

PetiteKnit

THE BALLOON JACKET



Sizes:	XS (S) M (L) XL
Measurements:	Width: 58 (61) 65 (69) 74 cm Full length: 64 (65) 67 (70) 73 cm
Gauge:	13.5 sts x 23 rows in garter st = 10 x 10 cm/4 x 4 inches
Suggested needles:	7 mm and 6 mm (US size 10.5-11 and 10) / 100 and 60 cm (40 and 24 inches) circular needles
Suggested yarn:	550 (600) 650 (700) 750 grams of Peruvian Highland Wool from Filcolana (50 g = 100 m/110 yards) held together with 150 (150) 150 (175) 175 grams of Tilia from Filcolana (25 g = 210 m/230 yards) or Brushed Lace from Mohair by Canard (25 g = 210 m/230 yards) or Angel from Permin (25 g = 210 m/230 yards)

PATTERN

The Balloon Jacket is a button-less oversized cardigan with big balloon sleeves. Use it on cold winter days or as a spring and fall jacket.

The Balloon Jacket is worked bottom up in garter st with rib edges. The body and the sleeves are worked separately and seamed together in the end. Lastly, sts are picked up at the front sides and neck to build the continuous front bands and collar in rib st.

Bear in mind that the Balloon Jacket will grow in length with wear.

Make a gauge swatch and block it before you start to find the needle size you need to obtain gauge.

Body

Start by casting on 133 (141) 153 (161) 177 sts on the 6 mm / 100 cm needles, with your preferred cast on method. The first row is a WS row. Work 13 rows of rib (k 1, p 1) but on all rows k the first and last st (these are the edge sts where you will pick up sts for the front bands).

Change to the 7 mm / 100 cm circular needles. Work in garter st until the work measures 42 (44) 46 (48) 50 cm from the cast on edge, ending with a WS row.

Now you will finish the two fronts and back separately.

Back

Knit 27 (29) 32 (34) 38 sts (right front) on to a spare needle or a piece of scrap yarn, k 79 (83) 89 (93) 101 [back] until 27 (29) 32 (34) 38 sts remain on the needle [left front]. Place the sts of the left front on another spare needle or a piece of scrap yarn and continue knitting back and forth across the 79 (83) 89 (93) 101 sts of the back until it measures 22 (23) 23 (24) 25 cm from where you separated it from the front (= armhole), ending with a WS row. It is recommended to count the number of rows to make sure that you will knit the same number in the front panels. Cast off all sts from the back panel from the RS.

Right front

Put the sts from the right front back on your working needles. Join new yarn from the WS

at the armhole and k back and forth across the 27 (29) 32 (34) 38 sts until the right front measures 22 (23) 23 (24) 25 cm, ending with a WS row. Count to make sure that you have knit the same number of rows as on the back. Cast off from the RS.

Left front

Put the sts from the left front back on your working needles. Join new yarn from the RS at the armhole and k back and forth across the 27 (29) 32 (34) 38 sts until the left front measures 22 (23) 23 (24) 25 cm, ending with a WS row. Count to make sure that you have knit the same number of rows as on the back. Cast off from the RS.

Sleeves

The sleeves are worked back and forth in garter st from the armhole and down towards the wrist. Before casting on, make sure that you obtain gauge - if not, you will have to adjust the number of sts to fit the armhole.

On 7 mm / 60 cm needles, cast on 60 (64) 64 (66) 70 sts. The first row is a RS row. K back and forth until the sleeve measures 35 (36) 38 (40) 40 cm, while at the same time k2tog **after the first st** and **before the last st** on every 8th (8th) 8th (10th) 10th cm a total of 4 (4) 4 (3) 3 times (= 52 (56) 56 (60) 64 sts), ending with a RS row.

Switch to the 6 mm / 60 cm needles. On the next WS row k 1, *p2tog, k2tog*, repeat from * to * until 3 sts remain on the needle, p2tog, k 1 (= 27 (29) 29 (31) 33 sts). Work 12 rows of rib: k 1, *k 1, p 1*, repeat from * to * until 2 sts remain on the needle, k 2. Cast off in rib from the RS on the 13th row.

Knit the other sleeve identically.

Front bands

Seam the shoulders before knitting the front bands.

Pick up sts along the front sides and the neck to work a rib edge. To ensure that the rib edge is not too loose make sure not to cast off too loosely.

Pick up 221 (225) 241 (249) 259 sts evenly spaced along the front sides and neck with the 6 mm / 100 cm needles. The number of sts is merely a guideline – a good approximation is to pick up 2 sts for every 3 rows along the front sides and picking up 1 st per st along

the neck. Make sure the number of sts picked up is an odd number. Work 9 rows of rib: p 1, *k 1, p 1*, repeat from * to * until the end. Cast off in rib from the RS - not too loosely.

Finishing

Seam the sleeves along the inside using mattress sts and attach the sleeves on to the body along the sleeve holes using mattress st as well.

Weave in all ends, wash and lay flat to dry.

Abbreviations

cm: centimeter

in: inches

st/sts: stitch/stitches

k: knit

p: purl

k2tog: knit 2 sts together

1x1 Rib: consists of repetitions of *k1, p1* established with small variations across the pattern, but in all rows you should knit the stitches as they present themselves, unless otherwise indicated (i.e. edge sts)

Garter st flat: k across all rows

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