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Cinema Sweater



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The Cinema Sweater was born out of a desire (and need) for a really basic and oversized sweater that is relaxing to both knit and wear. I decided to call it the Cinema Sweater, inspired by the Harry Styles song of the same name, and because I feel that this is exactly the kind of sweater that works for a cozy cinema evening, while still being effortlessly chic. The sleeves are extra-long and wide to give the sweater a contemporary look.

The sweater is worked seamlessly top down in Stockinette stitch, so you can adjust the length to your liking. The yoke is shaped by working German Short Rows to raise the back and help give the neckline a nice and flattering fit. The yoke is then worked in the round while working raglan increases. The stitches for the sleeves are put on hold while working the body, and lastly the sleeves are worked in the round one at a time.

Watch the full video tutorial for this pattern on YouTube at youtube.com/c/kutovakika
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Sizes:

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

Finished garment measurements:

a. Bust circumference: 114.5 (124, 132.5, 144) (152.5, 163, 176) (186, 195) cm / 45 (49, 52, 56.75) (60, 64, 69.25) (73.25, 76.75)".

b. Body length from underarm to hem: 34 cm / 13.5" all sizes (or, desired length).

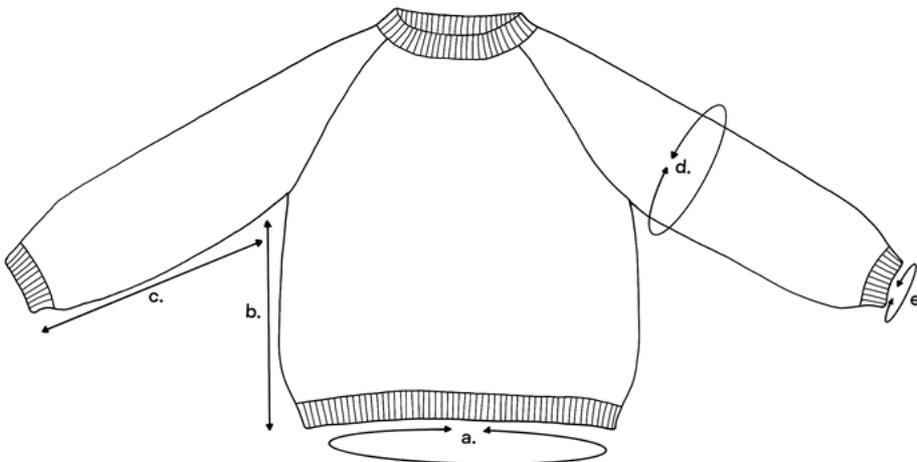
c. Sleeve length from underarm: 49 cm / 19.25" (or, desired length).

d. Upper sleeve circumference: 39.5 (44, 49.5, 54) (58.5, 63.5, 70) (75.5, 79.5) cm / 15.5 (17.25, 19.5, 21.25)(23, 25, 27.5)(29.75, 31.25)".

e. Cuff circumference: 25 (26.5, 28.5, 32.5) (34.5, 36, 39) (42, 45) cm / 9.75 (10.5, 11.25, 12.75) (13.5, 14, 15.25) (16.5, 17.75)".

The Cinema Sweater is designed to have 30-40 cm / 12-16" of positive ease. Choose a size that is 30-40 cm / 12-16" bigger than your bust circumference depending on how oversized or regular fitting you want the sweater to be.

All samples in size M, Grey is in *Regular* body length, dark blue is in *Long* body length and White is *Cropped* body length. Kika has a bust of approx. 89 cm / 35" and is 171 cm / 5'6" tall.



Gauge:

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

21 sts x 32 rows/rnds = 10 cm / 4" in *k1, p1* rib on 3 mm / US2.5 needles, after blocking.

Needles:

3 mm / US2.5: circular needle 40-60 cm / 16-24" for neck opening and 80-100 cm / 32-40" for hem rib, and DPNs for sleeve rib (or use magic loop technique instead).

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

Notions:

Removable stitch markers, tapestry needle, stitch holder or scrap yarn.

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Suggested yarn:

You can work the Cinema Sweater in a DK weight yarn, or for example by holding 2 strands of fingering weight yarn together like in the Gray and Dark Blue samples.

Gray sample

450 (475, 500, 525) (550, 575, 600) (625, 650) g Knitting For Olive Merino (100% merino wool - 250 m / 273 yds / 50 g) in color Pearl Gray holding 2 strands together.

Dark blue sample

475 (500, 525, 550) (575, 600, 625) (650, 675) g Sandes Garn Sunday (100% merino wool - 235 m / 257 yds / 50 g) in color 5882 Marine blue holding 2 strands together.

White sample:

300 (325, 350, 375) (400, 425, 450) (475, 500) g Madeline Tosh Merino Light (100% superwash merino wool - 384 m / 420 yds / 115 g) in color Horn together with 160 (175, 200, 225) (250, 275, 300) (325, 350) g of Drops Design Brushed Alpaca Silk (77 % alpaca, 23 % silk - 140 m / 153 yds / 25 g) in color 01.

White sample is knitted holding one strand of merino together with one strand of Brushed Alpaca Silk.



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COLLAR

Cast on 96 (100, 100, 104) (104, 108, 108) (112, 112) sts using the Backwards Loop Cast-On method with a 3 mm / US2.5 circular needle 40-60 cm / 16-24" loosely (the collar will be folded double and attached on the inside in the end so make sure the cast-on edge isn't too tight) and join to work in the round. Place marker to indicate the beginning of round (=BOR-m).

Work *k1, p1* rib until the collar measures 4 cm / 1.5". Then work one rnd of purl stitches, this will help the collar fold double neatly when folded double and attached on the inside in the end. Then continue working *k1, p1* rib until the collar measures 8 cm / 3" in total (approx. 4 cm / 1.5" from the purl edge).

Note! The neckline might look tight at this point, but don't worry, it will most likely stretch out and become wider with blocking and wear.

YOKE

Change to 4.5 mm / US7 circular needle and start working the yoke. On the first rnd 8 markers are placed to mark where the raglan seams will be.

Tip! You can use a pair of different colored stitch markers for each raglan seam and the BOR-m to stay organized.

The BOR-m is in the middle of the back.

Work as follows:

Rnd 1:

K 18 (19, 19, 19) (19, 20, 20) (20, 20) (=half of back sts), PM, k2, PM,
k 7 (8, 8, 9) (9, 10, 10) (11, 11) (=sleeve sts), PM, k2, PM,
k 37 (38, 38, 39) (39, 40, 40) (41, 41) (=front sts), PM, k2, PM,
k 7 (8, 8, 9) (9, 10, 10) (11, 11) (=sleeve sts), PM, k2, PM,
k 19 (19, 19, 20) (20, 20, 20) (21, 21) (=half of back sts).

Next, German Short Rows are worked flat to shape the back of the neck so that it is higher than the front **while at the same time** starting to work the increases for the raglan shaping.

Work as follows:

German Short Row 1 (RS):

K to marker (=half of back sts), M1R, SM, k2, SM, M1L,
k to marker (=sleeve sts), M1R, SM, k2, SM, M1L,
k1 (=front sts). Turn work. *4 sts increased.*

German Short Row 2 (WS):

Make DS (=double stitch, see Abbreviations section for explanation and video tutorial at [youtube.com/c/kutovakika](https://www.youtube.com/c/kutovakika)), p to BOR-m, SM,
p to marker (=half of back sts), M1Lp, SM, p2, SM, M1Rp,
p to marker (=sleeve sts), M1Lp, SM, p2, SM, M1Rp,
p1 (=front sts). Turn work. *4 sts increased.*

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German Short Row 3 (RS):

Make DS, k to BOR-m, SM,
k to marker (=half of back sts), M1R, SM, k2, SM, M1L,
k to marker (=sleeve sts), M1R, SM, k2, SM, M1L,
k1, knit DS, k1 (=front sts). Turn work. *4 sts increased.*

German Short Row 4 (WS):

Make DS, p to BOR-m, SM,
p to marker (=half of back sts), M1Lp, SM, p2, SM, M1Rp,
p to marker (=sleeve sts), M1Lp, SM, p2, SM, M1Rp,
p1, purl DS, p1 (=front sts). Turn work. *4 sts increased.*

German Short Row 5 (RS):

Make DS, k to BOR-m, SM,
k to marker (=half of back sts), M1R, SM, k2, SM, M1L,
k to marker (=sleeve sts), M1R, SM, k2, SM, M1L,
k3, knit DS, k1 (=front sts). Turn work. *4 sts increased.*

German Short Row 6 (WS):

Make DS, p to BOR-m, SM,
p to marker (=half of back sts), M1Lp, SM, p2, SM, M1Rp,
p to marker (=sleeve sts), M1Lp, SM, p2, SM, M1Rp,
p3, purl DS, p1 (=front sts). Turn work. *4 sts increased.*

German Short Row 7 (RS):

Make DS, k to BOR-m, SM,
k to marker (=half of back sts), M1R, SM, k2, SM, M1L,
k to marker (=sleeve sts), M1R, SM, k2, SM, M1L,
k5, knit DS, k1 (=front sts). Turn work. *4 sts increased.*

German Short Row 8 (WS):

Make DS, p to BOR-m, SM,
p to marker (=half of back sts), M1Lp, SM, p2, SM, M1Rp,
p to marker (=sleeve sts), M1Lp, SM, p2, SM, M1Rp,
p5, purl DS, p1 (=front sts). Turn work. *4 sts increased.*

German Short Row 9 (RS):

Make DS, k to BOR-m, SM,
k to marker (=half of back sts), M1R, SM, k2, SM, M1L,
k to marker (=sleeve sts), M1R, SM, k2, SM, M1L,
k7, knit DS, k1 (=front sts). Turn work. *4 sts increased.*

German Short Row 10 (WS):

Make double stitch, p to BOR-m, SM,
p to marker (=half of back sts), M1Lp, SM, p2, SM, M1Rp,
p to marker (=sleeve sts), M1Lp, SM, p2, SM, M1Rp,
p7, purl double stitch, p1 (=front sts). Turn work. *4 sts increased.*

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German Short Row 11 (RS):

Make DS, k to BOR-m.

German Short Rows are now complete.

There are 136 (140, 140, 144) (144, 148, 148) (152, 152) sts in total for the yoke.

Next, continue working the yoke in the round while working increases for the raglan shaping as follows (knit both the double stitches as normal knit stitches on the first rnd):

Rnd 1:

K to marker (=half of back sts), M1R, SM, k2, SM, M1L,
k to marker (=sleeve sts), M1R, SM, k2, SM, M1L,
k to marker (=front sts), M1R, SM, k2, SM, M1L,
k to marker (=sleeve sts), M1R, SM, k2, SM, M1L,
k to BOR-m. *8 sts increased.*

There are 144 (148, 148, 152) (152, 156, 156) (160, 160) sts in total for yoke.

Rnd 2:

K all sts.

Repeat Rnds 1-2, 24 (27, 32, 36) (40, 44, 50) (54, 58) more times.

There are 336 (364, 404, 440) (472, 508, 556) (592, 624) sts in total for yoke.

Distribution of sts are as follows:

Front & Back sts: 101 (108, 118, 127) (135, 144, 156) (165, 173) sts.

Sleeve sts: 67 (74, 84, 93) (101, 110, 122) (131, 139) sts.

BODY

Next, we're going to knit the body and put the stitches for the sleeves on hold.

Continue like this:

K to marker (=half of back sts), RM, k2, RM,
transfer 67 (74, 84, 93) (101, 110, 122) (131, 139) sleeve sts onto a holder (for example a stitch holder or a piece of scrap yarn), cast on 8 (10, 10, 10) (10, 11, 11) (12, 12) sts for underarm with the Backwards Loop Cast-On method, RM, k2, RM,
k to marker (=front sts), RM, k2, RM,
transfer 67 (74, 84, 93) (101, 110, 122) (131, 139) sleeve sts onto a holder, cast on 8 (10, 10, 10) (10, 11, 11) (12, 12) sts for underarm, RM, k2, RM,
k to BOR-m (=half of back sts).

There are 218 (236, 256, 274) (290, 310, 334) (354, 370) sts in total for body.

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Work in Stockinette stitch until the body measures 30 cm / 12" from the underarm (or until 4 cm / 1.5" less than desired total length, also see *Note!* section below).

Note about body length!

I recommend trying on the sweater at this point to get the exact body length of your preferences. You can use these measurements as a general guideline (before hem):

CROPPED body length 20 cm / 8"

REGULAR body length 30 cm / 12"

LONG body length 36 cm / 14"

Next, work one round of decreases as follows in your chosen size:

Only sizes (XS, L, XL):

K (2, 10, 2), *k10, k2tog*, rep *-* to end of rnd.

Only sizes (S, M):

K (16, 16), *k8, k2tog*, rep *-* to end of rnd.

Only sizes (2XL):

K (10, 2), *k12, k2tog*, rep *-* to end of rnd.

Only sizes (3XL, 4XL, 5XL):

K (14, 2, 18), *k14, k2tog*, rep *-* to end of rnd.

There are 200 (214, 232, 252) (266, 288, 314) (332, 348) sts in total.

Switch to a 3 mm / US2.5 circular needle and work *k1, p1* rib until the hem measures 4 cm / 1.5".

Bind Off using the Italian Bind Off method, or your preferred bind off method (I recommend using a stretchy bind-off method).

SLEEVES

Transfer 67 (74, 84, 93) (101, 110, 122) (131, 139) sleeve sts that you had on hold onto a 4.5 mm / US7 40-60 cm / 16-24" circular needle, double-pointed needles or a longer circular needle for Magic Loop technique.

Starting from the middle of underarm, pick up and knit 4 (5, 5, 5) (5, 6, 6) (6, 6) sts, k 67 (74, 84, 93) (101, 110, 122) (131, 139) sleeve sts, pick up and knit 4 (5, 5, 5) (5, 5, 5) (6, 6) sts. Place a marker to indicate the beginning of rnd.

There are 75 (84, 94, 103) (111, 121, 133) (143, 151) sts in total for the sleeve.

Work the sleeve in Stockinette stitch until the sleeve measured from the underarm is 11.5 (6.5, 4.5, 5.5) (5.5, 4, 3.5) (3, 3) cm / 4.5 (2.5, 1.75, 2.25) (2.25, 1.5, 1.5) (1.25, 1.25)" and work one decrease rnd as follows: K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1. 2 sts decreased.

There are 73 (82, 92, 101) (109, 119, 131) (141, 149) sts in total for the sleeve.

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Continue working in Stockinette stitch until the sleeve measured from the underarm is 45 cm / 17.75" (or, 4 cm / 1.5" less than total desired length, see *Note!* Section below) in total **while at the same time** working a decrease rnd 11.5 (6.5, 4.5, 5.5) (5.5, 4, 3.5) (3, 3) cm / 4.5 (2.5, 1.75, 2.25) (2.25, 1.5, 1.25) (1.25, 1.25)" apart 2 (5, 8, 6) (6, 9, 11) (12, 12) more times.

Note about sleeve length!

The sleeves are designed to be extra long, I recommend trying on the sweater and working fewer rnds for a shorter sleeve length.

There are 69 (72, 76, 89) (97, 101, 109) (117, 125) sts in total for the sleeve.

Only sizes XS and L:

Work one rnd as follows:

K1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k to last 6 sts, ssk, k1, ssk, k1. 4 sts decreased.

Only size S:

Work one rnd as follows:

K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1. 2 sts decreased.

Only size M, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL and 5XL:

Work one rnd as follows:

K1, k2tog, k to end. 1 st decreased.

There are 65 (70, 75, 85) (96, 100, 108) (116, 124) sts in total for the sleeve.

Only sizes XS, S, M and L:

Work one rnd as follows:

K2tog, k3, repeat *-* to end.

Only sizes XL:

Work one rnd as follows:

K2tog, k2, repeat *-* to end.

Only sizes 2XL, 3XL, 4XL and 5XL:

Work one rnd as follows:

K4, *k2tog, k2*, repeat *-* to end.

There are 52 (56, 60, 68) (72, 76, 82) (88, 94) sts in total for the sleeve.

Change to 3 mm / US2.5 circular needle 40 cm / 16", double-pointed needles or a longer circular needle for Magic Loop technique.

Work *k1, p1* rib until the ribbing measures 4 cm / 1.5".

Bind off using the Italian Bind-Off method, or your preferred bind-off method.

Work the other sleeve the same way.

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FINISHING

Weave in all ends and block your sweater.

Fold the collar double where the purl row was worked so that the “bumps” are on the outside just at the fold. Attach the collar on the inside by hand sewing loosely, being careful not to tighten it too much (you'll want to fit it over your head easily ;)

Enjoy your new handmade knit!



Hope you enjoyed this pattern!

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

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ABBREVIATIONS

BOR = beginning of round

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*

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 st increased*

M1lp = make 1 left purl (left-leaning increase), purl the strand between two sts by inserting the left needle from front to back and purl the stitch twisted (through the back loop). *1 st 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 st increased*

M1Rp = make 1 right purl (right-leaning increase), purl the strand between two stitches by inserting the left needle from back to front and purl the stitch (through the front loop). *1 st increased*

P = purl

PM = place marker

RM = remove marker

Rnd(s) = round(s)

SM = slip marker

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*

St(s) = stitch(es)

St st = Stockinette stitch. When worked flat (back and forth): knit all stitches on the right side and purl all the stitches on the wrong side. When worked in the round: knit all stitches.

. = repeat the steps between the *