

Eclipse of Moths sweater

Thank you for buying the Eclipse of Moths sweater!

The inspiration for this sweater pattern is super obvious - moths are pretty much the goth version of butterflies, so they're the perfect motif for a sweater that feels spooky yet cute.

As you can see, I loved the motif so much that I decided to get it permanently stuck to my arm...

If you want to share images of your sweater on Instagram, please use the hashtag #eclipseofmothssweater so I can see your beautiful work!



Sizes

- A - 81 cm
- B - 89 cm
- C - 101 cm
- D - 111 cm
- E - 121 cm
- F - 133 cm
- G - 141 cm
- H - 151 cm
- I - 161 cm

The sizes represent the circumference of the finished sweater, measured at the bust. The size you choose should be 5-10 cm larger than the widest area of your bust.

In the instructions, the sizes are listed as below:

A/**B**/C/**D**(E/**F**/G/**H**/I)

Yarn and gauge:

The gauge for this sweater is 20 st/20 rows=10 cm in plain stockinette and stranded colorwork stockinette. For the collar and cuffs, the gauge is 22 st=10 cm in 1x1 twist rib. I recommend knitting your gauge swatch(es) in the round.

I have used Rauma Finull, 50 grams=175 meters, held double with Sysleriget silk mohair yarn, 50 grams=420 meters, for the light beige/black sweater displayed on the front page. When these yarns are held double, they are the equivalent of a single strand of sport weight yarn, 50 grams=150 meters.

When you're knitting your swatch, make sure that the gauge is the same for plain stockinette and stranded colorwork stockinette. I use a 4.0 mm needle for plain stockinette and a 4.5 mm needle for colorwork and this ensures that the gauge is even.

Color A is the main color used for the entire sweater. It is a light beige or light pink color in the photos on the first page.

Color B is used for the colorwork motif, and it is black or dark green in the photos on the first page.

Yardage:

Size A: 900 meters of color A, 100 meters of color B.

Size B: 1000 meters of color A, 100 meters of color B.

Size C: 1100 meters of color A, 150 meters of color B.

Size D: 1350 meters of color A, 150 meters of color B.

Size E: 1600 meters of color A, 200 meters of color B.

Size F: 1800 meters of color A, 200 meters of color B.

Size G: 1900 meters of color A, 250 meters of color B.

Size H: 2000 meters of color A, 250 meters of color B.

Size I: 2200 meters of color A, 250 meters of color B.

Please note that the yardage recommendations can never be 100% accurate, the amount of yarn that a project requires can vary from person to person. With that said, the recommended yarn amounts are based on how much yarn my test knitters needed, rounded up so that nobody ends up running out of yarn based on my recommendations.

Tools

- Circular needle, 4.0 mm, 150 cm - Used for knitting stockinette. Referred to as “main needle” in the pattern
- Circular needle, 3.5 mm, 80 cm - Used for knitting the rib collar and hems. Referred to as “rib needle” in the pattern
- (Optional)(Circular needle, 4.5 mm, 150 cm - Used for knitting the colorwork section. Referred to as “colorwork needle” in the pattern.)
- Tapestry needle, scissors

Abbreviations

- K - knit
- P - purl
- Ssk - Slip one stitch knitwise, slip one stitch knitwise, slip both stitches back to the left hand needle purlwise, and knit both stitches together through the back loop
- K2tog - Knit two stitches together
- M1 - Make one new stitch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E31Il_LeKs4
 - Any method for creating new stitches works, as long as it doesn't leave a hole.
- Ktbl - knit through the back loop
- CO - cast on
- PU - pick up a stitch
- **Colorwork instructions:**
 - In the colorwork charts, yellow dots represent M1 increases. All increases are knitted in color A which is the base color.

Casting on

Cast on using color A.

Using the longtail method, cast on 104/**104**/108/**108**(112/**112**/120/**120**/120) stitches onto your rib needle.

Join your work in the round, place a BOR marker and knit the rib collar in twist rib:

- (K1tbl, P1), repeat until end of round

Knit in twist rib until your collar measures 4/**4**/5/**5**(6/**6**/6/7/7) cm from the cast on edge.

Switch to your main needle, and knit one round in stockinette.

Short rows

After the collar, a few short rows are worked to add some height to the back of the sweater, this ensures that the sweater fits more comfortably in the neck area. .

For the short rows, I always use the German short row technique:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3S9cl47PYw>

SIZE A-D:

Short row 1: Knit 12 st, turn

Short row 2: Purl to BOR, purl 13 st, turn

Short row 3: Knit to BOR, knit 15 st, turn

Short row 4: Purl to BOR, purl 16 st, turn
Short row 5: Knit to BOR, knit 18 st, turn
Short row 6: Purl to BOR, purl 19 st, turn
Short row 7: Knit to BOR, knit 21 st, turn
Short row 8: Purl to BOR, purl 22 st, turn
Short row 9: Knit to BOR, knit 24 st, turn
Short row 10: Purl to BOR, purl 25 st, turn
Short row 11: Knit back to BOR, resume knitting in the round

SIZE E-I:

Short row 1: Knit 12 st, turn
Short row 2: Purl to BOR, purl 13 st, turn
Short row 3: Knit to BOR, knit 15 st, turn
Short row 4: Purl to BOR, purl 16 st, turn
Short row 5: Knit to BOR, knit 18 st, turn
Short row 6: Purl to BOR, purl 19 st, turn
Short row 7: Knit to BOR, knit 21 st, turn
Short row 8: Purl to BOR, purl 22 st, turn
Short row 9: Knit to BOR, knit 24 st, turn
Short row 10: Purl to BOR, purl 25 st, turn
Short row 11: Knit to BOR, knit 27 st, turn
Short row 12: Purl to BOR, purl 28 st, turn
Short row 13: Knit to BOR, knit 30 st, turn
Short row 14: Purl to BOR, purl 31 st, turn
Short row 15: Knit to BOR, resume knitting in the round

Yoke

Size A-B:

Round 1: Knit in stockinette.

Round 2 (INC): K1, M1, (K3, M1) repeat until 1 st remains, K1, M1 (+36 st, 140 st total)

Round 3-4: Knit in stockinette. On round 4, place stitch markers every 20 stitches.

For size A, knit colorwork chart A.

For size B, knit colorwork chart B.

Size C-D:

Round 1: Knit in stockinette.

Round 2 (INC): (K3, M1), repeat until end of round (+36 st, 144 st total)

Round 3-4: Knit in stockinette.

Round 5 (INC): (M1, K4), repeat until end of round (+36 st, 180 st total)

Round 6: Knit in stockinette. On round 6, place stitch markers every 20 stitches.

For size C, knit colorwork chart A.

For size D, knit colorwork chart B.

Size E-F:

Round 1: Knit in stockinette.

Round 2 (INC): (K2, M1), repeat until end of round (+56 st, 168 st total)

Round 3-4: Knit in stockinette.

Round 5 (INC): K4, (K3, M1), repeat until last 8 st (+52 st, 220 st total)

Round 6: Knit in stockinette. On round 6, place stitch markers every 20 stitches.

For size E, knit colorwork chart A.

For size F, knit colorwork chart B.

Size G-H:

Round 1: Knit in stockinette.

Round 2 (INC): (K2, M1), repeat until end of round (+60 st, 180 st total)

Round 3-4: Knit in stockinette.

Round 5 (INC): (M1, K3), repeat until end of round (+60 st, 240 st total)

Round 6: Knit in stockinette.

Round 7 (INC): (K12, M1), repeat until end of round (+20 st, 260 st total)

Round 8: Knit in stockinette. On round 8, place stitch markers every 20 stitches.

For size G, knit colorwork chart A.

For size H, knit colorwork chart B.

Size I:

Round 1: Knit in stockinette.

Round 2 (INC): (K2, M1), repeat until end of round (+60 st, 180 st total)

Round 3-4: Knit in stockinette.

Round 5 (INC): (M1, K3), repeat until end of round (+60 st, 240 st total)

Round 6: Knit in stockinette.

Round 7 (INC): (M1, K4), repeat until end of round (+60 st, 300 st total)

Round 8: Knit in stockinette. On round 8, place stitch markers every 20 stitches.

For size I, knit colorwork chart A.

Splitting the yoke

After knitting the colorwork yoke, you should have the following number of stitches on your needles: 238/**266**/306/**342**(374/**418**/442/**494**/510)

Before splitting the yoke into the body and sleeves, measure your yoke to make sure that it is long enough: 20/**22**/24/**26**(26/**27**/27/**28**/28) cm.

Measure the center front of the yoke, excluding the collar. Try on the yoke to make sure that it fits comfortably. The yoke should cover the largest part of your bust.

Before splitting the yoke, a setup round is worked to place markers dividing the yoke into the body and sleeves. Keep the BOR marker in the same place as before. After knitting the setup round, place all stitches on waste yarn.

Size A:

K35, PM, K48, PM, K71, PM, K48, PM, K36 (Body 142 st, sleeve 48 st)

Size B:

K39, PM, K54, PM, K79, PM, K54, PM, K40 (Body 158 st, sleeve 54 st)

Size C:

K46, PM, K60, PM, K93, PM, K60, PM, K47 (Body 186 st, sleeve 60 st)

Size D:

K51, PM, K68, PM, K103, PM, K68, PM, K52 (Body 206 st, sleeve 68 st)

Size E:

K56, PM, K74, PM, K113, PM, K74, PM, K57 (Body 226 st, sleeve 74 st)

Size F:

K63, PM, K82, PM, K127, PM, K82, PM, K64 (Body 254 st, sleeve 82 st)

Size G:

K66, PM, K88, PM, K133, PM, K88, PM, K67 (Body 266 st, sleeve 88 st)

Size H:

K72, PM, K102, PM, K145, PM, K102, PM, K73 (Body 290 st, sleeve 102 st)

Size I:

K74, PM, K106, PM, K149, PM, K106, PM, K75 (Body 298 st, sleeve 106 st)

Body

The setup round for the body starts at the BOR marker. Cast on new stitches using the back loop method.

Size A:

K35, CO 10, K71, CO 10, K36 (162 st)

Size B:

K39, CO 10, K79, CO 10, K40 (178 st)

Size C:

K46, CO 8, K93, CO 8, K47 (202 st)

Size D:

K51, CO 8, K103, CO 8, K52 (222 st)

Size E:

K56, CO 8, K113, CO 8, K57 (242 st)

Size F:

K63, CO 6, K127, CO 6, K64 (266 st)

Size G:

K66, CO 8, K133, CO 8, K67 (282 st)

Size H:

K72, CO 6, K145, CO 6, K73 (302 st)

Size I:

K74, CO 12, K149, CO 12, K75 (322 st)

After knitting the setup round, keep knitting in stockinette until your sweater is about 6 cm shorter than your preferred length.

Switch to your rib needle, and work in twist rib until the rib hem is 6 cm, or whichever hem length you prefer.

Bind off using the Italian bind off method:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IONO59wK1Og>

Sleeves

For the sleeves, we are first picking up stitches along the underarm cast on stitches on the body, then knitting the sleeve stitches, and then picking up more stitches along the cast on edge. The beginning of round will be right in the middle of the underarm cast on stitches.

When following the pattern as written, there will likely be one small hole on each side of the stitches that we pick up during this round. You can sew them shut with waste yarn or just ignore them altogether. If you want to prevent holes from appearing in the first place, I recommend this video tutorial by Roxanne Richardson: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7D3oD5G5h10>

Sleeve setup rounds:

Size A:

PU5, K48, PU5 (58 st)

Size B:

PU5, K54, PU5 (64 st)

Size C:

PU4, K60, PU4 (68 st)

Size D:

PU4, K68, PU4 (76 st)

Size E:

PU4, K74, PU4 (82 st)

Size F:

PU3, K82, PU3 (88 st)

Size G:

PU4, K88, PU4 (96 st)

Size H:

PU3, K102, PU3 (108 st)

Size I:

PU6, K106, PU6 (118 st)

Size A-C:

Round 1: Ssk, K to last 2 st, K2tog

Round 2-10: Knit all stitches

Size D-F:

Round 1: Ssk, K to last 2 st, K2tog

Round 2-8: Knit all stitches

Size G-I:

Round 1: Ssk, K to last 2 st, K2tog

Round 2-6: Knit all stitches

Repeat the sleeve rounds for your chosen size until the sleeve reaches about 4 cm above your wrist. The amount of stitches you end up with will vary based on your size and sleeve length, so make sure you count your decreases to make sure that both sleeves end up on the same stitch count.

Switch to your rib needle and knit in twist rib until your sleeve cuff measures 6 cm.

Bind off using the italian bind off method.

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