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**#FRANCESCASWEATER**

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## DESCRIPTION

The Francesca sweater is worked top-down. First, the back is worked back and forth, shaping the shoulder slopes using increases. Then, stitches are picked up along the shoulder slopes to work the right and left fronts back and forth. After that, the fronts are joined to work the front back and forth, and stitches are cast on for the neck. Following this, the front and back are joined to work the body in the round. Next, stitches are picked up around the armholes to work the sleeves in the round. Short rows are used to ensure a good fit of the sleeves. The garment is finished with a 1x1 ribbed neckline worked in the round.

## SIZES

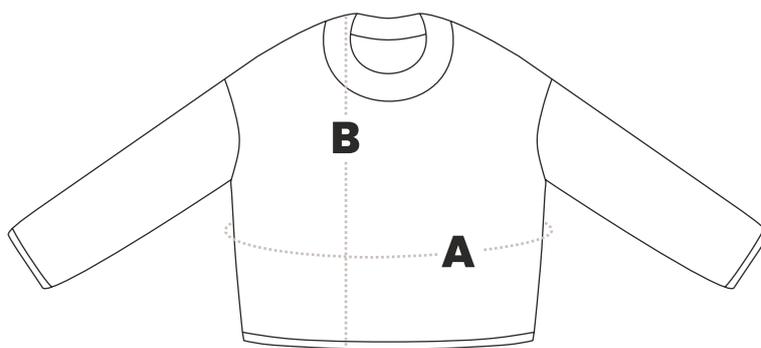
**XS / S / M / L / XL / 2XL / 3XL**

## SIZE GUIDE

The Francesca Sweater has an oversized fit and is designed to have approx. 30 cm [11¼ in] of positive ease with slightly reduced ease in larger sizes, to ensure a more comfortable fit. This means the garment's measurements will be approx. 30 cm [11¼ in] larger than your actual bust circumference. The sizes XS / S / M / L / XL / 2XL / 3XL are designed to fit a bust circumference of 80-85 / 85-90 / 90-95 / 95-100 / 100-110 / 110-120 / 120-130 cm [31½-33½ / 33½-35½ / 35½-37½ / 37½-39½ / 39½-43¼ / 43¼-47¼ / 47¼-51¼ in].

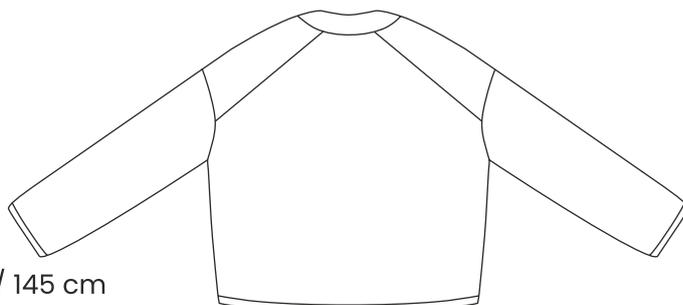
Before you begin, measure yourself to determine the right size. For example, if your bust circumference is 88 cm [34¾ in], you should knit a size S. If you are between sizes, choose the size based on how loose you prefer the sweater to fit. Using the diagram with the finished garment measurements can be a helpful reference when deciding which size to select.

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS



**A** 113 / 117 / 122 / 127 / 136 / 141 / 145 cm  
[44½ / 46 / 48 / 50 / 53½ / 55½ / 57 in]

**B** 56 / 57 / 58 / 60 / 62 / 65 / 68 cm  
[22 / 22½ / 22¾ / 23½ / 24½ / 25½ / 26¾ in]



**GAUGE****After washing and blocking:**

17 sts x 35 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 in] in a structured pattern on 4.5 mm [US 7] needles. Please make sure to knit a swatch. Ensure that your swatch gauge matches the given one. If you cannot achieve the required gauge using the suggested needles, adjust your needle size to reach the correct gauge.

**NEEDLES**

Circular needles

4.5 mm [US 7] 40, and 80 or 100 cm [16, and 32 or 40 in].

3.5 mm [US 4] 40, and 80 or 100 cm [16, and 32 or 40 in].

**SUGGESTED  
YARN**

Suggestion 1:

1 strand of Bergamo by Lamana 25 g = 65 m [71 yds], 475 / 500 / 525 / 550 / 575 / 625 / 675 g.

Suggestion 2 (worked with three strands held together):

2 strands of Milano by Lamana 25 g = 180 m [197 yds], 350/375/400/400/425/450/475 g,

**held together with**

1 strand of Premia by Lamana 25 g = 300 m [328 yds], 100/125/125/125/150/150/150 g.

**NOTIONS**

Stitch markers. Stitch holders (or waste yarn), tapestry needle.

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In the sections of this pattern, you will find links to videos demonstrating the techniques needed to execute the required elements. Additionally, for easier navigation through the videos, I provide a QR code for the YouTube playlist. All videos related to this pattern can be found in this playlist.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**BOR** - Beginning Of Round

**K** - Knit

**P** - Purl

**RS/WS** - Right Side/Wrong Side

**st/sts** - Stitch(es)

**ds** - Double Stitch

**YO** - Yarn Over

**YOs** - Yarn Overs

**SL1YO** - Slip One With Yarn Over

**SL2YO** - Slip One With Two Yarn Overs

**SL3YO** - Slip One With Three Yarn Overs

**SL1** - Slip One Knitwise

**SL1PW** - Slip One Purlwise

**wyib** - with yarn in back

**wyif** - with yarn in front

**SSK** - Slip, Slip, Knit (left-leaning decrease)

**K2TOG** - Knit Two Together (right-leaning decrease)

### **About increases:**

**RLI (Right Lifted Increase):** Lift the right leg of the stitch below the next stitch on the left-hand needle onto the left-hand needle as if it were a normal stitch and knit it through the back loop. [1 stitch increased].

**LLI (Left Lifted Increase):** Lift the left leg of the stitch 2 rows below the stitch on the right-hand needle onto the left-hand needle as if it were a twisted stitch and knit it through the front loop. [1 stitch increased].

**Selvedge stitches:** Slip the first stitch knitwise (SL1) of every row and purl the last stitch of every row.

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watch the video:  
[STRUCTURED  
PATTERN]

## HOW TO WORK A STRUCTURED PATTERN FLAT:

The pattern repeat consists of 4 stitches and 8 rows. For a swatch, cast on a multiple of 4 stitches plus 3 stitches for symmetry, and add 2 selvedge stitches.

The RS row is a row with a textured pattern and purl stitches.

The WS row is a row without a pattern.

For the swatch, cast on 21 sts (which includes 16 sts for the pattern plus 3 sts for symmetry plus 2 selvedge sts).

**Row 1 (RS):** Sll, P3, \* SL1YO, P3 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last st, P1.

**Row 2 (WS):** Sll, K3, \* SL2YO, K3 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last st, P1.

**Row 3 (RS):** Sll, P3, \* SL3YO, P3 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last st, P1.

**Row 4 (WS):** Sll, K3, \* K1 with 3 YOs together, K3 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last st, P1.

**Row 5 (RS):** Sll, P1, SL1YO, \* P3, SL1YO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 2 sts, P2.

**Row 6 (WS):** Sll, K1, SL2YO, \* K3, SL2YO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 2 sts, K1, P1.

**Row 7 (RS):** Sll, P1, SL3YO, \* P3, SL3YO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 2 sts, P2.

**Row 8 (WS):** Sll, K1, K1 with 3 YOs together, \* K3, K1 with 3 YOs together \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 2 sts, K1, P1.

### Work rows 1-8.

**Note:** "SLIYO" means that you should slip one stitch purlwise with a yarn over. "SL2YO" indicates that you should slip one stitch purlwise with a yarn over done in the previous row and then make another yarn over. "SL3YO" means that you should slip one stitch purlwise with two yarn overs done in the previous two rows and then make another yarn over. „K1 with 3 YOs together" means that you should knit one stitch together with the three yarn overs from the previous three rows as one stitch.

**Established Pattern:** Continue knitting in accordance with the pattern or stitch sequence that has been previously introduced and established in the instructions.

## BACK

The back is worked back and forth in a structured pattern using **4.5 mm [US 7] 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 in]** circular needles.

Cast on 33/33/33/37/37/41/41 sts on **4.5 mm [US 7] 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 in]** circular needles using a Long-Tail Cast-On technique.

**Set Up:** Knit one row.

Work with **lifted increases** in every 2nd row to form the shoulder slopes:

**Row 1 (RS):** S11, P1, SL1YO, \* P3, SL1YO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 2 sts, end P2.

**Row 2 (WS):** S11, **RLI**, K1, SL2YO, \* K3, SL2YO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 2 sts, end K1, **LLI**, P1. [2 sts have been increased].

**Row 3 (RS):** S11, P2, \* SL3YO, P3 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the end of the row.

**Row 4 (WS):** S11, **RLI**, K2, K1 with 3 YOs together, \* K3, K1 with 3 YOs together \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 3 sts, end K2, **LLI**, P1. [2 sts have been increased].

Work rows 1-4 a total of 15/16/17/17/19/19/20 times.

Finish with the WS row.

Place stitch markers onto the first and last selvedge stitches of the row to mark the points for future pickup of stitches for shoulder knitting.

**Now you have** 93/97/101/105/113/117/121 sts on the needles and worked 61/65/69/69/77/77/81 rows.

Now work 27/31/31/35/39/43/47 rows straight as follows:

**Row 1 (RS):** S11, P1, SL1YO, \* P3, SL1YO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 2 sts, P2.

**Row 2 (WS):** S11, K1, SL2YO, \* K3, SL2YO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 2 sts, K1, P1.

**Row 3 (RS):** S11, P1, SL3YO, \* P3, SL3YO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 2 sts, P2.

**Row 4 (WS):** S11, K1, K1 with 3 YOs together, \* K3, K1 with 3 YOs together \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 2 sts, K1, P1.

**Row 5 (RS):** S11, \* P3, SL1YO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 4 sts, P4.

**Row 6 (WS):** S11, K3, \* SL2YO, K3 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last st, P1.

**Row 7 (RS):** S11, \* P3, SL3YO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 4 sts, P4.

**Row 8 (WS):** S11, K3, \* K1 with 3 YOs together, K3 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last st, P1.

Continue working, following the pattern from rows 1 to 8, until you have worked a total of 27/31/31/35/39/43/47 straight rows.

Finish with the RS row, specifically with row 3/7/7/3/7/3/7 of the pattern, which includes 3YOs.

**Now you have** 93/97/101/105/113/117/121 sts on the needles and worked 88/96/100/104/116/120/128 rows.

Break the yarn and place sts on hold to continue work with them later.

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## RIGHT FRONT

The right front is worked back and forth in a structured pattern using **4.5 mm [US 7] 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 in]** circular needles.

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**[RIGHT FRONT PICKING UP]**

With the RS facing, starting from the marker, **pick up and knit** a total of 41/43/47/47/51/53/55 stitches along the right slope using **4.5 mm [US 7] 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 in]** circular needles.

Work as follows:

Pick up and knit the first stitch directly in the selvedge stitch, then pick up and knit 3 stitches in the stitches that are between the selvedge stitches. Then again pick up 1 stitch from the selvedge, followed by 3 stitches in the stitches between the selvages. Continue in this manner until you have picked up all 41/43/47/47/51/53/55 stitches.

**Set Up:** Knit one row.

Work with **decreases** to shape the armhole:

**Row 1 (RS):** S11, \*P3, SLIYO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 4/2/2/2/2/4/2 sts of the row, end P4/2/2/2/2/4/2.

**Row 2 (WS):** Work in established pattern to the last 3 sts, **K2TOG**, P1. [1 st has been decreased].

**Row 3 (RS):** Work in established pattern.

**Row 4 (WS):** Work in established pattern to the last 3 sts, **K2TOG**, P1. [1 st has been decreased].

**Row 5 (RS):** S11, \*P3, SLIYO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 2/4/4/4/4/2/4 sts of the row, end P2/4/4/4/4/2/4.

**Row 6 (WS):** Work in established pattern to the last 3 sts, **K2TOG**, P1. [1 st has been decreased].

**Row 7 (RS):** Work in established pattern.

**Row 8 (WS):** Work in established pattern to the last 3 sts, **K2TOG**, P1. [1 st has been decreased].

Continue working, following the pattern from rows 1 to 8, decreasing 1 stitch in every 2nd row a total of 12/12/14/14/14/16/16 times.

Finish with the WS row.

**Now you have** 29/31/33/33/37/37/39 sts on the needles and worked 25/25/29/29/29/33/33 rows.

Now work 12/16/12/12/12/4/8 rows straight as follows:

**Row 1 (RS):** S11, \*P3, SLIYO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 4/2/4/4/4/4/2 sts of the row, end P4/2/4/4/4/4/2.

**Rows 2-4:** Work in established pattern.

**Row 5 (RS):** S11, P1, SLIYO, \* P3, SLIYO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 2/4/2/2/2/2/4 sts of the row, end P2/4/2/2/2/2/4.

**Rows 6-8:** Work in established pattern.

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**[DECREASES]**

Continue working, following the pattern from rows 1 to 8, until you have worked a total of 12/16/12/12/12/4/8 straight rows.

Finish with the WS row.

**Now you have** 29/31/33/33/37/37/39 sts on the needles and worked 37/41/41/41/41/37/41 rows.

Now work with **lifted increases** to shape the neck:

**Row 1 (RS):** S11, P1/3/1/1/1/1/3, \* SLIYO, P3 \*, repeat from \* to \* until the last few stitches of the row. Finish the row with P2.

**Row 2 (WS):** S11, **RLI**, work in established pattern to the end of the row. [1 st has been increased].

**Row 3 (RS):** Work in established pattern.

**Row 4 (WS):** S11, **RLI**, work in established pattern to the end of the row. [1 st has been increased].

**Row 5 (RS):** S11, P3/1/3/3/3/3/1, \* SLIYO, P3 \*, repeat from \* to \* until the last few stitches of the row. Finish the row with P2.

**Row 6 (WS):** S11, **RLI**, work in established pattern to the end of the row. [1 st has been increased].

**Row 7 (RS):** Work in established pattern.

**Row 8 (WS):** S11, **RLI**, work in established pattern to the end of the row. [1 st has been increased].

Continue working, following the pattern from rows 1 to 8, until you have worked a total of 23/23/23/23/23/27/27 rows, increasing 1 stitch in every 2nd row a total of 11/11/11/11/11/13/13 times.

Finish with the RS row, specifically with row 7/7/7/7/7/3/3 of the pattern, which includes 3YOs.

**Now you have** 40/42/44/44/48/50/52 sts on the needles and worked 60/64/64/64/64/64/68 rows.

Now, take a new strand of yarn, align it with the working yarn, and **cast on** 11/11/11/15/15/15/15 stitches for the neck using the Long-Tail cast-on method.

**Now you have** 51/53/55/59/63/65/67 sts on the needles.

Break off all the yarn and place the stitches on hold to continue working with them later.

## LEFT FRONT

The left front is worked back and forth in a structured pattern using **4.5 mm [US 7] 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 in]** circular needles.

With the RS facing, starting from the left corner, pick up and knit a total of 41/43/47/47/51/53/55 stitches along the left slope using **4.5 mm [US 7] 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 in]** circular needles.

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Work as follows:

Pick up and knit 3 stitches in the stitches that are between the selvedge stitches, then pick up and knit one stitch directly in the selvedge stitch. Then again, pick up 3 stitches in the stitches between the selvages, followed by 1 stitch in the selvedge. Continue in this manner until you have picked up all 41/43/47/47/51/53/55 stitches and end at the marker.

**Set Up:** Knit one row.

Work with **decreases** to shape the armhole:

**Row 1 (RS):** Sll, P3/1/1/1/1/3/1, \* SLIYO, P3 \*, repeat from \* to \* the last 4 sts of the row, P4.

**Row 2 (WS):** Sll, **SSK**, work in established pattern to the end of the row. [1 st has been decreased].

**Row 3 (RS):** Work in established pattern.

**Row 4 (WS):** Sll, **SSK**, work in established pattern to the end of the row. [1 st has been decreased].

**Row 5 (RS):** Sll, P1/3/3/3/3/1/3, \* SLIYO, P3 \*, repeat from \* to \* the last 4 sts of the row, P4.

**Row 6 (WS):** Sll, **SSK**, work in established pattern to the end of the row. [1 st has been decreased].

**Row 7 (RS):** Work in established pattern.

**Row 8 (WS):** Sll, **SSK**, work in established pattern to the end of the row. [1 st has been decreased].

Continue working, following the pattern from rows 1 to 8, decreasing 1 stitch in every 2nd row a total of 12/12/14/14/14/16/16 times.

Finish with the WS row.

**Now you have** 29/31/33/33/37/37/39 sts on the needles and worked 25/25/29/29/29/33/33 rows.

Now work 12/16/12/12/12/4/8 rows straight as follows:

**Row 1 (RS):** Sll, P3/1/3/3/3/3/1, SLIYO, \*P3, SLIYO\*, repeat from \* to \* the last 4 sts of the row, end P4.

**Rows 2-4:** Work in established pattern.

**Row 5 (RS):** Sll, P1/3/1/1/1/1/3, SLIYO, \*P3, SLIYO\*, repeat from \* to \* the last 2 sts of the row, end P2.

**Rows 6-8:** Work in established pattern.

Continue working, following the pattern from rows 1 to 8, until you have worked a total of 12/16/12/12/12/4/8 straight rows.

Finish with the WS row.

**Now you have** 29/31/33/33/37/37/39 sts on the needles and worked 37/41/41/41/37/41 rows.

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Now work with **lifted increases** to shape the neck:

**Row 1 (RS):** S11, P1, SLIYO, \* P3, SLIYO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 2/4/2/2/2/2/4 sts of the row, end P2/4/2/2/2/2/4

**Row 2 (WS):** Work in established pattern to the last 1 st, **LLI**, P1. [1 st has been increased].

**Row 3 (RS):** Work in established pattern.

**Row 4 (WS):** Work in established pattern to the last 1 st, **LLI**, P1. [1 st has been increased].

**Row 5 (RS):** S11, P1, SLIYO, \* P3, SLIYO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 4/2/4/4/4/4/2 sts of the row, end P4/2/4/4/4/4/2.

**Row 6 (WS):** Work in established pattern to the last 1 st, **LLI**, P1. [1 st has been increased].

**Row 7 (RS):** Work in established pattern.

**Row 8 (WS):** Work in established pattern to the last 1 st, **LLI**, P1. [1 st has been increased].

Continue working, following the pattern from rows 1 to 8, until you have worked a total of 23/23/23/23/23/27/27 rows, increasing 1 stitch in every 2nd row a total of 11/11/11/11/11/13/13 times.

Finish with the RS row, specifically with row 7/7/7/7/7/3/3 of the pattern, which includes 3YOs.

**Now you have** 40/42/44/44/48/50/52 sts on the needles and worked 60/64/64/64/64/64/68 rows.

## FRONT

The front is worked back and forth in a structured pattern using **4.5 mm [US 7] 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 in]** circular needles.

Join the fronts as follows:

S11, K38/40/42/42/46/48/50 sts across the left front (including K1 with 3 YOs together), **LLI**, K13/13/13/17/17/17/17 sts (neck sts + edge sts), **RLI**, K38/40/42/42/46/48/50 sts across the right front (including K1 with 3 YOs together), P1. [2 sts have been increased].

**Now you have** 93/97/101/105/113/117/121 sts on the needles and worked 1 row.

Now work 43/43/47/51/55/63/63 rows straight as follows:

**Row 1 (RS):** S11, P1/3/1/1/1/3/1, SLIYO, \* P3, SLIYO \*, repeat from \* to \* the last 2/4/2/2/2/4/2 sts of the row, end P2/4/2/2/2/4/2.

**Rows 2-4:** Work in established pattern.

**Row 5 (RS):** S11, P3/1/3/3/3/1/3, SLIYO, \* P3, SLIYO \*, repeat from \* to \* the last 4/2/4/4/4/4/2/4 sts of the row, end P4/2/4/4/4/2/4.

**Rows 6-8:** Work in established pattern.

Continue working, following the pattern from rows 1 to 8, until you have worked a total of 43/43/47/51/55/63/63 straight rows.

Finish with the RS row, specifically with row 3/3/7/3/7/7/7 of the pattern, which includes 3YOs.

**Now you have** 93/97/101/105/113/117/121 sts on the needles and worked 44/44/48/52/56/64/64 rows.

## BODY

The body is worked in the round in a structured pattern using **4.5 mm [US 7] 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 in]** circular needles.

**Note:** To avoid a large number of purl stitches, the body is worked in the round with the wrong side of the pattern.

Join the body in the round as follows:

With the WS facing knit 93/97/101/105/113/117/121 sts across the front (including K1 with 3 YOs together), then cast on 3 sts in an extension of the front stitches using the **backward loop method**, knit 93/97/101/105/113/117/121 sts across the back (including K1 with 3 YOs together), cast on 3 sts in an extension of the back stitches the same way. Place a stitch marker to indicate a BOR.

**Now you have** 192/200/208/216/232/240/248 sts on the needles.

Now work straight in the round as follows:

### For sizes XS/L/2XL:

**Round 1:** \* SL1YO, K3 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the end of the round.

**Round 2:** \* SL2YO, K3 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the end of the round.

**Round 3:** \* SL3YO, K3 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the end of the round.

**Round 4:** \* K1 with 3 YOs together, K3 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the end of the round.

**Round 5:** K2, SL1YO, \* K3, SL1YO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last st of the round, finish with K1.

**Round 6:** K2, SL2YO, \* K3, SL2YO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last st of the round, finish with K1.

**Round 7:** K2, SL3YO, \* K3, SL3YO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last st of the round, finish with K1.

**Round 8:** K2, K1 with 3 YOs together, \* K3, K1 with 3 YOs together \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last st of the round, finish with K1.

### For sizes S/M/XL/3XL:

**Round 1:** K2, SL1YO, \* K3, SL1YO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last st of the round, finish with K1.

**Round 2:** K2, SL2YO, \* K3, SL2YO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last st of the round, finish with K1.

**Round 3:** K2, SL3YO, \* K3, SL3YO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last st of the round, finish with K1.

**Round 4:** K2, K1 with 3 YOs together, \* K3, K1 with 3 YOs together \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last st of the round, finish with K1.

**Round 5:** \* SL1YO, K3 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the end of the round.

**Round 6:** \* SL2YO, K3 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the end of the round.

**Round 7:** \* SL3YO, K3 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the end of the round.

**Round 8:** \* K1 with 3 YOs together, K3 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the end of the round.

Work rounds 1-8 until the sweater measures approx. 54/55/56/58/60/63/66 cm [21¼/21¾/22/22¾/23½/24¾/26 in] excluding the neckline, from the center of the back – or to the length you prefer.

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LOOP METHOD]

**Note:** Extending the length of the garment in your knitting may require additional yarn. Try on and check the garment length before you begin working the rib.

Switch to circular needles **3.5 mm [US 4] 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 in]** and work 1 round (K all sts).

Work 6 rounds of 1x1 rib (K1, P1).

Work double knitting before binding off using the Italian bind-off technique as follows:

**Round 1:** \* K1, SL1 purlwise wyif \*, repeat from \* to \* to end of round.

**Round 2:** \* S11 purlwise wyib, P1 \*, repeat from \* to \* to end of round.

Bind off the stitches using the **Italian bind-off technique**. Not too tightly.

## NECKLINE

The neckline is worked in the round in 1x1 rib using **3.5 mm [US 4] 40 cm [16 in]** circular needles.

With the RS facing, start from the center of the back, join the yarn, and pick up and knit stitches along the neckline: one stitch for every stitch along the horizontal sides, and one stitch in each of the stitches that are between the selvedge stitches along the vertical or sloped sides.

**You have approx.** 108/112/112/120/124/128 (+ - 2) sts on the needles.

Place a stitch marker to indicate a BOR.

Work in the round 4.5 cm [1¾ in] of 1x1 rib (K1, P1).

Work double knitting before binding off using the Italian bind-off technique as follows:

**Round 1:** \* K1, SL1 purlwise wyif \*, repeat from \* to \* to end of round.

**Round 2:** \* S11 purlwise wyib, P1 \*, repeat from \* to \* to end of round.

Bind off the stitches using the **Italian bind-off technique**.

## SLEEVES

The sleeves are worked in the round in a structured pattern using **4.5 mm [US 7] 40 cm [16 in]** circular needles.

With the RS facing, locate the middle of the underarm, skip the very central stitch of the underarm, and begin to **pick up and knit** starting from the stitch to the left of this central stitch. Proceed to pick up and knit a total of 72/76/80/84/88/92/96 stitches along the armhole, which includes picking up and knitting one stitch for every stitch directly under the arm and one stitch for each of the stitches between the selvedge stitches.

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**GERMAN  
SHORT ROWS**

Place a stitch marker to indicate a BOR.

**Set Up:** Purl 1 round.

Now work in the **German Short Rows technique** to shape the sleeve.

When the instructions say **'Turn'**, this indicates that you should turn your work around. Slip the first stitch to the right-hand needle—purlwise when slipping a purl stitch, and knitwise when slipping a knit stitch—to create a double stitch at the turning point.

Work as follows:

**Row 1 (RS):** P3/3/3/3/3/3/3, SL1YO, P3, SL1YO, P2. Turn.

**Row 2 (WS):** K1, SL2YO, K3, SL2YO, K2. Turn.

**Row 3 (RS):** P1, SL3YO, P3, SL3YO, P1, ds as P, P5. Turn.

**Row 4 (WS):** K up to the ds (including K1 with 3 YOs together), ds as K, K5. Turn.

**Row 5 (RS):** SL1YO, \* P3, SL1YO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the ds, ds as P, P1. Turn.

**Row 6 (WS):** Work in established pattern up to the ds, ds as K, K1. Turn.

**Row 7 (RS):** Work in established pattern up to the ds, ds as P, P5. Turn.

**Row 8 (WS):** K up to the ds (including K1 with 3 YOs together), ds as K, K5. Turn.

Work rows 5–8 a total of 4/4/5/5/5/6/6 times.

Finish with the WS row.

**Now, you have** 2/4/0/2/4/0/2 sts before the BOR marker. The short rows are now complete.

**Note:** To avoid a large number of purl stitches, the sleeve is worked in the round with the wrong side of the pattern. Turn the work inside out to continue knitting in the round with the wrong side.

**Set Up:** K2/4/0/2/4/0/2 to the BOR.

**For sizes XS/L/3XL:**

**Round 1:** \* SL1YO, K3 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the end of the round.

**Round 2:** \* SL2YO, K3 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the end of the round.

**Round 3:** \* SL3YO, K3 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the end of the round.

**Round 4:** \* K1 with 3 YOs together, K3 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the end of the round.

**Round 5:** K2, SL1YO, \* K3, SL1YO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last st of the round, finish with K1.

**Round 6:** K2, SL2YO, \* K3, SL2YO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last st of the round, finish with K1.

**Round 7:** K2, SL3YO, \* K3, SL3YO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last st of the round, finish with K1.

**Round 8:** K2, K1 with 3 YOs together, \* K3, K1 with 3 YOs together \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last st of the round, finish with K1.

**For sizes S/M/XL/2XL:**

**Round 1:** K2, SL1YO, \* K3, SL1YO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last st of the round, finish with K1.

**Round 2:** K2, SL2YO, \* K3, SL2YO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last st of the round, finish with K1.

**Round 3:** K2, SL3YO, \* K3, SL3YO \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last st of the round, finish with K1.

**Round 4:** K2, \* K1 with 3 YOs together, K3 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the end of the round, finish with K1.

**Round 5:** \* SL1YO, K3 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the end of the round.

**Round 6:** \* SL2YO, K3 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the end of the round.

**Round 7:** \* SL3YO, K3 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the end of the round.

**Round 8:** \* K1 with 3 YOs together, K3 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the end of the round.

Work rounds 1-8 until the sleeve measures approx. 37/37/36/36/35/34/34 cm [14½/14½/14¼/14¼/13¾/13½/13½ in] from the underarm – or to the length you prefer.

**Note:** Extending the length of the garment in your knitting may require additional yarn. Try on the garment and check the sleeve length before working the cuff.

Switch to circular needles **3.5 mm [US 4] 40 cm [16 in]** and work 1 round (K all sts).

Work 6 rounds of 1x1 rib (K1, P1).

Work double knitting before binding off using the Italian bind-off technique as follows:

**Round 1:** \* K1, SL1 purlwise wyif \*, repeat from \* to \* to end of round.

**Round 2:** \* S11 purlwise wyib, P1 \*, repeat from \* to \* to end of round.

Bind off the stitches using the **Italian bind-off technique**. Not too tightly.

The second sleeve is worked in the same way.

## FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Wash and block your sweater.

**That's it, congratulations on finishing this sweater!**

I hope you enjoyed your knitting time.

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