rib Rnd 1 (RS): *K1, P1,* repeat between the "**"s.

Continue in established 1x1 Rib pattern for 14 more rows.

Work 8 rounds in stockinette stitch.

HOLE GROUP 1:

Note: the first hole section is 3 holes across. See diagram and the instructions below.

3 Hole Set Up Row (RS): K16 (21, 26, 31, 32, 34, 39), bind off 4 sts, K26 (26, 26, 26, 31, 34, 34) (one of these sts will be the final st used to bind off - this will apply after each bind off), bind off 4 sts, K26 (26, 26, 26, 31, 34, 34), bind off 4 sts, K16 (21, 26, 31, 32, 34, 39), PM, knit to end of round, slip BOR marker, K16 (21, 26, 31, 32, 34, 39). You will be ending at the first cast off section of the following round. Turn work.

You will now work the sections between each gap separately back and forth in rows, beginning with the right edge of the WL-most hole, working across the back, and ending at the left edge of the WR-most hole. Slip markers as you pass them throughout.

AROUND THE BACK

Row 1 (WS): P2tog, purl until 2 sts remain, SSP.

Row 2 (RS): SSK, knit until 2 sts remain, K2tog.

Row 3 (WS): P2tog, purl until 2 sts remain, SSP.

Row 4 (RS): Knit the row.

Row 5 (WS): Purl the row.

Row 6 (RS): SSK, knit until 2 sts remain, K2tog.

Rows 7-9: Work 3 rows in stockinette stitch.

Row 10 (RS): KFB, knit until 1 st remains, KFB.

Row 11 (WS): Purl the row.

Row 12 (RS): Knit the row.

Row 13 (WS): PFB, purl until 1 st remains, PFB.

Row 14 (RS): KFB, knit until 1 st remains, KFB.

Row 15 (WS): PFB, purl until 1 st remains, PFB.

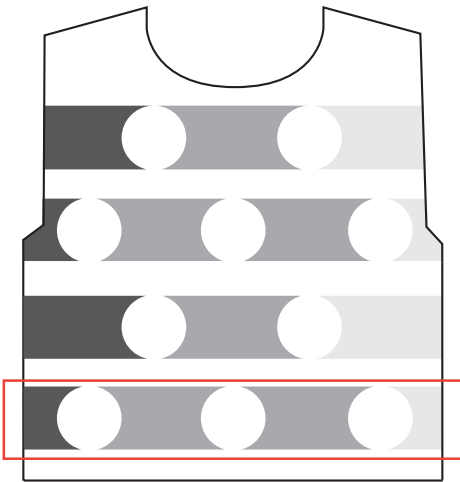
Break yarn.

BETWEEN THE CENTER AND WR-MOST HOLES

With WS facing, join yarn to the next group of stitches between the gaps. You will now make the section between the wearer's right-most hole and the center hole.

Repeat the instructions for the "Around the Back" section working between two of the holes on the front.

Break yarn.





BETWEEN THE CENTER AND WL-MOST HOLES

With WS facing, join yarn to the next group of stitches between the gaps. You will now make the section between the center hole and the wearer's left-most hole.

Repeat the instructions for the "Around the Back" section working between two of the holes on the front.

Break yarn.

TOP OF HOLES CAST ON ROUND

You will now begin again from the marker that indicates the beginning of round. You will have to slip some stitches to the left needle to get to the BOR marker. You will now be working again in the round with RS facing.

Join yarn, *knit until the hole gap, cast on 4 sts using the backwards loop method* repeat between the "***"s two more times, knit the remaining stitches.

STOCKINETTE ZONE:

Knit 7 rounds in stockinette.

HOLE GROUP 2:

Note: this hole section is 2 holes across. See diagram and the instructions below.

2 Hole Set Up Row (RS): K31 (36, 41, 46, 49, 53, 58), bind off 4 sts, K26 (26, 26, 26, 32, 34, 34) (one of these sts will be the final stitch used to bind off - this will apply after each bind off), bind off 4 sts, knit to end of round, slip BOR marker, K31 (36, 41, 46, 49, 53, 58). You will now be at the right edge of the WL-most hole. Turn work.

Follow the **AROUND THE BACK** instructions, then the **BETWEEN THE CENTER AND WR-MOST HOLES** instructions, the **TOP OF HOLES CAST ON ROUND** instructions (repeating between the "***"s only two times in total), the **STOCKINETTE ZONE** instructions, and finally the **3 HOLE SET UP ROW**.

HOLE GROUP 1 (AGAIN) WITH ARMHOLE DIVIDE:

AROUND THE BACK

Row 1 (WS): P2tog, purl until 2 sts remain, SSP.

Row 2 (RS): SSK, knit until 2 sts remain, K2tog.

Row 3 (WS): P2tog, purl until 2 sts remain, SSP.

Row 4 (RS): Knit the row.

Row 5 (WS): Purl the row.

Row 6 (RS): SSK, knit until 2 sts remain, K2tog.

Rows 7-9: Work 3 rows in stockinette stitch.

ARMHOLE

Row 10 (RS): KFB, knit until 3 (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8) sts before the marker, bind off 6 (6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16) sts, knit until 3 (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8) sts before the marker, bind off 6 (6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16) sts, knit until 1 st remains, KFB. Remove the markers as you arrive at them.

Place upper Back sts on hold. Continue on upper Front, working each section separately.



ARMHOLE + WL-MOST HOLE SECTION:

Row 11 (WS): Purl until 4 sts remain, SSP, P2.
 Row 12 (RS): Knit the row.
 Row 13 (WS): PFB, purl until 4 sts remain, SSP, P2.
 Row 14 (RS): Knit until 1 st remains, KFB.
 Row 15 (WS): PFB, purl until 4 sts remain, SSP, P2.

Break yarn.

ARMHOLE + WR-MOST HOLE SECTION:

Row 11 (WS): P2, P2tog, purl the row.
 Row 12 (RS): Knit the row.
 Row 13 (WS): P2, P2tog, purl until 1 st remains, PFB.
 Row 14 (RS): KFB, knit the row.
 Row 15 (WS): P2, P2tog, purl until 1 st remains, PFB.

Break yarn.

BETWEEN THE CENTER AND WR-MOST HOLE SECTION:

With WS facing, join yarn to the next group of stitches between the gaps. You will now make the section between the wearer's right-most hole and the center hole.

Repeat the original Group 1 instructions for the **AROUND THE BACK** section working between two of the holes on the front.

Break yarn.

BETWEEN THE CENTER AND WL-MOST HOLE SECTION:

With WS facing, join yarn to the next group of stitches between the gaps. You will now make the section between the center hole and the wearer's left-most hole.

Repeat the original Group 1 instructions for the **AROUND THE BACK** section working between two of the holes on the front.

Break yarn.

TOP OF HOLES CAST ON ROUND

You will now begin again from the WL-most edge with RS facing.

Join yarn, *knit until the hole gap, cast on 4 sts using the backwards loop method* repeat between the "***"s two more times, knit the remaining stitches. [84 (94, 102, 110, 120, 128, 136) sts]

STOCKINETTE ZONE:

Knit 7 rows in stockinette.

HOLE GROUP 2:

Note: this hole section is 2 holes across. See diagram and the instructions below.

2 Hole Set Up Row (RS): K25 (30, 34, 38, 40, 43, 47), bind off 4 sts, K26 (26, 26, 32, 34, 34) (one of these sts will be the final stitch used to bind off), bind off 4 sts, K25 (30, 34, 38, 40, 43, 47).



WR EDGE:

Row 1 (WS): Purl until 2 sts remain, SSP.
 Row 2 (RS): SSK, knit the row.
 Row 3 (WS): Purl until 2 sts remain, SSP.
 Row 4 (RS): Knit the row.
 Row 5 (WS): Purl the row.
 Row 6 (RS): SSK, knit the row.
 Rows 7-9: Work 3 rows in stockinette stitch.
 Row 10 (RS): KFB, knit the row.
 Row 11 (WS): Purl the row.
 Row 12 (RS): Knit the row.
 Row 13 (WS): Purl until 1 st remains, PFB.
 Row 14 (RS): KFB, knit the row.
 Row 15 (WS): Purl until 1 st remains, PFB.

Break yarn.

BETWEEN THE HOLES:

With WS facing, join yarn to the next group of stitches between the gaps.
 Work as the **AROUND THE BACK** section.

WL EDGE:

With WS facing, join yarn to remaining sts.
 Row 1 (WS): P2tog, purl the row.
 Row 2 (RS): Knit until 2 sts remain, K2tog.
 Row 3 (WS): P2tog, purl the row.
 Row 4 (RS): Knit the row.
 Row 5 (WS): Purl the row.
 Row 6 (RS): Knit until 2 sts remain, K2tog.
 Rows 7-9: Work 3 rows in stockinette stitch.
 Row 10 (RS): Knit until 1 st remains, KFB.
 Row 11 (WS): Purl the row.
 Row 12 (RS): Knit the row.
 Row 13 (WS): PFB, purl the row.
 Row 14 (RS): Knit until 1 st remains, KFB.
 Row 15 (WS): PFB, purl the row.

TOP OF HOLES CAST ON ROW:

You will now begin again from the WL-most edge with RS facing.

Knit until the hole gap, cast on 4 using the backwards loop method
 repeat between the "***"s one more time, knit the remaining stitches.

STOCKINETTE ZONE:

Knit 5 (7, 7, 9, 9, 9, 13) rows in stockinette.

NECKLINE:

Neckline Bind Off Row (RS): K35 (40, 44, 48, 52, 56, 59), BO 14 (14, 14, 14, 16, 16, 18), K35 (40, 44, 48, 52, 56, 59)(one of these sts will be the final stitch used to bind off). Work each side of neck separately.

WR SIDE OF NECKLINE:

Row 1 (WS): Purl until 5 sts remain, SSP, SSP, P1.
 Row 2 (RS): K2, SSK, knit the row.
 Row 3 (WS): Purl until 4 sts remain, SSP, P2.

Repeat rows 2+3 two more times. [27 (32, 36, 40, 44, 48, 51) sts]

Rows 8 + 9: Work 2 rows in stockinette stitch.
 Row 10 (RS): K2, SSK, knit the row.
 Rows 11 + 12: Work 2 rows in stockinette stitch.
 Row 13 (WS): Purl until 4 sts remain, SSP, P2.



Sizes XS, S, M: Repeat rows 8-11 one more time.
 Sizes L, XL: Repeat rows 8-13 one more time.
 Sizes XXL, XXXL: Repeat rows 8-13 one more time, then work 8 rows in stockinette.

[24 (29, 33, 36, 40, 44, 47) sts]

WR SHOULDER SLOPE:

Row 1 (RS): Knit until 4 (4, 4, 6, 5, 7, 6) sts remain, wrp +t.

Row 2 (WS): Purl the row.

Row 3 (RS): Knit until 4 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7) sts remain before the previous wrap and turn, wrp +t.

Row 4 (WS): Purl the row.

Repeat rows 3 + 4 until 4 (5, 4, 5, 5, 7, 6) sts remain between the previous wrap and turn and the neck edge.

Bind off knitting the wraps with their sts.

WL SIDE OF NECKLINE:

With WS facing, join yarn to left Front sts.

Row 1 (WS): P1, P2tog, P2tog, purl the row.

Row 2 (RS): Knit until 4 sts remain, K2tog, K2.

Row 3 (WS): P2, P2tog, purl the row.

Repeat rows 2+3 two more times. [27 (32, 36, 40, 44, 48, 51) sts]

Rows 8 + 9: Work 2 rows in stockinette stitch.

Row 10 (RS): Knit until 4 sts remain, K2tog, K2.

Rows 11 + 12: Work 2 rows in stockinette stitch.

Row 13 (WS): P2, P2tog, purl the row.

Sizes XS, S, M: Repeat rows 8-10 one more time.

Sizes L, XL: Repeat rows 8-13 one more time, then knit 1 row.

Sizes XXL, XXXL: Repeat rows 8-13 one more time, then work 7 rows in stockinette.

[24 (29, 33, 36, 40, 44, 47) sts]

WL SHOULDER SLOPE:

Row 1 (WS): Purl until 4 (4, 4, 6, 5, 7, 6) sts remain, wrp +t.

Row 2 (RS): Knit the row.

Row 3 (WS): Purl until 4 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7) sts remain before the previous wrap and turn, wrp +t.

Row 4 (RS): Knit the row.

Repeat rows 3 + 4 until 4 (5, 4, 5, 5, 7, 6) sts remain between the previous wrap and turn and the neck edge.

Bind off knitting the wraps with their sts.

Back Upper Body:

With WS facing, join yarn to held upper Back sts.

Row 1 (WS): P2, P2tog, purl until 4 sts remain, SSP, P2.

Row 2 (RS): Knit the row.

Row 3 (WS): P2, P2tog, purl until 4 sts remain, SSP, P2.

Row 4 (RS): Knit the row.

Row 5 (WS): P2, P2tog, purl until 4 sts remain, SSP, P2.

[84 (94, 102, 110, 120, 128, 136) sts]

Continue in stockinette until back upper body measures the same as the front to beginning of shoulder slope.

BACK UPPER BODY SHOULDER SLOPE:

Row 1 (RS): Knit until 4 (4, 4, 6, 5, 7, 6) sts remain, wrp +t.

Row 2 (WS): Purl until 4 (4, 4, 6, 5, 7, 6) sts remain, wrp +t.

Row 3 (RS): Knit until 4 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7) sts remain before the previous wrap and turn, wrp +t.

Row 4 (WS): Purl until 4 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7) sts remain before the previous wrap and turn, wrp +t.

Repeat rows 3 + 4 until 44 (46, 44, 48, 50, 54, 54) sts remain between the wrap and turns at the WL and WR shoulder.

Next Row (RS): Knit across all stitches working all stitches with their wraps.

Next Row (WS): BO purl-wise, purling all stitches with their wraps.

SEAM THE SHOULDERS:

Use a crochet or link line to seam the shoulders.



Note: These instructions will be listed separately from the hole pattern so they are easy to track. If you have a row counter, this is a great spot to use it to track multiples of two or three per the instructions.

Sleeves:

With RS facing, using 16" cable circular needles, pick up and knit 92 (100, 100, 104, 104, 120, 128) sts working your way from the center underarm, up over the shoulder and ending again at the center underarm. Place marker and join in the round.

Next round: K46 (50, 50, 52, 52, 60, 64) sts, PM for center of sleeve, knit until the BOR marker.

SLEEVE DECREASE PATTERN:

Sizes XS, S, M:

Rnds 1 + 2: Knit 2 rounds in stockinette stitch.

Rnd 3: K1, SSK, knit until 3 sts remain, K2tog, K1.

Repeat these 3 rounds until 42 sts remain in total, the rest of the sleeve will be a stockinette tube without decreases.

Sizes L, XL, XXL, XXXL:

Rnd 1: Knit

Rnd 2: K1, SSK, knit until 3 sts remain, K2tog, K1.

Repeat these 2 rounds until 42 sts remain in total, the rest of the sleeve will be a stockinette tube without decreases.

SLEEVE HOLE PATTERN:

Follow the decrease pattern throughout.

STOCKINETTE ZONE:

Knit 8 rounds in stockinette.

SLEEVE HOLE GROUP 1:

Knit until 17 sts from the center of sleeve marker (CM), bind off 4 sts, K26 (one of these sts will be the final st used to bind off - this will apply after each bind off), bind off 4 sts, knit to end of round, slip BOR marker, knit to first hole gap.

Complete the hole instructions as the **AROUND THE BACK** section (remembering to work the sleeve decrease pattern). Repeat for the gap between the holes at the top of sleeve but do not break yarn.



TOP OF HOLES CAST ON ROUND:

With RS facing, knit until the next gap, cast on 4 sts using the backwards loop method, knit until the next gap (slipping BOR marker as you pass it), cast on 4 sts, knit the remaining stitches ending at the BOR at the under-side of the sleeve.

STOCKINETTE ZONE:

Knit 7 rounds in stockinette.

SLEEVE HOLE GROUP 2:

Knit until 2 sts before the CM, bind off 4 sts (removing marker), knit until 2 sts before the BOR marker, bind off 4 sts (removing marker), knit to first hole gap. You have removed the two markers because they are now the center of both holes. You will be replacing them after the Top of Holes Row.

Complete the hole instructions as the **AROUND THE BACK** section. Repeat for the gap between the holes at the other half of the sleeve but do not break yarn.

TOP OF HOLES CAST ON ROUND:

Note: the next round is the cast on round. The hole is 15 rows total which means that many stitches were intended to be decreased away during the duration of the hole. You will not cast on any stitches at the underarm hole to accommodate some of this. Continue your decrease pattern as normal following the hole.

With RS facing, knit until the gap but do not cast on for this hole only, place marker for BOR, knit until the next gap, cast on 2 sts, PM for center of sleeve (CM), cast on 2 sts, knit the remaining stitches ending at the BOR at the under side of the sleeve.

STOCKINETTE ZONE:

Knit 7 rounds in stockinette.

SLEEVE HOLE GROUP 3:

Knit until 23 sts before the CM, bind off 4 sts, K38 (slipping marker), bind off 4 sts, knit to end of round, slip BOR marker, knit to first hole gap.

At this point you probably understand how to do the holes, if in doubt follow the holes instructions for [Sleeve Hole Group 1](#) and complete the 7 round stockinette zone.

SLEEVE HOLE GROUP 4:

Knit until 2 sts before the CM, bind off 4 sts (removing marker), knit to end of round, slip BOR marker, knit to hole gap.

Complete the typical Hole instructions for **AROUND THE BACK** + the 7 round stockinette zone.

SLEEVE HOLE GROUP 5 (LAST ONE!!):

K8, bind off 4 sts, knit to 12 sts before BOR marker, bind off 4 sts, knit to end of round, slip BOR marker, knit to the first hole gap.

You know the drill to complete the holes.

Knit 8 more rounds of stockinette. Remove the CM.

Work in a *K1, P1* rib for 19 rounds.

Bind off using an Italian or sewn Bind Off.

Repeat the sleeve instructions for the other sleeve.

Neck Rib:

Using a 16" US6 circular needle, pick up and knit 78 (80, 80, 84, 88, 96, 100) sts around neck. Place marker for BOR and join in the round.

Round 1 (RS): *K1, P1,* repeat between the “* *”s across the round.
Work in 1x1 Rib pattern for 16 more rounds.

Bind Off Row: *K2tog, slip stitch back to left needle* repeat between the “* *”s until 1 stitch remains, pull yarn through last loop.

If you want a folded rib:

Using a whip stitch and allowing for stretch, stitch the cast off edge to the neck edge of the body creating a folded rib.

Hole Trim:

Using US2 DPNs and contrast color yarn, with RS facing, pick up and knit 60 sts around hole opening. Divide evenly between 3 needles.

Knit 10 rounds. Bind off. The knit trim will curl up to create the perfect trim.

Finishing:

Tuck in all ends and block to the desired size. Optional: sew the hole trim to the body so that the seams are concealed.



Gauge:

21 stitches + 28 rows = 4 inches in stockinette stitch

Making a gauge swatch and blocking // finishing as you will your sweater is imperative in making a well fitting garment.

Abbreviations:

All abbreviations are standard and include the below:

K-knit

P-purl

St(s)-stitch(es)

Sl-slip

BOR-beginning of round

KFB-knit 1 in the front and back (1 stitch increase)

PFB-purl 1 in the front and back (1 stitch increase)

K2tog-knit 2 stitches together

P2tog-purl 2 stitches together

SSK-slip slip knit

SSP-slip slip purl

Wrp + t-wrap and turn

YO-yarn over

RS-right side

WS-wrong side

WL-wearer's left

WR-wearer's right

PM-place marker

Rnd-round

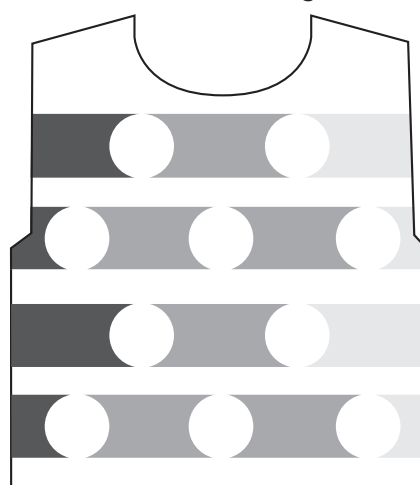
Sizes // Fit:

This sweater is a classic fit with a slightly dropped shoulder. The sleeve tapers gradually for a genderless fit. Please see the spec chart.

XS (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL) as defined by the garment measurements in the chart below

SAMPLE: The sweater pictured is a size Small

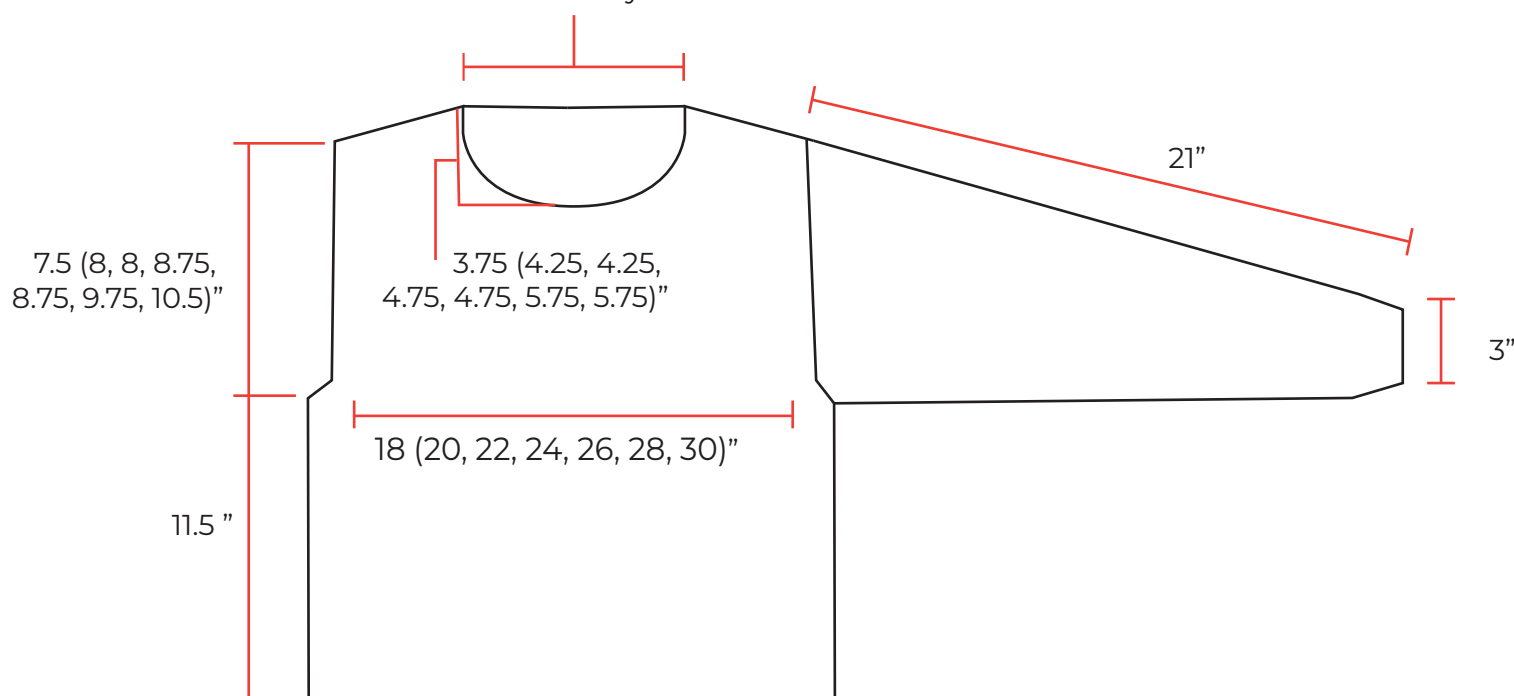
Visual on Hole Knitting Zones



8.5 (8.75, 8.5, 9.25, 9.5, 10.25, 10.25)"

*seam to seam after having knit on the collar.

This will be wider before you knit on the collar



measurements are given seam to seam (without the applied neck rib)

