

A *eweknit* PATTERN

AZUCENA PULLOVER

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DESCRIPTION

The Azucena sweater was designed especially for Chile...during 2023 Claudia met wonderful knitters and crafters from there.

Azucena is a flower that grows in the Chilean Patagonia, and it's the inspiration behind this colourwork sweater with embellishments.

EXPERIENCE LEVEL

Intermediate

TECHNIQUES USED

Long-tail cast on
Knitting and purling in the round
Increasing and decreasing
Backward Loop cast on
Reading from charts
Working stranded colour work
Working with DPNs (optional)
German Short-rows (optional)
Binding off

GAUGE

21 sts & 30 rnds = 4" / 10 cm in Stockinette /
Stocking stitch in the round on a 4.00 mm (US 6)
needle, after blocking.

SIZES

XS (S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X) To be worn with approx
2-4" / 5-10 cm positive ease.

MATERIALS

Yarn

Main Colour (MC) - one strand of Yarn A along with one strand of Yarn B

Yarn A - Gepard Garn Wild & Soft (Fingering Weight; 60% Merino Wool, 40% wild tussah silk; 240 m per 50 g)
5 (5, 6, 6, 7, 7, 8, 8) skeins, Colour 158

Yarn B - Gepard Garn Kid Seta Tweed (Lace weight; 70% kid mohair, 30% silk; 210 m per 25 g)
5 (5, 6, 6, 7, 7, 8, 8) skeins, Colour 210

Contrast Colour (CC) - one strand of Yarn C along with one strand of Yarn D

Yarn C - Gepard Garn Wild & Soft (Fingering Weight; 60% Merino Wool, 40% wild tussah silk; 240 m per 50 g)
1 (1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2) skeins, Colour 101

Yarn D - Gepard Garn Kid Seta (Lace weight; 70% super kid mohair, 30% silk; 210 m per 25 g)
1 (1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2) skeins, Colour 416

Note: 1 strand of Yarn A along with 1 strand of Yarn B (Main Colour), or 1 strand of Yarn C along with 1 strand of Yarn D (Contrast Colour) are held together throughout pattern.

Needles

3.75 mm (US 5) circular needle 16" / 40 cm (optional), 32" / 80 cm (or longer for larger sizes), and a set of Double Pointed Needles (DPNs)

4.00 mm (US 6) circular needle 16" / 40 cm (optional), 32" / 80 cm (or longer for larger sizes), and a set of Double Pointed Needles (DPNs)

or needle size required to obtain correct gauge.

Notions

1 stitch marker, waste yarn or stitch holders, tapestry needle, embroidery needle, small pearl beads for decoration below neckband, above sleeve cuffs and centre of each flower, metallic embroidery thread

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Bust Circumference: 34 (38, 42, 46, 50, 54, 58, 62)" / 86.5 (96.5, 106.5, 117, 127, 137, 147.5, 157.5) cm

Body Length to Underarm (at centre front): 10½ (11, 11½, 12½, 13, 13½, 14, 14½)" / 26.5 (28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35.5, 37) cm

Sleeve length to Underarm: 16½ (16½, 17, 17, 17½, 17½, 18, 18)" / 42 (42, 43, 43, 44.5, 44.5, 45.5, 45.5) cm

Upper Arm: 12 (13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18½, 19½)" / 30.5 (33, 35.5, 38, 40.5, 43, 47, 49.5, 49.5) cm

Yoke Depth (front to neckband): 6½ (6½, 7½, 8, 8½, 9, 9½, 10)" / 16.5 (16.5, 19, 20.5, 21.5, 23, 24, 25.5)

NOTES

This is a circular yoke-neck pullover worked from the top down. A section of German short rows is worked at the back neck and lower yoke for a more comfortable fit. Neck and sleeve instructions are written to use DPNs, however an alternate method of working small circumferences can be used, such as Magic-Loop. The yoke is worked from charts. As the yoke increases, change to a longer circular needle when necessary. When working stranded colour work, keep floats in the back loose to maintain stretch. For floats longer than 5 sts, twist yarns together in the back.

STITCH GUIDE

Make double stitch (German Short-rows)

Slip the first stitch on the left needle purl-wise and pull the working yarn **over top of** the right needle tightly to create a double stitch. This is really the two legs of the stitch in the row below. Reposition the yarn as needed for the next stitch: to the front for a purl stitch, to the back for a knit stitch. Work the next few sts tighter than usual. Later, when working the double stitch, work it as a single stitch (like a k2tog). This is the key feature of the German Short Row.

M1L (make 1 stitch left leaning)

Insert left needle, from front to back, under strand of yarn which runs between next st on left needle and last st on right needle; knit this st through back loop (1 st increased)

Ssk (Slip, slip, knit - single decrease)

Slip two stitches knit-wise one at a time from left needle to right needle. Insert point of left needle into front of two slipped stitches and knit them together with right needle (1 st decreased)

ABBREVIATIONS

approx approximately

BOR beginning of round

Dec(d) decrease(d)

DPNs double pointed needles

Inc(d) increase(d)

k(K) knit

knit-wise insert needle into stitch as if to knit it

k2tog knit 2 stitches together (decrease)

M1L (See Stitch Guide)

p(P) purl

PM place marker

purl-wise insert needle into stitch as if to purl it

rep repeat

rnd(s) round(s)

RS right side of fabric

SM slip marker

ssk (See Stitch Guide)

st(s) stitch(es)

St st stockinette/stocking stitch

tog together

WS wrong side of fabric

* Repeat instructions from the asterisk as directed

[] repeat instructions in brackets as directed

PATTERN BEGINS

Neck Edge

Using 3.75 mm (US 5) DPNs and CC (one strand of Yarn C along with one strand of Yarn D held together throughout), cast on 96 (100, 104, 108, 112, 116, 120, 124) sts using the long-tail cast on method, or your preferred method of cast on. PM for BOR and join in the rnd, making sure that sts are not twisted around needle. BOR is positioned at centre back of neck.

Rnd 1: [K1, p1] to end.

Rep rnd 1, 7 more times.

Change to 4.00 mm (US 6) shorter circular needle and knit 1 rnd, inc 0 (0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 8) sts evenly spaced across, using an MIL. — 96 (100, 104, 108, 112, 116, 124, 132) sts

Work Back Neck Short-Rows

Short-Row 1 (RS): Knit 37 (39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 51, 55), turn.

Short-Row 2 (WS): Make double st, purl to BOR, SM, purl 37 (39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 51, 55) sts, turn.

Short-Row 3 (RS): Make double st, bring yarn to back, slipping BOR marker, knit to 5 (5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7, 7) sts before the double st, turn.

Short-Row 4 (WS): Make double st, bring yarn to front, slipping BOR marker, purl to 5 (5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7, 7) sts before the double st, turn.

Short-Row 5 (RS): Make double st, bring yarn to back, slipping BOR marker, knit to 6 (6, 7, 7, 7, 8, 8, 8) sts before the double st, turn.

Short-Row 6 (WS): Make double st, bring yarn to front, slipping BOR marker, purl to 6 (6, 7, 7, 7, 8, 8, 8) sts before the double st, turn.

Rep Short-Rows 5 and 6 once more.

Next Short-Row (RS): Make double st, bring yarn to back, knit to BOR marker.

Next Rnd: Knit, working the double sts as one (like a k2tog). — 96 (100, 104, 108, 112, 116, 124, 132) sts

Adjustment Rnd: Knit, inc 8 sts evenly spaced around, using an MIL. — 104 (108, 112, 116, 120, 124, 132, 140) sts

Begin Yoke (Change to longer circular needle when necessary)

Sizes XS, M & L Only

Adjustment Rnd: K4 (-, 2, 1, -, -, -, -), *M1L, k4 (-, 3, 3, -, -, -, -), MIL, k3 (-, 2, 2, -, -, -, -)*; rep from * to * to last 2 (-, 0, 0, -, -, -, -) sts, k2 (-, 0, 0, -, -, -, -). — 132 (-, 156, 162, -, -, -, -) sts

Sizes S, 2X, 3X & 4X Only

Adjustment Rnd: [K- (3, -, -, -, 2, 2, 2), M1L] to end — (144, -, -, -, 186, 198, 210) sts

Size XL Only

Adjustment Rnd: [K- (-, -, -, 5, -, -, -), M1L] twice, [k- (-, -, -, 2, -, -, -), M1L] to last 10 sts, [k- (-, -, -, 5, -, -, -), M1L] twice — (-, -, -, 174, -, -, -) sts

All Sizes Resume

With CC, knit 0 (0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 2, 2) rnds.

Reading all rnds from right to left, begin working yoke pattern from Chart A specified for your size, rep'ing the 6 st rep 22 (24, 26, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35) times around until 44 (44, 44, 55, 55, 55, 55, 55) rnds of chart are complete. Break CC. — 264 (288, 312, 324, 348, 372, 396, 420) sts

With MC, knit 0 (0, 5, 0, 3, 6, 9, 12) rnds.

Sizes XS, S, M & L Only

Adjustment Rnd: With MC, knit inc 2 (8, 12, 30, -, -, -, -) sts evenly spaced around, using an MIL. — 266 (296, 324, 354, -, -, -, -) sts

Sizes XL & 3X Only

Adjustment Rnd: With MC, k- (-, -, -, 6, -, 4, -), [M1L, k- (-, -, -, 9, -, 7, -)] to end. — (-, -, -, 386, -, 452, -) sts

Sizes 2X & 4X Only

Adjustment Rnd: With MC, k- (-, -, -, -, 8, -, 15), MIL, *k- (-, -, -, -, 9, -, 7), MIL, k- (-, -, -, -, 8, -, 6), M1L*; rep from * to * to last - (-, -, -, -, 7, -, 15) sts, k- (-, -, -, -, 7, -, 15), M1L. — (-, -, -, -, 416, -, 482) sts

All Sizes Resume

Work Back Yoke Short-Rows

Short-Row 1 (RS): K67 (74, 82, 89, 97, 104, 113, 120), turn.

Short-Row 2 (WS): Make double st, purl to BOR, SM, p67 (74, 82, 89, 97, 104, 113, 120) sts, turn.

Short-Row 3 (RS): Make double st, bring yarn to back, slipping BOR marker, knit to 5 (5, 5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7) sts before the double st, turn.

Short-Row 4 (WS): Make double st, bring yarn to front, slipping BOR marker, purl to 5 (5, 5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7) sts before the double st, turn.

Short-Row 5 (RS): Make double st, bring yarn to back, slipping BOR marker, knit to 6 (6, 6, 7, 7, 7, 8, 8) sts before the double st, turn.

Short-Row 6 (WS): Make double st, bring yarn to front, slipping BOR marker, purl to 6 (6, 6, 7, 7, 8, 8) sts before the double st, turn.

Rep Short-Rows 5 and 6, - (-, -, 1, 1, 1, 1) more time.

Next Short-Row (RS): Make double st, bring yarn to back, knit to BOR marker.

Next Rnd: Knit, working the double sts as one (like a k2tog). – 266 (296, 324, 354, 386, 416, 452, 482) sts

Divide for Body

Next Rnd: Leave BOR marker in place, k40 (45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75), place next 54 (58, 63, 67, 73, 78, 86, 90) sts for sleeve onto waste yarn or holder, using backward loop method, cast on 10 (10, 11, 11, 11, 12, 12, 12) sts for underarm, k78 (90, 98, 110, 120, 130, 140, 152), place next 54 (58, 63, 67, 73, 78, 86, 90) sts for sleeve onto waste yarn or holder, using backward loop method, cast on 10 (10, 11, 11, 11, 12, 12, 12) sts for underarm, knit to end of rnd. – 178 (200, 220, 242, 262, 284, 304, 326) sts

Continue in St st in the rnd until body measures 9½ (10, 10½, 11½, 12, 12½, 13, 13½)"/ 24 (25.5, 26.5, 29, 30.5, 32, 33, 34) cm from underarm or 1" / 2.5 cm less than desired length to start of lower hem.

Bottom Hem

Change to 3.75 mm (US 5) longer circular needle and work as follows:

Rnd 1: [With CC, k1, with MC, p1] to end. Rep rnd 1 until work measures 1"/ 2.5 cm. With CC, bind off evenly knit-wise.

Sleeves

Place 54 (58, 63, 67, 73, 78, 86, 90) sts on waste yarn for sleeve onto DPNs (or needle in preferred style for working small circumferences, with MC and beginning at centre of underarm, pick up and knit 5 (5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 6) sts along underarm cast on sts, k54 (58, 63, 67, 73, 78, 86, 90) sts from sleeve, and then pick up and knit 5 (5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6) sts along underarm cast on to centre. PM to mark BOR. – 64 (68, 74, 78, 84, 90, 98, 102) sts

Continue in St st in the rnd until sleeve measures 14½ (14½, 15, 15, 15½, 15½, 16, 16)"/ 37 (37, 38, 38, 39.5, 39.5, 40.5, 40.5) cm

from cast on edge, or 2" / 5 cm less than desired length.

Adjustment Rnd: Knit, dec 4 (2, 2, 0, 0, 0, 2, 0) sts evenly spaced around. – 60 (66, 72, 78, 84, 90, 96, 102) sts

Reading all rnds from right to left, begin working from Chart B, rep'ing the 6 st rep 10 (11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17) times around until 7 rnds of chart are complete. Break MC.

Sizes XS Only

Adjustment Rnd: With CC, k2 (-, -, -, -, -, -, -), [k2tog, k2, k2tog, k1] to last 2 (-, -, -, -, -, -, -) sts, k2 (-, -, -, -, -, -, -). – 44 (-, -, -, -, -, -, -) sts

Sizes S, M & L Only

Adjustment Rnd: With CC, [k1, k2tog] to end.

– (44, 48, 52, -, -, -, -) sts

Sizes XL, 2X, 3X & 4X Only

Adjustment Rnd: With CC, k- (-, -, -, 2, 0, 0, 1), [k2tog, k1, k2tog] to last - (-, -, -, 2, 0, 1, 1) sts, k- (-, -, -, 2, 0, 1, 1). – (-, -, -, 52, 54, 58, 62) sts

Cuff

Change to 3.75 mm (US 5) DPNs or shorter circular needle and work as follows:

Rnd 1: [With CC, k1, with MC, p1] to end. Rep rnd 1 until cuff measures 1"/ 2.5 cm. With CC, bind off evenly knit-wise.

Rep for other sleeve.

FINISHING

Weave in ends, closing any gaps that remain at the underarms. Block to measurements. If desired, sew a pearl bead to each MC "tip" below neckband and above sleeve cuff and to centre of each flower using an embroidery needle. With a double strand of metallic embroidery thread, embroider a flower on top of each small flower in yoke (first 2 rows of flowers in yoke), using the lazy daisy stitch.

CHART A
 Sizes XS, S & M Only

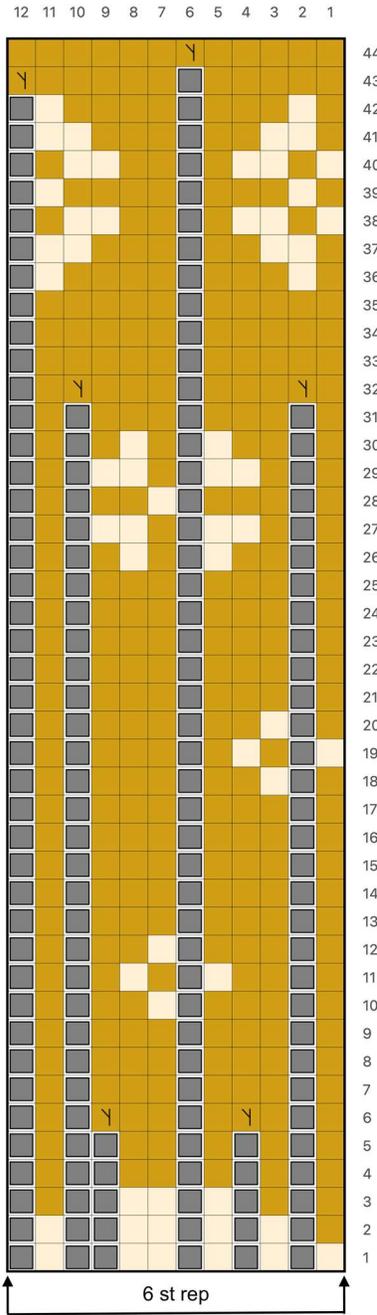
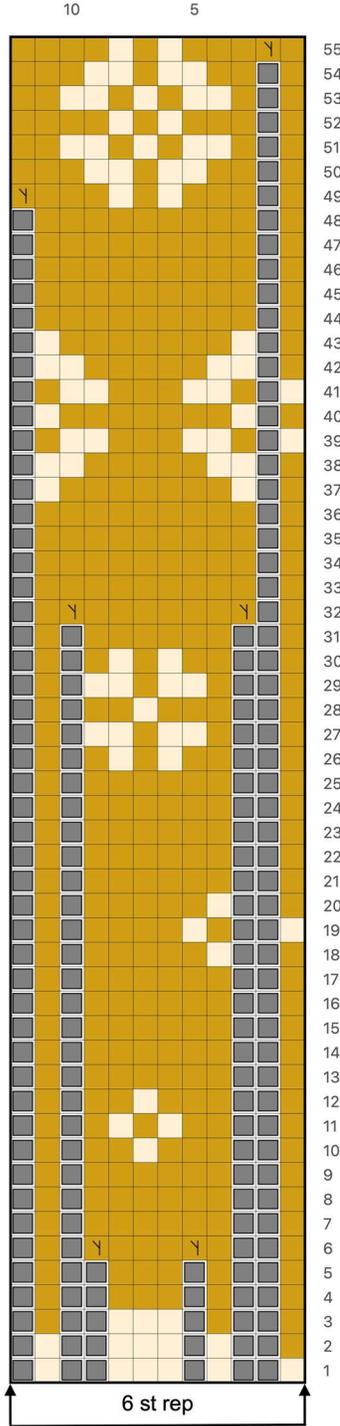


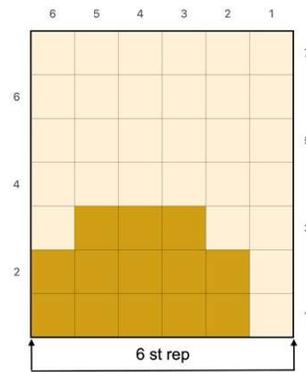
CHART A
 Sizes L, XL, 2X, 3X & 4X Only



KEY

- MC
- CC
- Y with MC, M1L
- no stitch

CHART B





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