



HEARTSTRINGS CROP

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DETAILS

For the past two years I have been so honored to see The Weekender and Nurtured sweaters selected by Jess (shoplamercerie) and Kjerste (waxandwool) for their annual InstaFriends KAL! So when Jess approached me to design something special for this year's KAL I started dreaming up a cozy, vintage inspired pullover that I hope you will love to knit! This sweater is worn cropped with a relaxed boxy fit in the body, slim fit sleeves and a high folded boat neck.



SIZES

1 (2, 3, 4, 5)(6, 7, 8, 9)

See the Notes section for helpful tips on picking the right size for you!



FINISHED BUST CIRCUMFERENCE

34.5 (39, 43.5, 46.5, 51)(55.5, 58.5, 63, 67.5)"

88 (99, 110.5, 118, 129.5)(141, 148.5, 160, 171.5) cm

Recommended ease is positive 4-6"/10-15 cm; sample is shown in Size 2 on a 34"/86.5 cm bust with 5"/13 cm positive ease.



YARN

Light Fingering Weight (270 yds/248 m/50 g)

MC - 809 (904, 1010, 1122, 1239)(1350, 1463, 1574, 1689) yds

743 (830, 928, 1030, 1138)(1240, 1344, 1446, 1551) m

150 (168, 187, 208, 230)(250, 271, 292, 313) g

A - 64 (72, 80, 89, 98)(107, 116, 125, 134) yds

59 (66, 74, 82, 90)(98, 107, 115, 123) m

12 (14, 15, 17, 19)(20, 22, 24, 25) g

B, C, & D each - 27 (30, 34, 37, 41)(45, 49, 52, 56) yds

25 (28, 31, 34, 38)(41, 45, 48, 52) m

5 (6, 7, 7, 8)(9, 9, 10, 11) g

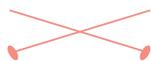


SUGGESTED YARN

Biches & Buches Le Petit Lambswool (270 yds/248 m/50 g)

MC - 3 (4, 4, 5, 5)(5, 6, 6, 7) skeins Off White/Ecru

Colors A, B, C, D - 1 skein each Turquoise (A), Light Pink (B), Light Yellow (C), Dark Orange Grey (D)



SUGGESTED NEEDLES

Main Fabric: US 3/3.25 mm – 32"/80 cm to 40"/100 cm circular and preferred needles for small circum. knitting (Magic Loop or DPNs)

Ribbing: US 2/2.75 mm - 32"/80 cm to 40"/100 cm circular and preferred needles for small circum. knitting (Magic Loop or DPNs), plus a spare for the Tubular Bind Off.

(Use the needle size you need to achieve gauge. Go down 1 needle size for the ribbing.)



NOTIONS

Stitch markers (2), cable needle, tapestry needle, spare needle (recommended) or waste yarn for holding sts



GAUGE

26.5 sts & 29 rows = 4"/10 cm on larger needles.

Measured over stockinette stitch in the round, after blocking.



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NOTES

- To determine the best size for YOU, I recommend pulling your favorite sweater out of your closet and measuring across the bust. This is a great way to decide how much ease in the given range will suit your style best, and is especially helpful when you are between sizes and trying to decide whether to go up or down.
- To pick your size, measure around your full bust, then add your desired ease to that number. Pick the size closest to that from the *FINISHED BUST CIRCUMFERENCE* on page 2 - DETAILS.
- This sweater is knit from the bottom up. If you would like to add length to the body of the sweater, you can continue working in the pattern repeat for your desired length before separating the yoke for the sleeves. Keep in mind this will have a significant effect on the yardage needed.
- Long Tail Tubular Bind Off Tutorial: <https://www.purlsoho.com/create/long-tail-tubular-bind-off/>
- Long Tail Tubular Cast On Tutorial: <https://youtu.be/RbEIPT1bCg8>
- If you do not care for the Long Tail Tubular Cast On and Bind Off, you can sub in your favorites - such as the Long Tail Cast On or Twisted German Cast On and a regular Bind Off or Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind Off.
- Charts are read starting from the lower right corner. When working in the round, all rnds begin on the right side of the chart and read Right to Left. When working Flat, the chart is read from Right to Left on the RS and from Left to Right on the WS.
- When working stranded colorwork, one color will be more dominant than the other. It is best to use the contrast colors (Colors A thru D) as the dominant yarn when working from the charts. Here is a great blog post to maintain color dominance in your project: <https://tinyurl.com/y698j2kp>
- Wet block sweater by letting it soak in lukewarm bath with wool wash for at least 15 minutes. Gently squeeze the excess water from your sweater. Sandwich sweater between clean towels and step on top to remove as much moisture as possible without distorting your sweater. Lay sweater flat to dry using the schematic to help achieve the desired shape and measurements.



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— GLOSSARY —

{ } - Repeat

BO - Bind off

BOR - Beginning of round

CN - Cable needle

CO - Cast on

CONT - Continue

DEC/'D - Decrease/d

INC/'D - Increase/d

EST - Established

K - Knit

K2TOG - Knit the next 2 sts together as one. [1 st dec'd]

MC - Main color

M1L - Make 1 Left: pick up the bar between the stitch you knit and the one you're about to knit, bringing the needle from front to back. Knit thru the back of this stitch. [1 st inc'd]

M1R - Make 1 Right: pick up the bar between the last stitch you knit and the one you're about to knit, bringing the needle from the back to the front. Knit thru the front of this stitch. [1 st inc'd]

P2TOG - Purl the next 2 sts together as one. [1 st dec'd]

P - Purl

PM - Place marker

REP - Repeat

RM - Remove marker

RND/S - Round/s

RS - Right side

SL - Slip st purlwise unless otherwise noted

SM - Slip marker

SSK - Slip the next 2 stitches knitwise and then knit them together thru the back loops. [1 st dec'd]

ST/S - Stitch/es

TBL - thru the back loop

WS - Wrong side

WYIB - With yarn in back

WYIF - With yarn in front



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— DIRECTIONS —

HEM

Using smaller needle and MC, CO 115 (131, 145, 155, 171)(185, 195, 211, 225) sts using the Long Tail Tubular Cast On method. Do not join to work in the round.

Tubular Setup Row 1: Sl 1 wyif, {k1-tbl, sl 1 wyif} to the end.

Tubular Setup Row 2: K1, {sl 1 wyif, k1} to the end.

Ribbing Row 1 (WS): Sl 1 wyif, (k1, p1} to the end.

Ribbing Row 2 (RS): Sl 1 wyib, {p1, k1} to the end.

Cont in the est ribbing pattern for 1.75"/4.5 cm, ending with a WS row. Place sts on hold for First Hem using a spare needle and break MC.

Repeat the Hem instructions for the Second Hem. *Do not place sts on hold or break yarn.*

JOIN HEMS

Change to larger needle.

SIZES 1 (-, 3, 4, -)(6, 7, -, 9) ONLY: With RS of Second Hem facing, sl 1 wyib, k57 (-, 72, 77, -)(92, 97, -, 112), place BOR marker, knit to the last st on needle, sl st to CN and hold to front, k1 from First Hem (that was placed on hold with RS facing), k1 from CN, k57 (-, 72, 77, -)(92, 97, -, 112), place side marker, knit to the last st of the First Hem, sl st to CN and hold to front, knit the first st of the Second Hem that was originally slipped, k1 from CN, knit to BOR.

SIZES - (2, -, -, 5)(-, -, 8, -) ONLY: With RS of Second Hem facing, sl 1 wyib, k- (65, -, -, 85)(-, -, 105, -), place BOR marker, knit to the last st on needle, sl st knitwise, sl 1 stitch knitwise of the First Hem (that was placed on hold with RS facing), knit both slipped sts together thru the back loop, k- (65, -, -, 85)(-, -, 105, -), place side marker, knit to the last st of the First Hem, sl st knitwise, sl the first st knitwise of the Second Hem that was originally slipped, knit both slipped sts together thru the back loop, knit to BOR. [2 sts dec'd]

230 (260, 290, 310, 340)(370, 390, 420, 450) total body sts situated so that half are for the front, half for the back with the BOR and Side markers located at the side seams and the split hems located center front and back.

ALL SIZES proceed to BODY on pg. 6.



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— DIRECTIONS —

BODY

Work the Body Pattern Repeat until the body measures approx. 10"/25.5 cm from the CO edge of the hem (or until your desired body length), ending so that the next rnd to be worked is an MC only rnd.

BODY PATTERN REPEAT

Knit 3 rnds with MC.

Join A & work 2 rnds of Chart 1. Break A.

Knit 3 rnds with MC.

Join B & work 3 rnds of Chart 2. Break B.

Knit 3 rnds with MC.

Join A & work 2 rnds of Chart 1. Break A.

Knit 3 rnds with MC.

Join C & work 3 rnds of Chart 3. Break C.

Knit 3 rnds with MC.

Join A & work 2 rnds of Chart 1. Break A.

Knit 3 rnds with MC.

Join D & work 2 rnds of Chart 4. Break D.

CHARTS

CHART 1

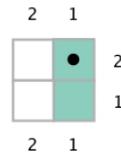


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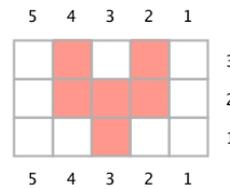


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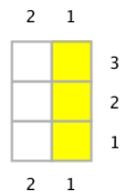
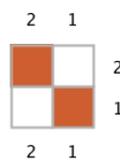


CHART 4



Key



Main Color



Color A



Color B



Color C



Color D



RS: knit
WS: purl



RS: purl
WS: knit



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— DIRECTIONS —

SEPARATE FRONT & BACK FOR SLEEVES

Setup Rnd: *K1, M1R, knit to 1 st before marker, M1L, k1, sm; rep from * once more. [4 sts inc'd for selvages]
117 (132, 147, 157, 172)(187, 197, 212, 227] sts each per front and back.

BEGIN WORKING FLAT - FRONT STS

If it is more comfortable, you can place the Back sts on a spare needle or waste yarn while working the Front sts.

Sizes 1 (-, 3, 4, -)(6, 7, -, 9) ONLY: Using the Charts on pg. 6, cont in pattern, working back and forth in rows over the first 117 (-, 147, 157, -)(187, 197, -, 227) sts, **knitting the first and last sts in MC for the selvedge sts.** *Note that you will have 1 extra st on each of the 2-stitch chart repeats; work this remaining st as per the first st of the respective chart.*

Sizes - (2, -, -, 5)(-, -, 8, -) ONLY: Using the Charts on pg. 6, cont in pattern, working back and forth in rows over the first - (132, -, -, 172)(-, -, 212, -) sts, **knitting the first and last sts in MC for the selvedge sts.**

ALL SIZES: Cont until the armhole measures 4.5 (5, 5.75, 6.5, 7.25)(8, 8.5, 9, 9.5)/11.5 (13, 14.5, 16.5, 18.5)(20.5, 21.5, 23, 24) cm from the separation of front and back, ending with a WS row. Break all yarns except MC.

FRONT RIBBING

Change to smaller needle.

Sizes - (2, -, -, 5)(-, -, 8, -) ONLY:

Setup Row (RS): K1, p2tog, k1, {p1, k1} to the end. [1 st dec'd]

Setup Row 2 (WS): P1, {k1, p1} to end of row.

[- (131, -, 171)(-, -, 211, -) sts remain for Front]

ALL SIZES:

Next Row (RS): K1, {p1, k1} to end of row.

Next Row (WS): P1, {k1, p1} to end of row.

Cont in the est ribbing for 1"/2.5 cm, ending with a WS row. Place sts on hold using a spare needle or waste yarn.

BEGIN WORKING FLAT - BACK STS

Sizes 1 (-, 3, 4, -)(6, 7, -, 9) ONLY: Using the Charts on pg. 6, cont in pattern, working back and forth in rows over the 117 (-, 147, 157, -)(187, 197, -, 227) sts, **knitting the first and last sts in MC for the selvedge sts.** *Note that you will have 1 extra stitch on each of the 2-stitch chart repeat rows; work the first st of these rows as per the second st of the respective chart (to remain in pattern from the Front sts).*

Sizes - (2, -, -, 5)(-, -, 8, -) ONLY: Rep "Begin Working Flat - Front Sts".

BACK RIBBING (ALL SIZES)

Rep "Front Ribbing".



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— DIRECTIONS —

SHOULDER FINISHING

With the sweater RS out (to create an exposed seam), so that the WS of front and back are facing each other, BO the first shoulder.

Line up the sts from the front and back of the sweater on parallel needles. On each needle count 28 (35, 43, 45, 53)(60, 62, 70, 77) sts from each end and place locking stitch markers to mark the shoulder sts (the remaining 61 (61, 61, 67, 66)(67, 73, 72, 73) in the middle are the neck sts.)

Using a third needle, 3 Needle BO the first 28 (35, 43, 45, 53)(60, 62, 70, 77) sts from both needles as follows: insert the needle tip knitwise into the first stitch on the front needle and then knitwise into the first stitch on the back needle, and knit them together; *knit the next stitch from each needle together, slip the first stitch over the second; rep from * until you've reached the first marker. Break yarn and pull it through the remaining live st from the 3 Needle BO to secure.

To repeat for the other shoulder, place the next 61 (61, 61, 67, 66)(67, 73, 72, 73) sts from each needle on hold for the collar. Remove markers - 28 (35, 43, 45, 53)(60, 62, 70, 77) sts remain on needles for second shoulder. With the same side facing as when you bound off the first shoulder, repeat the instructions for the 3 Needle Bind Off.

COLLAR

Return the sts being held for the collar to the smaller needle for small circumference knitting.

122 (122, 122, 134, 132)(134, 146, 144, 146) total sts

Place BOR marker and using MC join to work in the rnd.

Ribbing Pattern: *K1, p1; rep from * to end of rnd.

Cont in the established ribbing pattern until the collar measures 7"/18 cm from the beginning of the ribbing in the neck.

BO all sts loosely in pattern. (*You may find it easier to avoid a tight edge by binding off with a needle 1-2 sizes larger than the ribbing needle, or alternatively you could use Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind Off.*)



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— DIRECTIONS —

SLEEVES - work both the same

Using MC and larger needle for small circumference knitting, begin at the center underarm and pick up and knit 74 (80, 90, 100, 110)(118, 126, 134, 140) sts around the sleeve opening. Place BOR marker and join to work in the rnd.

Knit 1 rnd.

Sleeve Dec Rnd: K1, k2tog, knit to the last 3 sts, ssk, k1. [2 sts dec'd]

Knit every rnd, repeating Sleeve Dec Rnd every 1.25 (1, 0.75, 0.5, 0.5)(0.5, 0.25, 0.25, 0.25)"/3, (2.5, 2, 1, 1)(1, 0.5, 0.5, 0.5) cm - 9 (11, 16, 18, 23)(27, 29, 33, 36) *more* times. 20 (24, 34, 38, 48)(56, 60, 68, 74) sts dec'd; 54 (56, 56, 62, 62)(62, 66, 66, 66) total sts.

Work even until sleeve measures 15"/38 cm from the picked up edge (or until 3" / 7.5 cm short of the desired sleeve length).

Change to smaller needle.

Ribbing Pattern: *K1, p1; rep from * to end of rnd.

Cont in the established ribbing pattern until the cuff measures 3"/7.5 cm.

Tubular Bind Off Setup Rnd 1: *K1, sl 1 wyif; rep from * around.

Tubular Bind Off Setup Rnd 2: *Sl 1 wyib, p1; rep from * around.

Slip each st purlwise, slipping the knit sts onto the working needle in front and the purl sts onto a spare needle in the back. Break yarn, leaving a tail 3 times the length of the stitches to be bound off, and BO all stitches using the Kitchener stitch.

FINISHING

Weave in ends and wet block sweater using the tips from the Notes section on pg. 3.

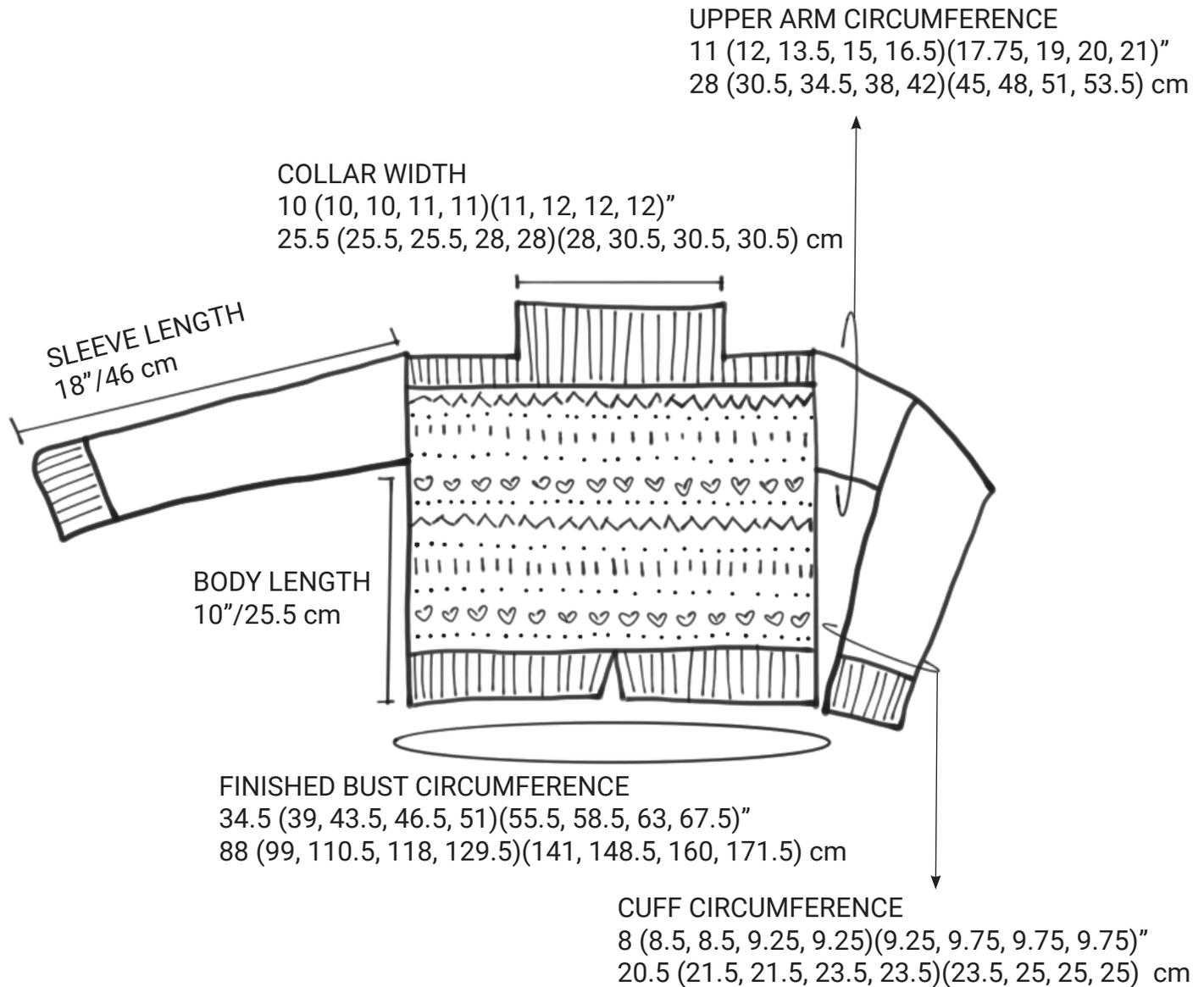
Lay the sweater flat to dry, folding the collar in half to the inside of the sweater and stretching its width to the dimensions given in the schematic. Once dry, sew the bound off edge of the collar to the inside of the sweater (so it is folded in half), 1"/2.5 cm above where the ribbing starts. Take care to keep the collar stretched while sewing so it has flexibility. I used a length of my MC yarn to sew, but you can also choose a strong yarn or embroidery thread in a matching color.

Trim ends and wear!



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— SCHEMATIC —



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