

PIPPI PULLOVER

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ABOUT THE PATTERN

This Pippi Långstrump inspired pattern is a simple sweater design with a drop shoulder and beginner-friendly stranded colourwork.

I have written up this pattern in my own size (I am 179cm tall and have an 85cm chest circumference) and made it available as a free download. Intermediate/advanced knitters will be able to adapt this to their size.

If you have trouble following the pattern, you are more than welcome to message me on Ravelry or Instagram (@kisskiss.rhinestones) <3

FINISHED GARMENT MEASUREMENTS

116cm body circumference
61cm body length in the back
44cm arm length
44cm arm circumference

GAUGE AND MATERIALS

Gauge after blocking: 10x10cm = 18 sts x 27 rows on 5mm needles

Recommended yarn: I used Gilliat by dererumnature (100g=250m) for the main colour (poivre blanc) and filcolana peruvian highland wool for the two accent colours (rust and fisherman blue).

I used 5-6 balls of the Gilliat and one ball each of the accent colours but I unfortunately can't give you exact meterage. The finished garment weighs around 550g. If you have trouble with yarn quantities, I'm sure someone at your local yarn shop will be able to help you!

If you make this sweater, please tag me on instagram! I would love to see your projects <3



WORK FLOW

Start your sweater by working the back yoke flat. Pick up stitches for the two front pieces, make increases to shape the neckline and join them together. Join front and back and work the body of the sweater in the round. Pick up stitches for the sleeves and work them in the round. Finally, pick up and knit the folded neckband and sew it down.

PATTERN

Start working your Pippi Pullover here. <3

Back yoke:

Cast on 110 stitches (sts) and shape the back yoke using German short rows:

Break the yarn and slip the first 35 sts

The first row is a wrong side (WS) row: purl 40 sts

Turn your work and work a german short row

German short row instructions: after turning your work, slip the first sts as if to purl with yarn in front, pull the yarn over and behind the work until you see the two legs of the stitch on your right needle
Continue to knit in pattern and knit these two legs as one stitch when you get to them; if you've never done german short rows, I recommend watching a youtube tutorial <3

Work German short rows for 10 rows, each time working 5 sts past your previous turn. That is 5 turns on each side of the back yoke. End on a WS row. You've shaped the back!

Work in stockinette in your main colour (beige) for 4 rows

Now start your colourwork in your first accent colour (red). The colourwork pattern is very simple: alternate red and beige stitches for two rows, then knit one row in red completely, then alternate red and beige stitches again for two rows.

! Note that in my sweater, the red (or blue) stitches above and below the red (or blue) line match up whereas they shift one stitch over on the original Pippi Långstrump sweater. If you want the original look, knit those stitches in red that were beige before and vice versa. !

Knit 20 rows in your main colour (beige)

Repeat the instructions for the colourwork in your second accent colour (blue)

Knit 20 rows in your main colour (beige)

Repeat the instructions for the colourwork in your first accent colour (red)

Knit 2 rows in your main colour

Break the yarn. You have completed the back yoke!

Front left (left when wearing the sweater):

Start your front left piece left of the neck (left of the middle 40 sts you purled at the very start)

Pick up 35 sts

First row is a WS row: purl all sts

Work 14 rows of stockinette in your main colour (beige)

Work a colourwork section in your first accent colour (red) and start your increases for the neckhole on the last row of that colourwork section

Increase as follows: knit 2 sts, make one left (M1L), knit to end of row

Purl all sts

M1L instructions: insert your left needle to pick up the bar between your stitches from front to back and knit through the back loop

Continue to make increases for the neckhole every other row another 6 times: knit 2 sts, M1L, knit to end of row, purl all sts (x6)

Break the yarn. You have completed the front left!

Front right (right when you wear the sweater):

Start from the top right corner of the back yoke (right when you look at its right side (RS))

Pick up 35 stitches

First row is a WS row: purl all stitches

Work 14 rows in stockinette in your main colour (beige)

Work a colourwork section in your first accent colour (red) and start your increases for the neckhole on the last row of that colourwork section

Increase as follows: knit until 2 sts are left on your needle, make one right (M1R), knit the remaining 2 sts

Purl all sts

M1R instructions: insert your left needle to pick up the bar between your stitches from back to front and knit the new stitch as you normally would (insert your right needle from the left)

Continue to make increases for the neckhole every other row another 6 times: knit to last two stitches on the needle, make 1 right, knit remaining 2 sts, purl all sts (x6)

You have finished the front right! But don't break the yarn. You are now going to connect the two front pieces.

Front:

Knit across the front right

Cast on 26 sts using backward loop method

Knit across the front left

Purl all sts

At this point you have knit 15 rows since your last row of colourwork

Knit another 5 rows ending on a RS row, then knit the colourwork section in your second accent colour (blue)

Knit 20 rows in your main colour (beige) ending on a RS row

Knit the colourwork section in your first accent colour (red)

The next row is a RS row: knit all sts

Purl all sts

You are now going to connect front and back:

Knit all sts of the front piece and at the end of the row cast on 4 sts using the backward loop method then knit all sts of the back piece and cast on another 4 sts using the backward loop method

You should now have 228 sts on your needles for the body

Note that if you change the pattern to fit a different size, the number of stitches for the body must be even for the colourwork to work

You are now going to knit the body of the sweater in the round. Place a marker to mark the beginning of the round.



Body

At this point you have knit 3 rows/rounds in your main colour (beige) since your last colourwork section

Knit 17 more rounds in your main colour (beige)

Knit the colourwork section in your second accent colour (blue)

Knit another two colourwork sections with 20 rounds of the main colour (beige) in between. But you can of course make your sweater as long or short as you like!

After the last colourwork section, knit another 8 rounds in the main colour (beige) and then 8cm of ribbing. I chose 3x1 rib (3 knit, 1 purl) but any ribbing will work. If you want to do 3x1 rib, the number of stitches on your needles must be divisible by four! I recommend not going down in needle size to get the straight look of the sample.

You have completed the body of the sweater!

Sleeves

Pick up 88 sts along the armhole opening

Note that if you change the pattern to fit a different size, the number of stitches you pick up for the sleeves needs to be even for the colourwork to work!

Place a marker to mark beginning of round

Knit 20 rounds in your main colour (beige)

Knit the colourwork section in your first accent colour (red)

Knit a total of 4 colourwork sections with 20 rounds of your main colour (beige) in between.

After your last colourwork section, knit 8 rounds in your main colour (beige) and 8cm of ribbing. Again, I chose 3x1 ribbing but any ribbing will work. Again, if you want to do 3x1 rib, the number of stitches on your needles must be divisible by four!

Repeat for the other sleeve.

You have completed the sleeves of your sweater!



Neckband

Finally, you are going to knit a folded neckband:

Pick up 81sts for the neckline. I chose 2x1 ribbing for the neckline.

If you want your neckline to match the hem and cuffs and you did 3x1 ribbing, the number of sts you pick up for the neckline needs to be divisible by 4. I chose 2x1 because it looks similar but I find it stretchier than 3x1.

Place a marker to mark beginning of round

Knit in pattern for 14 rounds

Purl across all stitches

Knit another 14 rounds in pattern

Fold the neckband inwards along the purl row and sew it down

Wash & block, then weave in your ends. You have completed your Pippi sweater! <3

