



HYDRANGEA SWEATER

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The Hydrangea sweater is a slightly oversized sweater with a striking floral pattern on the yoke. The deep yoke gives the sweater a loose, somewhat swoncho-like fit. The style features a wide bottom ribbing with slits at each side of the body. The neckline can be knitted with either a turtleneck or short cuffs.

For an optimal fit, I recommend a positive ease of 10 to 15 cm.

SIZES

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

Finished bust circumference:

37, 39.3, 41.7 (44, 46.5, 48.8) 52.3, 55.1, 58.6'' / 94, 100, 106 (112, 118, 124) 133, 140, 149 cm

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Gauge

26 st x 34 rows = 4'' / 10 x 10 cm with 3,5mm ndl in single colour stockinette, in Colourwork pattern and with a single colour, after wet blocking.

Should the gauge for the Colourwork pattern be bigger, adapt the size of the needles.

MATERIALS

Yarn

Merino Linen Single (366m /100gr)

MC (black in Chart) approx. 1235, 1317, 1400 (1490, 1575, 1685) 1780, 1885, 2000 yards / 1130, 1205, 1280 (1360, 1440, 1530) 1625, 1725, 1830 m
CC1 (in Chart red) approx. 160, 170, 180 (191, 202, 275) 286, 300, 310 yards / ca. 145, 155, 165 (175, 185, 195) 205, 215, 225 m

CC2 (in Chart beige) approx. 48, 53, 56 (59, 63, 66) 69, 73, 76 yards / ca. 45, 48, 51 (54, 57, 60) 63, 66, 69 m

Or feel free to pick any favourite yarn matching the gauge.

Needles

3mm 40cm-long circular needle, or a set of 3mm double-pointed needles

3.5mm 40cm (or a set of 3.5mm double-pointed needles) and 80cm-long circular needles

2 stitch markers, 1 tapestry needle

GENERALITIES

Colourwork

The motif is knit using the fair isle stranded colourwork technique with two or three colours. The yarn not in use must be carried loosely across the back of the work and trapped by twisting it with the working yarn every 5 st maximum. On the following round, make sure to twist the yarns in a different place to avoid little bumps showing on the right side.

German short rows

You can find a detailed tutorial on how working German short rows here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=52qy80Ob-s0>

ABBREVIATION AND EXPLANATIONS

st	stitch(es)
k	knit
p	purl
rnd/rnds	round(s)
rw/rws	row(s)
RS	right side of the work
WS	wrong side of the work
M	stitch marker / slip marker
MC	main colour
CC	contrasting colour
BoR	Begin of round
k2tog	knit two stitches together
1 inc (1 increase)	Pick up a st by lifting the horizontal thread between the stitches, place the loop on the left needle and knit through the back loop.
m1r	right-leaning increase. With the left needle, lift the running thread (of the specified colour) between the stitch just worked and the next stitch from back to front and knit into the front loop (twisted st).
m1l	left-leaning increase. With the left needle, lift the running thread (of the specified colour) between the stitch just worked and the next stitch from front to back, and knit through the back loop (twisted st).
sl1wyif	Slip 1 as if to purl, yarn in front of the work
sl1wyib	Slip 1 as if to purl, yarn behind the work
DS	DS: double stitch, used in German short rows. Knit the next stitch, turn your work. Bring the yarn to the front of the work, slip the first stitch as if to purl, then bring the yarn up and over the right needle to the back and pull tight to create a double stitch. When you reach this double stitch later, knit or purl through both legs of the stitches as if it were one stitch.
GSR (German short rows)	see explanations for the DS and tips below.
* _____ *	repeat the instructions between the asterisks to the end of the round.

INSTRUCTIONS

Neckline / Turtleneck:

The pattern starts with a turtleneck.

If a short neck cuff is desired, the cast-on and the band must be worked with the 3.0 mm needle, change to a 3.5 mm needle after the neckband.

With the MC and 3,5 mm needle, cast on 112, 112, 112 (116, 116, 116) 120,120,120 st and join in the round, being careful not to twist the stitches.
Rnd 1: k to end, place M (BoR). The beginning of the rnd is at the centre back.

Knit 5.5'' / 14 cm in ribbing pattern *k2, p2 *
Next rnd: knit.

Yoke

(change for longer 3.5mm ndl when required by the number of sts)

Rnd 1 (inc):
all Sizes: * k4, m1r * until end, 28, 28, 28 (29, 29, 29) 30, 30, 30 increases

There are now 140, 140, 140 (145, 145, 145) 150, 150, 150 st on the needles.

Rnds 2- 5: k to end.

Rnd 6: (German short rows)
GSR1 (RS): k37, 37, 37 (39, 39, 39) 41, 41, 41, turn.
(WS): DS, p to M, sl M, p37, 37, 37 (39, 39, 39) 41, 41, 41, turn.

GSR2 (RS): DS, k to DS, k DS, k4, turn.
(WS): DS, p to DS, p DS, p4, turn.

GSR3 (RS): DS, k to DS, k DS, k4, turn.
(WS): DS, p to DS, p DS, p4, turn.

GSR4 (RS): DS, knit to M.

Rnds 7 and 8: knit, knitting the DS as you reach them.

Rnd 9 (inc):

Size 1,2: *m1r, k5*, to end (28 increases)

Size 3: *m1r, k4*, to end (35 increases)

Size 4, 5, 6: k1, *m1r, k4*, to end (36 increases)

Sizes 7, 8, 9: k3, *m1r, k4*, 36 times, m1r, k3, BoR (37 increases)

There are now 168, 168, 175 (181, 181, 181) 187, 187, 187st on the needles.

Rnds 10-13: knit.

Rnd 14 (increases):

Size 1: * k14, m1r *, to end (12 increases)

Size 2: *k7, 1 m1r *, to end (24 increases)

Size 3: k7, 1 m1r, *k6, 1 m1r *, to end (29 increases)

Sizes 4, 5, 6: k6, *m1r, k5*, to end (35 increases)

Sizes 7, 8, 9: k3, * m1r, k5*, to end (37 increases)

There are now 180, 192, 204 (216, 216, 216) 224, 224, 224st on the needles.

Rnds 15-18: knit.

Sizes 1, 2, 3 (4, -, -) -, -, - only:
Continue with all sizes.

Sizes -, -, - (-, 5, 6) 7, 8, 9 only

Rnd 19 (inc):

Size 5: * m1r, k18 * to end (12 increases)

Size 6: *m1r, k9 * to end (24 increases)

Size 7: *m1r, k8 * to end (28 increases)

Size 8: k4, * m1r, k6, m1r, k5 * to end (40 increases)

Size 9: k10, *m1r, k4 *, 52 times, k6, BoR (52 increases)

There are now -, -, - (-, 228, 240) 252, 264, 276st on the needles.

Rnds 20 -23: knit.

All sizes

Now join CC1 and CC2 and knit **CHART**
The pattern is repeated 15, 16, 17 (18, 19, 20) 21, 22, 23 times around..

Change to longer 3.5mm needle when the number of stitches makes it necessary.

As indicated in the chart, two increases are worked in each pattern repeat on rds 2, 6, 10, 19 and 46

After rnd 46, there are 330, 352, 374 (396, 418, 440) 462, 484, 506 st on the needles.

All sizes:

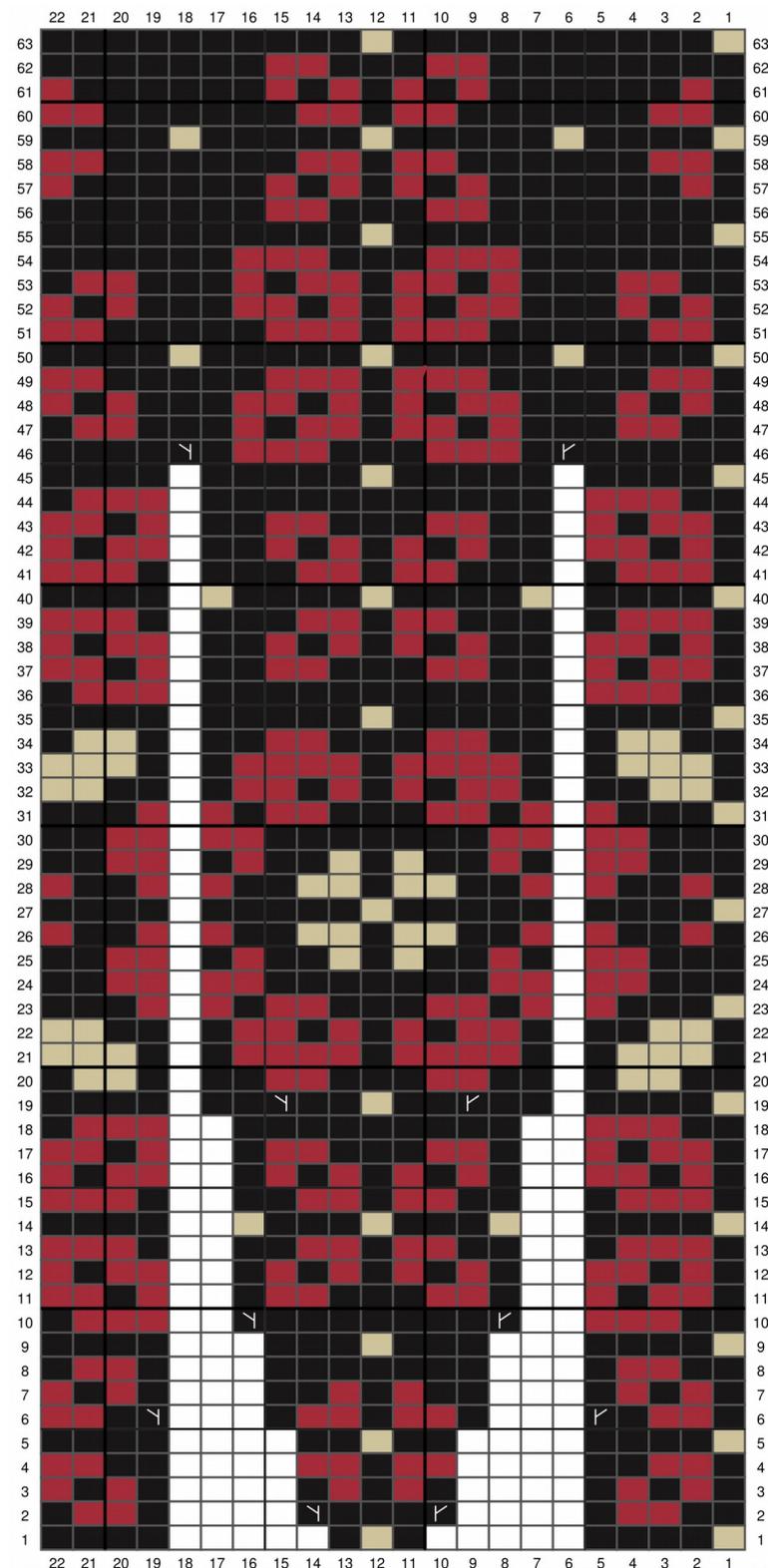
After rnd 63, break CC yarn and continue to knit in rounds with MC, until the yoke measures 9, 9, 9.4 (9.8, 9.8, 10.2) 10.6, 10.6, 11'' / 23, 23, 24 (25, 25, 26) 27, 27, 28 cm (measured at the centre front, without neckband).

If the yoke is considered too deep in the small sizes, rounds 55 to 63 can also be worked after separating the sleeves. Add the underarm increases to the pattern as appropriate.

LEGEND

	MC / black
	CC1 / red
	CC2 / beige
	m1r
	m1l
	no stitch

CHART



Separate the sleeves

remove M,
k53, 57, 60 (64, 67, 71) 75, 78, 82 (1st half-back),
transfer 59, 62, 67 (70, 75, 78) 81, 86, 89 st for the first sleeve on a piece of scrap yarn with a tapestry needle, or on a stitch holder,
cast on 8, 8, 9 (9, 10, 10) 10, 11, 11 new st,
place M (new BoR), cast on a further 8, 8, 9 (9, 10, 10) 10, 11, 11 new st,
k106, 114, 120 (128, 134, 142) 150, 156, 164 (front),
transfer 59, 62, 67 (70, 75, 78) 81, 86, 89 st for the second sleeve on a piece of scrap yarn with a tapestry needle, or on a stitch holder,
cast on 16, 16, 18 (18, 20, 20) 20, 22, 22 new st,
k53, 57, 60 (64, 67, 71) 75, 78, 82 (2nd half-back).

Front and back

There are now 244, 260, 276 (292, 308, 324) 348, 364, 388 st on the needles.
Carry on knitting in the round in stockinette until the body measures 5.5'' / 14 cm, measured from the underarm, or to the desired length minus 5.1'' / 13 cm.
At the time, in the last round, place a 2nd marker after 122, 130, 138 (146, 154, 162) 174, 182, 194 sts (right side seam)

Ribbing

The bottom band is knit back and forth in a ribbing pattern.

1. Rw: sl1wyif, k1, * p2, k2 * until 2.M, turn.
2. Rw: sl1wyib, p1, * k2, p2 * until BoR, turn.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until the bottom ribbing measures 5.1'' / 13 cm.
Then bind off all stitches loosely by knitting them.

Work the ribbing on the back side in the same way over the remaining stitches and bind off all sts after a length of approx. 6.3'' / 16 cm.

(Alternatively, the cuff can also be worked closed in the round)

Switch to 3,0mm ndls.
Knit until the desired length in *k2, p2* ribbing pattern.

Then bind off all stitches loosely by knitting them.

Sleeves

With shorter 3.5mm circular needle, or a set of 3.5mm double-pointed needles, and beginning at the centre of the underarm, pick up and knit 8, 8, 9 (9, 10, 10) 10, 11, 11 st, being careful not to create any holes. Transfer the 59, 62, 67 (70, 75, 78) 81, 86, 89 st on hold for the sleeve back on the needle and knit them, then pick up and knit 8, 8, 9 (9, 10, 10) 10, 11, 11 st at the second half of the underarm (be careful not to create any holes). Join in the round and place M.

There are now 75, 78, 85 (88, 95, 98) 101, 107, 110 st on the needles.

Knit 40, 30, 30 (20, 15, 10) 10, 10, 10 rnds in stockinette.

Now begin the sleeve decreases:

Rnd 1 (first decr): k to 3 st before M, k2tog, k1, slip M.

Rnd 2 (second decr): k1, slip 1 st as if to knit, k1, pass slipped stitch over knit stitch, k to M.

Repeat these two rnds again:

Size 1: -

Size 2: 2x every 17 and 18 rnds

Size 3: 3x every 11 and 12 rnds

Size 4: 5x every 10 and 11 rnds

Size 5: 6x every 10 and 11 rnds

Size 6: 8x every 9 and 10 rnds

Size 7: 9x every 8 and 9 rnds

Size 8: 10x every 7 and 8 rnds

Size 9: 12x every 6 and 7 rnds

Once all the decreases have been worked, there are 73, 74, 77 (76, 81, 80) 81, 85, 84 st on the needles.

Continue in stockinette until the sleeve measures 7.8'' / 20 cm less than the desired length.

Cuffs

Switch to 3.0 mm needles.

Sizes 1, -, 3 (-, 5, -) 7, 8, - only:

Adjustment round:

* k2, p2 * until 5 st before BoR, k2, p1, p2tog, BoR.

There are now 72, -, 76 (- 80, -) 80, 84, - st on the needles.

All sizes:

Knit 7.8'' / 20 cm in *k2, p2* ribbing pattern. Then bind off all the stitches loosely by knitting them.

Cut and carefully weave in all yarn ends.

Wet block your knitting.

Schematic

A: bust circumference (half)

18.5, 19.6, 20.8 (22, 23.2, 24.4) 26.1, 27.5, 29.3'' / 47, 50, 53 (56, 59, 62) 66,5, 70, 74,5 cm

B: length from underarm

10.6'' / 27 cm in Front, 11.8'' / 30 cm in the back.

C: sleeve length from underarm

approx. 18.1'' / 46 cm

D: upper arm width

11.4, 12, 12.5 (13.3, 14.3, 14.7) 15.3, 16.1, 16.5'' / 29, 30,5, 32 (34, 36,5, 37,5) 39, 41, 42 cm

E: Total length

20, 20, 20.5 (20.8, 21.2, 21.6) 22, 22.4, 22.8'' / 51, 52, 53 (54, 55, 57) 56, 57, 58 cm

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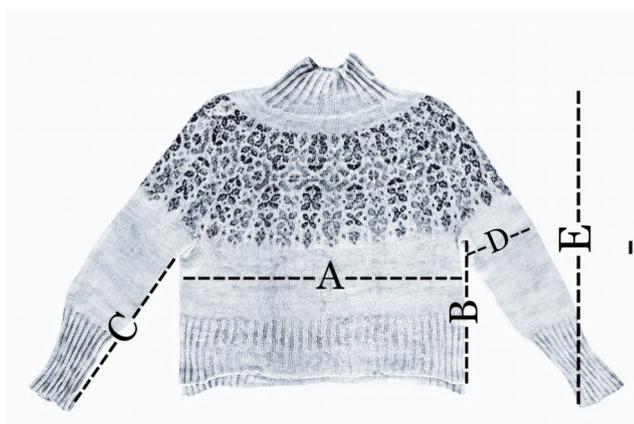


CHART in reversed contrast

