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Chicka Cherry Sweater



#CHICKACHERRYSWEATER

The Chicka Cherry Sweater is the perfect project when you're in the mood for a pop of color and a little bit of whimsy. The decorative frills at the shoulders make it irresistibly cute, while the subtle I-cord neckline keeps things balanced, giving the design a modern and elegant feel. A generous neckline creates a flattering silhouette, and the slightly balloon-shaped sleeves add just the right amount of volume and playfulness. Pick your favorite colors (or one color) and knit yourself something truly joyful!

The Chicka Cherry Sweater is worked seamlessly from the top down. The upper body is worked flat first, then all stitches are joined to continue the lower body in the round. The shoulder frills are worked flat around the armhole openings and then stitches are picked up for the sleeves. The sleeves are shaped with a few rows of German Short Rows before being worked in the round. Lastly stitches are picked up from around the neckline for the I-cord collar.

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SIZES:

XXS (XS, S, M) (L, XL, 2XL) (3XL, 4XL, 5XL)

FINISHED GARMENT MEASUREMENTS:

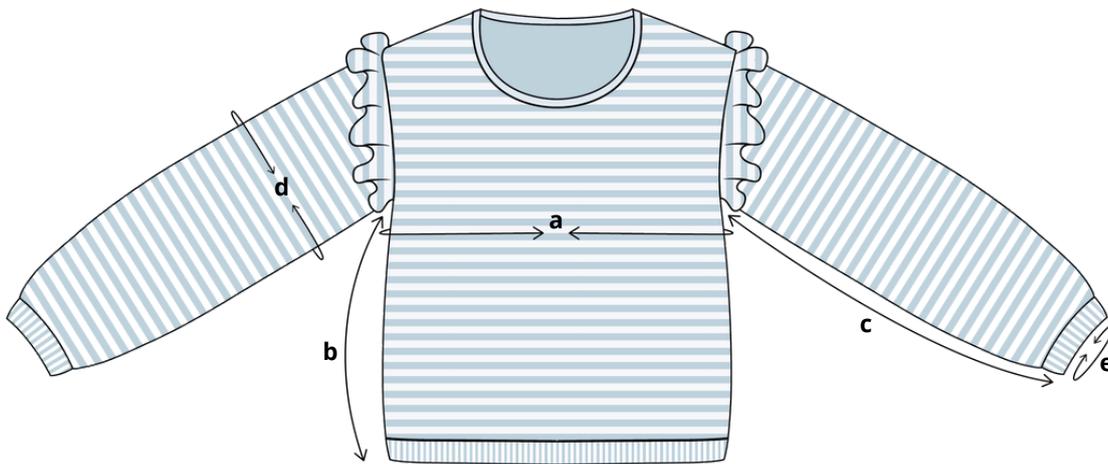
a. Bust circumference: 75.5 (86.5, 95.5, 104.5) (120, 126.5, 135.5) (146.5, 160, 175.5) cm / 29.75 (34, 37.5, 41.25) (47.25, 49.75, 53.25) (57.75, 63, 69)".

b. Body length from underarm to hem: 30.5 (31.5, 31.5, 31.5) (32.5, 32.5, 32.5) (33.5, 33.5, 33.5) cm / 12 (12.5, 12.5, 12.5) (12.75, 12.75, 12.75) (13.25, 13.25, 13.25)".

c. Sleeve length underarm to cuff: 52.5 cm / 20.75".

d. Upper sleeve circumference: 33.5 (38, 41, 41) (46.5, 46.5, 48) (51, 53.5, 56.5) cm / 13.25 (15, 16.25, 16.25) (18.25, 18.25, 18.75) (20, 21, 22.25)".

e. Sleeve cuff circumference: 27.5 (31, 33.5, 33.5) (38, 38, 39) (42, 43.5, 46.5) cm / 10.75 (12.25, 13.25, 13.25) (15, 15, 15.25) (16.5, 17.25, 18.25)".



The Chicka Cherry Sweater is designed to have approx. 5-10 cm / 2-4" of positive ease.

Sample in size S, Kika has a bust of approx. 86 cm / 33.75".

GAUGE:

18 sts x 30 rows/rnds = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4" on 4.5 mm / US7 needles in Stockinette st, **after** blocking.

22 sts x 38 rnds = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4" on 3 mm / US 2.5 needles in *k1 tbl, p1* twisted rib, **after** blocking.

NEEDLES:

4.5 mm / US7: circular needles 40-60 cm / 16-24" for sleeves and 80-100 cm / 32-40" for body, or just 80-100 cm / 32-40" needles if you're using Magic Loop technique.

3 mm / US2.5: circular needles 40-60 cm / 16-24" for sleeve cuffs and collar, and 80-100 cm / 32-40" for body hem and frills, or just a 80-100 cm / 32-40" needle if you're using Magic Loop technique.

NOTIONS:

Stitch markers, stitch wire or scrap yarn, optional: 3 mm / US2.5 DPN for I-cord collar.

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SUGGESTED YARN:

The sweater is worked with one strand of DK weight yarn (or, by holding two strands of fingering weight yarn together).

You'll need approx:

DK weight yarn

MC: 435 (485, 540, 600) (650, 700, 755) (810, 865, 920) m / 480 (530, 590, 660) (710, 770, 830) (890, 950, 1010) yds and

CC: 490 (540, 600, 650) (700, 755, 810) (865, 920, 970) m / 540 (590, 660, 710) (770, 830, 890) (950, 1010, 1060) yds.

OR

Fingering weight yarn

MC: 870 (970, 1080, 1200) (1300, 1400, 1510) (1620, 1730, 1840) m / 960 (1060, 1180, 1320) (1420, 1540, 1660) (1780, 1900, 2020) yds and

CC: 980 (1080, 1200, 1300) (1400, 1510, 1620) (1730, 1840, 1940) m / 1080 (1180, 1320, 1420) (1540, 1660, 1780) (1900, 2020, 2120) yds.

SAMPLES KNITTED WITH YARNS:

RED & CREAM

MC (almond white).

200 (225, 250, 275) (300, 325, 350) (375, 400, 425) g of Sandnes Garn Double Sunday (100% merino wool - 108 m / 118 yds / 50 g) in color 511 Almond.

CC (cherry red).

225 (250, 275, 300) (325, 350, 375) (400, 425, 450) g of Sandnes Garn Double Sunday (100% merino wool - 108 m / 118 yds / 50 g) in color 4018 Scarlet Red.

BLUE & BUTTER YELLOW

MC (butter yellow).

200 (225, 250, 275) (300, 325, 350) (375, 400, 425) g of Filcolana Merci (50% superwash merino wool, 50 % cotton - 200 m / 218 yds / 50 g) in color 1110 **held double**.

CC (baby blue).

225 (250, 275, 300) (325, 350, 375) (400, 425, 450) g of Sandnes Garn Double Sunday (100% merino wool - 235 m / 257 yds / 50 g) in color 6050 Above The Clouds **held double**.

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DIRECTIONS

The Upper Back is worked flat first, with shaping for the armholes. Next, the Left and Right Upper Fronts are worked separately, also flat. After that, all stitches are joined to work the lower body in the round. Stitches are then picked up around the armhole openings to create the shoulder seam frills, which are worked flat and shaped with increases. Sleeves are picked up from the same armhole edges, shaped with a few rows of German Short Rows, and then worked in the round. To finish, stitches are picked up around the neckline and worked into a clean I-cord collar.

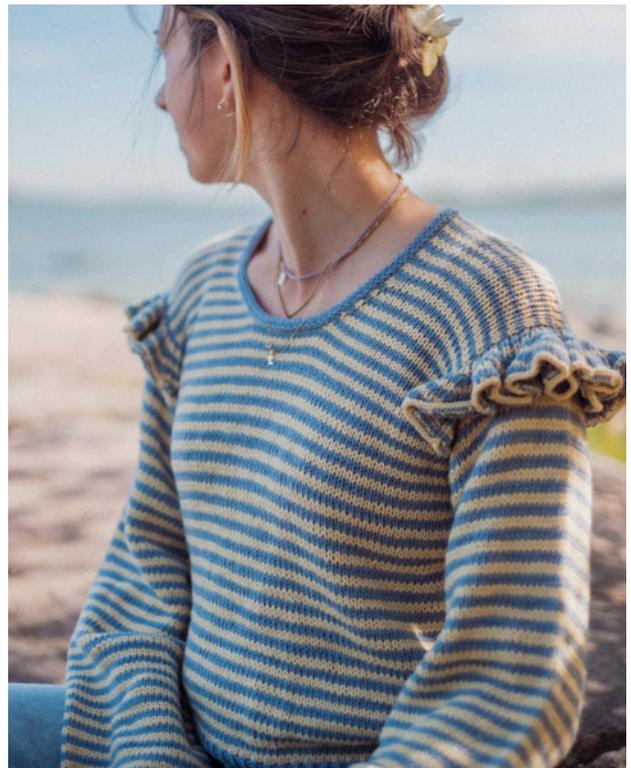
Tip!

To avoid having a jog when changing colors when working in the round work as follows:

Rnd 1: *Knit all stitches with the new color.*

Rnd 2: *Begin by picking up a loop of the “old” color from the previous round and place it on the left needle. Knit the first stitch of the round together with the stitch picked up from the previous round (in the “old” color). Continue working in the round.*

Do this every time on the second round after you’ve changed colors when working in the round for a jogless seam.



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UPPER BACK

With MC, cast on 56 (62, 66, 72) (78, 84, 88) (94, 102, 110) sts with 4.5 mm / US7 circular needles (80-100 cm / 32-40") with the Backwards Loop Cast-on method.

Place 2 removable stitch markers to mark where stitches will be picked up for the Left and Right Upper Fronts later as follows:

18 (20, 21, 22) (25, 27, 29) (32, 35, 37) sts (=shoulder), PM around the strand between the sts, 20 (22, 24, 28) (28, 30, 30) (30, 32, 36) sts (=neckline), PM around the strand between the sts, 18 (20, 21, 22) (25, 27, 29) (32, 35, 37) sts (=shoulder).

Note! These markers will not be carried along the work.

Begin working the Upper Back as follows:

Stripe 1:

Row 1 (RS): K to end.

Row 2 (WS): P to end.

Change to CC and work as follows:

Stripe 2:

Row 3: K to end.

Row 4: P to end.

Stripes 3-20:

Rows 5-40: Repeat rows 1-4 for 9 more times (meaning, you'll always work 2 rows of Stockinette st alternating between MC and CC).

The last row is in CC on the WS.

Next, the armhole is shaped.

Change to MC and work as follows:

Stripe 21:

Row 1 (RS): K2, M1L, k to last 2 sts, M1R, k2. 2 sts increased.

Row 2 (WS): P to end.

There are 58 (64, 68, 74) (80, 86, 90) (96, 104, 112) sts in total.

Change to CC and work as follows:

Stripe 22:

Row 3: K2, M1L, k to last 2 sts, M1R, k2. 2 sts increased.

Row 4: P to end.

There are 60 (66, 70, 76) (82, 88, 92) (98, 106, 114) sts in total.

Stripes 23-24 (23-26, 23-28, 23-28) (23-32, 23-32, 23-32) (23-34, 23-36, 23-36):

Repeat rows 1-4 for 1 (2, 3, 3) (5, 5, 5) (6, 7, 7) more times.

There are 64 (74, 82, 88) (102, 108, 112) (122, 134, 142) sts in total.

Place 2 removable stitch markers into the last and first stitch to mark where sts will be picked up for the frill later.

The Upper Back is now complete. Cut both CC and MC yarn and let the sts rest on a stitch wire or a piece of scrap yarn while you work the Upper Front next.

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LEFT UPPER FRONT

Next, sts are picked up for the Left Upper Front along the left shoulder from the Upper Back. The Left Upper Front is worked flat while the armhole and neckline is shaped by working increases.

Stripe 1:

Row 1 (RS):

With MC and the RS facing, pick up and knit 18 (20, 21, 22) (25, 27, 29) (32, 35, 37) sts from the left side stitch marker (=neckline marker) placed at the cast-on edge at the beginning of the Upper Back to the left outer edge with 4.5 mm / US 7 needles. You can remove this marker now.

Row 2 (WS): P to end.

Change to CC and work as follows:

Stripe 2:

Row 3 (RS): K to end.

Row 4 (WS): P to end.

Change to MC and work as follows:

Stripe 3:

Row 5 (RS): K to end.

Row 6 (WS): P to end.

Change to CC and work as follows:

Stripe 4:

Row 7 (RS): K to end.

Row 8 (WS): P to end.

SIZES XXS-L Stripes 5-14: Repeat rows 5-8, for 5 more times.

SIZES XL-5XL Stripes 5-18: Repeat rows 5-8, for 7 more times.

ALL SIZES

Change to MC and begin shaping the neckline by working increases as follows:

Stripe 15 (15, 15, 15) (15, 19, 19) (19, 19, 19):

Row 1 (RS): K2, M1L, k to end. *1 st increased.*

Row 2 (WS): P all sts.

There are 19 (21, 22, 23) (26, 28, 30) (33, 36, 38) sts in total.

Change to CC and work as follows:

Stripe 16 (16, 16, 16) (16, 20, 20) (20, 20, 20):

Row 3 (RS): K2, M1L, k to end. *1 st increased.*

Row 4 (WS): P all sts.

There are 20 (22, 23, 24) (27, 29, 31) (34, 37, 39) sts in total.

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SIZES XXS-L Stripes 5-14: Repeat rows 5-8, for 5 more times.

SIZES XL-5XL Stripes 5-18: Repeat rows 5-8, for 7 more times.

ALL SIZES

Change to MC and begin shaping the neckline by working increases as follows:

Stripe 15 (15, 15, 15) (15, 19, 19) (19, 19, 19):

Row 1 (RS): K2, M1L, k to end. *1 st increased.*

Row 2 (WS): P all sts.

There are 19 (21, 22, 23) (26, 28, 30) (33, 36, 38) sts in total.

Change to CC and work as follows:

Stripe 16 (16, 16, 16) (16, 20, 20) (20, 20, 20):

Row 3 (RS): K2, M1L, k to end. *1 st increased.*

Row 4 (WS): P all sts.

There are 20 (22, 23, 24) (27, 29, 31) (34, 37, 39) sts in total.

ONLY SIZES XXS-L Stripes 17-20:

Repeat rows 1-4 twice more.

There are 24 (26, 27, 28) (31, -, -) (-, -, -) sts in total.

The Left Upper Front is now complete, cut the yarns and let the sts rest while working the Right Upper Front.

ONLY SIZES XL-5XL:

Continue shaping the neckline and begin shaping the armhole.

Change to MC and work as follows:

Stripe 21:

Row 1 (RS): K2, M1L, k to last 2 sts, M1R, k2. *2 sts increased.*

Row 2 (WS): P all sts.

Change to CC and work as follows:

Stripe 22:

Row 3 (RS): K2, M1L, k to last 2 sts, M1R, k2. *2 sts increased.*

Row 4 (WS): P all sts.

There are - (-, -, -) (-, 33, 35) (38, 41, 43) sts in total.

Stripes 23-24:

Repeat rows 1-4 once more.

There are - (-, -, -) (-, 37, 39) (42, 45, 47) sts in total.

The Left Upper Front is now complete, cut the yarn and let the sts rest while working the Right Upper Front.

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RIGHT UPPER FRONT

Next, sts are picked up for the Right Upper Front along the right shoulder from the Upper Back. The Right Upper Front is worked flat while the armhole and neckline is shaped by working increases.

Stripe 1:

Row 1 (RS): With MC and the RS facing, pick up and knit 18 (20, 21, 22) (25, 27, 29) (32, 35, 37) sts from the right outer edge to the stitch marker (=neckline marker) placed at the cast-on edge at the beginning of the Upper Back with a 4.5 mm / US 7 needle. You can remove this marker now.

Row 2 (WS): P to end.

Change to CC:

Stripe 2:

Row 3 (RS): K to end.

Row 4 (WS): P to end.

Change to MC:

Stripe 3:

Row 5: K to end.

Row 6: P to end.

Change to CC:

Stripe 4:

Row 7: K to end.

Row 8: P to end.

SIZES XXS-L Stripes 5-14: Repeat rows 5-8, for 5 more times.

SIZES XL-5XL Stripes 5-18: Repeat rows 5-8, for 7 more times.

ALL SIZES

Change to MC and begin shaping the neckline by working increases as follows:

Stripe 15 (15, 15, 15) (15, 19, 19) (19, 19, 19):

Row 1 (RS): K to last 2 sts, M1R, k2. *1 st increased.*

Row 2 (WS): P all sts.

There are 19 (21, 22, 23) (26, 28, 30) (33, 36, 38) sts in total.

Change to CC and work as follows:

Stripe 16 (16, 16, 16) (16, 20, 20) (20, 20, 20):

Row 3 (RS): K to last 2 sts, M1R, k2. *1 st increased.*

Row 4 (WS): P all sts.

There are 20 (22, 23, 24) (27, 29, 31) (34, 37, 39) sts in total.

ONLY SIZES XXS-L Stripes 17-20: Repeat rows 1-4 twice more.

There are 24 (26, 27, 28) (31, -, -) (-, -, -) sts in total.

The Right Upper Front is now complete, don't cut the yarn.

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ONLY SIZES XL-5XL:

Continue shaping the neckline and begin shaping the armhole.

Change to MC and work as follows:

Stripe 21:

Row 1 (RS): K2, M1L, k to last 2 sts, M1R, k2. *2 sts increased.*

Row 2 (WS): P all sts.

Change to CC and work as follows:

Stripe 22:

Row 3 (RS): K2, M1L, k to last 2 sts, M1R, k2. *2 sts increased.*

Row 4 (WS): P all sts.

There are - (-, -, -) (-, 33, 35) (38, 41, 43) sts in total.

Stripes 23-24:

Repeat rows 1-4 once more.

There are - (-, -, -) (-, 37, 39) (42, 45, 47) sts in total.

The Right Upper Front is now complete, don't cut the yarn.

JOINING THE RIGHT AND LEFT UPPER FRONT

Next, the Right and Left Upper Front sts are joined together to work the Upper Front body flat. New sts are cast on for the middle of the neckline. Transfer the Left Upper Front sts that you had on hold onto the working needle.

ONLY SIZES XXS-L:

Stripe number 21:

Change to MC and work as follows:

Joining row 1 (RS): K2, M1L, k across all Right Upper Front sts, cast on 8 (10, 12, 16) (16, -, -) (-, -, -) sts for the middle of the neckline with the Backwards Loop Cast-on method, join the Left Upper Front sts and k to last 2 sts, M1R, k2.

Row 2 (WS): P all sts.

There are 58 (64, 68, 74) (80, -, -) (-, -, -) sts in total.

Change to CC and work as follows:

Stripe 22:

Row 3 (RS): K2, M1L, k to last 2 sts, M1R, k2. *2 sts increased.*

Row 4 (WS): P to end.

There are 60 (66, 70, 76) (82, -, -) (-, -, -) sts in total.

Change to MC and work as follows:

Stripe 23:

Row 5 (RS): K2, M1L, k to last 2 sts, M1R, k2. *2 sts increased.*

Row 6 (WS): P to end.

There are 62 (68, 72, 78) (84, -, -) (-, -, -) sts in total.

Change to CC and work as follows:

Stripe 24:

Row 7 (RS): K2, M1L, k to last 2 sts, M1R, k2. *2 sts increased.*

Row 8 (WS): P to end.

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SIZE XXS: Upper Front is complete.

SIZE XS Stripes 25-26: Repeat rows 5-8 once more. *4 sts increased.*

SIZE S Stripes 25-28: Repeat rows 5-8 twice more. *8 sts increased.*

SIZE M Stripes 25-28: Repeat rows 5-8 twice more. *8 sts increased.*

SIZE L Stripes 25-32: Repeat rows 5-8, 4 more times. *16 sts increased.*

There are 64 (74, 82, 88) (102, -, -) (-, -, -) sts in total.

Place 2 removable stitch markers into the last and first stitch to mark where sts will be picked up for the frill later.

The Upper Front is now complete. Don't cut the yarn.

ONLY SIZES XL-5XL:

Stripe number 25:

Change to MC and work as follows:

Joining row 1 (RS): K2, M1L, k across all the Right Upper Front sts, cast on - (-, -, -) (-, 18, 18) (18, 20, 24) sts for the middle of the neckline with the Backwards Loop Cast-on method, join the Left Upper Front sts and k to last 2 sts, M1R, k2. *2 sts increased.*

Row 2 (WS): P all sts.

There are - (-, -, -) (-, 94, 98) (104, 112, 120) sts in total.

Change to CC and work as follows:

Stripe 26:

Row 3 (RS): K2, M1L, k to last 2 sts, M1R, k2. *2 sts increased.*

Row 4 (WS): P to end.

There are - (-, -, -) (-, 96, 100) (106, 114, 122) sts in total.

Change to MC and work as follows:

Stripe 27:

Row 5 (RS): K2, M1L, k to last 2 sts, M1R, k2. *2 sts increased.*

Row 6 (WS): P to end.

There are - (-, -, -) (-, 98, 102) (108, 116, 124) sts in total.

Change to CC and work as follows:

Stripe 28:

Row 7 (RS): K2, M1L, k to last 2 sts, M1R, k2. *2 sts increased.*

Row 8 (WS): P to end.

There are - (-, -, -) (-, 100, 104) (110, 118, 126) sts in total.

SIZE XL Stripes 29-32: Repeat rows 5-8 twice more. *8 sts increased.*

SIZE 2XL Stripes 29-32: Repeat rows 5-8 twice more. *8 sts increased.*

SIZE 3XL Stripes 29-34: Repeat rows 5-8, 3 more times. *12 sts increased.*

SIZE 4XL Stripes 29-36: Repeat rows 5-8, 4 more times. *16 sts increased.*

SIZE 5XL Stripes 29-36: Repeat rows 5-8, 4 more times. *16 sts increased.*

There are - (-, -, -) (-, 108, 112) (122, 134, 142) sts in total.

Place 2 removable stitch markers into the last and first stitch to mark where sts will be picked up for the frill later.

The Upper Front is now complete. Don't cut the yarn.

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BODY

Next, the Upper Front and Upper Back sts are joined together to work the lower body in the round. Begin by transferring all the sts onto the same 4.5 mm / US 7 circular needles (80-100 cm / 32-40").

Rnd 1: With MC, k across all Upper Front sts, cast on 4 (4, 4, 6) (6, 6, 10) (10, 10, 16) sts for the underarm with the Backwards Loop Cast-on method,
k across all Upper Back sts, cast on 2 (2, 2, 3) (3, 3, 5) (5, 5, 8) sts for the underarm with the Backwards Loop Cast-on method, **PM** (=this is BOR-m),
cast on 2 (2, 2, 3) (3, 3, 5) (5, 5, 8) sts for the underarm the Backwards Loop Cast-on method.

Note! The BOR-m is placed in the middle of the new underarm sts so that the jog from switching between colors for each stripe is in the side body seam and thus less visible from the front.

There are 136 (156, 172, 188) (216, 228, 244) (264, 288, 316) body sts in total.

Rnd 2: K to end.

Tip! See a trick on how to avoid having a visible jog between the stripes when working in the round at the beginning of the pattern.

Change to CC:

Rnd 3: K to end.

Rnd 4: K to end.

Change to MC:

Rnd 5: K to end.

Rnd 6: K to end.

Repeat rnds 3-6 until the body measures 28 (29, 29, 29) (30, 30, 30) (31, 31, 31) cm / 11 (11.5, 11.5, 11.5) (11.75, 11.75, 11.75) (12.25, 12.25, 12.25)" from underarm (or less than 2.5 cm / 1" in total desired length). The last stripe is in MC.

Tip! Try on the sweater at this point to see that you get a body length that fits your preferences.

Change to CC (you can cut MC yarn) and 3 mm / US2.5 circular needles (80-100 cm / 32-40") and work setup rnd: k to end.

Work the hem in *k1 tbl, p1* twisted rib until it measures 2.5 cm / 1" and bind off all sts using the Italian Bind-off method.

FRILL

Before working the sleeves in the round, stitches are picked up around the armhole between the markers placed at the end of the Upper Back and Front for the shoulder seam frills which are worked flat.

With CC and 3 mm / US2.5 circular needles (80-100 cm / 32-40"), pick up and knit 88 (96, 100, 100) (120, 120, 120) (128, 136, 136) sts starting from one armhole marker to the other.

Note! Do not pick up stitches from the underarm area.

Pickup rhythm:

Pick up and k1 per 2 rows for the first 8 rows,
then pick up and k1 per 1 row until the last 8 rows,
then k1 per 2 rows again until marker.

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Work one setup row (WS):

P5, k2tog, p1, k1 to last 5 sts, p5. 1 stitch decreased.

There are 87 (95, 99, 99) (119, 119, 119) (127, 135, 135) sts in total.

Tip! You can find a chart of the frill at the end of this pattern (it's the same as the written instructions in a visual format).

Change to MC:

Row 1 (RS): K1, sssk, *k1, p1* to last 5 sts, k1, k3tog, k1. 4 sts decreased.

Row 2 (WS): P3, k1, *p1, k1* to last 3 sts, p3.

There are 83 (91, 95, 95) (115, 115, 115) (123, 131, 131) sts in total.

Change to CC:

Row 3 (RS): K1, sssk, k1, *p1, k1* 5 times, *p1, [k1, yo, k1] in the same st* to the last 14 sts, *p1, k1* 5 times, k3tog, k1.

Row 4 (WS): P3, k1, *p1, k1* 4 times, *p3, k1* to the last 13 sts, *p1, k1* 5 times, p3.

There are 141 (157, 165, 165) (205, 205, 205) (221, 237, 237) sts in total.

Change to MC.

Row 5 (RS): K1, sssk, *k1, p1* 4 times, k1, *p1, k3* to the last 12 sts, *p1, k1* 4 times, k3tog, k1. 4 sts decreased.

Row 6 (WS): P3, k1, *p1, k1* 3 times, *p3, k1* to the last 11 sts, *p1, k1* 4 times, p3.

There are 137 (153, 161, 161) (201, 201, 201) (217, 233, 233) sts in total.

Change to CC.

Row 7 (RS): K1, sssk, k1, *p1, k1* 2 times, *p1, k1, M1L, k1, M1L, k1* to the last 10 sts, p1, *k1, p1* 2 times, k3tog, k1.

Row 8 (WS): P3, k1, *p1, k1* 2 times, *p5, k1* to last 9 sts, *p1, k1* 3 times, p3.

There are 191 (215, 227, 227) (287, 287, 287) (311, 335, 335) sts in total.

Change to MC.

Row 9 (RS): K1, sssk, k1, *p1, k1* 2 times, *p1, k5* to last 8 sts, *p1, k1* 2 times, k3tog, k1. 4 sts decreased.

Row 10 (WS): P3, k1, p1, k1, *p5, k1* to last 7 sts, *p1, k1* 2 times, p3.

There are 187 (211, 223, 223) (283, 283, 283) (307, 331, 331) sts in total.

Change to CC.

Row 11 (RS): K1, sssk, k1, p1, k1, *p1, k1, M1L, k3, M1L, k1* to last 6 sts, p1, k1, k3tog, k1.

Row 12 (WS): P3, k1, *p7, k1* to last 5 sts, p1, k1, p3.

There are 241 (273, 289, 289) (369, 369, 369) (401, 433, 433) sts in total.

Change to MC.

Row 13 (RS): K1, sssk, k1, *p1, k7* to last 4 sts, k3tog, k1. 4 sts decreased.

There are 237 (269, 285, 285) (365, 365, 365) (397, 429, 429) sts in total.

Row 14 (WS): K1, ssk, pull the first st over the second, continue binding off all sts using the Standard Bind-off method until the last 3 sts. Then k2tog, pull the first st over the k2tog, bind off the last 2 sts.

Work the other armhole frill the same way.

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SLEEVES

For the sleeves sts are first picked up along the armhole openings. The sleeves are shaped by working German Short rows flat to ensure a good fit. Then the sleeves are worked in the round on either 4.5 mm / US7 circular needles (40-60 cm / 16-24"), double-pointed needles or longer circular needles for Magic Loop technique.

Stripe 1:

With CC, and 4.5 mm / US 7 circular needles (40-60 cm / 16-24") pick up and k 62 (70, 76, 76) (86, 86, 88) (94, 98, 104) sts starting at the middle of the underarm and continue along the WS of the frill around the entire armhole opening until you reach the second half of the underarm sts. The rhythm for picking up sts is approx. 3 sts per 5 sts / rows (in other words: knit 2 in every st / row, skip 1, knit 1, skip 1). Place BOR-m.

Work one setup rnd before working the German short rows. Work as follows:

Set-up rnd: K3, k2tog, k to last 5 sts, ssk, k3. 2 sts decreased.

There are 60 (68, 74, 74) (84, 84, 86) (92, 96, 102) sts in total.

Begin shaping the sleeve by working German Short rows flat as follows:

Stripe 2:

GSR 1 (RS): K4 with CC, change to MC, k to last 3 sts before BOR-m, turn work.

GSR 2 (WS): Make DS, p to last 3 sts before BOR-m, turn work.

Stripe 3:

GSR 3: Make DS with MC, change to CC, k to DS, k the DS, k1, turn work.

GSR 4: Make DS, p to DS, p DS, p1, turn work.

Stripe 4:

GSR 5: Make DS with CC, change to MC, k to DS, k DS, k1, turn work.

GSR 6: Make DS, p to DS, p DS, p1, turn work.

Stripe 5:

GSR 7: Make DS with MC, change to CC, k to DS, k DS, k1, turn work.

GSR 8: Make DS, p to DS, p DS, p1, turn work.

German Short Rows are now complete.

Begin working the sleeve in the rnd as follows:

Stripe 6:

Rnd 1: Make DS with CC, change to MC, k to DS, k DS.

Rnd 2: K to end.

Change to CC.

Stripe 7:

Rnd 3: K to end.

Rnd 4: K to end.

Change to MC.

Stripe 8:

Rnd 5: K to end.

Rnd 6: K to end.

Repeat rnds 3-6 until the sleeve measures 50 cm / 19.75" from the underarm (or until the sleeve measures 2.5 cm / 1" less than total desired length). The last stripe before the cuff is in MC.

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Change to CC and 3 mm / US2.5 circular needles (40-60 cm / 16-24"), DPNs or longer needles for Magic Loop technique and work one setup rnd: k to end.

Work the sleeve cuff in *k1 tbl, p1* twisted rib until it measures 2.5 cm / 1" and bind off all sts using the Italian Bind-off method.

Work the other sleeve the same.

COLLAR

With CC, starting at the left shoulder seam when looking at the piece in front of you, pick up and k 86 (90, 94, 102) (102, 112, 116) (120, 124, 132) sts from the neckline with 3 mm / US 2.5 circular needles (40-60 cm / 16-24") as follows:

pick up and k1 in every st from the back neck (= 20 (22, 24, 28) (28, 30, 32) (34, 36, 40) sts),
 pick up and k2 per 3 rows along the curved neckline edge (=29 (29, 29, 29) (29, 32, 32) (32, 32, 32)),
 pick up and k1 in every st from the middle front neckline (=8, (10, 12, 16) (16, 18, 20) (22, 24, 28)),
 pick up and k2 per 3 rows along the curved neckline edge (=29 (29, 29, 29) (29, 32, 32) (32, 32, 32)).

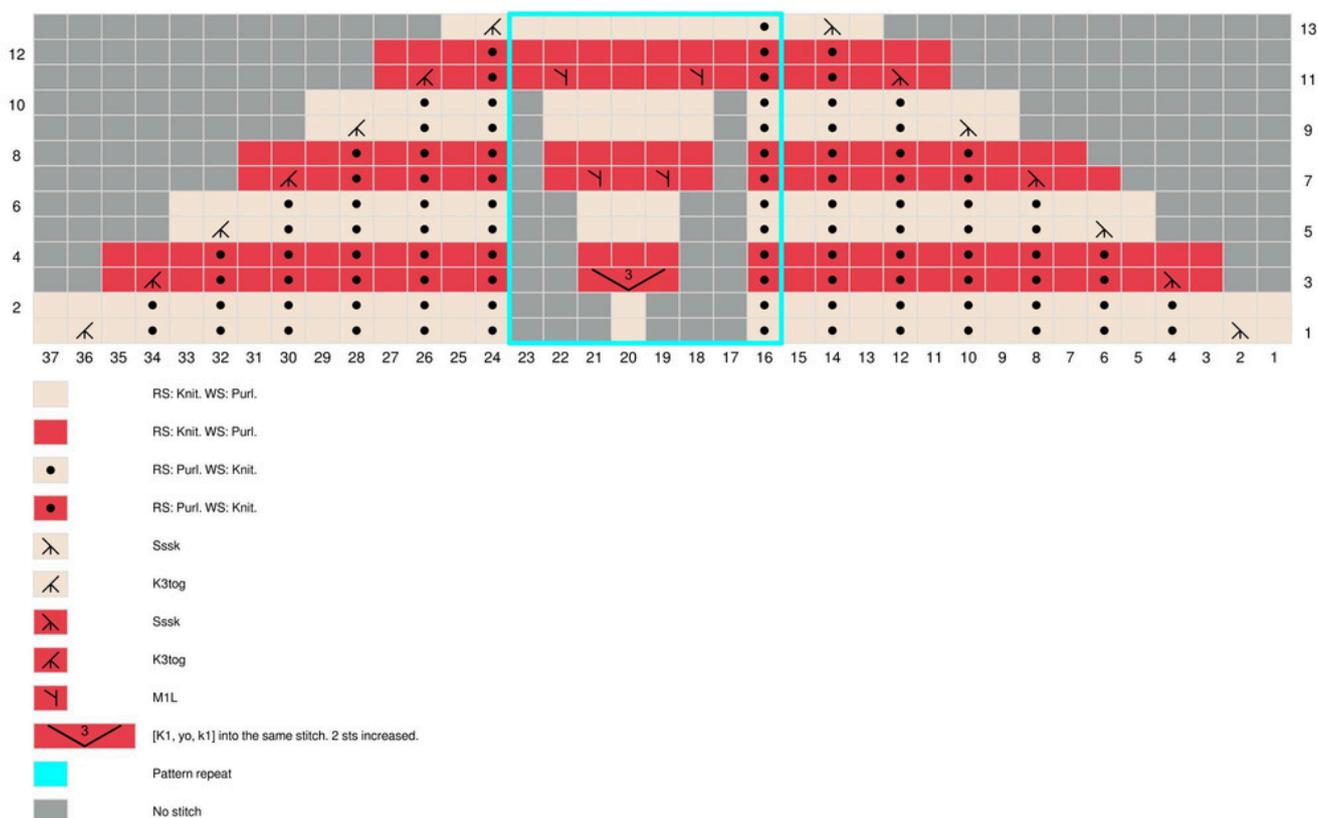
Work an I-cord edge as follows:

Cast on 4 new sts on the left needle using the Knitted Cast-on method on the RS.

K3, k2tog through the back loops, slip 4 sts from the right to the left needle, repeat *-* until there are only 4 sts left on the right needle.

Graft the last 4 sts together with the beginning of the I-cord edge so that the join becomes invisible.

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FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Block the sweater by soaking it in cold to lukewarm water and let it dry flat.



Hope you enjoyed this pattern!

You can use the hashtags **#chickacherrysweater** and **#knitwithkika** when you post on Instagram so we can admire your work :)

If you have any questions, please send them to support@kutovakika.com

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ABBREVIATIONS

BOR = beginning of round

CC = contrast color

DPN = double pointed needle

DS = double stitch, used when working German Short Rows. Work as follows:

The double stitch is always worked on the first stitch of the row following a turn. The first stitch on the left needle is slipped purlwise with yarn in front (wyif), then the yarn is pulled tightly over the needle so that the two legs of the stitch in the row below are pulled up and exposed on the right needle. Continue working the row as the pattern says. On the next row, work the double stitch as a “normal” stitch, either knitting or purling it as normal.

K = knit

K2tog = knit 2 stitches together through front loops. (1 stitch decreased)

K3tog = knit 3 stitches together through front loops. (2 stitches decreased)

MC = main color

M1L = make 1 left (left-leaning increase), knit the strand between two sts by inserting the left needle from front to back and knit the stitch twisted (through the back loop). (1 stitch increased)

M1R = make 1 right (right-leaning increase), knit the strand between two stitches by inserting the left needle from back to front and knit the stitch (through the front loop). (1 stitch increased)

P = purl

P2tog = purl 2 stitches together through front loops. (1 stitch decreased)

PM = place marker

RM = remove marker

Rnd(s) = round(s)

SM = slip marker

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Ssk= slip, slip, knit. Slip the first stitch as if to knit, slip the second stitch as if to knit. Slide both stitches from the right needle back to the left hand needle. Knit both stitches through the back loops together as if they were one stitch. (1 stitch decreased)

Sskk= slip, slip, slip, knit. Slip the first stitch as if to knit, slip the second stitch as if to knit, slip the third stitch as if to knit. Slide all three stitches from the right needle back to the left hand needle. Knit all three stitches through the back loops together as if they were one stitch. (2 stitches decreased)

St(s) = stitch(es)

Tbl = through the back loop (twisted)

Yo = yarn over

- = repeat the steps between the *