

Caidree

THE COMBER SWEATER

KNITTING PATTERN

Difficulty ♦♦♦♦♦



The Comber Sweater is a classic raglan sweater with slightly shaped neckline that is lower in the front. It is worked in stockinette stitch from the top down using thick and thin yarn that gives it unique chunky and airy texture.

Sizes

XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

Measure yourself before you begin (10-15 cm of positive ease is built into the pattern).

FINISHED Bust Size

XS 39" S 41" M 43" L 47" XL 49" XXL 51" XXXL 55" (100, 105, 110, 120, 125, 130, 140 cm) after blocking. Sample shown in size M on 37.5"/ 95 cm bust.

Gauge

11 stitches by 14 rows = 4" x 4" (10 x 10 cm) using size 9 mm needles in stockinette stitch. Swatch sample was measured after blocking.

Yarn

We Are Knitters, The Wave Wool XS 450, S 450, M 525, L 550, XL 625, XXL 650, XXXL 650-700 grams (100 grams = 100 meters /109 yards) (approximately 5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7, 8 balls.

Needles

9 mm circular 16"/ 40, 24"/60 cm or 32"/ 80 cm and double pointed knitting needles.

8 mm circular 16"/ 40 cm knitting needles for the neck ribbing and 8 mm double pointed knitting needles for the sleeve cuffs.

Notions

5 markers (helpful tip; one marker color A for BOR marker, one marker color B for front marker and 3 markers of the same color for the rest.

Felt needle (optional) to join skeins seamlessly, find out how in this [video tutorial](#).

Abbreviations

pm- place marker

pfm- place front marker

Co- Cast on

sbm - Slip Beginning of round marker

[German Short rows](#) video tutorial from Purl Soho

[pRLi](#) (video)- Right lifted increase (purl wise)

[pLLi](#) (video) - Left lift increase (purl wise)

Bor m - beginning of round marker

WS - Wrong Side

RS - Right Side

SR – Short Row

DS – German short row “double” stitch

ssk - slip, slip, knit

k2tog - Knit two stitches together

Sts - Stitches

St - Stitch

slpm – slip marker

k1 - knit one

Bo - bind off

Video for Left and Right [Lifted Increases tutorial](#)

RLI (Right Lifted Increase): Lift right leg of the stitch below the next stitch on the left-hand needle onto the left-hand needle and knit it.

LLI (Left Lifted Increase): Lift the left leg of the stitch 2 rows below the stitch on right-hand needle onto left-hand needle and knit it through the back loop.

PATTERN

YOKE

You will first make the neck opening by working the rib, and using German short rows technique to shape the neck while making increases on the front and back as well as the sleeves in the following way;

Using 8 mm 16"/ 40 cm circular needles loosely cast on XS 56, S 56, M 58, L 62, XL 62, XXL 64, XXXL 68 sts, place BOR marker and join to work in the round.

Work 4.5 to 5 cm in 1x1 rib pattern (k1, p1).

Switch to 9 mm shorter needles as you work set up round.

Set up round (RS) **knit** all stitches while setting up markers;

XS sbm, k6 (right sleeve), pm, k11 (front), pfm, k11 (front) , pm, k6 (left sleeve), pm, k22 (back)

S sbm, k6 (right sleeve), pm, k11 (front), pfm, k11 (front), pm, k6 (left sleeve), pm, k22 (back)

M sbm, k7 (right sleeve), pm, k11 (front), pfm, k11 (front), pm, k7 (left sleeve), pm, k22 (back)

L sbm, k7 (right sleeve), pm, k12 (front) , pfm, k12 (front), pm, k7 (left sleeve), pm, k24 (back)

XL sbm, k7 (right sleeve), pm, k12 (front), pfm, k12 (front), pm, k7 (left sleeve), pm, k24 (back)

XXL sbm, k8 (right sleeve), pm, k12 (front), pfm, k12 (front), pm, k8 (left sleeve), pm, k24 (back)

XXXL sbm, k8 (right sleeve), pm, k13 (front), pfm, k13 (front), pm, k8 (left sleeve), pm, k26 (back)

Now you are ready to work German short rows to shape the neck line and raglan increases in the following way;

SR1 (RS) sbm, RLi, k to next marker, LLi, slpm, RLi, k2, turn, work DS (3 sts increased).

SR 2 (WS) purl back to bor m, sbm, pRLi, p to next m, pLLi, slpm, pRLi, p to next m, pLLi, slpm, pRLi, p2, turn, make DS (5 sts increased).

SR 3 (RS) knit back to bor m, LLi, sbm, RLi, k to next marker, LLi, slpm, RLi, k until DS st, knit the DS st, k2, turn, make DS (4 sts increased). Remember, DS is counted as 1 st even though it looks like 2 sts.

SR 4 (WS) purl back to bor m, sbm, p to next m, pLLi, slpm, pRLi, p to next m, pLLi, slpm, pRLi, p until DS st, purl the DS st, p2, turn, make DS (4 sts increased).

SR 5 (RS) knit back to bor m, LLi, sbm, RLi, k to next marker, LLi, slpm, RLi, k until DS st, knit the DS st, k2, turn, make DS (4 sts increased).

SR 6 (WS) purl back to bor m, sbm, p to next m, pLLi, slpm, pRLi, p to next m, pLLi, slpm, pRLi, p until DS st, purl the DS st, p2, turn, make DS (4 sts increased).

SR 7 (RS) knit back to bor m, LLi, sbm, RLi, k to next marker, LLi, slpm, RLi, k until DS st, knit the DS st, k2, turn, make DS (4 sts increased).

SR 8 (WS) purl back to bor m, sbm, p to next m, pLLi, slpm, pRLi, p to next m, pLLi, slpm, pRLi, p until DS st, purl the DS st, p2, turn, make DS (4 sts increased).

SR 9 (RS) knit back to bor m, LLi, sbm, RLi, k to next marker, LLi, slpm, RLi, k until DS st, knit the DS st, k2, turn, make DS (4 sts increased).

SR 10 (WS) purl back to bor m, sbm, p to next m, pLLi, slpm, pRLi, p to next m, pLLi, slpm, pRLi, p until DS st, purl the DS st, p2, turn, make DS, knit back to bor m. 4 sts increased).

You should now have 16, 16, 17, 17, 17, 18, 18 sts (right sleeve), 32, 32, 32, 34, 34, 34, 36 sts (front), 16, 16, 17, 17, 17, 18, 18 sts (left sleeve), 32, 32, 32, 34, 34, 34, 36 sts (back).

Now you will continue working in the round in stockinette stitch while you make raglan increases on every other round in the following way;

Note remove front marker when you reach it and remember, DS sts look like two sts but should be counted as one st. Switch to longer needles as you go to accommodate the amount of sts.

Round 1 (RS) LLi, sbm, RLi, knit to next m (right sleeve), LLi, slpm, RLi, knit to next m (front), LLi, slpm, RLi, knit to next m (left sleeve), LLi, slpm, RLi, knit to bor m (back).

Round 2 knit all sts while slipping markers.

Repeat round 1 and 2 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 **more** times (total of 22, 24, 26, 28, 30 32, 34 rounds including round 1 and 2).

Your stitch count should now be as follows: 38, 40, 43, 45, 47, 50, 52 sts (right sleeve), 54, 56, 58, 62, 64, 66, 70 sts (front), 38, 40, 43, 45, 47, 50, 52 sts (left sleeve), 54, 56, 58, 62, 64, 66, 70 sts (back).

BODY

Place 38, 40, 43, 45, 47, 50, 52 sts of the right sleeve, to rest on scrap yarn. Cast on **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 new sts** under left arm using backwards loop method and place BOR marker in between or right after you cast on those new sts. The round now starts there. Remove other markers as you go. Knit the front sts, place sts of the left sleeve on scrap yarn, cast on another **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 new sts** under right arm, knit back sts. Now your stitch count for the body should be **110, 116, 122, 132, 138, 144, 154**.

Continue working in the round in stockinette stitch until sweater mid back measures; 42, 45, 48, 50, 52, 53, 55, cm) or preferred length, measure in the middle of the back from where stockinette rounds begin, not counting the rib, **just keep in mind** additional yarn it will require. I recommend trying it on at this point to get the perfect fit.

Next round reduce the number of stitches to 100, 106, 112, 120, 126, 130, 140 by k2tog spaced as evenly as possible.

Switch to **8 mm** needles and work 5 cm of rib (k1, p1). Bind off in rib using your favorite stretchy bind off technique.

SLEEVES

Sleeves are worked using 9 mm double pointed needles or with the circular needles using the magic loop technique or 12" tip to tip (short tip) needles, my favorite.

Place the 38, 40, 43, 45, 47, 50, 52 sts that were on hold on your needles and pick up and knit **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7** sts under the sleeve (in the part where you previously casted on for the body) place BOR marker in **between or right after you pick those new sts up**.

Now your stitch count should be as follows; 39, 42, 46, 49, 52, 56, 59. Knit in the round in stockinette stitch until sleeve measures approximately 38, 40, 43, 45, 46, 48, 48 cm measured from under arm to cuff. **While at the same time** decrease by 2 sts on every 6th, 6th, 6th, 6th, 5th, 5th, 5th round, total of 9, 9, 10, 10, 12, 12, 13 times in the following way; sbm, k1, k2tog, knit until 3 sts before bor m, ssk, k1.

Now you have 21, 24, 26, 29, 28, 32, 33 sts (knit a few more rounds if necessary, to reach the desired length).

Next round switch **to 8 mm** needles, and **decrease** by 1, 2, 0, 3, 0, 2, 1 st(s) by k2tog, spaced as evenly as possible. Next, work **5 cm** of rib (k1,p1). Bind off using your favorite stretchy bind off technique.

FINISH

Tuck in all the yarn ends as neatly as possible. Stitch up underarms if necessary. **Block your sweater to size.**

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