

Cosmos Sweater



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Pattern description

Inspired by the cosmos flower with brilliant pops of colour peeking out from dense foliage. This top down sweater is straightforward, worked with lifted increases, and features dip stitch flowers flowing down the yoke in a gradient for a very unique style. You will find your deep stash yarn, that is so variegated you didn't know what to do with it, worked up surprisingly quick!

This sweater is worked from the top down seamlessly in the round. Cast on the neckline, work raglan increasing until the underarm. Then place sleeve stitches on hold, continue knitting body, and sleeves are then completed last. Short rows are included after the neckline ribbing. These are optional, but provide a more comfortable fit. Cosmos sweater will make your variegated yarns bloom their brightest, with very little effort!

Size

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

Measurements

Finished chest measurement: 34 (36, 40, 46) (**50, 55, 60**) (65, 70)" / 86 (91.5, 102, 117) (**127, 140, 154.5**) (165, 178) cm.

Designed to be worn with 2-4 inches/ 5- 10 cm of positive ease. (Ease is included in finished chest measurement). Sweater is intended to have a comfortable fit with some positive ease.

Materials

Yarn: Malabrigo - Rios. 100% Superwash Merino Wool. 210 yards per 100 grams. "Pisces" colourway

Total Yardage: 920 (1080,1260,1520) (**1700, 1880, 2080**) (2200, 2340) yds.

Recommend needle size: US size 3 (3.25 mm) for ribbing, US size 6 (4.0 mm) for sweater or sizes needed to obtain gauge. XS to XL: 16" and 32" circular and DPN needles, 2XL to 5XL: 16", 32" and 48" circular and DPN needles

Notions: wool needle for grafting, stitch markers.

Gauge

18 sts and 24 rows = 4" (10 cm) in stockinette stitch, blocked using US 6 (4.0 mm).

Notes

- Sweater is intended to have a comfortable fit with some positive ease.
- DPNs are optional, can use magic loop method with circular needles if preferred.
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- Short rows are included after the neckline ribbing. These are optional, but provide a more comfortable fit.
- Sample shown is size medium 36" bust, with 4 inches of positive ease, with a cropped length at 15" / 38 cm from underarm, and sleeves measuring 17" / 43 cm from underarm.

Notes for Flowers:

- Make sure to make flowers loose, otherwise fabric will bunch/bulk up.
- When a flower is made on a LLI stitch, make the flower after it.
- For certain sizes, flowers will need to be a stitch over here and there. It won't affect the fit of the sweater, adjust so the flowers land in between each other. Plus a bit of random placement looks more organic and unique!
- On decrease rounds: knit to flower, then (ssk, k1) 2 times, ssk.

PATTERN

Neckline

With smaller needles and long tail or your preferred CO method, CO 80 (88, 90, 92) (96, 96, 96) (96, 96). Place BOR marker and join for working in the round being careful not to twist sts. Work (k1, p1) ribbing for 1 (1.25, 1.25, 1.25) (1.25, 1.5, 1.5) (1.5, 1.5)".

K around increasing using LLI by 24 (24, 34, 36) (36, 48, 56) (64, 76) sts evenly spaced.
[104 (112, 124, 128) (132, 144, 152) (160, 172) sts]

Yoke

Switch to larger needles.
Note: BOR is at center back neck.

Optional Short Row Shaping

Short Row 1 (RS): K 22 (25, 27, 28) (30, 32, 34) (36, 38), turn and work next row.

Short Row 2 (WS): Make DS, p to cm, sl m, p 22 (25, 27, 28) (30, 32, 34) (36, 38), turn.

Short Row 3: DS, k to cm, sl m, k to 4 sts before DS, turn work.

Short Row 4: DS, p to 4 sts before DS, turn work.

Work Short Rows 3 - 4 a total of 3 (4, 4, 4) (5, 5, 5) (6, 6) times.

Next Rnd: DS, k BOR, then work one rnd, k each of the DS together to form a single st.

Continue Yoke:

Knit a total of 3 rnds.

Inc Rnd 1 (RS): [k4, LLI] rep [] to BOR.

Total Stitches: [130 (140, 155, 166) (165, 180, 190) (200, 215) sts]

Set up Rnd: K around increasing using LLI by 6 (4, 5, 2) (11, 4, 2) (0, 1) sts evenly spaced.

Total stitches: [136 (144, 160, 168) (176, 184, 192) (200, 216)]

Flower Rnd 1: [Flower, k4] rep [] to BOR.

Flower rnd 2: [{ssk, k1} 2 times, ssk, k3]

Rep [] to BOR.

Knit a total of 4 rnds.

Inc Rnd 2: [k4, LLI] rep [] to BOR.

Total Stitches: [170 (180, 200, 210) **(220, 230, 240)** (250, 270) sts]

Set up Rnd: K around increasing using LLI by 6 (4, 0, 6) **(4, 2, 0)** (6, 2) sts evenly spaced.

Total stitches: [176 (184, 200, 216) **(224, 232, 240)** (256, 272) sts]

Flower Rnd 3: [k6, Flower] rep [] to BOR.

Flower rnd 4: [k5, (ssk, k1) 2 times, ssk] rep [] to BOR.

Knit a total of 5 rnds.

Inc Rnd 3: [k4, LLI] rep [] to BOR.

Total Stitches: [220 (230, 250, 270) **(280, 290, 300)** (320, 340) sts]

Set up Rnd: K around increasing using LLI by 4 (2, 6, 2) **(0, 6, 4)** (0, 4) sts evenly spaced.

Total stitches: [224 (232, 256, 272) **(280, 296, 304)** (320, 340) sts]

Flower Rnd 5: [Flower, k9] rep [] to BOR.

Flower rnd 6: [(ssk, k1) 2 times, ssk, k8] Rep [] to BOR.

Knit a total of 6 rnds.

Sizes xs-s only:

Proceed to Flower Rnd 7.

For sizes med-5xl only:

Inc Rnd 4: [k8, LLI] rep [] to BOR.

Total Stitches: [224 (232, 288, 306) **(315, 333, 342)** (360, 382) sts]

Set up Rnd: K around increasing using LLI by - (-, 0, 6) **(5, 3, 2)** (0, 2) sts evenly spaced.

Total stitches: [224 (232, 288, 312) **(320, 336, 344)** (360, 384) sts]

All Sizes

Flower Rnd 7: [k10, Flower] rep [] to BOR.

Flower rnd 8: [k9, (ssk, k1) 2 times, ssk] rep [] to BOR.

Sizes xs-1xl only: proceed to All Sizes.

Knit a total of - (-, -, -) **(-, 6, 6)** (6,6) rnds.

For sizes 2xl-5xl only:

Inc Rnd 5: [k8, LLI] rep [] to BOR.

Total Stitches: [- (-, -, -) **(-, 378, 387)** (405, 432) sts]

K around increasing using LLI by - (-, -, -) **(-, -, 9)** (19, 20) sts evenly spaced.

Total stitches: [- (-, -, -) **(-, 378, 396)** (424, 452) sts]

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All Sizes

Work even until work measures 7.5 (8.5, 9, 9.5) **(10, 10.5, 11)** (11.5, 12)"/ 19 (21.5, 23, 24) **(25.5, 27, 28)** (29, 30.5) cm from CO edge.

K 34 (36, 42, 48) **(50, 56, 61)** (66, 71) sts.

Separate Body and Sleeves:

Place the next 44 (44, 60, 60) **(60, 77, 76)** (80, 84) sts on holder or waste yarn for right sleeve.

CO 8 (10, 10, 10) **(12, 12, 12)** (12,12) sts for underarm.

K 68 (72, 84, 96) **(100, 112, 122)** (132, 142) sts for front.

Place the next 44 (44, 60, 60) **(66, 77, 76)** (80, 84) sts on holder or waste yarn for left sleeve.

CO 8 (10, 10, 10) **(12, 12, 12)** (12,12) sts for underarm.

K 68 (72, 84, 96) **(100, 112, 122)** (132, 142) sts for back.

Body

You now have 152 (164, 188, 212) **(224, 248, 268)** (288, 308) sts total.

K all sts for 14 (15, 16, 17) **(17.5, 18, 19)** (19, 19)" or 35.5 (38, 51, 43) **(44.5, 46, 48)** (48, 50) cm, or 2" / 5 cm from final desired length.

With smaller needles work 2" of ktbl, p1 ribbing. BO using your preferred stretchy BO method.

Sleeves

Put 44 (44, 60, 60) **(66, 77, 76)** (80, 84) sts held sts back onto larger needles.

Set Up Rnd: Pick up and k 4 (5, 5, 5) **(6, 5, 6)** (6, 6) sts at the underarm, k the held sts, pick up and k 4 (5, 5, 5) **(6, 6, 6)** (6, 6) sts at underarm, place BOR m and join for knitting in the rnd. [52 (54, 70, 70) **(78, 88, 88)** (92, 96)] sts on the needles.

K even for 2 (4, 5, 5.5) (7, 6, 6.5), 7 (7, 7, 6) (5, 5, 3.5) (4, 5)" from underarm.

*Dec Rnd 1: K1, ssk, k until 3 sts before m, k2tog, k1.

K 6 (5, 5, 5) (5, 5, 5) (4, 3) rnds even.*

Rep from * to * until 40 (42, 46, 50) **(60, 60, 60)** (60, 60) sts remain.

K even until sleeve measures from underarm 5.5 **(6.5, 7.5, 9)** (10.5, 11.5, 13.5)", 16 (17, 18, 19) **(19, 19, 19)** (19, 19) cm, or 2" / 4 cm short of desired length.

Using smaller needles work ktbl, p1 ribbing for 2". BO using your preferred stretchy BO method.

Rep for second sleeve. Continue to Finishing.

Finishing

Soak sweater in lukewarm water for 15 – 20 minutes. Press out water with a towel. Lay flat to air dry. Block sweater to dimensions. Weave in all ends, using yarn tails at armholes to close any holes.

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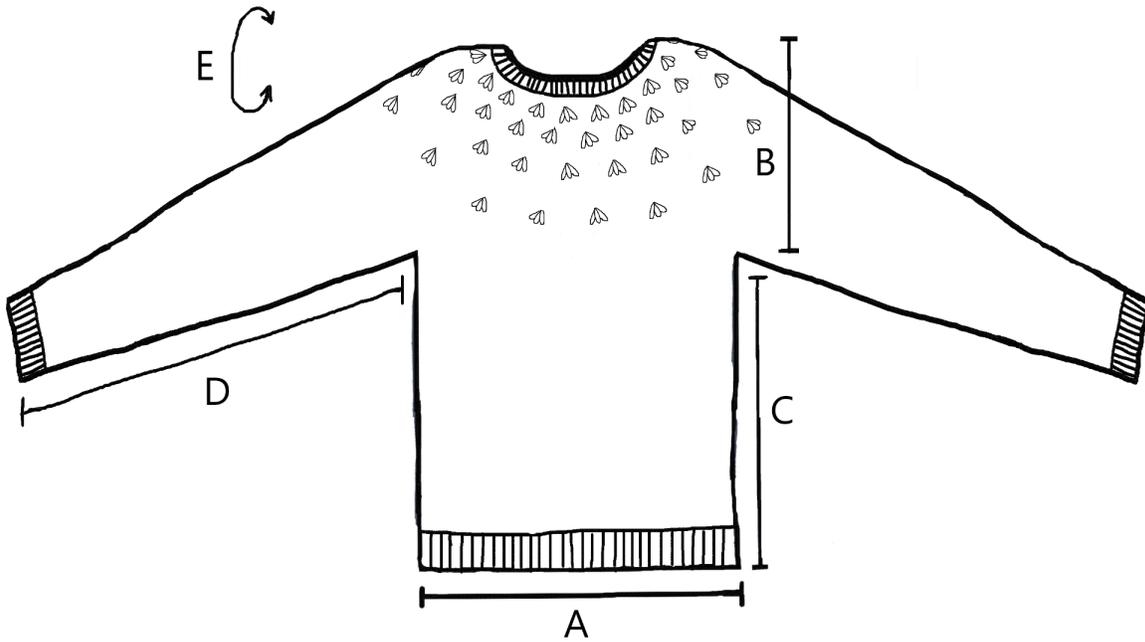
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Schematic



Schematic Measurements

Size	Chest A	Yoke Length B	Body Length C	Sleeve Length D	Sleeve Width E
XS	34"	7.5"	15"	18"	11.5"
S	36"	8.5"	16"	19"	12.5"
M	40"	9"	17"	20"	14.25"
L	46"	9.5"	18.5"	21"	16"
XL	50"	10"	19"	21"	17.5"
2XL	55"	10.5"	20"	21"	19"
3XL	60"	11"	20"	21"	20"
4XL	65"	11.5"	20"	21"	21"
5XL	70"	12"	20"	21"	22.25"

Abbreviations and techniques

BO: bind off	M: marker	RS: right/front side of work
BOR: beginning of round	M1L: make 1 left	Sl: slip
CM: center marker	M1R: make 1 right	Ssk: slip 2 stitches as if to knit, insert left needle into the stitches from back to front, k2tog
CO: cast on	P: purl	St(s): stitch(es)
Dec: decrease	PM: place marker	Tbl: through the back loop
Inc: increase	Rep: repeat	WS: wrong/back side of work
K: knit	Rnd(s): round(s)	
K2tog: knit 2 stitches together		

DS - Short rows on WS - Slip 1 st purlwise, with yarn at back. Pull the yarn forward to the front, between the needles to the WS. On RS - With yarn in front, slip 1 st purlwise. Move the yarn to the WS and continue knitting. (See photo tutorial at bottom of pattern).

LLI: left lifted increase: Lift the left leg of the stitch 2 rows below the stitch on right-hand needle onto left-hand needle and knit it through the back loop. [1 stitch increased]

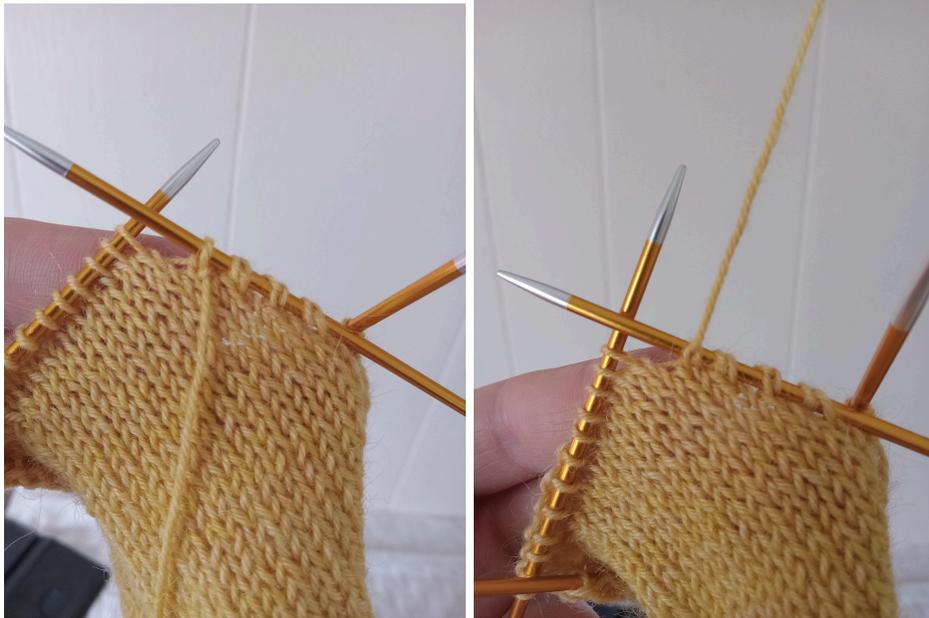
 [LLI - Left Lifted Increase in Knitting](#)

Flower: Insert right needle into third stitch down from the second stitch on left needle, and knit a loop through. Leave loop on right needle, k2, make second loop into same stitch, k2, make third loop into same stitch. (See photo tutorial at bottom of pattern).

If additional help needed with this stitch: “Dandelion Stitch” [Dandelion Stitch Knitting Tutorial \(youtube.com\)](#)

Short Row Photo Tutorial

DS on (RS): with yarn at front, slip next stitch purlwise. Pull working yarn until the two legs of the stitch are showing (elongated stitch). Continue knitting next stitch.



DS on (WS): with yarn at front, slip next stitch purlwise. Pull working yarn until the two legs of the stitch are showing (elongated stitch). Continue purling next stitch.

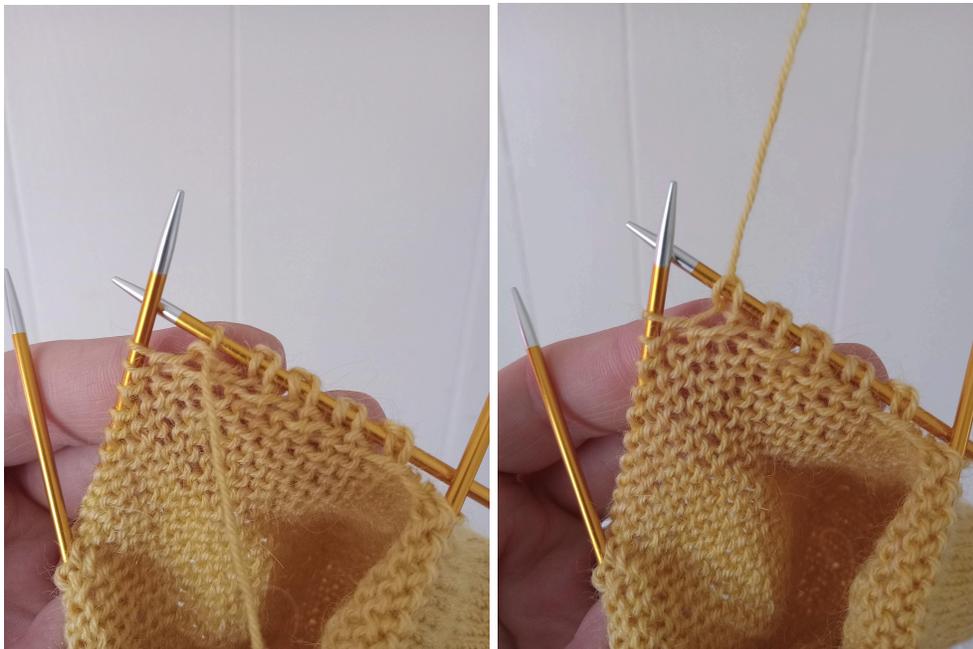


Photo tutorial for Flower



Flower Rnd: Insert right needle into 2nd knit stitch on left needle
3 rows below,



grab working yarn, pull through, k2



Grab working yarn, pull through, k2, grab working yarn, pull through.



Flower Dec Rnd: Knit to flower then (ssk, k1) 2 times, ssk.

After decreasing your flower should look like this.

