



RIMMEN DESIGN

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HOLLY

Christmas sweater

For many of us holly branches equals Christmas, and we can't image a holiday arrangement or decoration without them.

In Denmark a wreath of holly was traditionally hung on the front door, but on this Christmas sweater is sits on the yoke in the most beautiful way.

The decorative branch with pointy dark green leaves and Christmas red berries was my inspiration for this design.

I wish you happy knitting!

Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hanne', written in a cursive style.

SIZES: S-M-L-XL-XXL-XXXL

Bust: 36-(39)-42-(46)-51-(55)" (finished garment measurement)

Choose a size with 3-5" of positive ease

Gauge: 17 st x 23 rnd = 4x4" in stockinette on larger needles

I recommend that you make a swatch to make sure that you get the right gauge with your chosen yarn and needles.

Yarn: This design is knitted with Léttlopi from Istex. A pure wool yarn with a wonderful rustic look and beautiful colors.

(50 g/100 m; 100% Icelandic wool)

Main color: 7 (8) 9 (10) 11 (12) skeins of Léttlopi, color 0054 (Ash)

Pattern color 1: 1 (1) 2 (2) 2 (2) skeins Léttlopi, color 1407 (Lyme Grass)

Pattern color 2: 1 (1) 1 (1) 1 (1) skein Léttlopi, color 1409 (Garnet Red)

Needles and notions

Circular needles US size 6 (4 mm), 16 and 32"

Circular needles US size 7 (4,5 mm), 32 and 40"

Double pointed needles US sizes 6 and 7 (4 and 4,5 mm) (or use one of the circulars and do magic loop)

Notes

The sweater is knitted from the bottom up. The body and sleeves are knitted separately, in the round.

You have the choice of gentle waist shaping.

Then the body and sleeves are united to form the yoke with the beautiful pattern.

A couple of German short rows are added for a better fit at the back of the neck, and you can choose between a low and a high (turtleneck) ribbed neck band to give your sweater the right level of coziness.

Before you begin: Read through the entire pattern before you cast on. Make sure that you know which directions apply to your size and choices. And don't forget to make a swatch – especially if you decide to knit with a different yarn – to make sure that your gauge and my gauge match.

Techniques

German short rows

Knit (or purl) to the turning point and turn your work.

Slip one stitch purl wise, with the yarn in front.

Pull the working yarn up and over the right needle to create a double stitch.

Bring the yarn to the front between the needles and purl on – or leave the yarn in the back and knit on, as the case may be.

Take care that you don't lose the double stitch in the process.

French Knots

They are embroidered on the yoke when the sweater is finished. Placed randomly between the leaves of the pattern.

Abbreviations

K – knit

K2tog – knit two together

M1L – pick up the bar between the stitches from the front and knit it through the back loop

M1R – pick up the bar between the stitches from the back and knit it through the front loop

SKP – slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over

sts – stitches

yo – yarn over

Body

Cast on 156 (164) 180 (196) 216 (236) sts on smaller needles using the main color and join in the round being careful not to twist.

Place a marker for the beginning of the round.

Knit one round and continue in K1/P1-rib for 3”.

Change to larger needle size and knit one round, still using the main color.

Place another marker exactly opposite the first one – you have 2x78 (2x82) 2x90 (2x98) 2x108 (2x118) sts.

If you don't want waist shaping in your sweater, just skip the next section and go to Body (continued).

Waist shaping (optional)

Continue straight for 2 (2) 2½ (2½) 3 (3)” after the ribbing.

Then make a decrease round: *K1, k2tog, knit to three sts before marker, SKP, K1*, repeat *-* once more. (You have decreased 4 sts.)

Knit straight for 1¼ (1¼) 1½ (1½) 2 (2) 2 “.

Repeat the decrease round.

Knit straight for 1¼ (1¼) 1½ (1½) 2 (2) 2 “.

Repeat the decrease round.

Knit straight for 1 (1) 1 (1½) 1½ (1½) 1½ “.

Now make an increase round: *K1, M1R, knit to one stitch before marker, M1L, K1*, repeat *-* once more.

Knit straight for 1¼ (1¼) 1½ (1½) 2 (2) 2 “.

Repeat the increase round.

Knit straight for 1¼ (1¼) 1½ (1½) 2 (2) 2 “.
Repeat the increase round.

Body (continued)

Continue straight until the body measures 13½ (14½) 15¼ (15½) 16 (16)“ or desired length to underarm.

Bind off 5 (5) 5 (5) 6 (7) sts on each side of each marker. (10 (10) 10 (10) 12 (14) sts totally on each side)

You have 136 (144) 160 (176) 192 (208) sts.

Set the body a side and work the sleeves.

Sleeves

Cast on 40 (40) 48 (48) 48 (48) sts on smaller double pointed needles using the main color and join in the round being careful not to twist.

Place a marker at the beginning of the round.

Knit one round and continue in K1/P1-rib for 3”.

Change to the larger needle size and knit one round, still using the main color.

The sleeve increases begin on the next round: K1, yo, K to last stitch, yo, K1. On the next round knit through the back loop of the yo’s to prevent a hole.

Repeat the increases every 8th (8th) 8th (7th) 6th (6th) round for a total of 7 (9) 9 (11) 14 (15) increase rounds.

You have 54 (58) 66 (66) 76 (78) sts.

Continue straight until sleeve measures 18 (18½) 18½ (18¾) 18¾ (19) “ or desired length.

Bind off 5 (5) 5 (5) 6 (7) sts each side of the marker. (10 (10) 10 (10) 12 (14) sts totally).

You have 44 (48) 56 (56) 64 (64) sts.

Knit a second sleeve just like the first.

Yoke

Place the sleeves and body on the same circular needle.

You have 224 (240) 272 (288) 320 (336) sts.

Move the marker from the back neck to the spot between the back and the left sleeve. This is now the beginning of the round.

Using main color knit 0 (2) 4 (6) 8 (8) rounds.

Knit through the diagram.

You have 84 (90) 102 (108) 120 (126) sts.

On the next round decrease 0 (0) 0 (8) 14 (20) sts evenly spaced.

Back neck shaping

Move the marker from the beginning of the round to the middle of the neck stitches at the back.

Knit 7 sts past the marker and turn, using the German short row technique (as described in the Techniques-section at the beginning of this pattern).

Purl back to the marker and continue purling for 7 more sts. Turn again.

*Knit 8 sts past the last turn (don't forget to knit the double stitch from last turn as one stitch). Turn.

Purl back to 8 sts past the last turn (again remembering the double stitch) and turn*

Repeat *-* 2 (2) 3 (3) 4 (4) more times for a total of 4 (4) 5 (5) 6 (6) sets of short rows.

Knit one round and stop at the marker.

Neck band

If you wish for a smaller neck circumference you can decrease the stitches now, evenly spaced, just make sure to end up with an even stitch count for the neck band.

Change to smaller needles and finish the neck off with 8 rounds of K1/P1-rib before loosely binding off.

For a turtleneck continue in K1/p1-rib for about 8" or desired length before binding off.

Embroidery

On the yoke I have made the berries with French knots between the knitted branches. It is an easy embroidery stitch that you can find tutorials for on youtube.

The berries are made with a double strand of yarn, twisted 4 times around for each knot. Use pattern color 2 for the berries.

Before you start the embroidery, play around with some red beads (or use cranberries) on the yoke to try different placements until you find an arrangement and an amount of berries that is just right for you.

Finishing

Weave in the ends and sew the small seams under the arms.

Wash the sweater gently (follow the care instructions on the ball band of your chosen yarn) and leave it flat to dry. You can give the yoke a bit of steam when it's dry to make sure it lays nicely.

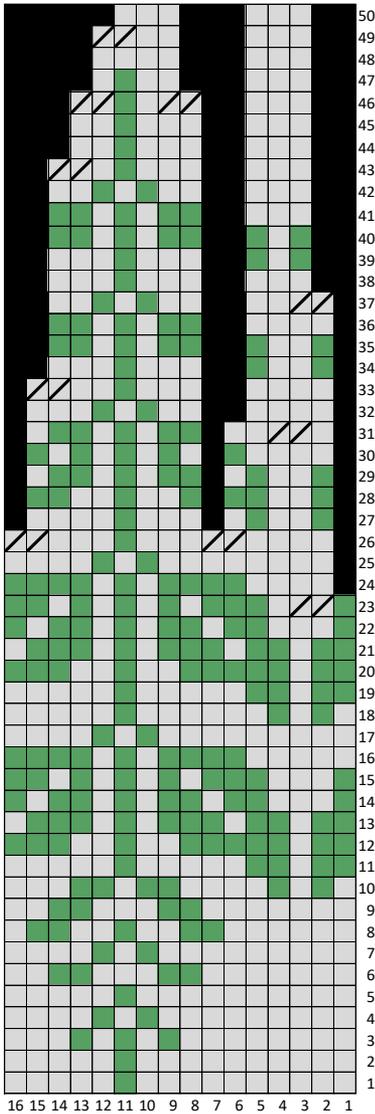
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- main color
- pattern color 1
- knit 2 together
- no stitch

16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

repeat