



IDYLL



MEASUREMENTS (CM)

Bust circumference: 114^S 128^M 141^L

Full length: 65^S 69^M 73^L

Sleeves: 43^S 43^M 43^L

YARN QUANTITY (GRAMS)

I made my versions in *Suri norwegian lambswool* yarn from Skappeloslo.com. The yarn is a mix of wool and cotton. For reference, the gauge/tension on the yarn is 15 stitches = 10 cm on needle 5, and one ball (50 grams) measures 135 meters.

Color 1 (main color) 300^S 350^M 400^L

Color 2: 100^S 100^M 100^L

The main color is used for the cables. In the sample, the main color is blush pink, and color 2 is desert brown.

RECOMMENDED NEEDLES:

Circular needles size 5 mm, 80 cm and 40 cm length

GAUGE/TENSION:

20 stitches in cable knit structure: 10 cm (before blocking)

18 stitches in striped pattern = 10 cm (before blocking)

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INFORMATION:

Idyll is a light and playful sweater that combines colorwork and cable knitting. The sweater is knit from the bottom up. First, the back and front pieces are worked separately to form a side split, and then the cable structure is knit in the round. The sleeves are worked separately and joined to the body. As you work your way upwards, the structure transitions from cables to a stripe pattern with raglan decreases. The stripe pattern is designed to integrate into the raglan shaping and neckline, adding an extra detailed finish to the garment. The neckline has a slight elevation, providing added warmth and a cozy fit.

I recommend steaming the sweater as a final step. This helps to create an airier fit and smooths out the differences between the cables, stripe pattern, and the neckline shaping. The measurements provided are based on post-steaming. If you prefer blocking instead of steaming, that will also work.

BACK PIECE:

Cast on 103^S 115^M 127^L stitches in the base color using 5 mm needles, 80 cm length. Knit one purl row across all stitches. Now, you will establish the cable pattern:

For size S: Knit 1 stitch, then **purl 1, knit 4, purl 1, knit 4**, repeating **this sequence** 10 times, purl 1, knit 1.

For size M: Knit 2 stitches, then **purl 1, knit 4, purl 1, knit 4**, repeating **this sequence** 11 times, purl 1, knit 2.

For size L: Knit 3 stitches, then **purl 1, knit 4, purl 1, knit 4**, repeating **this sequence** 12 times, purl 1, knit 3.

For the following rounds, continue knitting as the stitches present themselves, meaning knit over knit stitches and purl over purl stitches. On the fourth round (from the right side), all sections of 4 knit stitches will be cabled. The cables is done in alternate directions:

First cable: Slip the first 2 stitches onto a cable needle and hold them *behind* the work, knit the next 2 stitches, then knit the 2 stitches from the cable needle.

Second cable: Slip the first 2 stitches onto a cable needle and hold them *in front of* the work, knit the next 2 stitches, then knit the 2 stitches from the cable needle.

Continue alternating the cable directions across the entire round. Knit 3 more rounds as the stitches present themselves, without cabling, and then on the fourth round (always from the right side), repeat the cabling process. Continue until the back piece measures approximately 12 cm. After completing a round from the wrong side, turn to the right side and break the yarn. Now the back piece will wait while you work on the front piece.

FRONT PIECE:

Using the same needle, cast on 103^S 115^M 127^L stitches and repeat the same process as for the back piece until the front measures approximately 7 cm. **Note:** Finish on the same row of the cable pattern as the back piece. Break the yarn. Now the front and back pieces will be joined into one piece, and the body will be worked in the round.

BODY:

The round begins at the start of the back piece, on the right side. Place a start marker on the needle and knit across the back piece as usual until you reach the end. Cast on 1 stitch using the loop cast-on method and place a stitch marker. Continue knitting across the front piece and finish by casting on 1 stitch using the loop cast-on method. There is now a total of 208^S 232^M 256^L stitches on the needle. Continue the cable pattern with cables worked every 4th round. The knit stitches at each side should consistently be knit, and the single stitch added at each side should always be purled.

Work the cable pattern until the front piece measures approximately 28^S 30^M 33^L cm. Now, work one round where holes for the sleeves are created by binding off stitches at each side: starting from the start marker, bind off the first 5 stitches. Knit across the back piece until 6 stitches remain. Bind off these 6 stitches, as well as the first 5 stitches of the front piece. Knit across the front piece until 6 stitches remain and bind off these stitches. Break the yarn. Set the body aside while you work on the sleeves.

SLEEVES:

Cast on 54^S 58^M 62^L stitches in the base color using 5 mm needles, 40 cm length. Work a rib pattern of *knit 1, purl 1* across all stitches until the ribbing measures approximately 4 cm. Then, switch to the second color and knit one round in that color while evenly increasing 10 stitches = 64^S 68^M 72^L stitches.

Now, work a two-colored pattern as follows:

Knit *2 stitches in color 2, 2 stitches in the base color* alternating across the round. Repeat this for one more round. Then, knit *2 stitches in the base color, 2 stitches in color 2* alternating across the round. Repeat this for one more round. Finish by knitting one round in color 2 across all stitches, while increasing 1^S 2^M 3^L stitches in total = 65^S 70^M 73^L stitches.

Continue the rest of the sleeve in the cable pattern: first, switch to the base color and knit one round while establishing the cable pattern in this way; *purl 1, knit 4* across the round. Then, knit 3 more rounds as the stitches present themselves (*knit over knit, purl over purl*). On the fourth round, cable all sections of 4 knit stitches, alternating the cable direction, just like on the body. Continue alternating the cable directions across the entire round. **Note:** Not all sizes will have cables crossing in pairs on the underside of the sleeve.

Continue working in the cable pattern as for the body until the sleeve measures approximately 43 cm* in total, or your desired length. Finish by knitting one round where you bind off the first 5 and last 5 stitches = 55^S 60^M 65^L stitches. **Note*:** The round you finish on must be the same round as the body was finished on. Ensure that both sleeves are finished on the same round of the cable pattern, so all pieces align when joined later. Place the stitches on a stitch holder and knit the second sleeve in the same way.

BODY:

Now the body and sleeves are joined together, and the rest of the sweater is knit upwards with raglan decreases. The round begins at the back of the right shoulder:

Round 1: Place a start marker on the needle and knit across all stitches of the back piece. Place a marker (raglan marker). Knit across all stitches of the left sleeve. Place a marker (raglan marker). Knit across all stitches of the front piece. Place a marker (raglan marker). Knit across all stitches of the right sleeve. You are now back at the start marker, and the stitch count is distributed as follows:

S: 93 stitches back, 55 stitches sleeve, 93 stitches front, 55 stitches sleeve = 296 stitches total

M: 105 stitches back, 60 stitches sleeve, 105 stitches front, 60 stitches sleeve = 330 stitches total.

L: 117 stitches back, 65 stitches sleeve, 117 stitches front, 65 stitches sleeve = 364 stitches total.

Round 2: Knit across all stitches while decreasing as follows: decrease 8^S 12^M 14^L stitches evenly across the back piece, decrease 6^S 7^M 8^L stitches evenly across each sleeve, and decrease 8^S 12^M 14^L stitches evenly across the front piece. This leaves you with 268^S 292^M 320^L stitches.

Round 3: Begin the stripe pattern by knitting *alternating stitches* in the base color and color 2.

Note: Each section must begin and end with a stitch in the base color.

From here, raglan decreases will be worked every other round. Each decrease round will reduce the stitch count by a total of 8 stitches: one decrease before each marker (right decrease) and one decrease after each marker (left decrease). The stripe pattern is continued throughout, but the stripes will gradually merge into each other towards the raglan markers.

After each decrease round, knit a round with no decreases. **Note:** The decreases should always be worked in the color of the stitch that is second closest to the decrease. For example, if the sequence is *pink – brown – marker – brown – pink*, the decreases are worked in pink.

Right decrease: Knit 2 together through the back loop.

Left decrease: Knit 2 together.

Continue the stripe pattern and raglan decreases every other round until you have a total of 124^S 132^M 152^L stitches remaining. This corresponds to 18^S 20^M 21^L rounds of raglan decreases. Now, the neckline shaping begins.

NECK SHAPING AND NECKLINE:

The neckline shaping is done by continuing the raglan decreases every other round to narrow the shoulders, while also adding decreases at the center of the front and back pieces to shape the neckline towards the middle.

On a raglan decrease round, work the raglan decreases as usual (around the entire round) and continue until you reach the 8th stitch in the sequence of base color stitches. Perform this decrease *knit 3 together through the back loop in the base color*. Continue knitting to the 9th stitch in the base color, counted from the next marker towards the center. Perform this decrease *knit 3 together in*



the base color. Knit across the left sleeve and repeat the same decreases at the 8th and 9th base color stitches on the front piece.

Continue alternating rounds with raglan decreases and repeating these 4 new points of neckline decreases, 2 at the front and 2 at the back. (Meaning, a round with raglan decreases also has the neckline decreases. After a round of decreases, knit one round without any decrease). The neckline decreases should draw the stripes inward towards the center. This means that at the first decrease point, you will decrease *after* the previous decrease. The stitch that was part of the last *K3tog tbl* will become the first stitch in the new *K3tog tbl*. At the second decrease point, the new decrease will occur *before* the previous decrease. The stitch that was part of the last *K3tog* will become the last stitch in the new *K3tog*.

As the number of stitches decreases, switch to circular needles size 5 mm, 40 cm. Continue in this manner until there are a total of 76^S 84^M 88^L stitches remaining on the needle. **For size M:** Work one more round, decreasing only for the raglan = 76^M stitches.

Next, knit the stripe pattern without any more decreases until the neckline edge measures approximately 5 cm. Finish with one round of knit stitches in the base color. Bind off loosely as follows: knit 3 stitches. Insert the left needle into the first two stitches you just knit and pull them over the third stitch (the last one you knit), leaving you with 1 stitch on the needle. Knit 2 more stitches and repeat the process, pulling the two outermost stitches over the last stitch knit. Continue this until all stitches are bound off.

FINISHING:

Sew together the underarm seams and weave in loose ends. And voilà, you've completed your very own *Idyll* sweater! Feel free to share your finished project by tagging @skappeloslo and @strikkerandine.

