PINK VELVET

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—— DETAILS ——

I was traveling to teach when I spotted the yarn for this sweater - the same colorway, but on two very different bases. I was immediately inspired and knew I wanted to put them to use in a beautiful colorwork yoke. The texture of the Melted Suri adds a romantic, vintage feel to this circular yoke pullover.

SIZES

1 (2, 3, 4, 5)(6, 7, 8, 9)
See the notes section for helpful tips on picking the right size for you!

FINISHED BUST CIRCUMFERENCE

32 (36, 40, 44, 48)(52, 56, 60, 64)"
81.5 (91.5, 101.5, 112, 122)(132, 142, 152.5, 162.5) cm
Recommended ease is 0 - 2"/0 - 5 cm; sample is shown in Size 2 on a 34"/86.5 cm bust with 2"/5 cm of positive ease.

YARN

MC - Fingering weight (480 m/120 g)
660 (741, 848, 936, 1060)(1144, 1285, 1423, 1526) yds
151 (170, 194, 214, 243)(262, 294, 326, 349) g
603 (678, 775, 856, 970)(1046, 1175, 1300, 1396) m
CC - Fingering weight (175 m/50 g)
139 (156, 179, 198, 224)(241, 271, 300, 322) yds
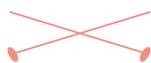37 (41, 47, 52, 59)(63, 71, 79, 84) g
127 (143, 164, 181, 205)(221, 248, 274, 294) m

SUGGESTED YARN

MC - Qing Fibres Yak Singles (65% Merino/20% Silk/15% Yak) 120 g/480 m - 2 (2, 2, 2, 3)(3, 3, 3, 3) skeins Peachy
CC - Qing Fibres Melted Suri (65% Baby Suri Alpaca/25% Merino/10% Silk) 175 m/50 g - 1 (1, 1, 2, 2)(2, 2, 2, 2) skein/s Peachy

SUGGESTED NEEDLES

Main Fabric: US 4/3.5 mm −24"/60 cm to 40"/100 cm circular and preferred needles for small circumference knitting (Magic Loop or DPNs)
Ribbing: US 3/3.25 mm - 16"/40 cm circular for collar, 32"/80 cm for hem and preferred needles for small circumference knitting for cuffs, plus a spare for the Tubular Bind Off.
(Use the needle size you need to achieve gauge. The ribbing needle should be 1 US size smaller than the Main Fabric needle.)

NOTIONS

Stitch marker, row counter (recommended), scissors, waste yarn or stitch holders

GAUGE

24 sts & 34 rows = 4"/10 cm on larger needles.
Measured over stockinette stitch in the round after blocking. Take care during the colorwork yoke - some knitters knit colorwork tighter and may need to go up a needle size for that portion of the sweater.

o To pick your size, measure around your full bust, then add or subtract your desired ease to that number. Pick the size closest to that from the *FINISHED BUST CIRCUMFERENCE* on page 2 - DETAILS.

o This sweater is worked from the top down, seamlessly. The sleeve sts are put on hold while the body is finished and then returned to the needle. This sweater has a cropped fit with 3/4 length sleeves. You can, of course, modify this sweater to have a longer body and/or sleeves, but do take into account that extra yardage will be required to extend the length.

o When working stranded colorwork, one color will be more dominant then the other. It is best to use the contrast colors as the dominant yarn when working from the charts. Here is a great blog post to maintain color dominance in your project: https://tinyurl.com/y698j2kp

o Long Tail Tubular Cast On Video Tutorial: https://youtu.be/RbElPT1bCg8

o Long Tail Tubular Bind Off Tutorial: https://tinyurl.com/y66jry2s

o If you do not care for the Long Tail Tubular Cast On and Bind Off, you can sub in your favorites - such as the Long Tail Cast On or Twisted German Cast On and a regular Bind Off or Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind Off.

o If preferred, you can leave the sts on one needle for the Tubular Bind Off Kitchener Stitch. Here is a video tutorial: https://youtu.be/UNVNaKhxV4o

o Beginning in the lower right hand corner of the charts, read all rounds from right to left as for working in the round.

o To resolve a wrapped KNIT stitch on the RIGHT side: Insert the right hand needle into the wrap and then into the wrapped stitch and knit them together.

o To resolve a wrapped PURL stitch on the RIGHT side: Slip wrapped stitch to RHN, insert LHN into wrap, pull it up onto RHN, slip stitch and wrap back to LHN, purl them together.

o To resolve a wrapped KNIT stitch on the WRONG side: With the LHN tilted down, lift the back of the wrap onto the needle, knit the wrap and wrapped stitch together.

o To resolve a wrapped PURL stitch on the WRONG side: Insert the right hand needle from behind, under the wrap, and lift the wrap onto the left hand needle. Purl the wrap and wrapped stitch together.

{ } - Repeat
BO - Bind off
BOR - Beginning of round
CO - Cast on
CONT - Continue/d
DEC/'D - Decrease/d
DPN/S - Double pointed needle/s
INC/'D - Increase/d
K - Knit
K2TOG - Knit 2 stitches together. [1 st dec'd]
LHN - Left hand needle
M - Marker
P - Purl
M1 - Pick up the bar between the last stitch you knit and the one you're about to knit, bringing the needle from the back to the front. Knit thru the front of this stitch. [1 st inc'd]
MC - Main Color
PM - Place marker
PREV - Previously
REM - Remaining

REP - Repeat
RHN - Right hand needle
RND/S - Round/s
RS - Right side
SL - Slip stitch purlwise (unless knitwise is indicated).
SM - Slip marker
SSK - Slip the next 2 stitches knitwise and then knit them together thru the back loops. [1 st dec'd]
ST/S - Stitch/es
TBL - thru the back loop
WS - Wrong side
W&T - Wrap and turn: Knit Row (Purl Row) Slip next stitch to right hand needle, pass yarn from back (front) to front (back), slip stitch back to left hand needle. Turn to work other side, passing yarn to front (back) of work. It is a good practice to give the yarn a little tug to keep your wraps snug.
WYIB - With yarn in back
WYIF - With yarn in front

COLLAR

Using MC and smaller needle, CO 120 (120, 120, 124, 128)(128, 132, 132, 132) sts using the Long Tail Tubular Cast On method. Do not join to work in the round.
If you choose to use a different cast on method, skip the following 2 Tubular Rows.

Tubular Row 1: {K1-tbl, sl 1 wyif} to the end.
Tubular Row 2: {K1, sl 1 wyif} to the end.

Place a BOR marker and join to work in the round, being careful not to twist the sts.

The BOR marker is located at the center back of the sweater.

Rib Pattern: {K1, p1} around.
Continue working in the established rib pattern for 0.5"/1 cm.

Sizes 1-4 proceed to Short Row Back Neck Shaping.

Sizes 5-9 ONLY

Setup Inc Rnd: *K- (-, -, -, 8)(4, 4, 2, 2), m1; rep from * to end of rnd.
[- (-, -, -, 16)(32, 33, 66, 66) sts inc'd;
- (-, -, -, 144)(160, 165, 198, 198) sts on needle]

SHORT ROW BACK NECK SHAPING

The short row shaping will be worked flat, back and forth in rows.
Change to larger needle.
Short Row 1 (RS): K14 (14, 14, 18, 18)(18, 20, 20, 20), W&T.
Short Row 2 (WS): Purl to BOR M, SM, p14 (14, 14, 18, 18)(18, 20, 20, 20), W&T.
Short Row 3: Knit to prev wrapped st, resolve by knitting the wrapped st with its wrap, k4, W&T.
Short Row 4: Purl to prev wrapped st, resolve by purling the wrapped st with its wrap, p4, W&T.
[Rep Short Rows 3 & 4] twice *more.*
Short Row 9: Knit to BOR marker.
Rnd 10: Knit, resolving rem wrapped sts as they are encountered.

Sizes 1-4 proceed to Yoke Increases #1.

Sizes 5-9: Knit 2 more rnds even. Proceed to Yoke Increases #1.

YOKE INCREASES #1

SIZE 1: *K10, m1; rep from * to end of rnd.
[12 sts inc'd; 132 sts on needle]

SIZE 2: *K4, m1; rep from * to end of rnd.
[30 sts inc'd; 150 sts on needle]

SIZE 3: *K2, m1, k3, m1; rep from * to end of rnd.
[48 sts inc'd; 168 sts on needle]

SIZE 4: *K2, m1; rep from * to end of rnd.
[62 sts inc'd; 186 sts on needle]

SIZE 5: *K3, m1; rep from * 11 *more* times, *k2, m1; rep from * to end of rnd.
[66 sts inc'd; 210 sts on needle]

SIZE 6: *K2, m1; rep from * 19 *more* times, *k3, m1, k2, m1; rep from * to end of rnd.
[68 sts inc'd; 228 sts on needle]

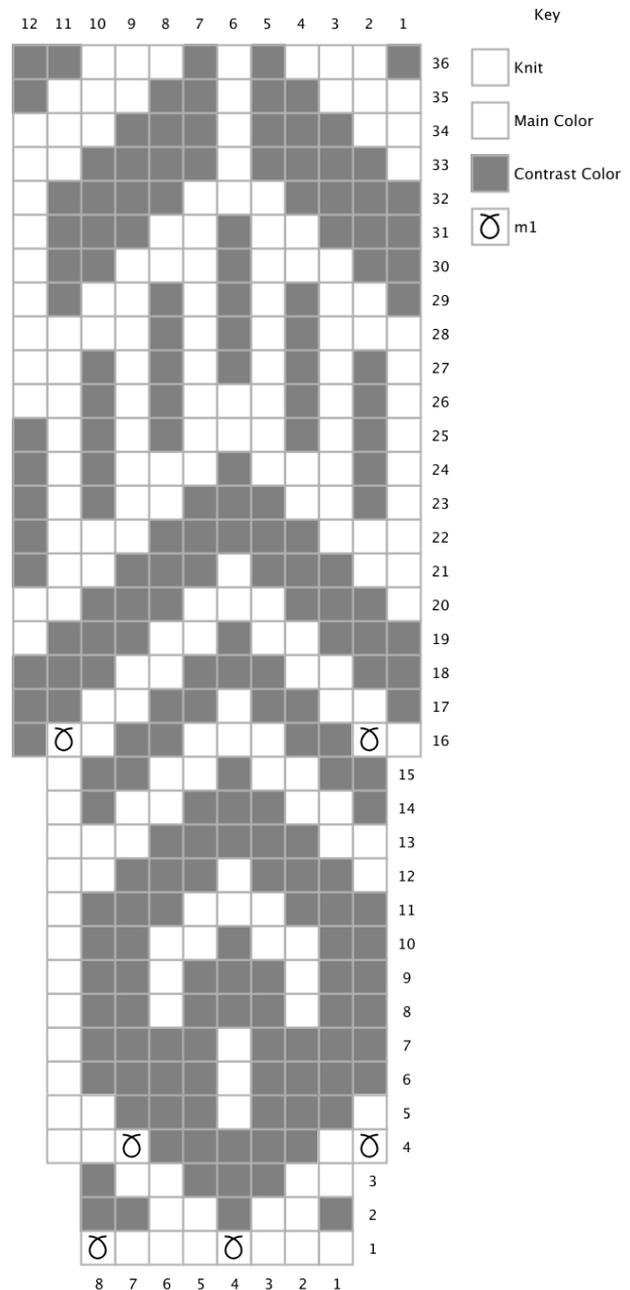**SIZE 7:** K3, *m1, k2; rep from * to end of rnd.
[81 sts inc'd; 246 sts on needle]

SIZE 8: *K3, m1; rep from * to end of rnd.
[66 sts inc'd; 264 sts on needle]

SIZE 9: *K3, m1; rep from * 17 *more* times, *k2, m1; rep from * to end of rnd.
[90 sts inc'd; 288 sts on needle]

Next 3 Rnds: Knit.

YOKE CHART

All sizes: Work Rnds 1-36 from the chart below, repeating the chart across the rnd and joining the CC on Rnd 2. *See pg. 7 for st counts after each increase rnd.*

Key
- Knit
- Main Color
- Contrast Color
- m1

RND 1 INC - 176 (200, 224, 248, 280)(304, 328, 352, 384) sts on needle

RND 4 INC - 220 (250, 280, 310, 350)(380, 410, 440, 480) sts on needle

RND 16 INC - 264 (300, 336, 372, 420)(456, 492, 528, 576) sts on needle

FINISH YOKE
Break CC. The remainder of the body will be worked with MC only. Work even, knitting every round until the Yoke measures approx. 7.5 (8, 8.5, 9, 9.5)(9.75, 10.75, 12, 12)"/19 (20.5, 21.5, 23, 24)(25, 27.5, 30.5, 30.5) cm, measured straight down from the front cast on edge.

Keep in mind, the beauty of a top down sweater is trying it on as you go! Make sure you like the yoke depth before proceeding to the next section.

SEPARATE SLEEVES AND BODY
K41 (46, 53, 59, 65)(71, 77, 83, 89) back sts, place 50 (58, 62, 68, 80)(86, 92, 98, 110) sleeve sts on hold using waste yarn or a stitch holder, CO 15 sts for the underarm using the Backwards Loop method, k82 (92, 106, 118, 130)(142, 154, 166, 178) front sts, place 50 (58, 62, 68, 80)(86, 92, 98, 110) sleeve sts on hold using waste yarn or a stitch holder, CO 15 sts for the underarm using the Backwards Loop method, knit the rem 41 (46, 53, 59, 65)(71, 77, 83, 89) back sts.

194 (214, 242, 266, 290)(314, 338, 362, 386) body sts on needle.

BODY
Work even, knitting every round, until the body measures 8.5"/21.5 cm or 1.5"/4 cm less than your desired length, measured from the underarm.

HEM
Change to smaller needle.

Rib Pattern: {K1, p1} around.
Continue working in the established rib pattern for 1.5"/4 cm.
Tubular BO Rnd 1: {K1, sl 1 wyif} to the end of the rnd.
Tubular BO Rnd 2: {Sl 1 wyib, p1} to the end of the rnd.
Sl each st purlwise, slipping the knit sts onto the working needle and the purl sts onto a spare needle. Break yarn, leaving a tail 3 x the length of the sts to be bound off, and BO all sts using the Kitchener stitch.

SLEEVES (same for both)
Place the 50 (58, 62, 68, 80)(86, 92, 98, 110) sts of one sleeve onto larger needle for your preferred method of small circumference knitting (either Magic Loop or DPNs). Starting from the middle of the cast-on underarm sts, attach MC and pick up and knit 8 sts, knit across the live sleeve sts, pick up and knit 8 sts, PM and join for working in the round.
66 (74, 78, 84, 96)(102, 108, 114, 126) sts on needle.

DEC RND: K1, k2tog, knit to the last 3 sts, ssk, k1. [2 sts dec'd]

Work the sleeve even, knitting every rnd and repeating the Dec Rnd every 1 (1, 1, 1, 1)(0.75, 0.75, 0.75, 0.5)"/2.5 (2.5, 2.5, 2.5, 2.5)(2, 2, 2, 1) cm - 8 (12, 8, 11, 11)(14, 11, 14, 17) *more* times.

[18 (26, 18, 24, 24)(30, 24, 30, 36) sts dec'd; 48 (48, 60, 60, 72)(72, 84, 84, 90) sts remain]

Cont working even until the sleeve measures 13"/33 cm from the underarm, or 1"/2.5 cm less than your desired length.

CUFF
Change to smaller needle.
Rib pattern: {K1, p1} around.
Continue working in the established rib pattern for 1"/2.5 cm.
Tubular BO Setup Rnd 1: {K1, sl 1 wyif} around.
Tubular BO Setup Rnd 2: {Sl 1 wyib, p1} around.

Slip each stitch purlwise, slipping the knit stitches onto the working needle and the purl stitches onto a spare needle. Break yarn, leaving a tail 3 x the length of the stitches to be bound off, and BO all stitches using the Kitchener stitch.

Repeat for the other sleeve.

FINISHING
Weave in ends.

Wet block sweater by letting it soak in lukewarm bath with wool wash for at least 15 minutes.
Gently squeeze the excess water from your sweater. Sandwich sweater between clean towels and step on top to remove as much moisture as possible without distorting your sweater.
Repeat with fresh towels if necessary.
Lay sweater flat to dry using the schematic to help achieve the desired shape and measurements.
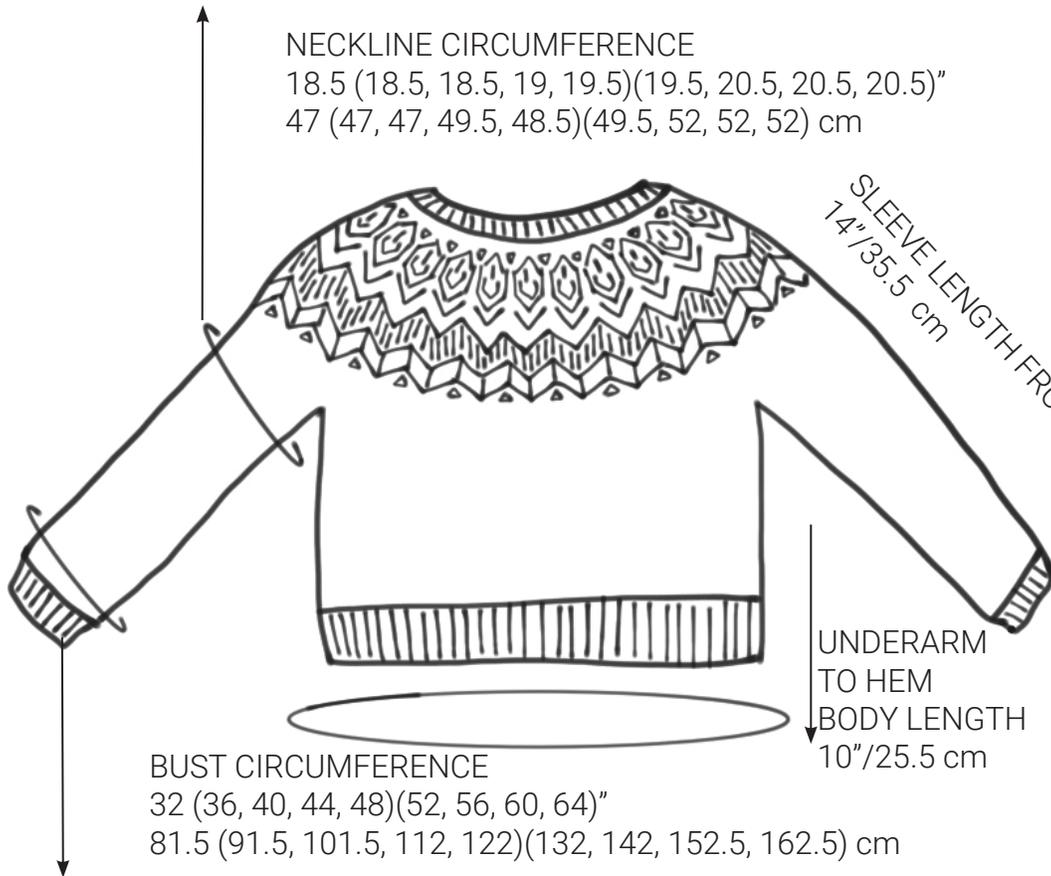Trim yarn tails and wear!

PINK VELVET
—— SCHEMATIC ——

UPPER ARM CIRCUMFERENCE
11 (12, 13, 14, 16)(17, 18, 19, 21)"
28 (30.5, 33, 35.5, 40.5)(43, 46, 48, 53.5) cm

NECKLINE CIRCUMFERENCE
18.5 (18.5, 18.5, 19, 19.5)(19.5, 20.5, 20.5, 20.5)"
47 (47, 47, 49.5, 48.5)(49.5, 52, 52, 52) cm

SLEEVE LENGTH FROM UNDERARM
14"/35.5 cm

UNDERARM
TO HEM
BODY LENGTH
10"/25.5 cm

BUST CIRCUMFERENCE
32 (36, 40, 44, 48)(52, 56, 60, 64)"
81.5 (91.5, 101.5, 112, 122)(132, 142, 152.5, 162.5) cm

CUFF CIRCUMFERENCE
8 (8, 10, 10, 12)(12, 14, 14, 15)"
20.5 (20.5, 25.5, 25.5, 30.5)(30.5, 35.5, 35.5, 38) cm

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