

Le Pull x KnitKnitBerlin

ALEXA TOP



ABOUT PATTERN

The Alexa top is knitted back and forth from top to bottom starting with the back, then you will have to pick up stitches to form the shoulders and the neckline. Each color square is knitted on the same needles and at the same time but are not joined. You will have to sew them with an invisible vertical seam. Finally, pick up the stitches along the neckline and armhole and knit hemlines in the round.

SIZES

XS (S) M (L) XL (XXL) 3XL (4XL)

On the pictures above Sarah is wearing her usual size (XS), she measures 1m58.

WOOLS AND MATERIALS

Approx. 100 (100) 125 (125) 150 (175) 200 (225) g of Organic Soft Merino, KAOS YARN (50g = 225 m)
Circular needles 2,5 mm (for neckline and armhole)
Circular needles 3 mm (for the body)
Tapestry needle

SAMPLE

28 stitches x 42 rows = 10 x 10 cm in stockinette st., n. 3 mm

VERTICAL INVISIBLE SEAMING

Watch this video if you have never done a vertical invisible seaming before: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IULXxuAclEg>

INCREASES

M1R: Insert the left needle into the strand between the two stitches from the back to the front, then knit this strand.
M1L: Insert the left needles into the strand between the two stitches from front to back, then knit this strand through the back loop.

MORE

I chose to make seams between the squares to get a perfect finish. I seamed them together as my work progressed, and I suggest you do the same to avoid color mismatches.

Don't hesitate to share your photos on instagram under the hashtag **#alexatop** and tagging **@lepullepull**. I would also love to see your project on Ravelry.

ABBREVIATIONS

n: needle
ndls: needles
rs: right side
ws: wrong side
r: rows
k: knit
plm: to place marker
s: stitch
sts: stitches
rep: repeat
c-o: cast on

PATTERN

BACK

On 3 mm circular needles, cast-on 31(35) 39 (43) 46 (50) 53 (57) sts. with color A, following these stitches and on the same needles cast-on 31(35) 39 (43) 46 (50) 53 (57) sts. with color B. From here on knit both colors at the same time, without joining them.

Work back and forth until the work measures 17 (17,5) 18 (18,5) 19 (19,5) 20 (20,5) cm.

Then start the increases as follows:

Row 1 (rs): K. 6 m., M1L, k. to last 6 sts. of color B, M1R, k.6 sts, turn (2 inc)

Row 2 (ws): Purl

Repeat these two rows, 6 (7) 7 (8) 9 (9) 10 (11) times in total. There are now 74 (84) 92 (102) 110 (118) 126 (136) sts on the ndls.

In the next row, switch colors. Start with the color B.

Cast-on 5 (6) 7 (8) 9 (10) 11 (12) new stitches at the beginning of the row, then knit the next 37 (42) 46 (51) 55 (59) 63 (68) sts, attach color A, and knit the next 37 (42) 46 (51) 55 (59) 63 (68) sts.

Finally, cast-on 5 (6) 7 (8) 9 (10) 11 (12) new stitches at the end of the row.

There are now 84 (96) 106 (118) 128 (138) 148 (160) stitches on the needles.

Continue back and forth until the top and bottom squares are the same length.

Break the yarn and leave the back stitches on hold on a cable or on a piece of yarn.

FRONT

LEFT SHOULDER

The right side of work facing you, with color B and 3 mm ndls., pick up 14 (14) 14 (16) 18 (18) 20 (22) sts. from the neckline to the shoulder.

The first row is a purl row. Then work back and forth for 5 (6) 6 (6,5) 6 (5,5) 5 (5) cm.

In the next row start the neckline increases as follows:

Row 1 (rs): K. 4 sts, M1L, k. to end of row, turn (1 inc)

Row 2 (ws): Purl

Repeat these 2 rows 11 (15) 15 (15) 17 (17) 21 (24) times in total. There are 25 (29) 29 (31) 35 (35) 41 (46) sts on the ndls. Leave these stitches on hold on the needles, do not break the yarn.

RIGHT SHOULDER

The right side of work facing you, with color A and 3 mm ndls., pick up 14 (14) 14 (16) 18 (18) 20 (22) sts. from the shoulder to the neckline. The first row is a purl row. Then work back and forth for 5 (6) 6 (6,5) 6 (5,5) 5 (5) cm.

In the next row start the neckline increases as follows:

Row 1 (rs): K. to last 4 sts, M1R, k. 4 sts., turn (1 inc)

Row 2 (ws): Purl

Repeat these 2 rows 11 (15) 15 (15) 17 (17) 21 (24) times in total. There are 25 (29) 29 (31) 35 (35) 41 (46) sts on the ndls.

BODY

In the next row, cast-on the neckline stitches as follows:

K. the 25 (29) 29 (31) 35 (35) 41 (46) sts of color A, c-o 6 (6) 10 (12) 11 (15) 12 (11) new sts with color A.

Do not join, and c-o 6 (6) 10 (12) 11 (15) 12 (11) new sts with color B.

From here work both colors at the same time, without joining them.

Knit back and forth until the work measures 17 (17,5) 18 (18,5) 19 (19,5) 20 (20,5) cm.

Then start the increases as follows:

Row 1 (rs): K. 6 m., M1L, k. to last 6 sts. of color B, M1R, k.6 sts, turn (2 inc)

Row 2 (ws): Purl

Repeat these two rows, 6 (7) 7 (8) 9 (9) 10 (11) times in total. There are now 74 (84) 92 (102) 110 (118) 126 (136) sts on the ndls.

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Cast-on 5 (6) 7 (8) 9 (10) 11 (12) new stitches at the beginning of the row, then knit the next 37 (42) 46 (51) 55 (59) 63 (68) sts, attach color A, and knit the next 37 (42) 46 (51) 55 (59) 63 (68) sts. Finally, cast-on 5 (6) 7 (8) 9 (10) 11 (12) new stitches at the end of the row.

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HEM

Replace the sts on hold of the back on ndls. Cut the thread of the color A.

From here, knit the hem in the round with color B.

Knit the 84 (96) 106 (118) 128 (138) 148 (160) sts of the front by joining the two squares, then knit the 84 (96) 106 (118) 128 (138) 148 (160) sts from the back, joining the two squares, Place a marker and knit in the round for 8 rows.

Tuck in the threads before sewing the hem. Then, with the 2.5 mm, (192) 212 (236) 256 (276) 296 (320) sts. pick up sts on the wrong side of your work, 17 rows above the stitches on the needles.

Fold the hem inward, and knit together the 1st st. on the 3 mm ndls and the 1st stitch on the 2.5 mm ndls. Repeat the same for the 2nd stitch and bind off the first stitch over the second one very loosely. This technique will allow you to have an elastic hem and nice finishing.

NECKLINE

With ndls. 2,5 mm, pick up approx. 128 (130) 134 (140) 140 (144) 144 (148) m. along the neck edge, pl.m, join and knit 11 rounds in stockinette st.

Then purl across one round and knit again 11 rounds.

Bind-off stitches as follows:

Fold the neck edge inward, then pick up the 1st stitch on the neck edge and knit together the picked-up stitch and the 1st stitch already on the needles.

Then pick up the 2nd stitch on the neck edge and knit together the picked-up stitch and the 2nd stitch already on the needles.

Finally, bind-off the first stitch over the second.

Bind off the stitches very loosely.

Proceed in this way until all the stitches of the neck edge are bind-off.

SHOULDER EDGE

With 2.5 mm needles pick up approx. 165 (169) 173 (179) 185 (191) 203 (212) sts. along shoulder edge, pl.m, join and knit in the round for a total of 8 rows.

Bind-off stitches as follows:

Fold the shoulder edge inward, then pick up the 1st stitch on the shoulder edge and knit together the picked-up stitch and the 1st stitch already on the needles.

Then pick up the 2nd stitch on the shoulder edge and knit together the picked-up stitch and the 2nd stitch already on the needles.

Finally, bind-off the first stitch over the second.

Bind off the stitches very loosely.

Proceed in this way until all the stitches of the shoulder edge are bind-off.

Repeat for the opposite shoulder edge.

FINISHING

Tuck in the threads, wash and block your Alexa Top.

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