

Knitting for Olive



Chunky Rib Sweater

Sizes: 1 (2, 3, 4, 5)

Finished measurements: Chest circumference: approx. 116 (121, 129, 135, 145) cm [45¾ (47½, 50¾, 53¼, 57)]" to fit chest circumference: 76-90 (91-100, 101-120, 121-130, 131-145) cm [30-35½ (35¾-39¼, 39¾-47¼, 47½-51¼, 51½-57)]"; Length from shoulder to hem: approx. 54 (56, 60, 64, 68) cm [21¼ (22, 23½, 25¼, 26¾)]"; Sleeve length from underarm to cuff: approx. 47 (47, 47, 48, 48) cm [18½ (18½, 18½, 19, 19)]"

Yarn: 1 strand of Knitting for Olives Heavy Merino (125 m [137 yd / 50 g [1.8 oz], worsted-weight yarn, 7 (8, 9, 10, 11) balls; + 2 strands of Knitting for Olives Soft Silk Mohair (225 m [246 yd] / 25 g [0.9 oz]), lace-weight yarn, 8 (9, 10, 11, 12) balls. Sample is in Heavy Merino, Rust colorway, and Soft Silk Mohair, Rust colorway

Needles: 4.5 mm / US7 and 6 mm / US10 circular needles and double pointed needles

Gauge (after blocking): 15 sts and 20 rows = 10 cm [4"] with 6 mm / US10 needles in 3x3 rib pattern

Notions: Stitch markers, waste yarn or stitch holders, tapestry needle

Special techniques:

Our Knitting for Olive video tutorials clearly demonstrate the special techniques used in Chunky Rib Sweater (in Danish):

- German Short Rows:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9encEthft8E&t=135s>
- M1R and M1L increases:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4bAF8eMcvM&t=7s>
- M1Rp and M1Lp increases:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=muQPFlxpD84>

Construction notes

Ribbing that flows gracefully from the collar, angling with the plump ribbing at the yoke that cascades down to the edge, gives the linear silhouette of the classic ribbed sweater a striking and dynamic look. Worked top down and in the round, with 3 strands together throughout, the Chunky Rib Sweater features a high collar and a comfortable, roomy fit. German short rows shape the back, raising the neckline.

The Chunky Rib Sweater is size inclusive, and its length can be easily modified to fit any shape, style and preference.

Stitch patterns

2x2 Rib (multiple of 4 sts)

-In the round:

Round 1: *K2, p2; repeat from *

-Working back and forth:

Row 1 (RS): *K2, p2; repeat from *

Row 2 (WS): *P2, k2; repeat from *

3x3 Rib (multiple of 6 sts)

-In the round

Round 1: *K3, p3; repeat from *

-Working back and forth:

Row 1 (RS): *K3, p3; repeat from *

Row 2 (WS): *P3, k3; repeat from *

Ribbed Collar

With 4.5 mm / US7 circular needle and 1 strand of Heavy Merino + 2 strands of Soft Silk Mohair, cast on 72 (72, 80, 80, 80) sts using long-tail cast on method. Join for working in the round, being careful not to twist sts, and place marker for BOR and mid back

Sizes 1 and 2

Set up Round: K1, p2, (k2, p2) to last st, k1

Sizes 3, 4 and 5

Set up Round: P1, (k2, p2) to last 3 sts, k2, p1

All sizes

Work in 2x2 rib pattern as established until collar measures 8 (8, 9, 9, 9) cm [3¼ (3¼, 3½, 3½, 3½)]"

Yoke

Note: Work the four 10 st-raglan bands in 2x2 rib pattern, and front and back, and sleeves in 3x3 rib pattern.

Maintain 10 st-raglan bands in 2x2 rib pattern throughout, and incorporate raglan increases into 3x3 rib pattern as instructed

Sizes 1 and 2

Set up Round (inc round): *M1L, k1, p1, M1Lp, p1, k1, M1L, k1, p1, M1Lp, p1, pm, work 10 sts in 2x2 rib pattern as established, pm for raglan band, p1, M1Lp, p1, pm for sleeve, work 10 sts in 2x2 rib pattern as established, pm for raglan band, p1, M1Lp, p1, k1, M1L, k1, p1, M1Lp, p1, k1; repeat from * one more time [16 sts increased] = 88 sts

Upon completion of this section, you will have: 21 sts in 3x3 rib pattern for front and back,, 3 sts for each sleeve and 10 sts in 2x2 rib pattern for each raglan band

Sizes 3, 4 and 5

Set up Round (inc round): *M1Lp, p1, (k1, M1L, k1, p1, M1Lp, p1) twice, pm, work 10 sts in 2x2 rib pattern as established, pm for raglan band, p1, M1Lp, p1, pm for sleeve, work 10 sts in 2x2 rib pattern as established, pm for raglan band, (p1, M1Lp, p1, k1, M1L, k1) twice, p1; repeat from * one more time [20 sts increased] = 100 sts

Upon completion of this section, you will have: 27 sts in 3x3 rib pattern for front and back, 3 sts for each sleeve, and 10 sts in 2x2 rib pattern for each raglan bands

All sizes

Change to 6 mm / US10 circular needle

Next Round: Work as established to end of round

Short-row and raglan shaping

Note: Work double stitches as 1 stitch (see Special Techniques)

Short Row 1 (RS): *Working as established, work to marker, M1R, sm, work raglan band, sm, M1L, repeat from * one more time, p2, tw [4 sts increased]

Short Row 2 (WS): Ds, working new new sts as p, work as established to BOR, *working as established, work to marker, M1Rp, sm, work raglan band, sm, M1Lp; repeat from * one more times, k2, tw [4 sts increased]

Short Row 3: Ds, working new sts as k, work as established to end of round = 96 (96, 108, 108, 108) sts

Raglan shaping

Round 1 (inc round): *Working as established, work to marker, M1R, sm, work raglan band, sm, M1L; repeat from * 3 more times, work to end of round [8 sts increased] = 104 (104, 116, 116, 116) sts

Round 2: Work even to end of round

Rounds 3 and 4: Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 [8 sts increased] = 112 (112, 124, 124, 124) sts

Round 5 (inc round): *Working as established, work to marker, M1Rp, sm, work raglan band, sm, M1Lp; repeat from * 3 more times, work to end of round [8 sts increased] = 120 (120, 132, 132, 132) sts

Round 6: Work to end of round

Rounds 7 - 8: Repeat Rounds 5 - 6 one more time [8 sts increased] = 128 (128, 140, 140, 140) sts

Rounds 9 - 10: Repeat Rounds 5 - 6 one more time [8 sts increased] = 136 (136, 148, 148, 148) sts

Repeat short-row and raglan shaping two more times as follows:

Work Short Rows 1 - 3 one more time [8 sts increased] = 144 (144, 156, 156, 156) sts

Repeat Rounds 1 - 10 one more time [40 sts increased] = 184 (184, 196, 196, 196) sts

Repeat Short Rows 1 - 3 one more time [8 sts increased] = 192 (192, 204, 204, 204) sts

Repeat Rounds 1 - 10 one more time [40 sts increased] = 232 (232, 244, 244, 244) sts

Round 1 (inc round): *Working as established, work to marker, M1R, sm, work raglan band, sm, M1L; repeat from * 3 more times, work to end of round [8 sts increased] = 240 (240, 252, 252, 252) sts

Round 2: Work even

Rounds 3 - 4: Repeat Rounds 1 - 2 [8 sts increased] = 248 (248, 260, 260, 260) sts

Rounds 5 - 6: Repeat Rounds 1 - 2 one more time [8 sts increased] = 256 (256, 268, 268, 268) sts

Round 7 (inc round): *Working as established, work to marker, M1Rp, sm, work raglan band, sm, M1Lp; repeat from * 3 more times, work to end of round [8 sts increased] = 264 (264, 276, 276, 276) sts

Round 8: Work even

Repeat Rounds 7 - 8 two more times [16 sts increased] = 280 (280, 292, 292, 292) sts

Work 1 (2, 3, 4, 4) rounds even

Divide body and sleeves

Note: After removing 4 raglan markers, you'll still have 5 markers in place: 4 markers for side bands, and BOR marker

Dividing Round: Working as established, work to marker, sm, work 9 raglan band sts, removing the next 2 raglan markers as you come to them, place 53 (53, 53, 53, 53) sts on holder for sleeve, cast on

0 (4, 4, 8, 16) new sts, work 9 raglan band sts, sm; repeat from * one more time, work to end of round = 174 (182, 194, 202, 218) sts

Body

Note: Raglan bands transition into side bands. Work 18 (22, 22, 26, 34) side band sts in 2x2 rib pattern

Work body in 3x3 rib pattern

Work as established until body measures approx. 46 (48, 52, 56, 60) cm [18 (19, 20½, 22, 23½)]" from neckline at end of collar, or 8 cm [3"] short of desired length

Ribbed edge

Change to 4.5 mm / US7 circular needle and work as established until edge measures 8 cm [3"]

Bind off sts in pattern

Sleeves

Note: Work sleeves in 3x3 rib pattern to edge

Transfer 53 sleeve sts from holder onto 6 mm / US10 double-pointed needles, and join for working in the round

Set up Round: Work across sts as established, pick up and knit 1 (7, 7, 13, 19) sts from underarm cast on edge, and place BOR marker = 54 (60, 60, 66, 72) sts

Round 1: Work as established, incorporating new undersarm sts into pattern as follows:

Size 1: K1

Sizes 2 and 3: K2, p3, k2

Size 4: K2, p3, k3, p3, k2

Size 5: K2, p3, (k3, p3) twice, k2

All sizes

Work as established until sleeve measures approx. 38 (38, 38, 39, 39) cm [15 (15, 15, 15¼, 15¼)]", or 9 cm [3½"] short of desired length

Change to 4.5 mm / US7 double-pointed needles, and shift BOR marker as follows:

Next Round: Remove BOR marker, k1, place marker for new BOR, k2, work as established to last st, k1

Dec Round: (K2tog, p2, k2tog) to end of round [18 (20, 20, 22, 24) sts decreased] = 36 (40, 40, 44, 48) sts

Ribbed edge

Set up Round: K1, p2, (k2, p2) to 1 st left, k1

Work as established until edge measures approx. 9 cm [3½"]

Bind off in pattern

Work other sleeve the same

Finishing

Weave in all loose ends, and sew underarms

Block

We hope you enjoy knitting the Chunky Rib Sweater! We would love to see your finished projects! If you would like to share your work with us on Instagram, please use hashtag #knittingforolive and #chunkyribsweater or tag us @knittingforolive

Abbreviations

Approx. – approximately

BOR – beginning of round

K – knit

P – purl

Dec – decrease

Inc – increase

Ds – double stitch (for German short-row technique)

K2tog – knit 2 stitches together [1 stitch decreased]

M1L – make 1 new left twist stitch on the knit side: insert right needle, from back to front, under the bar running between first stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needles, pick up bar and knit this stitch into the back loop [1 stitch increased]

M1R – make 1 new right twist stitch on the knit side: insert right needle, from front to back, under the bar running between first stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needle, pick up bar in twisted position and knit this stitch [1 stitch increased]

M1Lp – make 1 new left purl twist st on the wrong side: insert right needle, from front to back, under the bar running between first st on left needle and last stitch on right needle, pick up bar in twisted position and purl this stitch [1 stitch increased]

M1Rp – make 1 new right purl twist stitch on the wrong side: insert right needle, from back to front, under the bar running between first st on left needle and last stitch on right needle, pick up bar and purl this stitch through the back loop [1 stitch increased]

Pm – place marker

RS – right side

WS – wrong side

Sm – slip marker

St/sts – stitch/stitches

Tbl – through the back loop

Tw – turn work (for German short-row technique)