

PetiteKnit

ALFRED'S SWEATER JUNIOR



Sizes:	8-9 (9-10) 10-12 (12-14) years
Chest width:	80 (83) 86 (91) cm [31½ (32¾) 33¾ (35¾) inches]
Length mid front:	50 (52) 54 (56) cm [19¾ (20½) 21¼ (22) inches]
Gauge:	32 stitches x 36 rows in textured pattern = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4 inches
Suggested needles:	3 mm (US2.5) / 60 and 80 cm (24 and 32 inches) circular needles; 3 mm (US2.5) double pointed needles (unless you are using the magic loop technique)
Materials:	350 (350) 400 (400) g Tynn Merinoull from Sandnes Garn (50 g = 175 m [191 yards]); thin elastic band (knitting-in elastic) for the neck hem.

PATTERN

Alfred's Sweater Junior is worked top-down seamless on circular needles. The beginning of the yoke is knit in 2x2 ribbing without raglan increases. The top is then folded over to create a casing or hem (like a short tube) where the elastic band will be placed. Then, the rest of the yoke is worked with raglan increases.

Textured Pattern

The main body of the sweater is worked in a textured pattern (unless otherwise stated), as follows:

Round 1-4: * K1, P1 *, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 5-8: * P1, K1 *, repeat from * to * to end of round.

The rib pattern is created by alternating round 1-4 and round 5-8.

About increases

The raglan increases are worked on either side of a central raglan stitch. The raglan increases on the right side of the raglan stitch slant right (M1R), while the increases on the left side of the raglan stitch slant left (M1L). The increases are worked as follows (see video on www.petiteknit.com):

M1R: Insert left needle under the strand that runs between the stitches from back to front, then knit this strand.

M1L: Insert left needle under the strand that runs between the stitches from front to back, then knit this strand through the back loop.

Yoke

Cast on 196 (196) 204 (204) sts on the 3 mm [US2.5] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needle. Join to knit in the round making sure that your cast-on edge is not twisted. Place a marker to indicate the beginning of the round and work 2 cm [$\frac{3}{4}$ inches] of 2x2 ribbing (k 2, p 2).

Knit together the sts of the next round with the cast on edge to create the hem for the elastic band (see video at www.petiteknit.com), as follows:

Using the right needle, pick up the first stitch of the cast on edge and place it on the left needle, then knit together this stitch with the first stitch of the round. Continue as established picking up the next stitch of the cast on edge and knitting it together with the next stitch of the round all the way around – taking care not to knit it together twisted.

Work 6 (6) 6 (6) cm [$2\frac{1}{4}$ ($2\frac{1}{4}$) $2\frac{1}{4}$ ($2\frac{1}{4}$) inches] of 2x2 ribbing (k 2, p 2).

Divide for raglan increases as follows, starting at the beginning of the round:

1 raglan st, 33 (31) 31 (31) sts (right sleeve), 1 raglan st, 63 (65) 69 (69) sts (front), 1 raglan st, 33 (31) 31 (31) sts (left sleeve), 1 raglan st, 63 (65) 69 (69) sts (back).

The round starts between the right arm and back.

Continue knitting in the round in the textured pattern described above, while at the same time working raglan increases on every other row as follows:

Round 1: * K1 (raglan st), **M1R**, work in the textured pattern to the raglan st, **M1L** *, repeat from * to * until the end of the round (= 8 increases).

Round 2: Work in pattern (all raglan sts is a k st and the new sts from the increases are worked in the established pattern).

Repeat these 2 rounds a total of 28 (29) 29 (32) times (= 420 (428) 436 (460) sts).

Change to a longer circular needle (80 cm [32 inches]) when required to accommodate the increasing number of sts.

Distribution of sts:

1 raglan st, 89 (89) 89 (95) sts (right sleeve), 1 raglan st, 119 (123) 127 (133) sts (front), 1 raglan st, 89 (89) 89 (95) sts (left sleeve), 1 raglan st, 119 (123) 127 (133) sts (back).

Body

Divide the sts for body and sleeves, while at the same time casting on new sts at each underarm as follows:

K1 (raglan st), place the next 89 (89) 89 (95) sts on a stitch holder (right sleeve), cast on 7 (7) 9 (11) new sts in extension of the sts on the needle using the backward loop method, k1 (raglan st), knit 119 (123) 127 (133) sts in pattern (front), k1 (raglan st), place the next 89 (89) 89 (95) sts on a stitch holder (left sleeve), cast on 7 (7) 9 (11) new sts in extension of the sts on the needle using the backward loop, k1 (raglan st), knit 119 (123) 127 (133) sts in pattern (back).

There are now a total of 256 (264) 276 (292) sts on the needles for the body.

The beginning of the round is in the middle of the new sts under the right sleeve.

Change to a 3 mm [US2.5] / 60 or 80 cm [24 or 32 inches]. Work in the round in textured pattern until the sweater mid front measures 43 (45) 47 (49) cm [17 (17¾) 18½ (19¼) inches]. For the neatest result, adjust the length to end with a full repetition of the textured pattern (at the end of 4 rounds of 1x1 ribbing).

Work 7 (7) 7 (7) cm [2¾ (2¾) 2¾ (2¾) inches] of 2x2 ribbing (k 2, p 2). Cast off in ribbing.

Sleeves

The sleeves are worked on 3 mm double pointed needles or with a 3 mm long circular needle using the magic loop method. Pick up 7 (7) 9 (11) sts in the 7 (7) 9 (11) new sts under the arm on the body (= 96 (96) 98 (106) sts) and start the round at the center of these. Work in textured pattern until the sleeve measures 26 (28) 31 (34) cm [10¼ (11) 12¼ (13½) inches] from the underarm, **while at the same time** working decreases every 7th (8th) 8th (8th) round as follows: work the first 2 and last 2 sts together (k2tog or p2tog depending on the textured pattern) a total of 12 (12) 13 (15) times (= 72 (72) 72 (76) sts).

Work 7 (7) 7 (7) cm [$2\frac{3}{4}$ ($2\frac{3}{4}$) $2\frac{3}{4}$ ($2\frac{3}{4}$) inches] of 2x2 ribbing (k 2, p 2). Cast off in ribbing.

Finishing

Pull a thin elastic thread (also called knitting-in elastic) through the folded neck edge using a safety pin and tie a knot.

Weave in all ends.

Abbreviations:

st/sts: stitch/stitches

k: knit

p: purl

M1R: "make one" increase that leans to the right, by picking up the thread between two stitches from behind and knitting the new stitch normally

M1L: "make one" increase that leans to the left, by picking up the thread between two stitches from in front and knitting the new stitch twisted through the back loop

k2tog: knit 2 together

p2tog: purl 2 together

2x2 Ribbing: k2, p2 and in all rounds work the stitches as they present themselves

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