

Ella sweater



Size: 1 (2) 3 (4)

Chest width: 120 (128) 141 (150) cm

Length: 57 (58) 60 (62) cm (measured mid-back from under the neckband)

Gauge: 14 sts x 23 rows on 5 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm

Recommended needles: Circular needles 5 mm and 4 mm

Materials: 250 (250) 300 (300) g of Mohair By Canard 2-ply kid mohair (50 g = 175 m) and 400 (500) 600 (600) g of Mohair By Canard Bouclé yarn (100 g = 170 m)

Pattern

Ella Sweater is an oversized bouclé sweater worked top-down with raglan increases. The raglan construction ensures a good fit. The sweater has a masculine look and slightly extra length.

Size Guide

Ella Sweater should have 30-40 cm of positive ease compared to your chest measurement. Sizes 1 (2) 3 (4) correspond to a chest measurement of 80-90 (90-100) 100-110 (110-120) cm.

Abbreviations:

K: knit

P: purl

sm: stitch marker

st(s): stitch(es)

pm: place a stitch marker

ssk: slip, slip, knit

k2tog: knit 2 together

Video Links

Double knitting and Italian bind-off: https://youtu.be/r_FahQrBIk0

ssk (slip, slip, knit): <https://www.garnstudio.com/video.php?id=207&lang=en>

On Increases

Increases are worked on both the right and wrong sides, knitted on the right side and purled on the wrong side. Viewed from the right side, the increases can lean to the right (M1R) or to the left (M1L):

M1R:

On the right side: Pick up the bar between two sts from the back and knit it through the front loop.

On the wrong side (purl side): Pick up the bar between two sts from the front and purl it through the back loop.

M1L:

On the right side: Pick up the bar between two sts from the front and knit it through the back loop.

On the wrong side (purl side): Pick up the bar between two sts from the back and purl it through the front loop.

Begin your work:

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Cast on 72 (72) 82 (90) sts on 4 mm circular needles using a standard cast-on. Pm at the beginning of the round. The round begins at the mid-back of the neck.

Knit 7 cm in 1x1 ribbing (k1, p1). Fold the neckline by knitting a folded neckband.

Switch to 5 mm circular needles by transferring the sts to the new needles while dividing for raglan increases, placing sm on either side of the raglan sts (raglan consists of 4 sts). Use markers of different colors to differentiate the round start. Work as follows:

Knit 7 (7) 8 (9) sts (right side of the neck), pm, K 4 (raglan sts), pm, k10 (10) 12 (14) sts (right sleeve), pm, K 4 (raglan sts), pm, K 22 (22) 26 (28) sts (front), pm, K 4 (raglan sts), pm, K 10 (10) 12 (14) sts (left sleeve), pm, K 4 (raglan sts), pm, K 7 (7) 8 (9) sts (left side of the neck), round start.

Note: The division is not symmetrical at the start, as there are more sts in the front than the back, but this balances out after working the short rows.

Now short rows are worked in the neck to create height. Use the German Short Rows technique. Work as follows:

Row 1 (right side): Knit to the marker between the neck and the right sleeve, **M1R**, move the marker to the right needle, knit the 4 raglan sts, move the marker to the right needle, **M1L**, knit 2 sts, turn (= 2 increases).

Row 2 (wrong side): Purl to the marker between the neck and the left sleeve, **M1R purlwise**, move the marker to the right needle, purl the 4 raglan sts, move the marker to the right needle, **M1L purlwise**, purl 2 sts, turn (= 2 increases).

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 a total of 4 (4) 5 (5) times, turning 2 sts past the last turn each time (i.e., knit the short-row stitch from the previous row and then 2 more sts before turning) (= 88 (88) 102 (110) sts).

Stitch distribution is now: 11 (11) 13 (14) sts (left back), 4 sts (raglan), 14 (14) 17 (19) sts (left sleeve), 4 sts (raglan), 22 (22) 26 (28) sts (front), 4 sts (raglan), 14 (14) 17 (19) sts (right sleeve), 4 sts (raglan), 11 (11) 13 (14) sts (right back).

Continue with one more sequence of short rows on the front. Work as follows:

Row 1 (right side): Knit to the marker between the neck and the right sleeve, **M1R**, move the marker to the right needle, knit the 4 raglan sts, move the marker to the right needle, **M1L**, knit to the marker between the right sleeve and the front, **M1R**, move the marker to the right needle, knit the 4 raglan sts, move the marker to the right needle, **M1L**, knit 2 sts, turn (= 4 increases).

Row 2 (wrong side): Purl to the marker between the neck and the left sleeve, **M1R purlwise**, move the marker to the right needle, purl the 4 raglan sts, move the marker to the right needle, **M1L purlwise**, purl to the marker between the left sleeve and the front, **M1R purlwise**, move the marker to the right needle, purl the 4 raglan sts, move the marker to the right needle, **M1L purlwise**, purl 2 sts, turn (= 4 increases).

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 a total of 3 (3) 4 (4) times, turning 2 sts past the last turn each time (= 112 (112) 134 (142) sts).

Knit as the pattern indicates to the beginning of the round

The stitch distribution is now: 14 (14) 17 (18) sts, 4 raglan sts, 20 (20) 25 (27) sts, 4 raglan sts, 28 (28) 34 (36) sts, 4 raglan sts, 20 (20) 25 (27) sts, 4 raglan sts, 14 (14) 17 (18) sts.

The short rows are now completed, and you will continue knitting in the round while also continuing raglan increases on every 2nd round as follows:

Row 1: *Knit to the sm, make 1 left increase (m1L), slip the sm to the right needle, knit the 4 raglan sts, slip the sm to the right needle, make 1 right increase (m1R).* Repeat from * to * 4 times, then knit as the pattern indicates to the end of the round (= 8 increases).

Row 2: Knit all stitches.

Repeat these 2 rounds a total of 16 (19) 21 (22) times = 240 (264) 302 (318) sts.

The stitch distribution is now: 30 (33) 38 (40) sts, 4 sts, 52 (58) 67 (71) sts, 4 sts, 60 (66) 76 (80) sts, 4 sts, 52 (58) 67 (71) sts, 4 sts, 30 (33) 38 (40) sts.

Now the sleeve stitch count is complete, so you will continue knitting in the round, increasing at the raglan stitches only for the front and back sections as follows:

Row 1: **Knit to the marker, m1L, slip the marker to the right needle, knit the 4 raglan sts, slip the marker to the right needle, knit to the next marker, slip the marker to the right needle, knit the 4 raglan sts, slip the marker to the right needle, m1R**, repeat from * to * twice, then knit to the end of the round (= 4 increases).

2nd round: Knit all stitches.

Repeat these 2 rounds a total of 6 (6) 6 (7) times (= 264 (288) 326 (346) sts).

The stitch distribution is now: 36 (39) 44 (47) sts, 4 sts, 52 (58) 67 (71) sts, 4 sts, 72 (78) 88 (94) sts, 4 sts, 52 (58) 67 (71) sts, 4 sts, 36 (39) 44 (47) sts.

Body

The body is knitted in the round in stockinette stitch using 5 mm circular needles. Now the sleeves are set aside, and the back and front are joined while casting on stitches for the armholes.

Knit across the 36 (39) 44 (47) sts on the right back section, remove the marker, knit the 4 raglan sts, remove the marker, place the 52 (58) 67 (71) sts for the right sleeve on a scrap yarn or holder, remove the marker, cast on 4 (4) 3 (3) sts using the backward loop method, knit the 4 raglan sts, remove the marker, knit across the 72 (78) 88 (94) sts on the front, remove the marker, knit the 4 raglan sts, place the 52 (58) 67 (71) sts for the left sleeve on a scrap yarn or holder, remove the marker, cast on 4 (4) 3 (3) sts using the backward loop method, knit the 4 raglan sts, knit across the 36 (39) 44 (47) sts on the left back section.

Move the beginning-of-round marker to after the first 40 (43) 48 (51) sts. The round now starts under the right sleeve, and the body consists of 168 (180) 198 (210) sts.

Knit in the round in stockinette stitch until the work measures 51 (52) 54 (55) cm from the center back, below the neckline. Try on the sweater to ensure you've achieved the desired length.

Switch to 4 mm circular needles and knit 7 cm of ribbing (k1, p1).

Knit two rounds in double knitting and bind off using the Italian bind-off method (see video link at the beginning of the pattern).

Sleeves

Place the 52 (58) 67 (71) sleeve stitches on 5 mm circular needles and pick up 4 (4) 3 (3) sts from the backward loop cast-on under the armhole (= 56 (62) 70 (74) sts).

Knit in the round in stockinette stitch until the sleeve measures 35–38 cm from the underarm, while working decreases every 18th (18th) 14th (14th) round, a total of 3 (3) 4 (4) times (= 50 (56) 62 (66) sts). Work the decreases as follows: K 1, k2tog, knit to 3 sts before the marker, ssk, K 1. The sleeve length is intended to be slightly long, so adjust before binding off if needed.

Switch to 4 mm needles and knit 9 cm of ribbing (K 1, P1).

Knit two rounds in double knitting and bind off using the Italian bind-off method.



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