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DESCRIPTION

The Chantal V-neck sweater is knitted top-down in a slipped stitch pattern. It begins with a yoke worked back and forth in rows, incorporating raglan and V-neck shaping. Short rows are used to shape the back neck for better fit. After the V-neck is established, the stitches are joined and the yoke is worked in the round to the underarms. The sleeve stitches are then placed on hold, underarm stitches are cast on, and the body is worked in the round downwards. After completing the body, the held sleeve stitches are returned to the needles to work the sleeves in the round. Finally, stitches are picked up around the neckline and a 1x1 ribbed edging is worked.

SIZES

XS / S / M / L / XL / 2XL / 3XL

SIZE GUIDE

The Chantal V-neck sweater has a loose fit with approximately 15–20 cm [6–8 inches] of positive ease, slightly reduced in larger sizes for a more comfortable fit. This means the finished garment measurements will be about 15–20 cm [6–8 inches] larger than the actual bust circumference.

Sizes XS / S / M / L / XL / 2XL / 3XL are designed to fit a bust circumference of 80–85 / 85–90 / 90–95 / 95–100 / 100–110 / 110–120 / 120–130 cm [31.5–33.5 / 33.5–35.5 / 35.5–37.5 / 37.5–39.25 / 39.25–43.25 / 43.25–47.25 / 47.25–51.25 inches].

Before you begin, take your measurements to determine the correct size. For example, if your bust measures 92 cm [36.25 inches], you should knit size M. If your measurement falls between sizes, choose based on how loose you want the sweater to be. Referring to the schematic with finished garment measurements can be a helpful guide when deciding.

FINISHED GARMENT MEASUREMENTS

A (Bust Circumference): 103 / 107 / 112 / 117 / 124 / 129 / 134 cm
[40.5 / 42 / 44 / 46 / 48.75 / 50.75 / 52.75 inches]

B (Body Length from center back neck): 56 / 57 / 58 / 60 / 62 / 65 / 68 cm
[22 / 22.5 / 22.75 / 23.5 / 24.5 / 25.5 / 26.75 inches]

GAUGE

After washing and blocking:

26 sts x 40 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches] in slipped stitch pattern on 4.5 mm [US 7] needles.

28 sts x 32 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches] in 1x1 rib on 3 mm [US 2.5] needles.

Make a gauge swatch. Ensure your gauge matches. If you cannot achieve the required gauge with the suggested needles, change needle size to obtain correct gauge.

NEEDLES

Circular Needles:

- 4.5 mm [US 7]: 40 cm [16 in] and 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 in] lengths.
 - 3 mm [US 2.5]: 40 cm [16 in] and 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 in] lengths.
- Double-Pointed Needles (DPNs):
- 3 mm [US 2.5] or long circulars for Magic Loop technique.

RECOMMENDED YARN

Gepard garn (held single throughout):

275 / 300 / 325 / 350 / 375 / 400 / 425 g of Cashmere Klassik by Gepard Garn. 25 g = 105 m [115 yds].

Lamana (held single throughout):

275 / 300 / 325 / 350 / 375 / 400 / 425 g of Como Cashmere/Como Tweed/Como by Lamana. 25 g = 120 m [131 yds].

Öning (held single throughout):

275 / 300 / 325 / 350 / 375 / 400 / 425 g of No. 2 by Öning. 25 g = 120 m [131 yds].

ADDITIONAL TOOLS

Stitch markers, waste yarn or stitch holders, tapestry needle.

SKILL LEVEL

- ○○○○ Beginner
- ●●○○ Advanced Beginner
- ●●●○ Intermediate
- ●●●● Experienced
- ●●●● Expert

VIDEO TUTORIALS

Throughout this pattern you will find links to videos demonstrating techniques needed to complete the required steps. For easier navigation, I also provide a QR code for a YouTube playlist. All videos related to this pattern can be found there. Please note, the videos included with the pattern supplement the written instructions. Follow the text first, as videos may show the principle of the technique, not a step-by-step guide.

ABBREVIATIONS

General:

RS / WS - Right Side / Wrong Side

BOR - Beginning of Round marker

RL - Raglan Line

Increases:

M1L (Make 1 Left-leaning): Insert left needle from front to back under the strand between stitches. Knit through the back loop.

M1R (Make 1 Right-leaning): Insert left needle from back to front under the strand between stitches. Knit through the front loop.

Decreases:

k2tog - Knit 2 together (right-leaning decrease).

ssk - Slip, slip, knit (left-leaning decrease).

CDD (Central Double Decrease): Slip next 2 sts together knitwise, k1, pass the 2 slipped sts over.

Slipped Stitch Pattern (worked flat):

Row 1 (RS): K1, * sl1 wyib, k1 *; rep from * to * to end.

Row 2 (WS): P all sts.

Rep Rows 1-2.

Slipped Stitch Pattern (worked in the round):

Rnd 1: * K1, sl1 wyib *; rep from * to * to end.

Rnd 2: K all sts.

Rep Rnds 1-2.

On German Short Rows (GSR):

When instructions say "Turn," it means you should turn your work, slip the first stitch purlwise wyif, and create a double stitch (wrap) at the turning point. The term "Knit to # sts after last turn" means knit until you reach the double stitch created during the previous turn, knit/purl it together with its wrap, then continue knitting the specified number of stitches beyond it.

YOKE

Video: Backwards Loop Cast-On

Video: German Short Rows

Video: Increases

The yoke is first worked back and forth, then joined in the round, in the slipped stitch pattern using 4.5 mm [US 7] circular needles, switching cable lengths as stitch count increases.

Using the Backwards Loop method, cast on 91/93/93/95/99/101/101 sts.

Work two rows to establish the pattern, while placing markers to divide stitches for raglan lines, back, front, and sleeves as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K1, *sl1 wyib*, *k1*; rep from * to * to end.

Row 2 (WS): P1 (right front edge), PM, p5 (RL), PM, p15/15/15/15/17/17/17 (right sleeve), PM, p5 (RL), PM, p39/41/41/43/43/45/45 (back), PM, p5 (RL), PM, p15/15/15/15/17/17/17 (left sleeve), PM, p5 (RL), PM, p1 (left front edge).

You have:

4 x 5-st RLs,

2 x 1-st for front edges,

2 x 15/15/15/15/17/17/17-st for sleeves,

1 x 39/41/41/43/43/45/45-st for back.

Work German Short Rows to shape the back neck, while performing raglan increases.

Note: Increases are made every other row (RS only) along the raglan lines (MIR before and MIL after each RL). The stitch pattern for the RLs remains constant and appears as 'sl1, k1, sl1, k1, sl1' on the RS. As stitches are increased, incorporate them into the established pattern for front, back, and sleeves. Here's how it works:

Row 1: Make an increase.

Row 3: Make another increase, and slip the previous increased stitch (i.e., sl1 wyib).

Row 5: Make another increase, and knit the previous increased stitch (k1).

Continue alternating the placement of increased stitches in this manner throughout.

Row 1 (RS): *Knit to marker, MIR, work 5 sts (RL), MIL*; rep from * to * once more, then k5.

Turn. (This turn is on the left back; 4 sts inc).

Row 2 (WS): *Purl to marker, p5 (RL), p4*. Turn. (This turn is on the left sleeve).

Row 3 (RS): *Knit to marker, MIR, work 5 sts (RL), MIL*; knit to last turn, knit 4 sts past it. Turn. (This turn is on the left back; 2 sts inc).

Row 4 (WS): *Purl to marker, p5 (RL), purl to last turn, p4 past it*. Turn. (This turn is on the left sleeve).

Row 5 (RS): *Knit to marker, MIR, work 5 sts (RL), MIL*; rep from * to * once more, then k3.

Turn. (This turn is on the right sleeve; 4 sts inc).

Row 6 (WS): Purl to marker, p5 (RL), p6. Turn. (This turn is on the right back).

Row 7 (RS): *Knit to marker, MIR, work 5 sts (RL), MIL*; knit to last turn, knit 4 sts past it. Turn. (This turn is on the right sleeve; 2 sts inc).

Row 8 (WS): Purl to marker, p5 (RL), purl to last turn, p4 past it. Turn. (This turn is on the right back).

Row 9 (RS): *Knit to marker, MIR, work 5 sts (RL), MIL*; rep from * to * once more, knit to end of row. (4 sts inc).

Row 10 (WS): Purl all sts.

The short rows are now complete and aligned.

You now have 107/109/109/111/115/117/117 sts on your needles:

4 x 5-st RLs,

2 x 2-st for front edges,

2 x 19/19/19/19/21/21/21-st for sleeves,

1 x 45/47/47/49/49/51/51-st for back.

Next, work increases for front, back, and sleeves:

Row 1 (RS): *Knit to marker, MIR, work 5 sts (RL), MIL*; rep from * to * 3 more times, knit to end. (8 sts inc).

Row 2 (WS): Purl all sts.

Rep Rows 1-2 a total of 5 times. End with a WS row.

You now have 147/149/149/151/155/157/157 sts on your needles (10 increase rows worked).

4 x 5-st RLs,

2 x 7-st for front edges,

2 x 29/29/29/29/31/31/31-st for sleeves,

1 x 55/57/57/59/59/61/61-st for back.

Continue working increases for front, back, and sleeves, while beginning to work increases at each edge to form the V-neck.

Note: To form the V-neck, make increases at the beginning of the row after the first 6 sts and at the end of the row before the last 6 sts. Keep the stitch pattern for these 6 edge sts constant throughout. On the RS, the beginning of the row should always be 'K1, sl1, k1, sl1, k1, sl1' and the end 'sl1, k1, sl1, k1, sl1, k1'. Place increased stitches into the pattern in the same manner as for other sections. It will look like this: First increase: 'M1L, k1, M1R.' Next increase: 'M1L, sl1, k1, sl1, M1R.' Then: 'M1L, k1, sl1, k1, sl1, k1, M1R,' and so on.

Row 1 (RS): Work 6 edge sts, M1L, *Knit to marker, MIR, work 5 sts (RL), MIL*; rep from * to * 3 more times, knit to last 6 sts of row, M1R, work last 6 sts. (10 sts inc).

Row 2 (WS): Purl all sts.

Work Rows 1-2 a total of 20/22/22/22/22/24/24 time(s). End with a RS row (in the last repeat only the RS row is worked; the WS row remains unworked).

Break yarn.

You now have 347/369/369/371/375/397/397 sts on your needles (39/43/43/43/47/47 rows of raglan and V-neck increases worked).

4 x 5-st RLs,

2 x 47/51/51/51/51/55/55-st for fronts,

2 x 69/73/73/73/75/79/79-st for sleeves,

1 x 95/101/101/103/103/109/109-st for back.

Transfer the right front stitches, the next raglan line, the right sleeve stitches, and the next raglan line to the left needle without working them, so that both needle tips are positioned between the back stitches and the right sleeve raglan line. This is now the beginning of the round (place BOR marker here).

Join for working in the round as follows:

For sizes S, M, 2XL, 3XL:

Knit to the last stitch of the right front, then ssk (knitting the last right front st together with the first left front st), knit all sts to BOR.

For sizes XS, L, XL:

Knit across the entire right front, then use your preferred method to CO 1 st, knit all sts to BOR.

You now have 348/368/368/372/376/396/396 sts on your needles.

4 x 5-st RLs,

2 x 69/73/73/73/75/79/79-st for sleeves,

1 x 95/101/101/103/103/109/109-st for front,

1 x 95/101/101/103/103/109/109-st for back.

Work in the round, performing increases on all sections every other round:

Rnd 1: *Work 5 sts (RL), MIL, work to marker, MIR*; rep from * to * to end of rnd. (8 sts inc).

Rnd 2: Knit all sts.

Work Rnds 1-2 a total of 12/12/14/16/16/18 time(s).

For sizes XL, 2XL, and 3XL only, continue increasing on the back and front every other round, without increasing sleeve stitches:

Rnd 1: *Work 5 sts (RL), work to marker, work 5 sts (RL), MIL, work to marker, MIR*; rep from * to * to end of rnd. (4 sts inc).

Rnd 2: Knit all sts.

Work Rnds 1-2 a total of 4 times.

You now have 444/464/480/500/520/540/556 sts on your needles. (24/24/28/32/40/40/44 increase rounds worked).

4 x 5-st RLs,

2 x 93/97/101/105/107/111/115-st for sleeves,

1 x 119/125/129/135/143/149/153-st for front,

BODY

The body is worked in the round in the slipped stitch pattern on 4.5 mm [US 7] circular needles, 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 in] long.

Work 1 round to separate sleeves and join the body in the round as follows:

Work 5 sts (RL), remove marker, place next 93/97/101/105/107/111/115 sts of right sleeve on holder, remove marker, CO 5/5/7/7/9/9/11 sts for right underarm using Backwards Loop method, work 5 sts (RL), remove marker, work across front stitches, remove marker, work 5 sts (RL), remove marker, place next 93/97/101/105/107/111/115 sts of left sleeve on holder, remove marker, CO 5/5/7/7/9/9/11 sts for left underarm in the same manner, work 5 sts (RL), remove marker, work across back to BOR. Work 1 round even.

You now have 268/280/292/304/324/336/348 sts on your needles, and 93/97/101/105/107/111/115 sts for each sleeve on hold.

Work even in the round:

Rnd 1: *Sll wyib, k1*; rep from * to * to end.

Rnd 2: Knit all sts.

Rep Rnds 1-2 until body measures approx. 54/55/56/58/60/63/66 cm [21.25 /21.5 /22 /22.75 /23.5 /24.75 /26 in] from center back neck (excluding neckband). Try on and check length before starting ribbing.

Note: Additional yarn may be required for extra length.

Switch to 3 mm [US 2.5] circular needles, 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 in] long, and knit 1 round.

Work 4 rounds in 1x1 rib (k1, p1).

Work 2 rounds of tubular bind-off preparation as follows:

Rnd 1: *K1, sll wyif*; rep from * to * to end.

Rnd 2: *Sll wyib, p1*; rep from * to * to end.

Bind off all stitches using the Italian/Tubular bind-off method. Ensure bind-off is not too tight.

Video: Backwards Loop Cast-On

Video: Italian/Tubular Bind-Off in the Round

SLEEVES

Sleeves are worked in the round in the slipped stitch pattern with decreases towards the cuff on 4.5 mm [US 7] circular needles, 40 cm [16 in] long. Cuffs are worked in the round in 1x1 rib on 3 mm [US 2.5] DPNs or long circulars using Magic Loop.

Transfer 93/97/101/105/107/111/115 held sleeve sts to 4.5 mm [US 7] circular needles, 40 cm [16 in] long.

Determine the center of the underarm (the center stitch of the 7/7/9/9/11/11/13 underarm sts that will be picked up and knitted in total). From the RS, starting at this center stitch, pick up and knit 4/4/5/5/6/6/7 underarm sts, then work across the held sleeve sts in the established pattern.

Finally, pick up and knit 3/3/4/4/5/5/6 underarm sts.

Place BOR marker. Then place another marker directly in the center stitch (the first stitch after

BOR) to mark the center stitch for decreases.

Knit 1 round.

You now have 100/104/110/114/118/122/128 sts on your needles.

For sizes XS, S, XL, and 2XL work as follows:

Rnd 1: *K1, sl1 wyib*; rep from * to * to end.

Rnd 2: Knit all sts.

For sizes M, L, and 3XL work as follows:

Rnd 1: *Sl1 wyib, k1*; rep from * to * to end.

Rnd 2: Knit all sts.

Work in the round in the slipped stitch pattern until sleeve measures approx.

41/41/40/40/38/38/37 cm [16.25/16.25/15.75/15.75/15/15/14.5 in] from underarm, while also working Central Double Decreases (CDD) every 22nd/20th/16th/14th/12th/10th/10th round, a total of 7/8/10/11/12/13/15 times.

Note: After each decrease, the first stitch of the round (the center stitch) changes its appearance. If it was a knit stitch before the first decrease, it becomes a slipped stitch afterwards, and vice versa. This alternates with each subsequent decrease. Ensure this stitch follows the established pattern for the round, as there should not be two identical stitches in a row.

Work decrease rounds as follows:

Work until 1 st remains before BOR, then slip the BOR marker. This makes the last stitch of this round become the first stitch of the next round, which is an all-knit round. Begin the round by working a CDD, then work all sts to end of round. (2 sts dec).

After all decreases are complete, you will have 86/88/92/94/96/98/98 sts remaining.

Try on the sweater and check sleeve length before knitting the cuff. If needed, work a few more rounds to achieve desired length.

Slip the BOR marker so the first stitch of the round is a slipped stitch.

Switch to 3 mm [US 2.5] DPNs or long circulars for Magic Loop and knit 1 round.

Work 4 rounds in 1x1 rib (k1, p1).

Work 2 rounds of tubular bind-off preparation:

Rnd 1: *K1, sl1 wyif*; rep from * to * to end.

Rnd 2: *Sl1 wyib, p1*; rep from * to * to end.

Bind off all stitches using the Italian/Tubular bind-off method. Not too tight.

Work the second sleeve in the same manner.

Video: Italian/Tubular Bind-Off in the Round

NECKLINE

The neckband is worked in the round in 1x1 rib on 3 mm [US 2.5] circular needles, 40 cm [16 in] long.

Note: Ensure your gauge in 1x1 rib on 3 mm [US 2.5] needles matches the stated gauge. If not,

change needle size.

From the RS, starting at the right back shoulder seam, join yarn and pick up stitches around the neckline as follows:

Pick up 1 st for every st along the back, sleeves, and raglan lines.

Pick up 3 sts for every 4 rows along the slanted sides of the V-neck.

Pick up 1 st at the very center of the V-neck point.

You should have approximately 172/180/180/182/186/194/194 sts on your needles.

Approximately:

1 x 39/41/41/43/43/45/45 sts along back,

2 x 15/15/15/15/17/17/17 sts along sleeves,

2 x 41/44/44/44/44/47/47 sts along V-neck edges,

4 x 5 sts along RLs,

1 x 1 st at V-neck point.

Place markers: one for BOR, and one to mark the center V-neck stitch.

Work in the round in 1x1 rib, with decreases to shape the V-neck as follows:

Rnd 1: Work in 1x1 rib, beginning the round with either a k1 or p1 as needed so that the marked center V-neck stitch is a knit stitch on this round.

Rnd 2: Work in established rib to 1 st before marked center stitch, work CDD, work in rib to end. (2 sts dec).

Rep Rnd 2 only a total of 16 times.

You now have 140/148/148/150/154/162/162 sts on your needles.

Work 2 rounds of tubular bind-off preparation.

Note: Ensure the round begins with a knit stitch. If it begins with a purl stitch, work 1 st before starting the tubular preparation.

Rnd 1: *K1, sl1 wyif*; rep from * to * to end.

Rnd 2: *Sl1 wyib, p1*; rep from * to * to end.

Bind off all stitches using the Italian/Tubular bind-off method. Not too tight.

Video: Italian/Tubular Bind-Off in the Round

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Wash and block the sweater.

That's it, congratulations on finishing your sweater! I hope you enjoyed knitting it.

