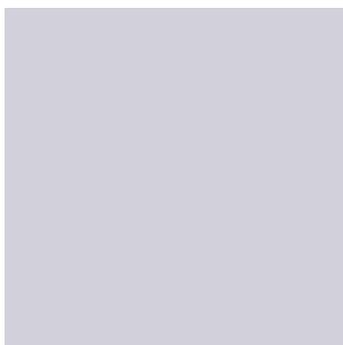


Funky Gustav Sweater



Pattern

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Sweater with an eye-catching pattern consisting of classic stripes, cables and crochet waves in sizes XS | S | M (L | XL | 2XL) 3XL | 4XL | 5XL Note: All measurements are in cm.

Materials:

Contrast Colour 1 (Stripes): 50 | 50 | 75 (75 | 75 | 100) 100 | 100 | 100 g Organic Brushed Alpaca (225 m/25 g) AND 100 | 100 | 150 (150 | 150 | 200) 200 | 200 | 200 g Organic Soft Merino (225 m/50 g) both in the shade Charming by Kaos Yarn
Contrast Colour 2 (Stripes): 50 | 50 | 75 (75 | 75 | 100) 100 | 100 | 100 g Organic Brushed Alpaca (225 m/25 g) AND 100 | 100 | 150 (150 | 150 | 200) 200 | 200 | 200 g Organic Brushed Alpaca (225 m/25 g) AND 150 | 150 | 150 (150 | 200 | 200) 200 | 200 | 200 g Organic Soft Merino (225 m/50 g) both in the shade Natural by Kaos Yarn

Contrast Colour 3 (Hem, Cuffs, Collar and Crochet Waves): 50 | 50 | 50 (50 | 75 | 75) 75 | 75 | 75 g Organic Brushed Alpaca (225 m/25 g) AND 100 | 100 | 100 (100 | 150 | 150) 150 | 150 | 150 g Organic Soft Merino (225 m/50 g) both in the shade Confident by Kaos Yarn

Please Note: If you use different yarn, check the yardage to be sure you have the right amount of yarn!
 4 mm and 3.5 mm (circular) knitting needles, 3.5 mm crochet hook, darning needle

Knitting Tension:

10x10 cm = 21 sts x 32 rs in cable-wave pattern AND in reverse stockinette stitch, 2 strands of yarn held together on 4 mm knitting needles (wet blocked)

Measurements:

Bust Circumference Finished Sweater: 86 | 98 | 104 (115 | 121 | 135) 149 | 155 | 166 with a positive ease of 5 to 10 cm
Length Finished Sweater: 45 | 45 | 45 (51 | 51 | 58) 58 | 58 | 58 plus 6 cm hem
Sleeve Length: 44 | 44 | 37 (37 | 37 | 37) 30 | 30 | 30 cm plus 6 cm cuffs
Sleeve Width: 35 | 35 | 40 (43 | 45 | 49) 49 | 49 | 49 cm

Abbreviations:

st(s) = stitch(es)
 r(s) = row(s)
 rsr = right side row
 wsr = wrong side row
 k = knit
 p = purl
 k2tog = knit 2 together
 p2tog = purl 2 together
 yo = yarn over
 skpo = slip 1, knit 1, pull the slipped stitch over the stitch worked
 CC = contrast colour
 m1p = make 1 purl
 m1r = make 1 right

Structure:

The sweater is worked in four parts back and forth in rows in a striped pattern and a cable pattern with crochet waves: first, the back part is worked. You start with the hem in CC 3. Then, the back panel is worked by in reverse stockinette stitch by alternating CC 1 and CC 2. Afterwards, the front part is worked in the same alternating striped pattern and with a cable pattern creating a "wave-look". Additionally, there are decreases to shape the shoulders and the round neck. The sleeves are worked similar to the front part – but with some increases after working the cuffs. Last but not least, the highlight of the design is added: vertical lines are crocheted onto the cable pattern creating a wave pattern over the front and both sleeves.

The fit of the sweater is close to the actual bust circumference with a little positive ease. If you are in between two sizes, choose the larger size.

The length is relatively short and the sleeves are long without much shaping.

Notes:

Edge Stitches (first and last stitch of every row) is knitted in right side rows and in wrong side rows.

Cable Pattern: Follow the knitting chart(s) and the written instructions.

rsr: odd rows.

wsr: even rows.

reverse stockinette stitch: p all sts in rsr, k all sts in wsr.

m1r = Insert your needle under the strand of yarn between the stitch you have just knitted and the RS from back to front and place it on your left needle. Knit it through the front loop.

m1p = Pick up the horizontal strand between the last st you have knitted and the one you are about to knit, then p through the front loop of the strand.

How to Read the Charts:

Work according to the knitting charts for your size and the written instructions. Every box shows 1 stitch in 1 row. There are only displayed the odd rows (right side rows). In even rows (wrong side rows), work all stitches as they appear: knit the knit stitches and purl the purl stitches except the yarn overs, they are knitted through the back loop to avoid a hole. The knitting chart shows one pattern repeat and is repeated steadily. The knitting chart(s) are read from right to left and from bottom to top (basically your knitting direction).

The sweater is worked with **two strands of yarn held together: 1 thread of Organic Soft Merino and 1 thread of Organic Brushed Alpaca.**

Back Part

Hem in 2x2 Ribbing

Start with the hem in 2x2 ribbing of the back part. Cast on 90 | 102 | 106 (118 | 126 | 142) 154 | 162 | 174 sts with 2 strands of yarn held together in your CC 3 (e. g. Confident) with your 3.5 mm knitting needles and your preferred cast-on-method.

The first row after casting on is a wrong side row. Work this row already in 2x2 ribbing, starting with edge st, k2, p2, k2, p2 and so forth and end with an edge st.

Now work 16 more rs in 2x2 ribbing. End with a wsr. Cut the yarn and pick up CC 2 (e. g. Natural) with your 4 mm knitting needles. Now work all sts in reverse stockinette stitch (p all sts in rsr, k all sts in wsr). In the first rsr, work the following increase(s):

Edge st, m1p, p1, m1p, p all sts until there are 1 | 1 | 3 (3 | 1 | 3) 3 | 1 | 1 sts left. Continue as follows for your size:

For sizes XS, S, XL, 4XL and 5XL, work as follows: m1r, k the last st (the edge st).

For sizes M, L, 2XL and 3XL, work as follows: m1r, k1, m1r, k1, m1r, k1 (edge st).

Now you should have in total 93 | 105 | 111 (123 | 129 | 147) 159 | 165 | 177 sts on your knitting needles.

Now work in reverse stockinette stitch for in total 130 | 130 | 130 (154 | 154 | 178) 178 | 178 | 178 rs in colour change (*4 rs in reverse stockinette stitch in CC 2 (e. g. Natural), 4 rs in reverse stockinette stitch in CC 1 (e. g. Charming)*. Repeat from * to * steadily).

Of course, you are welcome to adapt the length (Note: One pattern repeat measures around 7 cm. It is possible to stop during one pattern repeat as well, but then you will have to adapt the cable pattern of the front part on your own).

Please note, that the sweater will grow after washing and blocking.

Shoulder Shaping

Now the shoulders are shaped by casting off the first stitches of every row. The decreases always take place at the beginning of every row. This means, in R 1 (rsr), stitches are casted off to shape the left shoulder and in R 2 (wsr), stitches are casted off to shape the right shoulder. To make the row count easier, it starts by 1 again. Remember to continue working according to the colour change pattern.

R 1 (rsr): Cast off the first 0 | 5 | 0 (5 | 5 | 0) 5 | 0 | 5 sts (+ the edge sts when casting off sts for the first time), then p all sts.

R 2 (wsr): Cast off the first 0 | 5 | 0 (5 | 5 | 0) 5 | 0 | 5 sts (+ the edge sts when casting off sts for the first time), then k all sts..

R 3: Cast off the first 4 | 5 | 4 (5 | 5 | 4) 5 | 4 | 5 sts (+ the edge sts when casting off sts for the first time), then p all sts.

R 4: Cast off the first 4 | 5 | 4 (5 | 5 | 4) 5 | 4 | 5 sts (+ the edge sts when casting off sts for the first time), then k all sts.

R 5: Cast off the first 3 | 3 | 3 (3 | 4 | 5) 5 | 5 | 5 sts, then p all sts.

R 6: Cast off the first 3 | 3 | 3 (3 | 4 | 5) 5 | 5 | 5 sts, then k all sts.

R 7: Cast off the first 3 | 3 | 3 (3 | 4 | 4) 4 | 5 | 5 sts, then p all sts.

R 8: Cast off the first 3 | 3 | 3 (3 | 4 | 4) 4 | 5 | 5 sts, then k all sts.

R 9: Cast off the first 2 | 2 | 3 (3 | 3 | 4) 4 | 5 | 5 sts, then p all sts.

R 10: Cast off the first 2 | 2 | 3 (3 | 3 | 4) 4 | 5 | 5 sts, then k all sts.

R 11: Cast off the first 2 | 2 | 2 (2 | 3 | 3) 3 | 5 | 5 sts, then p all sts.

R 12: Cast off the first 2 | 2 | 2 (2 | 3 | 3) 3 | 5 | 5 sts, then k all sts.

R 13: Cast off the first 2 | 2 | 2 (2 | 3 | 3) 3 | 5 | 5 sts, then p all sts.

R 14: Cast off the first 2 | 2 | 2 (2 | 3 | 3) 3 | 5 | 5 sts, then k all sts.

R 15: Cast off the remaining stitches (I recommend to use an elastic bind-off-method).

Front Part

The front part is worked in alternating stripes and in a cable pattern. Therefore, work as follows:

Hem in 2x2 ribbing

Repeat the instructions for the hem of the back part, until you have worked in total 17 rs in 2x2 ribbing (including the cast-on-row). End with a rsr.

In the next wsr, work the following increases (and the other stitches in 2x2 ribbing):

Edge st, m1r, k1, m1r work all sts until there are 1 | 1 | 3 (3 | 1 | 3) 3 | 1 | 1 sts left. Then, continue as follows for your chosen size:

For sizes XS, S, XL, 4XL and 5XL, work as follows: m1r, k the last st (the edge st).

For sizes M, L, 2XL and 3XL, work as follows: m1r, k1, m1r, k1, m1r, k1 (edge st).

Now you should have in total 93 | 105 | 111 (123 | 129 | 147) 159 | 165 | 177 sts on your knitting needles.

From the next rsr onwards, work according to the knitting chart and in colour change as described on the next pages:

R 17-20: Follow the knitting chart with CC 2.

R 21-24: Follow the knitting chart with CC 1.

Repeat R 1 – 24 in total 5 | 5 | 5 (6 | 6 | 7) 7 | 7 | 7 times – or, if you prefer to wear your sweater longer/shorter, until you feel comfortable with the length. One pattern repetition measures around 7 cm.

Now the round neck and the shoulders are shaped with a bunch of decreases:

Round Neck and Shoulder Shaping

Now the front part will be divided into two parts to shape the round neck: First, the right shoulder is finished and then the left shoulder:



From R 121 | 121 | 121 (145 | 145 | 169) 169 | 169 | 169 onwards, work according to the knitting charts from p. 8 onwards and the following written instructions given below. To make the row count easier, it starts by 1 again.

R 1 (rsr): Work all sts according to the knitting chart.

R 2 (wsr): Work all sts as they appear: k the k sts, p the p sts. The yo are knitted through the back loop to avoid a hole.

From R 3 onwards, the round neck is shaped. Therefore, work the first 28 | 34 | 37 (43 | 46 | 55) 61 | 64 | 70 sts (+ the edge st) according to R 3 of the knitting chart for your preferred size, then cast off the middle 35 sts and work the last 28 | 34 | 37 (43 | 46 | 55) 61 | 64 | 70 sts (+ the edge st) according to R 3 of the knitting chart. The front part is now separated into two halves: The first sts belong to the left shoulder, the last sts belong to the right shoulder like shown on the picture above. Finish the right shoulder first.

Finishing the Right Front Part:

First of all, a little note, which might help to deal with upcoming confusion, because this part is definitely the most difficult part of the pattern. The decreases and the cable pattern work out perfectly for the left shoulder section – especially the round neck shaping. For the right front part, it's much more difficult and the cable pattern closest to the round neck will have little stairs due to the changed cable pattern because of the decreases to shape the round neck. Luckily, this won't be visible in the end, as you are going to crochet slip stitches onto this cable pattern stripe.

Work as follows:

R 4 and all other even rs (wsr): Work all sts as they appear: k the k sts, p the p sts. The yo are knitted through the back loop to avoid a hole.

R 5: Cast off the first st, work all remaining sts according to the knitting chart.

R 7: Cast off the first st, work all remaining sts according to the knitting chart.

R 9: Cast off the first st, work all remaining sts according to the knitting chart.

R 10: Cast off the first 0 | 5 | 0 (5 | 5 | 0) 5 | 0 | 5 sts (+ the edge sts when casting off sts for the first time), work the remaining sts as they appear.

R 11: Work all sts according to the knitting chart.

R 12: Cast off the first 4 | 5 | 4 (5 | 5 | 4) 5 | 4 | 5 sts (+ the edge sts when casting off sts for the first time), work the remaining sts as they appear.

R 13: Cast off the first st, work all remaining sts according to the knitting chart.

R 14: Cast off the first 3 | 3 | 3 (3 | 4 | 5) 5 | 5 | 5 sts, work the remaining sts as they appear.

R 15: Repeat R 11.

R 16: Cast off the first 3 | 3 | 3 (3 | 4 | 4) 4 | 5 | 5 sts, work the remaining sts as they appear

R 17: Repeat R 13.

R 18: Cast off the first 2 | 2 | 3 (3 | 3 | 4) 4 | 5 | 5 sts, work the remaining sts as they appear.

R 19: Work all sts according to the knitting chart.

R 20: Cast off the first 2 | 2 | 2 (2 | 3 | 3) 3 | 5 | 5 sts, work the remaining sts as they appear.

R 21: Work all sts according to the knitting chart.

R 22: Cast off the first 2 | 2 | 2 (2 | 3 | 3) 3 | 5 | 5 sts, work the remaining sts as they appear.

R 23: Work all sts according to the knitting chart.

R 24: Work all sts as they appear.

R 25: Cast off the remaining sts (I recommend to use an elastic bind-off method).

Finishing the Left Front Part:

Pick up the resting sts for the left shoulder and work as follows:

R 4 and all other even rs (wsr): Work all sts as they appear: k the k sts, p the p sts. The yo are knitted through the back loop to avoid a hole.

R 5: Work all sts according to the knitting chart until there are 2 sts left, k2tog.

R 7: Repeat R 5.

R 9: Repeat R 5.

R 11: Cast off the first 0 | 5 | 0 (5 | 5 | 0) 5 | 0 | 5 sts (+ the edge sts when casting off sts for the first time), work the remaining sts according to the chart.

R 13: Cast off the first 4 | 5 | 4 (5 | 5 | 4) 5 | 4 | 5 sts (+ the edge sts when casting off sts for the first time), work the remaining sts according to the chart until there are 2 sts left, k2tog.

R 15: Cast off the first 3 | 3 | 3 (3 | 4 | 5) 5 | 5 | 5 sts, work the remaining sts according to the chart.

R 17: Cast off the first 3 | 3 | 3 (3 | 4 | 4) 4 | 5 | 5 sts, work the remaining sts according to the chart until there are 2 sts left, k2tog.

R 19: Cast off the first 2 | 2 | 3 (3 | 3 | 4) 4 | 5 | 5 sts, work the remaining sts according to the chart.

R 21: Cast off the first 2 | 2 | 2 (2 | 3 | 3) 3 | 5 | 5 sts, work the remaining sts according to the chart.

R 23: Cast off the first 2 | 2 | 2 (2 | 3 | 3) 3 | 5 | 5 sts, work the remaining sts according to the chart.

R 25: Cast off the remaining sts (I recommend to use an elastic bind-off method).

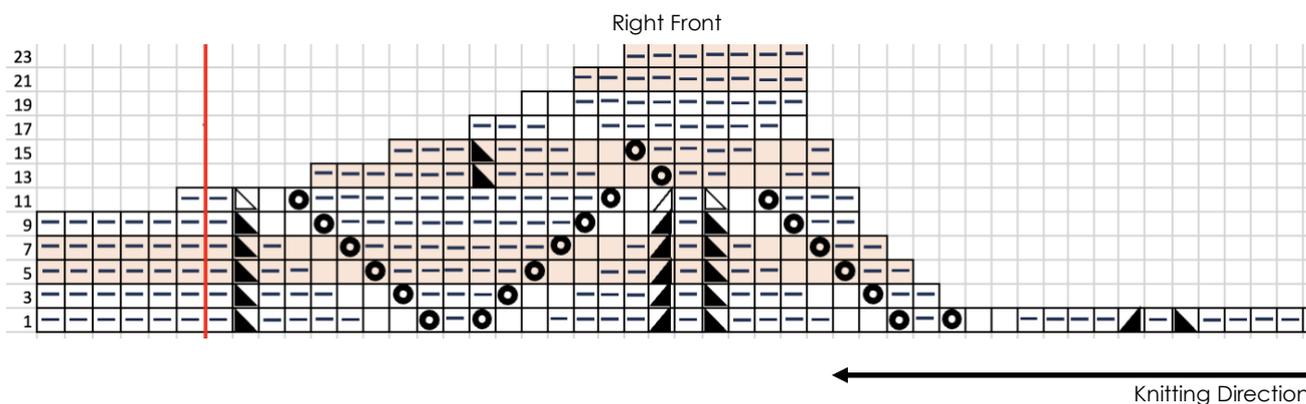
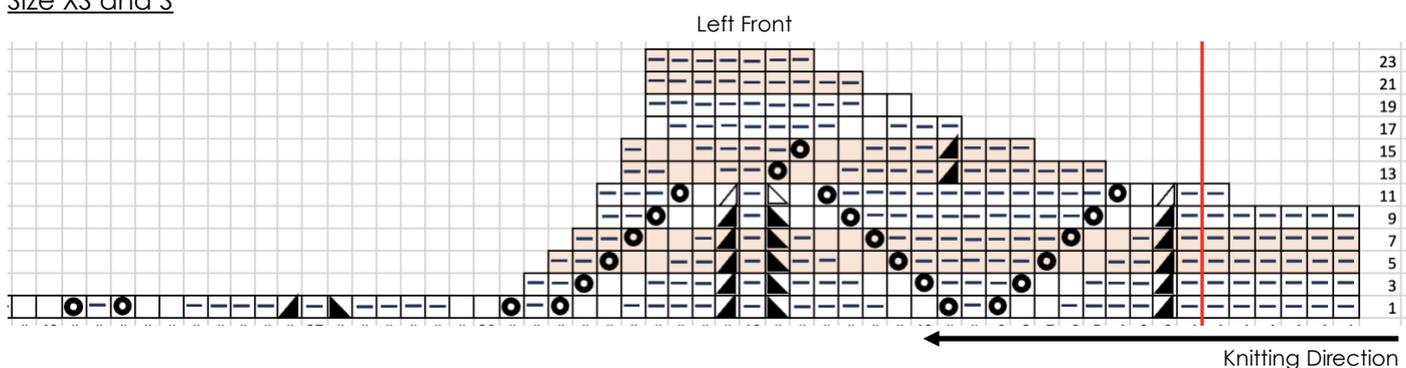
On the next pages you will find the knitting charts for your size showing the changing cable pattern due to the decreases for the shoulder shaping and the round neck.

Knitting Charts to Shape the Round Neck and the Shoulders

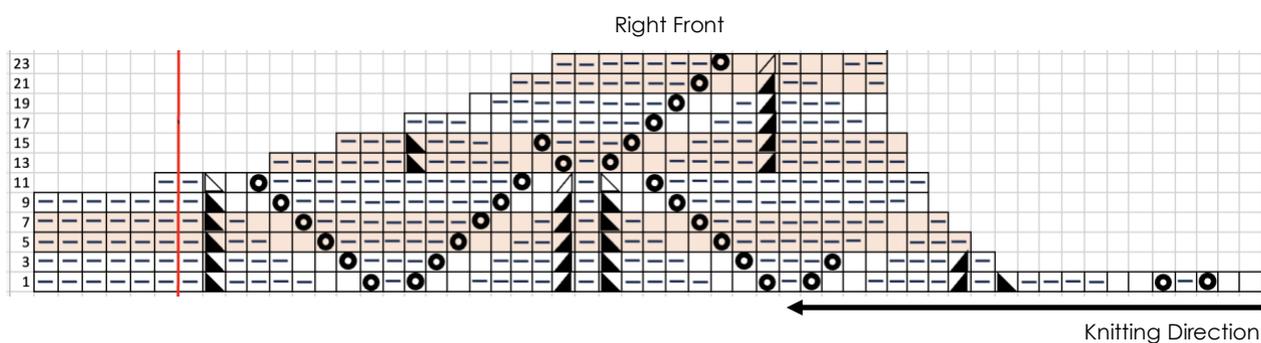
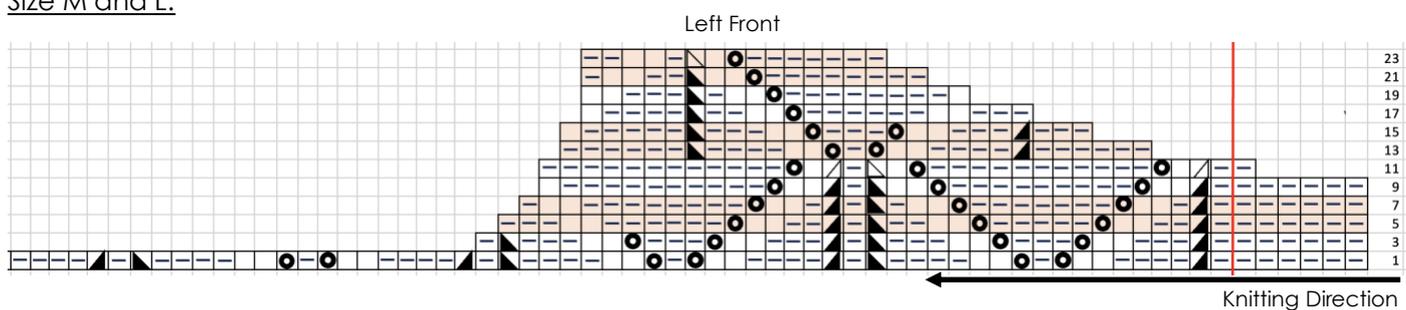
Please Note: The knitting charts are read from right to left and from bottom to top and are divided into two halves for a better reading experience. The red lines mark the additional stitches for the next larger size. This means, if you are working a size XS, work all sts between these two red lines. If you are working a size S, work all sts of the knitting chart.

Please note: The edge stitches are not displayed on the knitting charts, but have to be worked at the beginning and the end of every row!

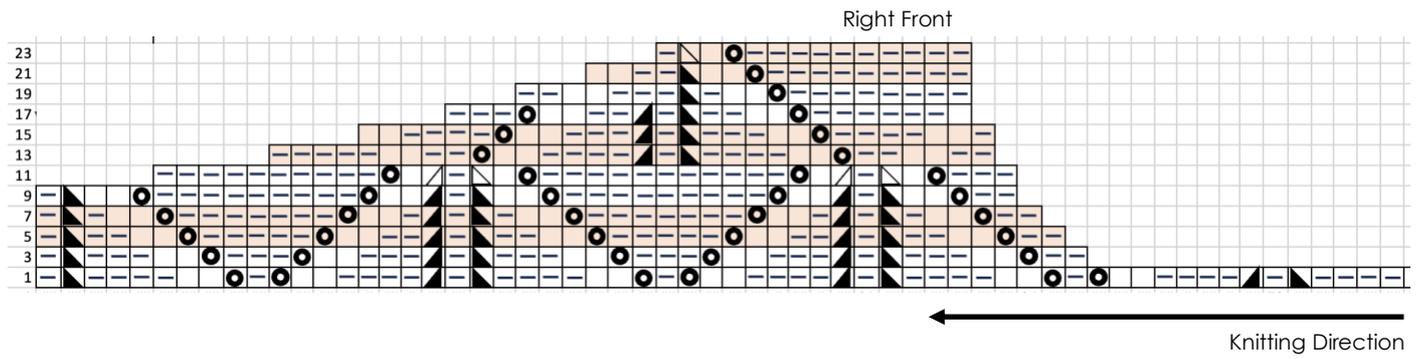
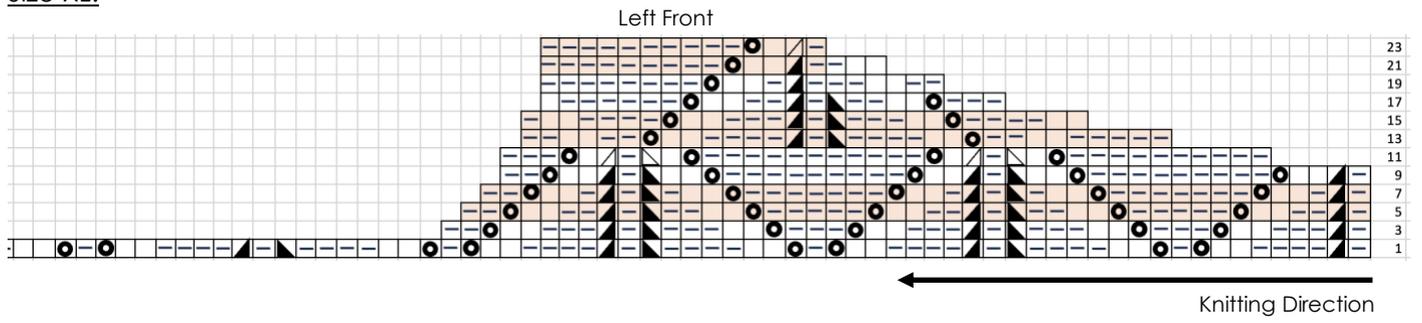
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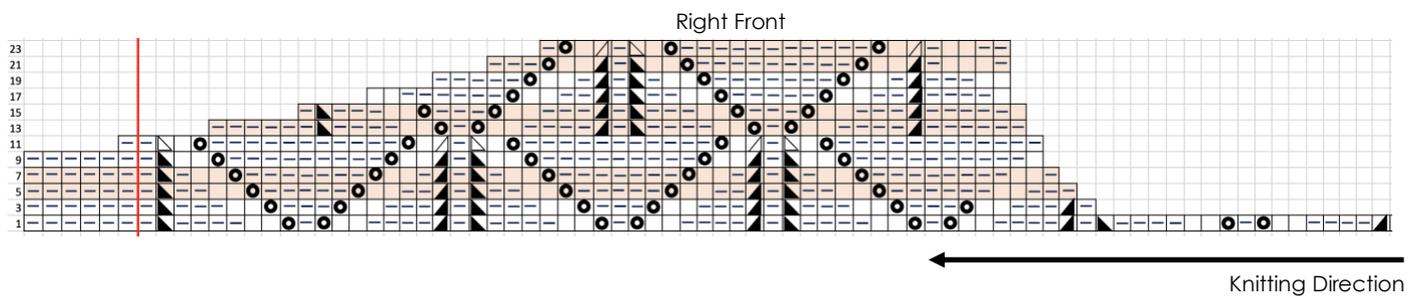
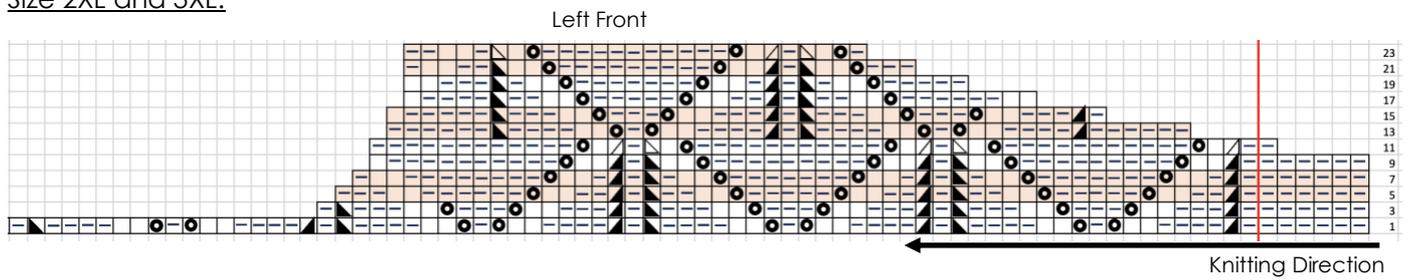
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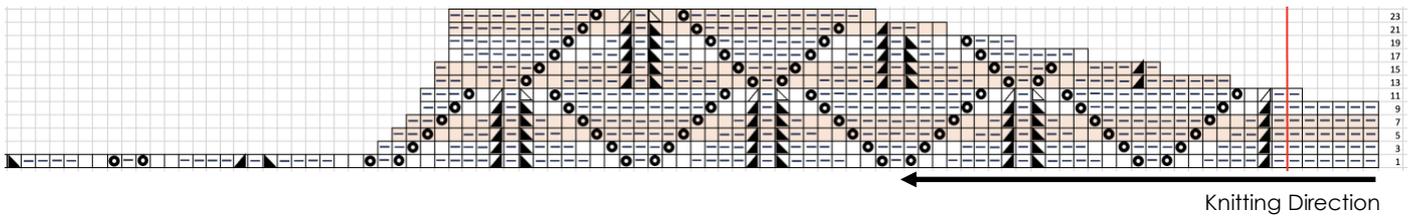


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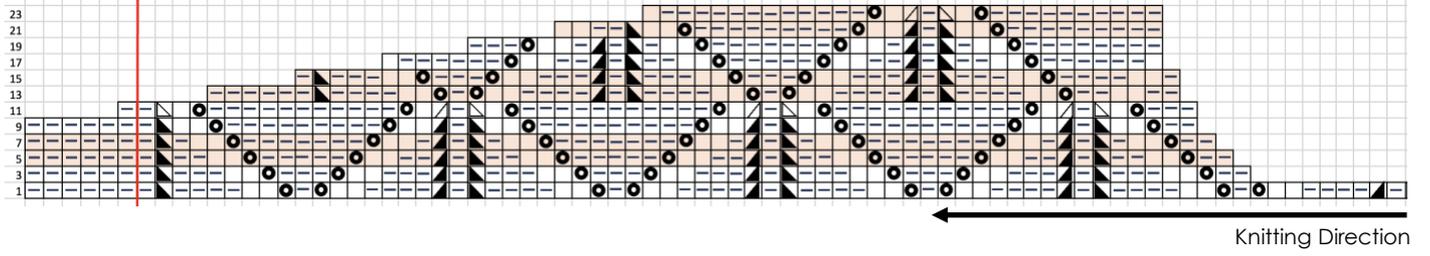


Size 4XL and 5XL:

Left Front



Right Front



Sleeves

Cast on 38 | 38 | 46 (46 | 50 | 54) 54 | 54 | 54 sts with 2 strands of yarn held together in your CC 3 (e. g. Confident) on your 3.5 mm knitting needles and your preferred cast-on-method. The first r after casting on is a wsr. Work all sts in 2x2 ribbing, starting with edge st, k2, p2, k2, p2 and so forth. End with an edge st. Now work for 15 more rs in 2x2 ribbing. End with a rsr.

In the next wsr, you are going to increase sts as follows:

K 2 | 2 | 4 (1 | 3 | 3) 3 | 3 | 3, *m1r, k1*. Repeat from * to * until there are 1 | 1 | 3 (0 | 2 | 2) 2 | 2 | 2 sts left. Now you should have in total 73 | 73 | 85 (91 | 95 | 103) 103 | 103 | 103 sts on your knitting needles.

In the next rsr, start with the cable pattern. Therefore, change to your 4 mm knitting needles and to your CC 2 (e. g. Natural) with 2 strands of yarn held together. Follow the knitting chart of the cable pattern on p. 4 and work as follows:

R 1 (rsr): for sizes XS, S and L, make 1 increase at the beginning and 1 increase at the end of the row so that you will have enough stitches on your knitting needles to work the edge sts (= 75 | 75 | - (93 | - | -) - | - | - sts). Edge st, p 0 | 0 | 5 (0 | 1 | 5) 5 | 5 | 5 sts, repeat R 1 of the knitting chart in total 4 | 4 | 4 (5 | 5 | 5) 5 | 5 | 5 times, p the remaining 1 | 1 | 6 (1 | 2 | 6) 6 | 6 | 6 sts, edge st.

R 2 (wsr): Work all sts as they appear: k the k sts, p the p sts. The yo are knitted through the back loop to avoid a hole.

Continue knitting until you have worked R 1 to 24 of the chart. Remember to work according to the colour change as well (*4 rs in reverse stockinette stitch in CC 2 (e. g. Natural), 4 rs in reverse stockinette stitch in CC 1 (e. g. Charming)*. Repeat from * to * steadily).

Now continue to repeat R 1 – 24, until you have repeated the cable pattern in total 6 | 6 | 5 (5 | 5 | 5) 4 | 4 | 4 times (or until you feel comfortable with the sleeve length). Cast off the remaining sts in the next rsr (I recommend to use an elastic bind-off method).

Repeat the instructions for the 2nd sleeve.

Crochet Stripes in CC 3

The sweater now gets its unique look by crocheting vertical stripes in CC 3 onto the knit columns of the cable pattern of the front part and the two sleeves. There are no vertical stripes on the back part.

Therefore, pick up CC 3 with your 3.5 mm crochet hook (or a crochet hook matching to your crochet tension) and with 2 strands of yarn held together. Start at the hem in 2x2 ribbing worked with CC 3 of your front part or at the cuffs of your sleeves. You are going to crochet vertical stripes onto the knit stripes of the cable pattern as follows:

Crocheting the Stripes

The stripes are crocheted onto the right side of the front part (the side worked in reverse stockinette stitch with the knitted cable pattern stripes). Start at the hem in 2x2 ribbing in CC 3. Insert your 3.5 mm crochet hook into the 1st knit stitch of the cable pattern stripe, hold 2 strands of the CC 3 on the wrong side of the front part/sleeve and loop the working yarn over the hook from back to front of the front part/the sleeves. Rotate your crochet hook to prepare for hooking the yarn. Pull the hook through the stitch of your front part/sleeves. Now you have a loop on the right side of the work. *Insert your hook into the next stitch in the row above of the cable pattern stripe, loop the working yarn over the hook from back to front, rotate your crochet hook and pull down and through the stitch of your front part/sleeve AND the current loop on your hook. Now you have made 1 slip stitch*. To make the next slip stitch, repeat the instructions from * to *, until you have crocheted a vertical stripe over the whole cable pattern stripe of the front part/the sleeves.

To visualize the method of crocheting the vertical stripes all over the front part/the sleeves, you can find a short video tutorial on my website (<https://www.kolibri-by-johanna.de/piet-sweater-vertical-stripes>) or you are welcome to check out the Reel Section of my Instagram profile (@kolibri.by_johanna).

After crocheting a vertical stripe onto the 1st knit stitch of the cable pattern column, repeat the instructions to crochet a 2nd vertical stripe onto the 2nd knit stitch of the cable pattern column. This way, there will be 2 vertical stripes crocheted over the cable pattern columns like shown on the picture below:



Please note: As you can easily see on the picture, there might be a little space left between the two crochet stripes. If you want to avoid that, you are welcome to try out to work the crochet stripes with 3 strands of yarn held together (e. g. 1 strand of Organic Soft Merino and 2 strands of Organic Brushed Alpaca) as the additional brushed alpaca will probably “fill in the gap“. If you are still not satisfied with the result, you can try out and crochet a third stripe in between the two crochet stripes. Another option is to skip the crocheting and to add the waves by using the duplicate stitch. This might be a little bit time consuming, but the result will be definitely rewarding.

Repeat the instructions for all cable pattern columns of the front part and the sleeves.

Sewing and Collar

Wet block all parts and let them dry flat. Close the shoulder seams with the mattress stitch and the side seams of the sleeves. Attach the sleeves to the armholes and close the seams with the mattress stitch. Then, close the side seams of the body with the mattress stitch.

Then, pick up with your CC 3 (e. g. Confident) with 2 strands of yarn held together and your 3.5 mm knitting needles stitches along the round neck (I recommend to pick up 1 st per 1 st and 1 st per 1 r = in total 100 sts or another total stitch count divisible by 4). Then, work for in total 16 rs in 2x2 ribbing, starting with k2, p2, k2, p2 and so forth. Cast off all sts in R 17 (I recommend to use an elastic bind-off method).

Completion

Weave in all ends.

Your new handmade Funky Gustav Sweater is finished!

I would be thrilled to see your versions of the design! If you like, share them on Instagram with the Hashtag **#funkygustavsweater** and my tag **@kolibri.by_johanna**



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