



## *BLOOM PULLOVER*

*Knitting Pattern by Woolbird | No.41*

*The Bloom Pullover is a wintry floral colorwork sweater with a cozy double folded neckband.  
Knitted in a lofty yarn, this sweater is warm yet lightweight for the coldest of winter days.*

## S U P P L I E S

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**Main Color (MC):** 660 (735) 765 (840) 895 (1010) 1095 (1205) 1265 (1325) yds [605 (670) 700 (770) 820 (925) 1000 (1100) 1160 (1210) m] of K+C Cloudpaca (50g; 164 yds [150m] per ball) in color Maple Sugar or similar worsted weight yarn.

**Contrasting Color (CC):** 255 (270) 290 (310) 325 (370) 385 (420) 445 (460) yds [235 (245) 265 (285) 300 (340) 350 (385) 405 (420) m] of K+C Cloudpaca (50g; 164 yds [150m] per ball) in color Whipped Cream.

*Cloudpaca yarn is unfortunately now discontinued. Linked here are alternatives that I or test knitters have personally used, making great substitutes for Cloudpaca. [Alternatives: Kos, Drops Air, Wonderfluff\\*](#), [Divina](#), [Feeling Good Yarn](#), [Santiago](#), [Beatrix](#).*

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Set of five 4mm(US6) DPNs *for sleeve ribbing*

4mm(US6) 32-40" circular needles [80-100 cm] *for hem ribbing*

4.5mm(US7) 16" circular needles [40 cm] *for neckband ribbing*

5mm(US8) 16" and 32-40" circular needles [40 and 80-100 cm] *for stockinette body & sleeves*

5.5mm(US9) 16" and 32-40" circular needles [40 and 80-100 cm] *for colorwork yoke*

Notions: 1 stitch marker, scissors, yarn needle, waste yarn/barber cord, measuring tape,

*Optional: Counter or locking stitch markers for round counting*

## P A T T E R N   N O T E S

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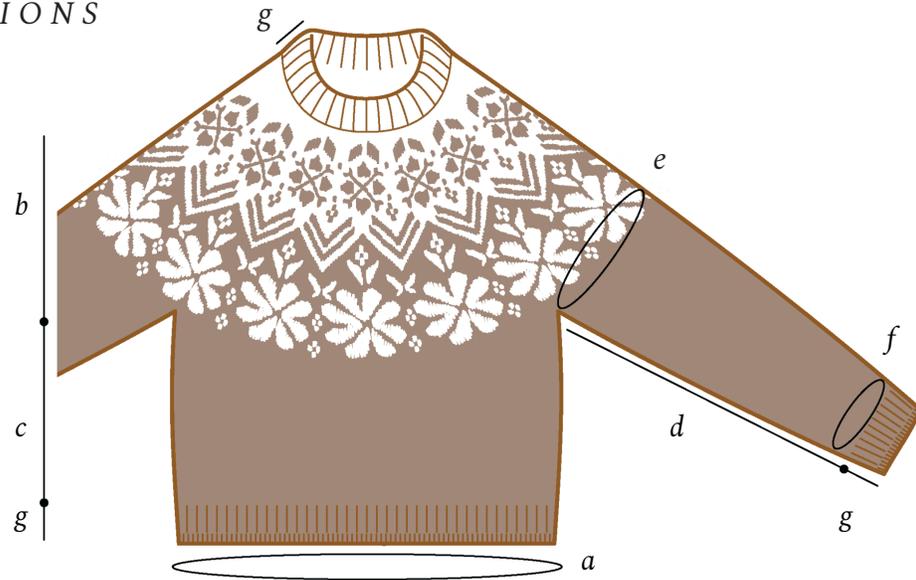
This pattern requires a working knowledge of knitting in the round, German short rows, increasing, decreasing, reading a chart, stranded colorwork, and Italian bind off. Circular needles are used to work in the round, switching cable lengths as the yoke grows and then is divided. The sleeves are worked with the shortest cable length, then DPNs as they decrease. Double pointed needles are used for the sleeve cuff ribbing. The suggested cast on and bind off methods can be substituted with any other.

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## SPECIFICATIONS



**Sizes: 1 (2) 3 (4) 5 (6) 7 (8) 9 (10)**

- a. **Finished bust** *Fullest point of torso + ease*: 36 (38) 42 (46) 50 (54) 58 (62) 66 (70)" [90 (95) 105 (115) 125 (135) 145 (155) 165 (175) cm]
- b. **Yoke depth**: 9¼ (9¼) 9¼ (9¼) 9¾ (9¾) 9¾ (9¾) 9¾ (9¾)" [23 (23) 23 (23) 24.5 (24.5) 24.5 (24.5) 24.5 (24.5) cm]
- c. **Body** (*end of yoke to start of ribbing*): 8 (8) 8 (9) 9 (10) 10 (11) 11 (12)" [20 (20) 20 (22.5) 22.5 (25) 25 (27.5) 27.5 (30) cm]
- d. **Sleeve**: 13 (13) 13 (13) 13½ (13½) 13¾ (13¾) 14¼ (14¼)" [32.5 (32.5) 32.5 (32.5) 34 (34) 34.5 (34.5) 35.5 (35.5) cm]
- e. **Upper arm**: 11¾ (13½) 14¼ (15) 15¾ (18¼) 19½ (22) 22¾ (23)" [29.5 (34) 35.5 (37.5) 39.5 (45.5) 49 (55) 57 (57.5) cm]
- f. **Wrist**: 9 (10) 10 (11) 11 (12) 12 (13) 13 (14)" [22.5 (25) 25 (27.5) 27.5 (30) 30 (32.5) 32.5 (35) cm]
- g. **Neck, Hem & Sleeve ribbing**: 2" [5 cm]

## FIT

This sweater is designed with a recommended positive ease of 8" [20 cm]. It is loose fitting at the bust and drapes straight through the body. The sample pictured is worn with 8" [20 cm] of ease.

## GAUGE

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(5mm needle) 16 sts x 22 rows = 4" [10 cm] in stockinette stitch worked in the round, wet blocked.

(5.5mm needle) 16 sts x 22 rows = 4" [10 cm] in colorwork worked in the round, wet blocked. *\*It is common to go up a needle size for stranded colorwork, but is not required if you meet colorwork with the stockinette needle size.*

If gauge is off, choose a needle size larger/smaller accordingly and try again.

## CONSTRUCTION

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The Bloom Pullover is worked top down, in the round, and seamlessly. Circular needles are used to work in the round, beginning with the neckband that is folded and joined. The yoke is begun and is shaped with German short rows to raise the back neck, followed by the colorwork chart with increases throughout. The yoke is then divided and the sleeve stitches are placed on hold while the body is worked and finished with 2x2 ribbing, switching to 1x1 ribbing for a short time, then bound off.

The sleeves are worked one at a time, placing the held stitches back onto a circular needle and working in stockinette stitch in the round while gradually decreasing to the wrist, finishing with ribbing to match the body.



## KEY TERMS

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BO: bind off

BOR: beginning of round/row

CO: cast on

dec: decrease

DS: Double Stitch

EOR: end of round/row

K: knit

K2tog: knit 2 sts together

M: marker

MDS: Make Double Stitch; After turning and with yarn in front, slip first st from left needle to right needle. Pull the working yarn up and over to the back of work so the st stretches around needle creating 2 loops where there was 1. Holding working yarn snug, continue in pattern as normal. When encountering the doubled st in the following rows, it is resolved by working it as a single st (K or P through both loops).

[To resolve the final DS:](#) K to 1 st before DS, slip 1 knitwise, slip 1st leg of DS purlwise (leave remaining leg of DS on left needle), Knit the 2 sts on right needle together as if to SSK. K 2nd leg of the DS on left needle through the back loop.

M1: Make 1 ([Make 1 left](#)); Pick up bar between two sts with left needle coming from front. Insert right needle into the lifted bar through the back loop, from right to left and in the back of work and knit.

P: purl

PM: place marker

rep: repeat

rnd: round

RS: Right side of work; identified by stockinette stitch (knit sts).

seq: sequence

SSK: Slip, slip, knit; slip 2 sts knitwise, knit these 2 sts together through back loops.

St(s): stitch(es)

WS: Wrong side of work; identified by reverse stockinette stitch (purl sts).

\* \*: a seq to rep

( ): a number of sts, rows or rnds

[ ]: total st count or increases/decreases at EOR or metric measurements



## INSTRUCTIONS

### FOLDED NECKBAND

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With 4.5mm 16" [40 cm] circular needles and CC yarn, long-tail CO 84 (84) 96 (96) 96 (108) 108 (108) 120 (120) sts. Join to work in the round, taking care not to twist the sts. Place BOR M.

1. \*K2, P2\* rep to EOR. [84 (84) 96 (96) 96 (108) 108 (108) 120 (120)]

Rep rnd 1 until ribbing is 4" [10 cm] tall or to double the desired folded height. Once folded, the neckband will be 2" [5 cm].

Switch to 5mm 16" [40cm] circular needles.

**Fold and join:** Fold cast on edge up and inward. Following the first column of sts to cast on edge, place a loop onto left needle and K2tog with next st on left needle. \*Pick up next cast on loop, place onto left needle, K2tog with next st. Rep from \* to EOR to complete the folded neckband join. 84 (84) 96 (96) 96 (108) 108 (108) 120 (120) sts will be on needles.

### SHORT ROW SHAPING

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- Short rows are worked by turning the work before completing the round, purling on wrong side [WS], then turning again before the end of the row to knit on right side [RS].
- The German Short Row Make Double Stitch (MDS) can be substituted with another method, i.e., wrap & turn.
- You may need to research and practice before working these rows.
- In each row, the Double Stitch (DS) counts as one stitch.

*The BOR M is the center back of neck. In rows 2 and beyond, you will pass the BOR M mid-row as if it is not there.*

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1. *[RS]* K 21 (21) 24 (24) 24 (27) 27 (27) 30 (30) sts. Turn.
2. *[WS]* MDS, P 41 (41) 47 (47) 47 (53) 53 (53) 59 (59) sts. Turn
3. *[RS]* MDS, K to DS, resolve DS, K 2 sts. Turn.
4. *[WS]* MDS, P to DS, resolve DS, P 2 sts. Turn.

Rep rows 3 & 4, four more times (8 more rows), ending after *[WS]* row 12.

13. *[RS]* MDS, K to BOR M. Do not turn.
14. *In the round:* K to EOR, resolving the remaining 2 DS as encountered. When resolving last DS, work to 1 st before DS and use [this method](#) to prevent a hole in the fabric. (*See Key Terms for written instruction*). [84 (84) 96 (96) 96 (108) 108 (108) 120 (120)]

## INCREASE ROUNDS

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Continue with 5mm needles. Switch to a longer cable as needed. Follow the instructions listed under your size (*sizes continue on next page*).

### **Size 1:**

1. K4, \*M1, K4\* rep to EOR. [+20, 104 sts]
2. K to EOR.

### **Size 2:**

1. \*K3, M1\* rep to EOR. [+28, 112 sts]
2. K to EOR.

### **Size 3:**

1. \*K4, M1\* rep to EOR. [+24, 120 sts]
2. K to EOR.

### **Size 4:**

1. \*K3, M1\* rep to EOR. [+32, 128 sts]
2. K to EOR.

### **Size 5:**

1. M1, K1, M1, \*K3, M1, K2, M1\* rep to EOR. [+40, 136 sts]
2. K to EOR.

**Size 6:**

1. \*K3, M1\* rep to EOR. [+36, 144 sts]
2. K to EOR.
3. \*K18, M1\* rep to EOR. [+8, 152 sts]
4. K to EOR.

**Size 7:**

1. \*K3, M1\* rep to EOR. [+36, 144 sts]
2. K to EOR.
3. \*K9, M1\* rep to EOR. [+16, 160 sts]
4. K to EOR.

**Size 8:**

1. \*K3, M1\* rep to EOR. [+36, 144 sts]
2. K to EOR.
3. \*K4, M1, K5, M1\* rep to EOR. [+32, 176 sts]
4. K to EOR.

**Size 9:**

1. \*K3, M1\* rep to EOR. [+40, 160 sts]
2. K to EOR.
3. M1, K6, M1, \*K7, M1\* rep to EOR. [+24, 184 sts]
4. K to EOR.

**Size 10:**

1. \*K3, M1\* rep to EOR. [+40, 160 sts]
2. K to EOR.
3. \*K5, M1\* rep to EOR. [+32, 192 sts]
4. K to EOR.

## Y O K E

Switch to 5.5mm needles and work chart using MC and CC yarns. Switch to a longer cable as needed. Chart is read and worked right to left and bottom to top.

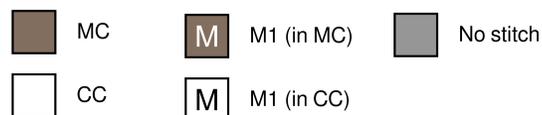
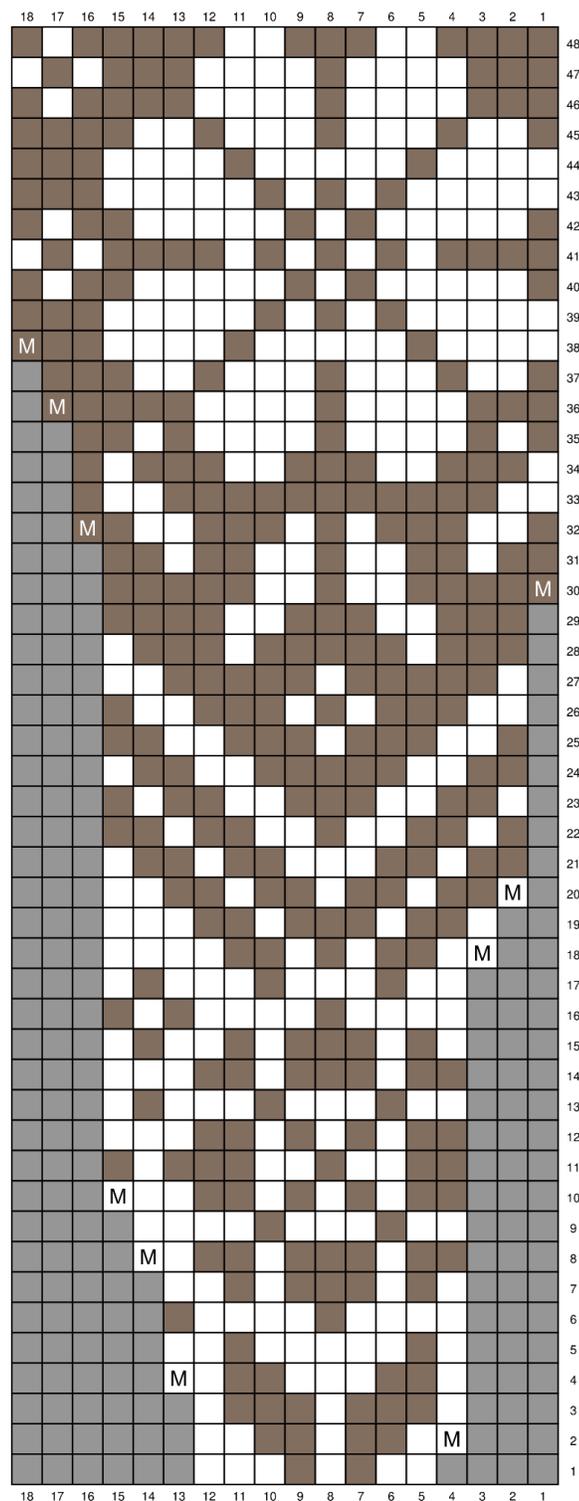
*Stranded Colorwork Tips:* [Color Dominance](#), [Fair Isle 101](#)

Each inc rnd adds 13 (14) 15 (16) 17 (19) 20 (22) 23 (24) sts to the total st count.

### **Stitch counts after inc rnds:**

- 2. 117 (126) 135 (144) 153 (171) 180 (198) 207 (216) sts
- 4. 130 (140) 150 (160) 170 (190) 200 (220) 230 (240) sts
- 8. 143 (154) 165 (176) 187 (209) 220 (242) 253 (264) sts
- 10. 156 (168) 180 (192) 204 (228) 240 (264) 276 (288) sts
- 18. 169 (182) 195 (208) 221 (247) 260 (286) 299 (312) sts
- 20. 182 (196) 210 (224) 238 (266) 280 (308) 322 (336) sts
- 30. 195 (210) 225 (240) 255 (285) 300 (330) 345 (360) sts
- 32. 208 (224) 240 (256) 272 (304) 320 (352) 368 (384) sts
- 36. 221 (238) 255 (272) 289 (323) 340 (374) 391 (408) sts
- 38. 234 (252) 270 (288) 306 (342) 360 (396) 414 (432) sts

Cut CC yarn, leaving a tail to weave in.



## DIVIDE YOKE

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With 5mm needles and MC, K one rnd.

Division rnd:

**Back half:** K 34 (36) 39 (43) 46 (50) 53 (57) 61 (65) sts. **Sleeve:** Place the next 46 (52) 54 (56) 58 (68) 71 (81) 83 (84) sts onto waste yarn or barber cord. **Underarm:** Backward loop CO 1 (2) 3 (4) 5 (5) 7 (7) 8 (8) sts to right needle. **Front:** K 71 (74) 81 (88) 95 (103) 109 (117) 124 (132) sts. **Sleeve:** Place the next 46 (52) 54 (56) 58 (68) 71 (81) 83 (84) sts onto waste yarn or barber cord. **Underarm:** Backward loop CO 1 (2) 3 (4) 5 (5) 7 (7) 8 (8) sts to right needle. **Back half:** K 37 (38) 42 (45) 49 (53) 56 (60) 63 (67) sts.

## BODY

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Continue with 5mm needles and MC. Switch to a shorter cable length if needed.

1. K to EOR. [144 (152) 168 (184) 200 (216) 232 (248) 264 (280)]

Rep rnd 1 until body measures 8 (8) 8 (9) 9 (10) 10 (11) 11 (12)" [20.25 (20.25) 20.25 (22.75) 22.75 (25.5) 25.5 (28) 28 (30.5) cm] from underarm, or to desired length. Ribbing will add 2" [5 cm].

### Ribbing

Switch to 4mm circular needles. K one rnd.

1. \*K2, P2\* rep to EOR.

Rep rnd 1 for 8 more rnds, or to 1½" [3.75 cm], or to desired length.

2. \*K1, P1\* rep to EOR.

Rep rnd 2 for 2 more rnds, or to ½" [1.25 cm], or to desired length. Ribbing is now 2" [5 cm]. [Italian BO](#). BO can be substituted with any other.

## SLEEVES

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With 5mm 16" [40 cm] needles or long cable for magic loop, begin on either sleeve.

Transfer held sts onto needles and begin with a new length of MC yarn.

[Pick up and knit](#) 1 (1) 2 (2) 3 (3) 4 (4) 4 (4), PM to note BOR, pick up and knit 0 (1) 1 (2) 2 (2) 3 (3) 4 (4) more sts. 47 (54) 57 (60) 63 (73) 78 (88) 91 (92) sts are on the needles.

*To prevent holes at sides of underarm, pick up 1 additional st at each side and dec them in following rnd.*



**Sizes 1, 3, 5, 6, 9 only:** K2tog, K to EOR. [-1 st, 46 (-) 56 (-) 62 (72) - (-) 90 (-)]

Work in stockinette stitch, decreasing per the below dec rnd on every 13<sup>th</sup> (10<sup>th</sup>) 8<sup>th</sup> (8<sup>th</sup>) 8<sup>th</sup> (6<sup>th</sup>) 5<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup>) 4<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup>) round for a total of 5 (7) 8 (8) 9 (12) 15 (18) 19 (18) dec rnds worked.

*\*Tip: Place a locking marker on each K2tog to keep count.*

**Dec rnd:** K2tog, K to last 2 sts, SSK. [-2 sts]

A final count of 36 (40) 40 (44) 44 (48) 48 (52) 52 (56) sts are on the needles. Work 6 (2) 7 (8) 1 (1) 1 (4) 1 (6) more knit rnds, or until sleeve is 13 (13) 13 (13) 13½ (13½) 13¾ (13¾) 14¼ (14¼)" [33 (33) 33 (33) 34.25 (34.25) 35 (35) 36.25 (36.25) cm] from underarm, or to desired length. Ribbing adds 2" [5 cm] to total length.

### **Ribbing**

Switch to 4mm DPNs or long cable for magic loop. K one rnd for best transition to ribbing.

1. \*K2, P2\* rep to EOR.

Rep rnd 1 for 8 more rnds, or to 1½" [3.75 cm], or to desired length.

2. \*K1, P1\* rep to EOR.

Rep rnd 2 for 2 more rnds, or to ½" [1.25 cm], or to desired length. Ribbing is now 2" [5 cm]. [Italian BO](#). BO can be substituted with any other. Rep sleeve instructions to other side.

## FINISHING & CARE

Use a yarn needle to weave in any remaining ends. Tighten up underarm gaps, if any, with the tail from the start of the picked up stitches, or with a new length of yarn.

*Gently block the sweater* using warm water and wool soap. Always hand wash knitted items, avoiding scrubbing or agitating. Leave the garment in the water to soak and relax the fibers. When water is cooled, gather the garment with your arms and carefully lift it out all at once (water weight will cause stretching if any parts are hanging down). Squeeze out the excess water. Take care not to wring or twist. Lay flat on a towel and roll towel up to remove more water. Lay flat to air dry, straightening and smoothing out to the listed measurements.

*To preserve shape and color*, store folded and away from direct sunlight. Take note of the fiber content and washing instructions for future reference.

Enjoy!

