



Dependable Dropdown

SIZES

XS (S, M, L, XL) (2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL) to fit bust measurement of: 28-30 (32-34, 36-38, 40-42, 44-46) (48-50, 52-54, 56-58, 60-62) inches.
71-76 (81-86, 91.5-96.5, 101.5-106.5, 111.5-117) (122-127, 132-137, 142-147, 152-157) cm.

SUGGESTED YARN

Samples made in size XS

The sample is made in a hand dyed DK weight merino wool yarn.

Arcane Fibreworks DK Weight (80/20 Merino Nylon, 200 metres / 218 yards) in the colourway Delicate Daisy. If you are using this yarn, you will need:

5 (5, 5, 6, 6) (6, 7, 7, 8) skeins of yarn,

or

approximately 805 (877, 892, 1029, 1130) (1155, 1295, 1385, 1531) metres / 880 (959, 976, 1125, 1236) (1263, 1416, 1515, 1675) yards of DK weight yarn.

SUGGESTED NEEDLES

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- 4 mm [US 6] circular needles 32/40 inches / 80/100 cm, or size to obtain gauge.
- 3.5mm [US 4] circular needles 16, 32/40 inch / 40, 80/100 cm for the 1x1 ribbing.

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle to weave in ends.
- Stitch markers.
- Scrap yarn to place stitches on hold.
- Scissors or cutters to cut yarn.

GAUGE

21 sts and 28 rows = 4 inches / 10 cm in stockinette stitch on 4 mm [US 6] needles, blocked.

24 sts and 34 rows = 4 inches / 10 cm in 1x1 rib on 3.5 mm [US 4] needles, blocked.

If you have more stitches on 4 inches / 10 cm than stated, use a larger needle size; if you have less stitches, use a smaller needle size.

READING THIS PATTERN

Sizes are separated by parentheses, so you can interpret them as size XS (size S, size M, size L, size XL) (size 2XL, size 3XL, size 4XL, size 5XL). For example when you see "CO 2 (3, 4, 5, 6) (7, 8, 9, 10) sts" this means that size XS should cast on 2 stitches, size S should cast on 3 stitches, size M should cast on 4 stitches, and so on.

I suggest going through and highlighting your size at before beginning each section to keep track of your progress.

MEASUREMENTS

Finished Garment Measurements											
			XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
a	Bust	inches	34.5	38	42	45.75	50.25	54	58	61.75	34.5
		cm	85	95	105	114.5	125.5	135	145	154.5	85
b	Back neck	inches	5.25	5.25	5.5	6	6.25	6.25	6.25	7	7.25
		cm	13.25	13.25	13.75	15	15.75	15.75	15.75	17.5	18.25
c	Armhole length	inches	8.5	8.75	8.75	9.5	10	10.5	10.75	11.75	12.5
		cm	21.5	22	22	24	25	26.5	27	29.5	31.5
d	Body length	inches	9	9	9	9	8	8	8	8	8
		cm	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.5	20	20	20	20	20
e	Upper arm circumference	inches	15.25	15.5	16.5	17.5	18.5	20.25	21.75	23.25	24.75
		cm	38	39	41	44	47	50.5	54.5	58	62
f	Total sleeve length	inches	16	15.75	15.5	15	14.5	14	13.75	12.75	12
		cm	40	39.5	39	37.5	36.5	35	34.5	32	30

Note that the cuff circumference is outlined on the sleeve page for each style.

Size Guide

The Dependable Dropdown is intended to be worn with a positive ease of approximately 3.5 - 6 inches / 8.75 - 15 cm at the bust, with the positive ease already built into the garment (see finished garment measurements above). Note the measurements above are the lengths worked unblocked. To accommodate for stretch, refer to your gauge swatch.

The sizes are based on a bust circumference of approximately:

XS (S, M, L, XL) (2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL) to fit bust measurement of:
 28-30 (32-34, 36-38, 40-42, 44-46) (48-50, 52-54, 56-58, 60-62)
 inches,
 71-76, 81-86, 91.5-96.5, 101.5-106.5, 111.5-117) (122-127, 132-137, 142-147,
 152-157) cm.

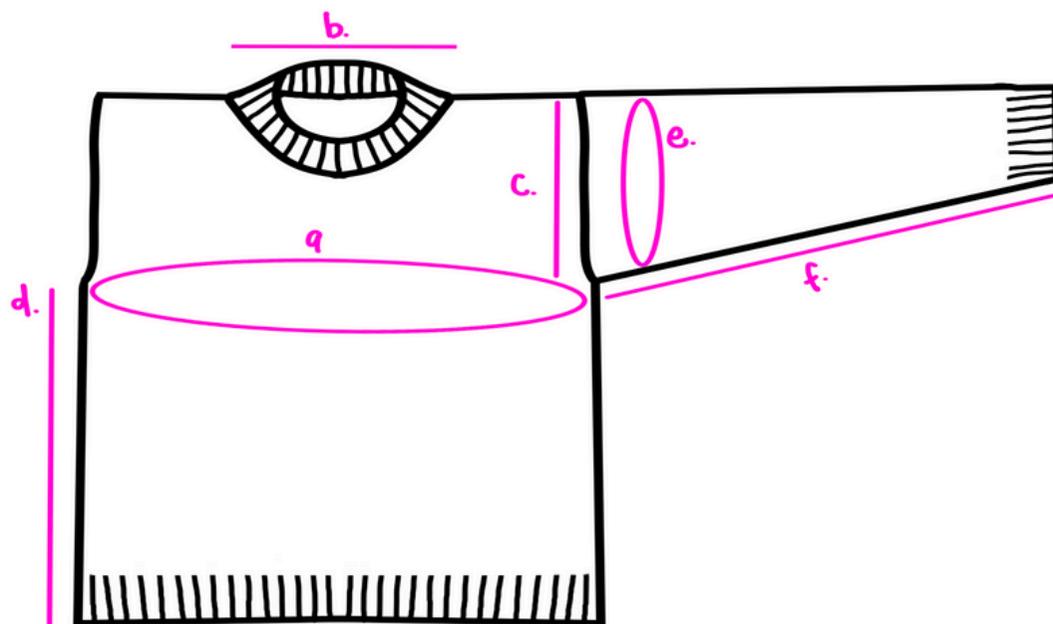
Choosing your size

Measure yourself around your bust before beginning to ensure that you choose the right size.

For example: Your bust circumference is 32 inches / 80 cm and your preferred ease is 6 inches / 15 cm,

*32 + 6 = 38 inches [80 cm + 15 cm = 95 cm] i.e. you can work:
 Size XS for 2.5 inches [6.25 cm] of positive ease,
 Size S for 6 inches [15 cm] of positive ease.*

You can work more or less positive ease depending on your preferences.



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CO: cast on

k: knit

p: purl

pm: place marker

slpwyif: slip the next st purlwise with the working yarn in the front.

SM: slip marker

st(s): stitch(es)

RS: right side

WS: wrong side

YO: yarn over

* _ *: repeat from * to *

Stockinette Stitch

RS: knit all stitches

WS: purl all stitches.

Increases

Increases are worked on the **RS only:**

MIL: With your left needle, pick up the bar from front to back and knit through the back loop.

MIR: With your left needle, pick up the bar from back to front and knit through the front loop.

Decreases

k2tog: knit the next 2 stitches together through the front loop.

ssk: slip slip knit; slip the first stitch knitwise, slip the next stitch purlwise, knit both stitches together through the back loop.

Knitted CO:

1. Place your Right Hand Needle needle in the first stitch knit wise.
2. Wrap the working yarn around the Right Hand Needle as if to knit.
3. Work a stitch but keep it on the Right Hand Needle.
4. Bring the Left Hand Needle up and place the stitch on the Left Hand Needle.
5. Remove the Right Hand Needle from the stitch.
6. Repeat from 1-5.

PATTERN (begin here)

Back

Using 4mm circular needles, cast on **86 (96, 104, 114, 124) (134, 138, 148, 158) sts** using a long tail cast-on, or any cast-on you prefer.

For your first row, k your sts, placing removable st markers *into* the sts to pick up for your fronts later as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K 26 (31, 34, 38, 42) (47, 49, 52, 56) sts, k the next st and place a removable st marker in the st just worked (make sure you place it in the st and not on the needle between sts), k 32 (32, 34, 36, 38) (38, 38, 42, 44), k the next st and place a removable marker in the st just worked, k 26 (31, 34, 38, 42) (47, 49, 52, 56) to the end.

Row 2 (WS): Purl all sts.

Continue in stockinette stitch (k sts on the RS, p sts on the WS), for 8.5 (8.5, 8.75, 9.5, 10) (10.5, 10.75, 11.75, 12.5) inches / 21.5 (21.5, 22, 23.5, 25) (26.5, 27, 29.5, 31.5) cm as follows:

RS: knit.

WS: purl.

Repeat the above 2 rows (**RS** and **WS**), ending on a WS row, meaning the last row you work is the WS row. Place these sts on hold to pick up later and cut your working yarn.

Fronts

Now your fronts will be picked up and worked separately before joining for the front. To work your fronts, begin with picking up for the Left Front (when wearing). Your pick up will occur along the cast on edge where you placed your 2 st markers.

Left Front (when wearing)

Pick-Up Row (RS): Where you placed the marker, this is your first st, pick up and k 27 (32, 35, 39, 43) (48, 50, 53, 57) sts (you can remove the marker).

Row 2 (WS): p all sts to the end.

Now work in stockinette stitch as follows:

Row 3 (RS): k all sts to the end.

Row 4 (WS): p all sts to the end.

Repeat Row 3 and Row 4 for a total of 5 repeats (all sizes). (One repeat = Row 3 and Row 4).

You have worked a total of 12 rows including the pick-up row and Row 2.

Increases

Row 5 (RS): k2, MIL, k to the end.

Row 6 (WS): p all sts to the end.

Repeat Row 5 and 6 for a total of 8 repeats (all sizes), ending on a WS row. (One repeat = Row 5 and Row 6).

35 (40, 43, 47, 51) (56, 58, 61, 65) sts total on the needle. Cut yarn and place sts on hold using scrap yarn or a knitting barber.

Right Front (when wearing)

Pick-Up Row (RS): Beginning at the corner of the cast on edge, pick up and k 27 (32, 35, 39, 43) (48, 50, 53, 57) sts, (you can remove the marker).

Row 2 (WS): p all sts to the end.

Now work in stockinette stitch as follows:

Row 3 (RS): k all sts to the end.

Row 4 (WS): p all sts to the end.

Repeat Row 3 and Row 4 for a total of 5 repeats (all sizes), ending on a WS row. (*One repeat = Row 3 and Row 4*).

You have worked a total of 12 rows including the pick-up row and Row 2.

Increases

Row 5 (RS): k until 2 sts remain on your needle, **M1R**, k2.

Row 6 (WS): p all sts to the end.

Repeat Row 5 and 6 for a total of 8 repeats (all sizes), ending on a WS row. (*One repeat = Row 5 and Row 6*). Keep the working yarn on the needles.

35 (40, 43, 47, 51) (56, 58, 61, 65) sts total on the needle.

Joining Fronts

Place the Left front (when wearing) sts onto your needle along with your Right Front (when wearing) sts. We are going to join the fronts by casting on new sts in the middle to form the rest of the neckline.

Joining Row (RS):

Step 1: k 35 (40, 43, 47, 51) (56, 58, 61, 65) sts across your Right Front sts,

Step 2: cast on 16 (16, 18, 20, 22) (22, 22, 26, 28) new sts using the knitted cast-on (you will need to turn your work to the WS for this method, see abbreviations and techniques).

Step 3: k 35 (40, 43, 47, 51) (56, 58, 61, 65) sts across your Left Front sts.

Now you've joined your sts along the fronts, continue working in stockinette stitch (k on the RS and p on the WS) for:
8.5 (8.5, 8.75, 9.5, 10) (10.5, 10.75, 11.75, 12.5) inches /
21.5 (21.5, 22, 23.5, 25) (26.5, 27, 29.5, 31.5) cm.

End on a WS row, and measure from the pick-up row along the straight edge of the armhole. Your front panel matches your back panel.

Joining Round

The sts for your front panel and back panel will now be joined to work in the round. You will cast on new sts for your underarms here. Begin by transferring the sts from the back panel (that you placed on hold) onto your circular needle.

Step 1: k 86 (96, 104, 114, 124) (134, 138, 148, 158) sts across your front panel,

Step 2: cast on 4 (4, 6, 6, 8) (8, 14, 14, 14) new sts using the knitted cast-on (you will need to turn your work to the WS for this method, see abbreviations and techniques).

Step 3: k 86 (96, 104, 114, 124) (134, 138, 148, 158) sts across your back panel,

Step 4: cast on 4 (4, 6, 6, 8) (8, 14, 14, 14) new sts using the knitted cast-on, place a st marker at the centre of these new sts. This will be your BOR marker.

180 (200, 220, 240, 264) (284, 304, 324, 344) sts on the needle.

Now all sts are joined, we will work in stockinette st in the round. This means you will knit every round until the length is approximately 7 (7, 7, 7, 6) (6, 6, 6, 6) inches / 17.5 (17.5, 17.5, 17.5, 15) (15, 15, 15, 15) cm, measuring from the underarm. Alternatively, you can try on until you reach 2 inches / 5 cm before your desired length to accommodate for the hem.

Hem

Switch to 3.5mm circular needles and work 1x1 rib for 2 inches / 5 cm or your desired length.

Bind off using a stretchy bind-off. I suggest either Jeny's surprisingly stretchy bind-off or a tubular bind-off (I prefer the tubular bind-off for the neatest edge).



Collar

With your 3.5mm circular needles, pick up and knit 96 (98, 102, 106, 110) (112, 112, 120, 124) sts evenly around the neckline. See below to see the pick up rate for your size:

Sizes XS (S, M, L, XL), pick up at a rate of 8 sts every 9 rows/sts. You can disperse your pick up rate evenly by picking up 4 sts, skip 1, pick up 4 sts, and repeat.

Sizes (2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL), pick up at a rate of 16 sts every 17 rows/sts. You can disperse your pick up rate evenly by picking up 8 sts, skip 1, pick up 8 sts, and repeat.

Work in 1x1 rib for 3.5 inches / 8.5 cm.

Bind off using a stretchy bind-off. I suggest either Jeny's surprisingly stretchy bind-off or a tubular bind-off (I prefer the tubular bind-off for the neatest edge).



You can work your sleeves in 3 different ways, balloon, wide and tapered. For the plus sizes, I recommend the tapered sleeve due to the size difference between the upper arm and wrist. Check the circumference for each sleeve type to see what suits you best.

Beginning at the mid underarm, pick up 80 (82, 86, 92, 98) (106, 114, 122, 130) sts evenly around the armhole. For a reference on how many sts to pick up, refer to the stitch distribution below.

Pick up at a rate of approximately 2 sts every 3 rows.

Stitch Distribution

Step 1: Pick up 2, (2, 3, 3, 4) (4, 7, 7, 7) sts (half underarm),

Step 2: Pick up approximately 38, (39, 40, 43, 45) (49, 50, 54, 58) sts up to the top of the shoulder,

Step 3: Pick up approximately 38, (39, 40, 43, 45) (49, 50, 54, 58) sts to the underarm,

Step 4: Pick up 2, (2, 3, 3, 4) (4, 7, 7, 7) sts (last half of the underarm), place a BOR marker.

Continue on to your sleeve options on the next pages.

Balloon Sleeve

Work in stockinette stitch in the round until you reach 14 (13.75, 13.5, 13, 12.5) (12, 11.75, 10.75, 10) inches / 40 (39.5, 39.5, 37.5, 36.25) (35, 34.5, 32, 30) cm, measuring from the underarm.

Before working the cuff, decrease sts in the round. You can switch to a smaller circular needle length or work the magic loop method.

Decrease Round: k1, *k2tog* until you have 1 st remaining, k1.

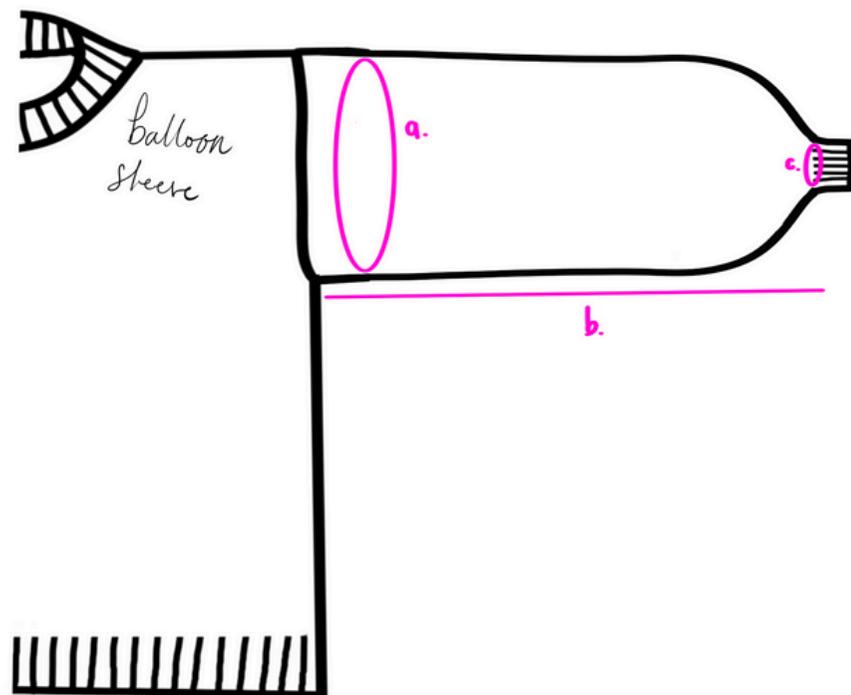
Note for sizes XS and L only, work one extra decrease in the next round at any spot to make your sts even.

There are now **40 (42, 44, 46, 50) (54, 58, 62, 66) sts total.**

Cuff

Switch to your 3.5 mm [US 4] needles, and work in 1x1 rib (k1, p1) for a total of 2 inches / 5 cm.

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Balloon Sleeve Finished Measurements

			XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
a	Upper Arm Circumference	inches	15.25	15.5	16.5	17.5	18.5	20.25	21.75	23.25	24.75
		cm	38	39	41	44	46.5	50.5	54.5	58	62
b	Total Sleeve Length	inches	5.25	5.5	6	6.25	6.5	6.5	6.5	7	7.25
		cm	13	13.75	15	15.5	16.25	16.25	16.25	17.5	18
c	Cuff Circumference	inches	8.25	8.75	8.75	9	9.75	10.5	11	12.25	13
		cm	20.5	22	22	22.5	24.5	26.25	27.5	30.75	32.5

Tapered

Work in stockinette stitch in the round until the sleeve measures 14 (13.75, 13.5, 13, 12.5) (12, 11.75, 10.75, 10) inches / 40 (39.5, 39.5, 37.5, 36.25) (35, 34.5, 32, 30) cm, measuring from the underarm, while **at the same time** working decreases on every 7th (6th, 6th, 6th, 5th) (4th, 3rd, 3rd, 2nd) round a total of 15 (15, 15, 16, 18) (21, 24, 27, 30) times. This means work decreases on the selected round for your size.

Work as follows: k1, k2tog, k to the last 3 sts of the round, ssk. (2 sts decreased)

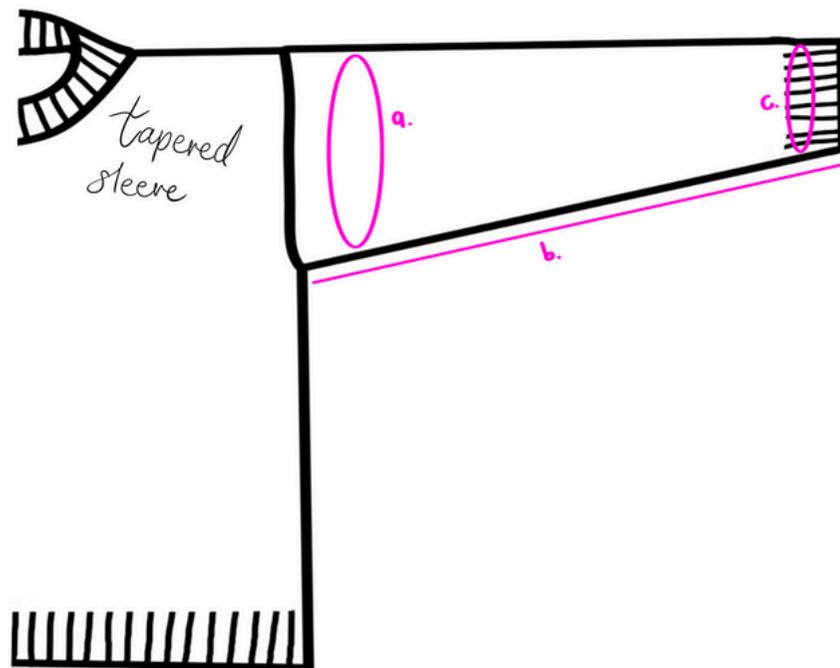
There are now **50 (52, 56, 60, 62) (64, 66, 68, 70) sts on the needles.**

Cuff

Work in 1x1 rib (k1, p1) for a total of 2 inches / 5 cm.

Switch to your 3.5 mm [US 4] needles, and work in 1x1 rib (k1, p1) for a total of 2 inches / 5 cm.

Bind off using a stretchy bind-off. I suggest either Jeny's surprisingly stretchy bind-off or a tubular bind-off (I prefer the tubular bind-off for the neatest edge).



Tapered Sleeve Finished Measurements

			XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
a	Upper Arm Circumference	inches	15.25	15.5	16.5	17.5	18.5	20.25	21.75	23.25	24.75
		cm	38	39	41	44	46.75	50.5	54.25	58	62
b	Total Sleeve Length	inches	16	15.75	15.5	15	14.5	14	13.75	12.75	12
		cm	40	39.5	39	37.5	36.5	35	34.5	32	30
c	Cuff circumference	inches	8.25	8.75	9.25	10	10.25	10.75	11	11.25	11.75
		cm	20.5	22	23	25	25.5	27	27.5	28	29.5

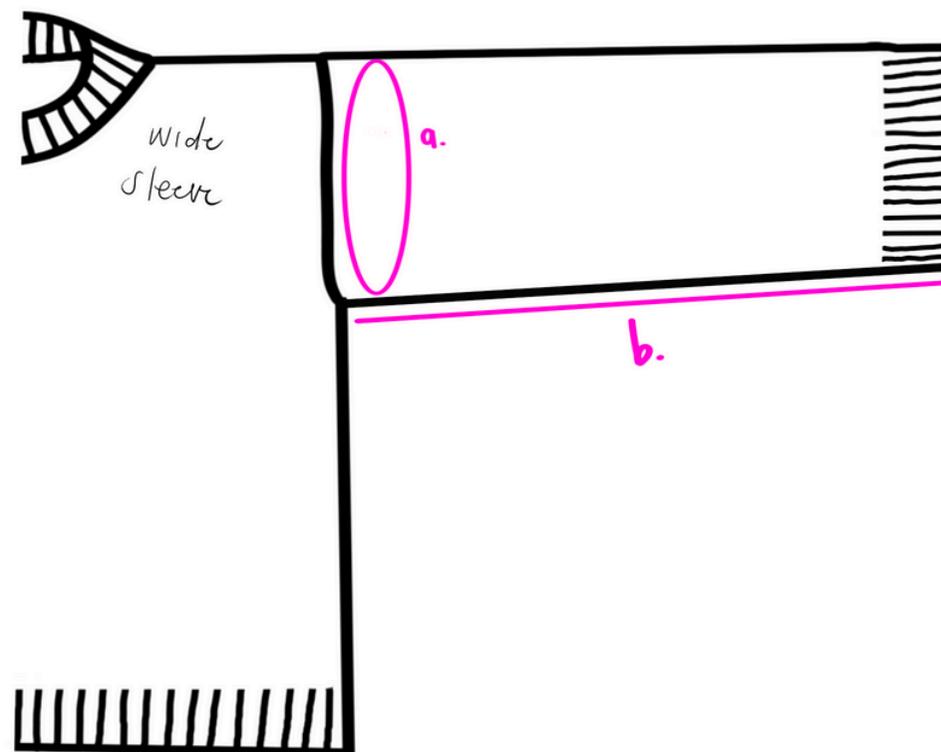
Wide Sleeve

Work in stockinette stitch in the round until the sleeve measures 14 (13.75, 13.5, 13, 12.5) (12, 11.75, 10.75, 10) inches / 40 (39.5, 39.5, 37.5, 36.25) (35, 34.5, 32, 30) cm, measuring from the underarm.

Cuff

Switch to your 3.5 mm [US 4] needles, and work in 1x1 rib (k1, p1) for a total of 2 inches / 5 cm.

Bind off using a stretchy bind-off. I suggest either Jeny's surprisingly stretchy bind-off or a tubular bind-off (I prefer the tubular bind-off for the neatest edge).



Wide Sleeve Finished Measurements

			XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
a	Upper Arm Circumference	inches	15.25	15.5	16.5	17.5	18.5	20.25	21.75	23.25	24.75
		cm	38	39	41	44	46.75	50.5	54.25	58	62
b	Total Sleeve Length	inches	16	15.75	15.5	15	14.5	14	13.75	12.75	12
		cm	40	39.5	39	37.5	36.5	35	34.5	32	30

Finishing

Weave in any loose ends, wash and block according to the instructions on your ball/skein.



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