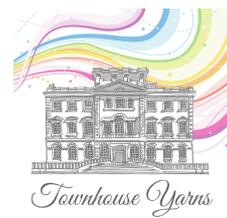


Scéal Grá

{a love story}



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We say that knitting is a labour of love. And at no time do I feel this more keenly than when working lace into garments. The care, the trust, the commitment, the passion — they all must be present, and sustained, for the needles to work their magic and yield a wearable piece of our heart. An ode to this process, Scéal Grá (pronounced *scale grab*) is Irish for ‘love story.’

Worked seamlessly from the top down, this lightweight, easy-to-wear top is constructed with fitted 3/4 sleeves, relaxed bodice, and flounced hemline. The circular yoke features a delicate lace motif of drooping blossoms, elements of which are also echoed in the sleeves. All edgings are finished with i-cord, for an airy, elegant aesthetic. Scéal Grá is suitable for adventurous advanced beginners, with some experience in lace knitting.

MATERIALS & INFO

Yarn

Townhouse Yarns Olla, 400m (440y) / 100g (3.5oz)
shown in the Embrace colourway
225g (250g, 275g, 300g, 350g, 400g)

Needles

Circular lace-tipped needle, 3mm (US 2.5) in diameter
(or as needed to meet gauge)

Notions

tapestry needle; stitch markers; scrap yarn

Gauge

10cm x 10cm (4" x 4") = 27 sts x 35 rounds, in stockinette

Sizing

Finished garment measures as follows at chest circumference:
83cm [33.25"] (91cm [36.5"], 95cm [38"], 100cm [40"], 112cm [44.75"], 117cm [47"])

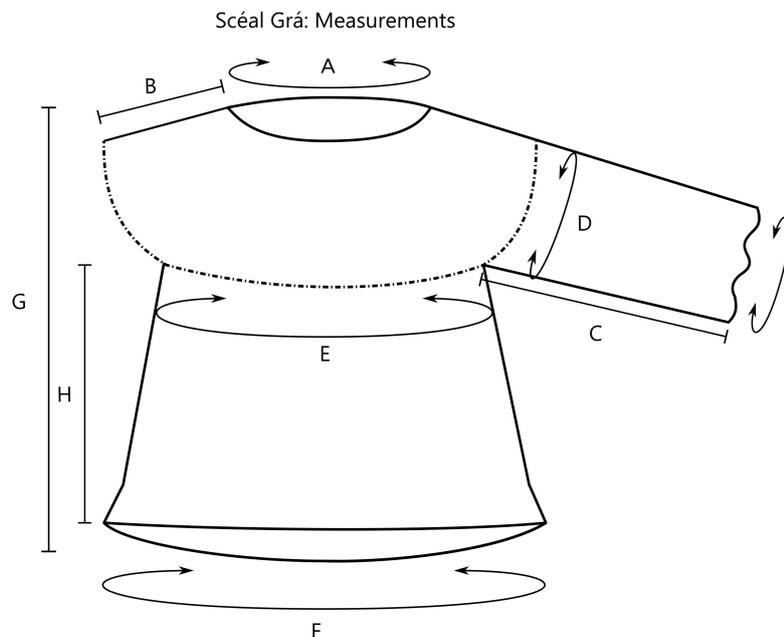
Select size with desired amount of ease and refer to schematic for details.

Special Techniques

short rows, lace, provisional cast-on, i-cord

Pattern Support

For help with techniques mentioned in this pattern, please refer to lbandknits.com/techniques



MEASUREMENTS

A. Neck circumference

42cm [16.75"] (44cm [17.5"], 47cm [18.75"], 49cm [19.5"], 51cm [20.5"], 53cm [21.25"])

B. Yoke depth

17cm [6.75"] (19cm [7.5"], 21cm [8.25"], 23cm [9"], 26cm [10.25"], 29cm [11.5"])

C. Sleeve length, from underarm to edge of cuff

24cm [9.5"] (25cm [10"], 26cm [10.5"], 27cm [10.75"], 28cm [11.25"], 29cm [11.5"])

D. Bicep circumference

27cm [10.75"] (29cm [11.5"], 30cm [12"], 33cm [13.25"], 34cm [13.5"], 36" [14.5"])

E. Chest circumference

83cm [33.25"] (91cm [36.5"], 95cm [38"], 100cm [40"], 112cm [44.75"], 117cm [47"])

F. Hem circumference

106cm [42.25"] (116cm [46.5"], 121cm [48.75"], 126cm [50.5"], 141cm [56.5"], 147cm [58.75"])

G. Longest point from top of neck to edge of hem, measured along back

53cm [21.25"] (56cm [22.5"], 61cm [24.5"], 63cm [25.25"], 68cm [27.25"], 72cm [28.75"])

H. Underarm to edge of hem, measured along front

30cm [12"] (32cm [12.75"], 34cm [13.5"], 36cm [14.5"], 38cm [15.25"], 40cm [16"])

I. Cuff circumference

27cm [10.75"] (27cm [10.75"], 27cm [10.75"], 31cm [12.5"], 31cm [12.5"], 35cm [14"])

ABBREVIATIONS

CO = cast on

St(s) = stitch(es)

PM(s) = place marker(s)

SLM(s) = slip marker(s)

K = knit

P = purl

RS = right side of work

WS = wrong side of work

W&T = wrap and turn

YO = yarn over

SKP = slip, knit, pass slipped st over

K2Tog = knit 2 sts together

K3Tog = knit 3 sts together

G7/3 = knit 7 into 3 gathered

M1R = make 1 right

M1L = make 1 left

Kfb = knit into front and back of st

PATTERN NOTES

Garment Construction

Pullover is worked top down, in the round, with circular yoke. The bodice is shaped to an A-line silhouette with paired increases at sides and is finished with a subtle flounce above hemline. Short rows are worked at back of neck to shape neckline and again above hem to lengthen back. Sleeves are picked up from live sts and worked top-down in the round. Hem and sleeve edgings are finished with i-cord bind off. Sts are picked up at neckline and finished with applied i-cord.

Short Rows

Work until indicated to W&T. Wrap yarn around next st to avoid gap. Turn work and start next row. When pattern indicates to 'pick up wrap,' work st together with wrap. For help with short rows, please refer to Pattern Support.

i-cord Bind Off

Using backwards loop method, CO 4 sts onto left needle.

*K3, SKP, Move 4 sts back onto left needle, repeat from * to end.

Bind off final 4 sts.

Applied i-cord

With RS facing, K into first st along edge of neckline and move this st back onto left needle. Using Backwards Loop method, CO 4 additional sts onto left needle. There are now 5 sts on left needle.

Set up: K3. Slip last 2 sts to right needle, pass next st over final remaining st. Move all 4 sts back onto left needle.

Then, work as follows:

*K3. Slip 1 st. K into next st along neckline. Pass slipped st over.

Move the 4 sts back onto left needle.

Repeat from * all the way around neckline. Bind off final 4 sts.

Gathered Stitch (G7/3)

Knit 7 sts into the next 3 sts gathered, as follows:

K3Tog and do not remove original 3 sts from left needle.

(YO. K into same 3 sts) 3 times. Remove original 3 sts from left needle.

There are now 7 new sts on right needle.

Note that a (sharp) lace-tipped needle is recommended for this technique. For additional help with Gathered Stitch, please refer to Pattern Support.

'Drooping Blossoms' Chart

Worked over 12 sts and 16 rounds, as follows:

Round 1: *K3Tog, K3, K3Tog, G7/3, repeat from * to end

Round 2: (and all even rounds) K to end

Round 3: *SKP, K1, K2Tog, K2, YO, K3, YO, K2, repeat from * to end

Round 5: *YO, K3Tog, YO, K2Tog, YO, K5, YO, SKP, repeat from * to end

Round 7: *K6, YO, K3Tog, YO, K3, repeat from * to end

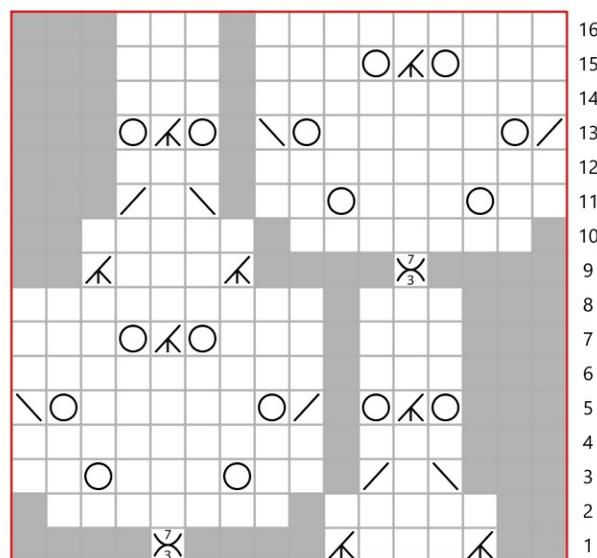
Round 9: *G7/3, K3Tog, K3, K3Tog, repeat from * to end

Round 11: *K2, YO, K3, YO, K2, SKP, K1, K2Tog, repeat from * to end

Round 13: *K2Tog, YO, K5, YO, SKP, YO, K3Tog, YO, repeat from * to end

Round 15: *K3, YO, K3Tog, YO, K6, repeat from * to end

Drooping Blossoms Chart



Key



INSTRUCTIONS

CO 114 (120, 126, 132, 138, 144) sts. Close to work in the round, taking care not to twist.
PM at start of round. Round begins at centre back. Work 1 round in stockinette (K to end.)

Shaping Neckline

PMs 19 (20, 21, 22, 23, 24) sts from start of round and 19 (20, 21, 22, 23, 24) sts from end of round.

Starting at beginning of round, work short rows as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K to next marker. W&T.

Row 2 (WS): P to next marker. W&T.

Row 3 (RS): K 3 sts past previous turn, picking up wrap along the way. W&T.

Row 4 (WS): P 3 sts past previous turn, picking up wrap along the way. W&T.

Repeat Rows 3 & 4 four more times. End on WS row.

Next Round: Work in stockinette (K to end), picking up remaining wraps and removing outer markers along the way (leave in place marker indicating start of round).

Yoke

Next Round: *K3, YO, repeat from * to end.

There are now 152 (160, 168, 176, 184, 192) sts on the needles.

Work 3 rounds in stockinette (K to end.)

Next Round: *YO, K1, YO, K3, repeat from * to end.

There are now 228 (240, 252, 264, 276, 288) sts on the needles.

Work 1 round in stockinette (K to end.)

Work rounds 1-16 of Drooping Blossoms Chart, or from corresponding written instructions. Then work Rounds 1-8 of Chart once again.

Next Round: *K7, YO, K1, YO, K4, repeat from * to end

There are now 266 (280, 294, 308, 322, 336) sts on the needles.

Work 5 rounds in stockinette (K to end.)

Next Round: *K8, YO, K6, repeat from * to end.

There are now 285 (300, 315, 330, 345, 360) sts on the needles.

Work 3 rounds in stockinette (K to end.)

Next Round: *K9, YO, K6, repeat from * to end.

There are now 304 (320, 336, 352, 368, 384) sts on the needles.

Work 0 (3, 3, 3, 3, 3) rounds in stockinette (K to end.)

For all Sizes except Size 83cm (33.25"):

Next Round: *K8, YO, K8, repeat from * to end.

There are now 304 (340, 357, 374, 391, 408) sts on the needles.

Work 0 (0, 0, 0, 3, 3) rounds in stockinette (K to end.)

For Sizes 112cm (44.75") and 117cm (47") only:

Next Round: *K9, YO, K8, repeat from * to end.

There are now 304 (340, 357, 374, 414, 432) sts on the needles.

Work in stockinette (K to end) until yoke depth measures

17cm [6.75"] (19cm [7.5"], 21cm [8.25"], 23cm [9"], 26cm [10.25"], 29cm [11.5"]) from cast-on edge, along centre front.

Separating Sleeves

K49 (55, 57, 59, 67, 70). Move next 54 (60, 64, 68, 72, 76) sts onto scrap yarn. CO 14 (14, 14, 16, 16, 18) sts onto scrap yarn using provisional cast on method. K98 (110, 115, 120, 136, 140). Move next 54 (60, 64, 68, 72, 76) sts onto scrap yarn. CO 14 (14, 14, 16, 16, 18) sts onto scrap yarn using provisional cast on method. K49 (55, 57, 59, 67, 70).

PMs at centre underarm, at each side. Leave in place marker indicating start of round.



Bodice

There are now 224 (248, 257, 270, 302, 316) sts on the needles.

Work in stockinette (K to end). *And at the same time*, work paired increases at markers after knitting 1 round, and every 3cm (1.25") thereafter, a total of 9 (9, 10, 10, 11, 11) times, as follows:

K to 1 st before marker, M1R. K1, SLM, K1, M1L, K to 1 st before marker, M1R. K1, SLM, K1, M1L, K to end.

There are now 260 (284, 297, 310, 346, 360) sts on the needles.

After final increase round, work additional 1 (5, 1, 5, 1, 5) rounds in stockinette (K to end).

Shaping Back

Starting at beginning of round, work short rows as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K to 1 st before side marker. W&T.

Row 2 (WS): P to 1 st before side marker. W&T.

Row 3 (RS): K to 3 sts before previous turn. W&T.

Row 4 (WS): P to 3 sts before previous turn. W&T.

Repeat Rows 3 & 4 thrice more. End on WS Row.

Next Round: Work in stockinette (K to end), picking up wraps and removing side markers along the way.

Hem

Work flounce as follows:

For Sizes 83cm (33.25"), 100cm (40"), & 117cm (47"):

Next Round: *K9, Kfb, repeat from * to end.

For Sizes 95cm [38"] (91cm [36.5"], 112cm [44.75"]):

Next Round: K4 (1, 3), *K9, Kfb, repeat from * until 3 sts remain, K to end.

There are now 286 (312, 326, 341, 380, 396) sts on the needles.

Work 5cm (2") in stockinette (K to end), or as long as needed to attain desired length of garment.

Work i-cord bind off as indicated in Pattern Notes.

Sleeves

Move sleeve sts and underarm sts from scrap yarn to working needle.

There are now 68 (74, 78, 84, 88, 94) sts on the needles. Round begins at centre underarm; PM at start of round.

Work first round in stockinette (K to end), at the same time picking up 2 sts to each side of underarm sts and knitting them twisted, to avoid holes. There are now 72 (78, 82, 88, 92, 98) sts on the needles.

Work in stockinette (K to end) until sleeve measures 21cm [8.5"] (22cm [8.75"], 23cm [9.25"], 24cm [9.5"], 25cm [10"], 26cm [10.5"]), or hits 3cm (1.25") above preferred 3/4 sleeve length.

At the same time, work 0 (3, 5, 2, 4, 1) paired decreases at marker, spaced out evenly, as follows: K to 2 sts before marker, K2Tog, SLM, SKP.

There are now 72 (72, 72, 84, 84, 96) sts on the needles.

Work rounds 1-8 of Drooping Blossoms Chart, or from corresponding written instructions.

Work i-cord bind off, as indicated in Pattern Notes.

Neckline

Work applied i-cord, as indicated in Pattern Notes.

Finishing

Weave in ends. Wet block gently and let dry over flat surface, shaping bodice to flare at hem and taking care to open up lacework. If needed, press along i-cord edgings to ensure fabric lies flat.





ABOUT THE YARN

Hand dyed in Dublin, Ireland, Townhouse Yarns is the in-house yarn brand of This Is Knit, offering an exquisite range of bases and unique colourways. An exciting new addition to the Townhouse Yarns range, the fingering-weight Olla is spun in Donegal, Ireland. This soft yet rustic and exceptionally versatile yarn, is as suitable for garments as it is for socks and accessories. To learn more, visit townhouseyarns.com and thisisknit.ie

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