

MIDNIGHT SWEATER

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Midnight Sweater is a simplistic sweater with raglan increases worked from the top down in a simple 1x1 rib stitch pattern. The sweater is oversized and cropped with wide, straight sleeves and a mock neck.

Size: XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL)

Circumference: 115 (120) 125 (130) 138 (145) cm [45 (47) 49 (51) 54 (57) inches]

Length: 58 (59) 60 (60) 62 (64) cm [22.5 (23) 23.25 (23.25) 24 (24.75) inches], (measured mid back excl. neckline)

Suggested needles: Circular needle 6,0 mm [US 10] (40 cm and 80/100 cm [16 and 32/40 inches]) and 5,0 mm [US 8] (40 cm and 80/100 cm [16 and 32/40 inches])

Gauge:

After washing and blocking: 16 sts x 20 rows in 1x1 rib structure on 6,0 mm [US 10] needles equal 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches]

Before washing and blocking: 22 sts x 21 rows in 1x1 rib structure on 6,0 mm [US 10] needles equal 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches]

Materials: 200 (200) 200 (250) 300 (300) g Merino from Knitting for Olive (50 g = 250 m) **worked together with** 350-400 (400) 400 (450) 500 (550) g Heavy Merino from Knitting for Olive (50 g = 125 m)

Difficulty: 3 out of 5

The dark blue Midnight Sweater is worked in Heavy Merino and Merino from Knitting for Olive in the color Navy Blue.

The red Midnight Sweater (bottom of the pattern) is worked in Heavy Merino and Merino from Knitting for Olive in the color Bordeaux.

BEFORE YOU START

It is recommended that you knit and wash a swatch before knitting the garment to ensure that the gauge is correct. An incorrect gauge can affect the proportions of the garment. Adjust the needle size to achieve the correct gauge if needed. Use a larger needle if you have too many stitches on 10 cm, and a smaller needle if you have too few stitches on 10 cm.

SIZE GUIDE

Midnight Sweater is designed to have a positive ease of approximately 30-35 cm [12-14 inches]. Positive ease means that the circumference of the garment is approximately 30-35 cm bigger than your bust circumference. The sizes XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL) correspond to a bust circumference of 80-85 (85-90) 90-95 (95-100) 100-110 (110-120) cm [31.5-33.5 (33.5-35.5) 35.5-37.5 (37.5-39.5) 39.5- 43.25 (43.25-47.25) inches].

To find the correct size, measure your bust circumference with a measuring tape. Do not tighten it too much, you are supposed to be able to get a finger beneath the tape while measuring. Then add the positive ease to your bust circumference. Let's say you measure 97 cm [38 inches]:

$$97 + 30 = 127 \text{ cm}$$

$$38 + 12 = 50 \text{ inches}$$

$$97 + 35 = 132 \text{ cm}$$

$$38 + 14 = 52 \text{ inches}$$

This means that you should knit a size L, which has a circumference of 130 cm [51 inches].

The model in the photo is 190 cm tall with a bust circumference of 97 cm [38 inches] and is wearing a size L.

INTRODUCTION TO THE KNITTING PROCESS

Midnight Sweater is worked from the top down in 1x1 rib. First the mock neck is worked in the round before German short rows are worked back and forth to shape the neckline. Then the yoke is worked in 1x1 rib with raglan increases, before dividing the stitches into body and sleeves. The body and sleeves are worked separately in 1x1 rib.

STRUCTURE

Midnight Sweater is worked in a 1x1 rib structure throughout the sweater: knit 1, purl 1

GERMAN SHORT ROWS

German Short Rows are worked back and forth to shape the neckline.

When turning, you will create a double stitch that are worked as one stitch on the next row in the rib structure already established.

(How to do German Short Rows: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uColOXXyVKI>)

ABBREVIATIONS

k = knit
 p = purl
 ndl (s) = needle (s)
 st (s) = stitch (es)
 RS = right side
 WS = wrong side
 M = marker
 SM = slip marker
 * - * = repeat after the given instructions

INCREASES

M1Rk: With your left needle, lift the thread between your needles from back to front and knit.

M1Lk: With your left needle, lift the thread between your needles from front to back and knit through the back loop.

M1Rp: With your left needle, lift the thread between your needles from back to front and purl

M1Lp: With your left needle, lift the thread between your needles from front to back and purl through the back loop.

BEGIN WORKING THE SWEATER HERE**NECKLINE**

Cast on 64 (64) 68 (68) 76 (76) sts with 1 strand of each quality on a circular ndl 5.0 mm [US 10] 40 cm [16 inches] with the Italian cast on method.

(How to do the Italian cast on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJgglwBGqgk&t=370s>)

Work 2 rows of double knitting back and forth as follows:

1st row (WS): *k1, slip 1 st purlwise with the yarn in front*, repeat from * to * to end of row.

2nd row (RS): *k1, slip 1 st purlwise with the yarn in front*, repeat from * to * to end of row.

Place a marker on the ndl before joining the work in the round. This will be the beginning of the round and is placed in the middle of the back of the sweater.

k1, p1, repeat from * to * to end of round, until the neckline measures 8 cm [3.2 inches] from the cast on edge.

Change to a circular ndl 6.0 mm [US 10] 40 cm [16 inches] while dividing the sts by placing markers at each side of the 5 raglan-sts (a total of 9 M, including the one at the beginning of the round), as follows:

M0, 8 (8) 10 (10) 10 (10) sts (right back piece), M1, 5 raglan-sts, M2, 5 (5) 5 (5) 7 (7) sts (right sleeve), M3, 5 raglan-sts, M4, 17 (17) 19 (19) 21 (21) sts (front piece), M5, 5 raglan-sts, M6, 5 (5) 5 (5) 7 (7) sts (left sleeve), M7, 5 raglan-sts, M8, 9 (9) 9 (9) 11 (11) sts (left back piece).

YOKE

When the neckline is finished, German Short Rows are worked back and forth to shape the neckline, while working raglan increases. The 1x1 rib will be uneven while working the raglan increases (2 k sts next to each other on every other round). This is correct and will be evened out on the next row. Continue as follows:

1st row (RS): Work rib as established to M1, **M1Rk**, SM, work rib as established to M2, SM, **M1Lk**, work rib as established to M3, **M1Rk**, SM, work rib as established to M4, SM, **M1Lk**, p1, turn. (4 sts increased)

2nd row (WS): p1, SM, work rib as established to M8, **M1Lp**, SM, work rib as established to M7, SM, **M1Rp**, work rib as established to M6, **M1Lp**, SM, work rib as established to M5, SM, **M1Rp**, k1, turn. (4 sts increased)

3rd row (RS): k1, SM, work rib as established to M1, **M1Rp**, SM, work rib as established to M2, SM, **M1Lp**, work rib as established to M3, **M1Rp**, SM, work rib as established to M4, SM, **M1Lp**, work rib as established to 2 sts after the double st, turn. (4 sts increased)

4th row (WS): Work rib as established to M8, **M1Lk**, SM, work rib as established to M7, SM, **M1Rk**, work rib as established to M6, **M1Lk**, SM work rib as established to M5, SM, **M1Rk**, work rib as established to 2 sts after the double st, turn. (4 sts increased)

5th row (RS): Work rib as established to M1, **M1Rk**, SM, work rib as established to M2, SM, **M1Lk**, work rib as established to M3, **M1Rk**, SM, work rib as established to M4, SM, **M1Lk**, work rib as established to 2 sts after the double st, turn. (4 sts increased)

6th row (WS): Work rib as established to M8, **M1Lp**, SM, work rib as established to M7, SM, **M1Rp**, work rib as established to M6, **M1Lp**, SM, work rib as established to M5, SM, **M1Rp**, work rib as established to 2 sts after the double st, turn. (4 sts increased)

7th row (RS): Work rib as established to M0.

You have turned the work a total of 6 times, 3 times on each side. You now have 88 (88) 92 (92) 100 (100) sts on your ndl.

Continue working raglan increases while working rib in the round as follows:

1st round: *Work rib as established to M, **M1Rp**, SM, work rib as established to M, SM, **M1Lp***, repeat from * to * a total of 4 times. Work rib as established to M0. (8 sts increased).

2nd round: Work rib as established while including the new sts in the rib structure.

3rd round: *Work rib as established to M, **M1Rk**, SM, work rib as established to M, SM, **M1Lk***, repeat from * to * a total of 4 times. Work rib as established to M0. (8 sts increased).

4th round: Work rib as established while including the new sts in the rib structure.

Work **1st round – 4th round** a total of 11 (11) 11 (12) 12 (12) times. Work **1st round – 2nd round** one more time. You now have 272 (272) 276 (292) 300 (300) sts on your ndl.

The stitch count is now as follows: M0, 34 (34) 36 (38) 38 (38) sts (right back piece), M1, 5 raglan-sts, M2, 57 (57) 57 (61) 63 (63) sts (right sleeve), M3, 5 raglan-sts, M4, 69 (69) 71 (75) 77 (77) sts (front piece), M5, 5 raglan-sts, M6, 57 (57) 57 (61) 63 (63) sts (left sleeve), M7, 5 raglan-sts, M8, 35 (35) 35 (37) 39 (39) sts (left back piece).

Continue working raglan increases on every round, but only over the back piece and front piece, as follows:

1st round: Work rib as established to M1, **M1Rk**, SM, work rib as established to M4, SM, **M1Lk**, work rib as established to M5, **M1Rk**, SM, work rib as established to M8, SM, **M1Lk**, work rib as established to M0. (4 sts increased)

2nd round: Work rib as established to M1, **M1Rp**, SM, work rib as established to M4, SM, **M1Lp**, work rib as established to M5, **M1Rp**, SM, work rib as established to M8, SM, **M1Lp**, work rib as established to M0. (4 sts increased)

Work **1st round – 2nd round** a total of 2 (3) 4 (4) 5 (6) times. You now have 288 (296) 308 (324) 340 (348) sts on your ndl.

The stitch count is now as follows: M0, 38 (40) 44 (46) 48 (50) sts (right back piece), M1, 5 raglan-sts, M2, 57 (57) 57 (61) 63 (63) sts (right sleeve), M3, 5 raglan-sts, M4, 77 (81) 87 (91) 97 (101) sts (front piece), M5, 5 raglan-sts, M6, 57 (57) 57 (61) 63 (63) sts (left sleeve), M7, 5 raglan-sts, M8, 39 (41) 43 (45) 49 (51) sts (left back piece).

BODY

Place the sleeve sts on hold while working the body as follows (remove the 9 markers on the following round):

Work rib as established to M2, set aside 57 (57) 57 (61) 63 (63) sts on a wire or piece of scrap yarn (right sleeve), cast on 5 (5) 3 (3) 3 (5) sts using the backwards loop cast on, work rib as established to M6, set aside 57 (57) 57 (61) 63 (63) sts on a wire or piece of scrap yarn (left sleeve), cast on 5 (5) 3 (3) 3 (5) sts using the backwards loop cast on. You now have 184 (192) 200 (208) 220 (232) sts on your ndl.

Work rib as established past the 3 (3) 1 (1) 1 (3) first sts you cast on under the right sleeve and place a marker (M). This is the beginning of the round.

k1, p1, repeat from * to * to end of row, until the sweater measures 57 (58) 59 (59) 61 (63) cm [22.5 (23) 23.25 (23.25) 24 (24.75) inches], or approximately 1 cm shorter than the desired length, measured from the cast on edge mid back.

Change to a circular ndl 5.0 mm [US 8] 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 inches] while working 1 round of rib as established.

Place a marker (M) 92 (96) 100 (104) 110 (116) sts from the marker that shows the beginning of the round. You now have 1 marker (M) under each sleeve. On the next round, you are going to decrease on each side of the markers as follows:

slip 1 st knitwise, slip 1 st purlwise with the yarn in back, k the two slipped sts together through the back loop. Place the just knitted st back on the left ndl and slip the next st over. Place the st back on the right ndl. Work rib as established to 4 sts before M. Slip 1 st knitwise, k2 together, slip the previous st over. p1, SM, work from * to * one more time. (8 sts decreased)

Work 2 rounds of double knitting as follows:

1st round: *k1, slip 1 st purlwise with the yarn in front*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

2nd round: *slip 1 st purlwise with yarn in back, p1*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Bind off using the Italian bind off method.

(How to do the Italian bind off: (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5j4qFYHLTIY&t=183s>)

SLEEVES

Transfer the 57 (57) 57 (61) 63 (63) sts that were put on hold on a circular ndl 6.0 mm [US 10] 40 cm [16 inches].

With new yarn, begin picking up sts underneath the armhole in the middle of the new sts you cast on as follows: pick up and knit 2 (2) 2 (2) 2 (2) sts in the sts you cast on under the armhole, pick up and knit 1 st in the outer most row of raglan-sts. Work rib as established over all the sts on your ndl. Pick up and knit 1 st in the outer most row of raglan-sts, pick up and knit 3 (3) 1 (1) 1 (3) sts in sts you cast on under the armhole. You now have 64 (64) 62 (66) 68 (70) sts on your ndl.

Place a marker, this is the beginning of the round.

k1, p1, repeat from * to * to end of row, until the sleeve measures 40 cm [15.75 inches] from underneath the armhole, or the desired length.

After washing and blocking, the sleeve will hit a couple of cm further down your arm, so do have that in mind when deciding the length.

Work 2 rounds of double knitting as follows:

1st round: *k1, slip 1 st purlwise with the yarn in front*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

2nd round: *slip 1 st purlwise with yarn in back, p1*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Bind off using the Italian bind off method.

Work the other sleeve in the same way.

FINISHING

Weave inn all ends.

Wash and block the sweater to the given gauge. This is an extra important step since the shape of the sweater will change a lot in this process.

It is recommended to insert elastic into the double knitting in the neckline to preserve the shape.



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