

# Marie Sweater

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<b>Sizes:</b>	XS (S) M (L) XL (XXL)
<b>Bust:</b>	approx. 105 (110) 115 (120) 125 (130) cm
<b>Total length:</b>	approx. 50 (51) 53 (54) 56 (60) cm
<b>Gauge:</b>	7 mm needles: 12 sts = 10 cm
<b>Recommended needles:</b>	7 mm circular needles (40 and 80 cm), 12 mm circular needles (40 and 80 cm)
<b>Yarn Suggestions:</b>	<b>Alternative 1:</b> 200 (250) 250 (300) 300 (350) g Puno <b>together with</b> 200 (250) 250 (300) 300 (350) g Thick mohair from Rauma Yarn <b>Alternative 2:</b> 200 (250) 250 (300) 300 (350) g Poppy <b>together with</b> 200 (250) 250 (300) 300 (350) g Ballerina Chunky Mohair from Sandnes Yarn

## PATTERN

Marie Sweater is knit seamlessly from the bottom up with raglan decreases. It combines stockinette stitch with purl-worked sections for a textured surface. The body is worked in the round on 7 mm circular needles, with purl sections switching to 12 mm needles to knit contrast stripes. The sleeves are knitted separately and then attached to the body before shaping the yoke with raglan decreases. At the end, a double neckline is knitted, folded over, and sewn to the wrong side.

### SIZE GUIDE

Marie Sweater is designed to have a positive ease of approximately 15 cm. The sizes XS (S) M (L) XL (XXL) correspond to a bust measurement (measured on your body) of 80-85 (85-90) 90-95 (95-100) 100-110 (110-120) cm. The sweater has a roomy fit, so be sure to measure yourself before you begin to determine the best size. A slightly oversized sweater with a relaxed fit that allows for easy movement, but with a length that stops at the hips for a balanced and modern look.

### ABOUT DECREASES AND INCREASES

Raglan decreases are worked on the right side at each side of the raglan marker. The raglan decreases lean either to the left (K2tog twisted) or to the right (K2tog). They are worked as follows:

**K2tog twisted (left-leaning):** Knit 2 twisted stitches together. To achieve a twisted decrease, knit two stitches together through the back loops.

**K2tog (right-leaning):** Knit 2 stitches together

**M1L (Make 1 Left):** Using the left needle, pick up the loop between two stitches from the front, and knit it through the back loop.

### BODY

The body is knitted with double strands on 7 mm circular needles (80 cm). Every 6 cm, contrast stripes are worked using 12 mm needles.

Work as follows:

Cast on 108 (108) 116 (124) 128 (136) stitches on a 7 mm circular needle (80 cm). Work in 1 × 1 ribbing (k1, p1) in the round until the work measures 3 cm. Continue in stockinette stitch while increasing 12 (16) 16 (14) 16 (14) stitches evenly distributed on the first needle (using M1L). You should now have 120 (124) 132 (138) 144 (150) stitches. Place a stitch marker on each side so that each section contains 60 (62) 66 (69) 72 (75) stitches.

Continue in stockinette stitch with contrast stripes every 6 cm on 12 mm needles as follows:

\* Knit in stockinette stitch on 7 mm needles until the piece measures 6 cm. Then, switch to 12mm needles and work the contrast stripes:

Round 1: Knit

Round 2: Purl \*

Switch back to 7 mm needles and continue in stockinette stitch.

Repeat the section from \*-\* a total of 3 (3) 4 (4) 4 (4) times. Knit until the work measures 33 (33) 35 (35) 35 (36) cm. Now bind-off 8 stitches on each side for the armholes as follows:

Begin at the first marker, the back of the right sleeve (the start of the round).

Knit until 4 stitches remain before the next marker, then bind-off 8 stitches as follows:

Knit 2 stitches, \*slip the first stitch over the second, knit 1\*, repeat \*-\* until you have decreased 8 stitches. Continue in stockinette stitch until 4 stitches remain before the following marker, then bind-off another 8 stitches in the same manner. Set the work aside and proceed to knit the sleeves.

## SLEEVES

Cast on 30 (30) 34 (38) 42 (42) stitches on a 7 mm needle (40 cm) and work 3 cm of ribbing (k1, p1). Place a stitch marker in the center of the sleeve (midway between the first and last stitch). Continue in stockinette stitch and simultaneously increase 10 (14) 14 (14) 14 (18) stitches evenly distributed on the first needle. You should now have 40 (44) 48 (52) 56 (60) stitches on the needle. Then, continue in stockinette stitch with contrast stripes as described above.

For sizes M, L, XL: Knit the ribbing and increase to 48 (52) 56 stitches. Knit a total of three rounds in stockinette stitch. Switch to 12 mm needles and knit the contrast stripes. Then continue as described above. This ensures that the contrast stripes align correctly with the body.

Knit until the sleeve measures approximately 13 (13) 14 (14) 14 (15) cm. Then bind-off 8 stitches in the center of the sleeve (= 4 stitches on each side of the marker). Make sure the stripe pattern on the sleeves matches the body before binding off. Knit the second sleeve in the same way.

## YOKE

Join the left and right sleeves onto the same circular needle as the body so that the sleeve stitches continue directly after the decreased stitches of the body. The decreased sections on the body and sleeves should face each other. You should now have 168 (180) 196 (210) 224 (238) stitches on the needle. Place a stitch marker at each transition between the body and sleeves (4 markers in total). The raglan decreases are worked on each side of the stitch marker as follows: decrease using K2tog twisted before the marker and K2tog after the marker

Now work in the round in stockinette stitch while simultaneously working raglan decreases on every other round as follows:

Round 1: Knit  
Round 2: **K2tog twisted**, move the stitch marker (sm) onto the right needle, **k2tog**, k (Raglan decrease) across the sleeve sts, **k2tog twisted**, move the sm, **k2tog**, k across sts for the front, **K2tog twisted**, move the sm, **K2tog**, k across the sleeve sts, **K2tog twisted**, move the sm, **K2tog**, knit across the back (=8 stitches decreased on the round).

Repeat these 2 rounds a total of 14 (15) 16 (17) 18 (19) times simultaneously as knitting contrast stripes every 6 cm. If you approach close to the neckline and are about to work a contrast stripe, you may choose to skip it for a cleaner look. The yoke will now have 56 (60) 68 (74) 80 (86) stitches.

## NECKLINE

Knit one round and decrease evenly to 54 (56) 60 (66) 70 (74) stitches.

Work approximately 8 cm of ribbing (k1, p1). Bind off loosely. Fold the ribbing double toward the inside of the sweater and sew it to the wrong side.

## FINISHING

Secure all loose ends and sew together underneath the sleeves. Steam the contrast stripes thoroughly and gently stretch them into shape so they blend smoothly into the rest of the work.

Tip: Soak the garment in lukewarm water with wool detergent, then gently press out the water without twisting. Next, carefully stretch the garment into shape – especially at the contrast stripes – so that the purl side seamlessly integrates with the rest of the sweater.

## ABBREVIATIONS

k	knit
p	Purl
K2tog	right – leaning decrease; knit two stitches together
Sts	Stitches
K2tog twisted	left-leaning decrease; Knit 2 twisted stitches together.
M1L	Increase, left-leaning: make one left (see increases)

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