

Jean Sweater



Pattern

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Classic Raglan-Sweater with a popping wave-lace-pattern in contrasting colors in sizes XS/S | M/L (XL/2XL | 3XL/4XL)

Materials:

- Main Colour (e. g. "Gentle"): 150 | 200 (200 | 250) g Organic Soft Merino by Kaos Yarn (225m/50g) AND 75 | 100 (100 | 125) g Organic Brushed Alpaca by Kaos Yarn (225m/25g)
- Contrast Colour (e. g. "Passionate"): 100 | 150 (150 | 200) g Organic Soft Merino by Kaos Yarn (225m/50g) AND 50 | 75 (75 | 100) g Organic Brushed Alpaca by Kaos Yarn (225m/25g)
- 4 mm and 3.5 mm circular knitting needles/ DPNs or short knitting needles for the sleeves
- Darning needle
- Stitch markers/ left overs

Knitting Tension:

10x10 cm = 22 sts x 34 rs in wave lace pattern, 2 strands of yarn held together on 4 mm knitting needles (wet blocked)

Measurements:

Bust Circumference Finished Sweater: 93 | 108 (124 | 138) with a positive ease of 2 to 12 cm.

Length Finished Sweater:

49,5 | 55 (60,5 | 66) cm incl. 4 cm hem. Can be adapted individually. You then might need more yarn.

Sleeve Length:

around 40 cm from the armpits (+ 4 cm cuffs). Can be adapted individually. You then might need more yarn.

Abbreviations:

st(s) = stitch(es)

r(s) = row(s)/round(s)

rsr = right side row

wsr = wrong side row

k = knit

p = purl

SM = stitch marker

RS = raglan stitch

MC = main colour

CC = contrast colour

m1r = make 1 right

m1l = make 1 left

Structure:

The sweater is worked with a classic raglan set-up top down in one piece. First of all, the yoke is worked in the wave-lace pattern in rows to shape the round neck. Afterwards, when the round neck is closed, the yoke is worked with raglan increases and in wave lace pattern in the round. When the sleeves are separated, the body is finished in one piece without any increases and a hem in 1x1 twisted ribbing in the MC. The sleeve stitches are now picked up again and the sleeves are worked until the desired length in wave lace pattern too. Shortly before the cuffs, a bunch of decreases is worked for a balloon-like sleeve shape. Then, the cuffs are worked in 1x1 twisted ribbing in the MC as well. Finally, stitches around the neckline are picked up in the MC and the double folded collar is worked in 1x1 twisted ribbing. The fit of the sweater is neutral to slightly oversized creating a comfortable fit due to the positive ease of 2 to 12 cm. The length is relatively short for a cropped look of the sweater. The most exciting thing is the wave lace pattern – consisting of garter stitch stripes alternating with lace pattern stripes creating the unique wave lace pattern, which is then emphasized by the two contrasting colors.

Notes:

Edge stitches (first and last st of a r) are knitted in rsr and in wsr. The edge sts are included into the total number of sts and they are displayed in the knitting charts too.

The sweater is worked with **2 strands of yarn held together** (1 strand of Organic Brushed Alpaca and 1 strand Organic Soft Merino or similar yarn meeting the gauge).

Wave Lace Pattern: Follow the knitting charts for your individual size.

Raglan Increases: The yoke of the sweater is shaped with raglan increases. For each raglan line (4 in total), there is a central raglan stitch, which is marked with stitch markers. Before and after the central raglan stitch, you are going to increase in every right side row (or odd round) 1 stitch (make 1 right before the raglan stitch/make 1 left after the raglan stitch).

Make 1 right: Insert your needle under the strand of yarn between the stitch you have just knitted and the RS from back to front and place it on your left needle. Knit it through the front loop.

Make 1 left: Insert your needle under the strand of yarn between the RS and the next stitch you are going to knit from front to back and place it on your left needle. Knit it through the back loop so that it is twisted.

For the additional increases to shape the round neck, m1r after the 1st st of a rsr and m1l before the last st of a rsr.

Please read carefully through the whole pattern before you start knitting as you will have to work with several knitting charts and written instructions simultaneously!

Body

The body of the sweater is worked top down in one piece with raglan increases. First, you are going to work the first centimeters back and forth in rows to shape the round neck. Therefore, you have to work additional increases after the first st and before the last st of every rsr. After closing the front parts to the round, the yoke is finished in the round. Please find on the following pages the knitting charts for back and front part as well as for the sleeves, separated by size. There are additional written instructions to make the process as smooth as possible.

One section of the lace pattern is worked like this:

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9																		9
7																		7
5	▲	▲	▲	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	▲	▲	▲	5				
3																		3
1	▲	▲	▲	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	▲	▲	▲	1				
	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	

R 1 – 12 and boxes 1-17 are repeated steadily. There are only shown the right side rows (or odd rounds). One box is one stitch in one row/round). The knitting chart is read from right to left and from bottom to top (basically your knitting direction). Please consider the following notes of how to read the chart:

-  = a yarn over in rsr (odd rounds), in wsr p it, in even rounds k it
-  = in rsr (odd rounds) work a skpo (= slip 1 knitwise, k1, pull the slipped stitch over the stitch worked). In wsr p it. In even rounds, k it.
-  = in rsr, k2tog. In wsr, p it. In even rounds, k it.
-  = work in garter stitch (in ROWS: k all sts in rsr, k all sts in wsr. In ROUNDS: k all sts in odd rounds, p all sts in even rounds).
-  = work in stockinette stitch (k in rsr, p in wsr, in the ROUND: always knit)

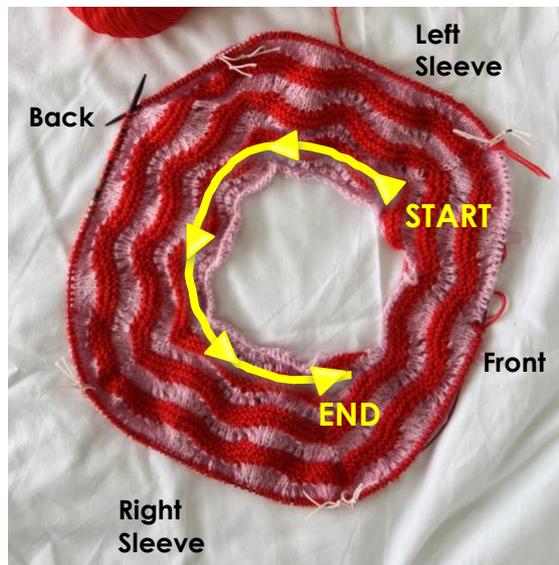
Cast On:

Cast on 74 sts with your 4 mm knitting needles with 2 strands of yarn held together (1 thread of Organic Soft Merino and 1 thread of Organic Brushed Alpaca) in your MC (e. g. Gentle) and with your preferred cast-on-method (= R 1 of the knitting chart). The first row after casting on is a wsr (R 2). There, p all sts and place the SM before and after each RS according to the table below:

Size	Left Front	RS	Left Sleeve	RS	Back	RS	Right Sleeve	RS	Right Front	Total
All	1	1	17	1	34	1	17	1	1	74

From the next rsr onwards, work the raglan increases in every rsr before and after each RS (R 3 of the knitting chart).

Therefore, follow the knitting charts for the front, the sleeves and the back part for your size. You start with the left front, then work the left sleeve, the back part, the right sleeve and finish with the right front:



As soon as right and left front are closed to the round, start with the left sleeve, then work the back part, the right sleeve and finish with the front part.

Knitting Charts for the Back Part, Front Part and the Sleeves:

Please find on the following pages the knitting charts for the front part, the back part and the sleeves. There are TWO knitting charts for the sleeves: One knitting chart for sizes XS/S and M/L and one knitting chart for sizes XL/2XL and 3XL/4XL. Please consider the following **notes**:

Follow the knitting chart until the blue colored line for your chosen size. One box is one stitch in one row/round. There are only displayed the right side rows (odd rounds). The raglan increases are worked in every rsr (or in odd rounds). Raglan increases and edge stitches are included in the knitting charts as well as the new stitches to close the round neck.

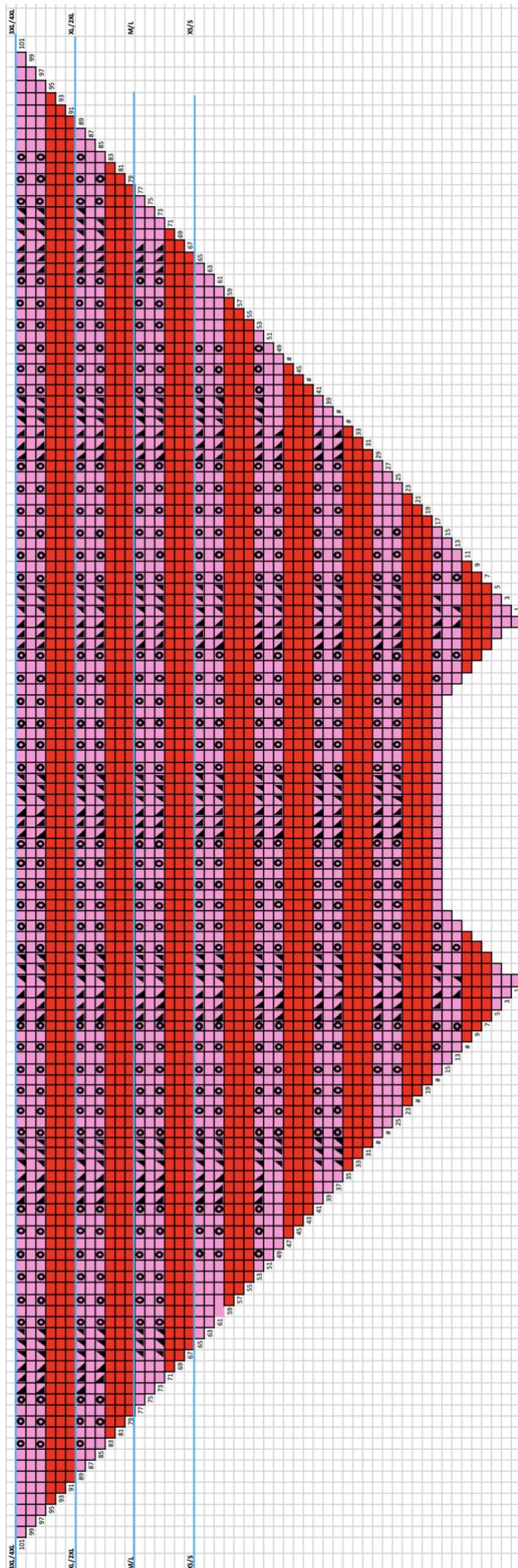
The knitting chart is read from right to left and from bottom top (your knitting direction).

The raglan stitches are NOT DISPLAYED, but you will have to work them between each knitting chart (4 RS in total). Additionally, the raglan stitches are worked according to the wave lace pattern. This means, they are worked in stockinette stitch when working a lace pattern stripe in the MC. They are worked in garter stitch when working the garter stitch stripe in the CC.

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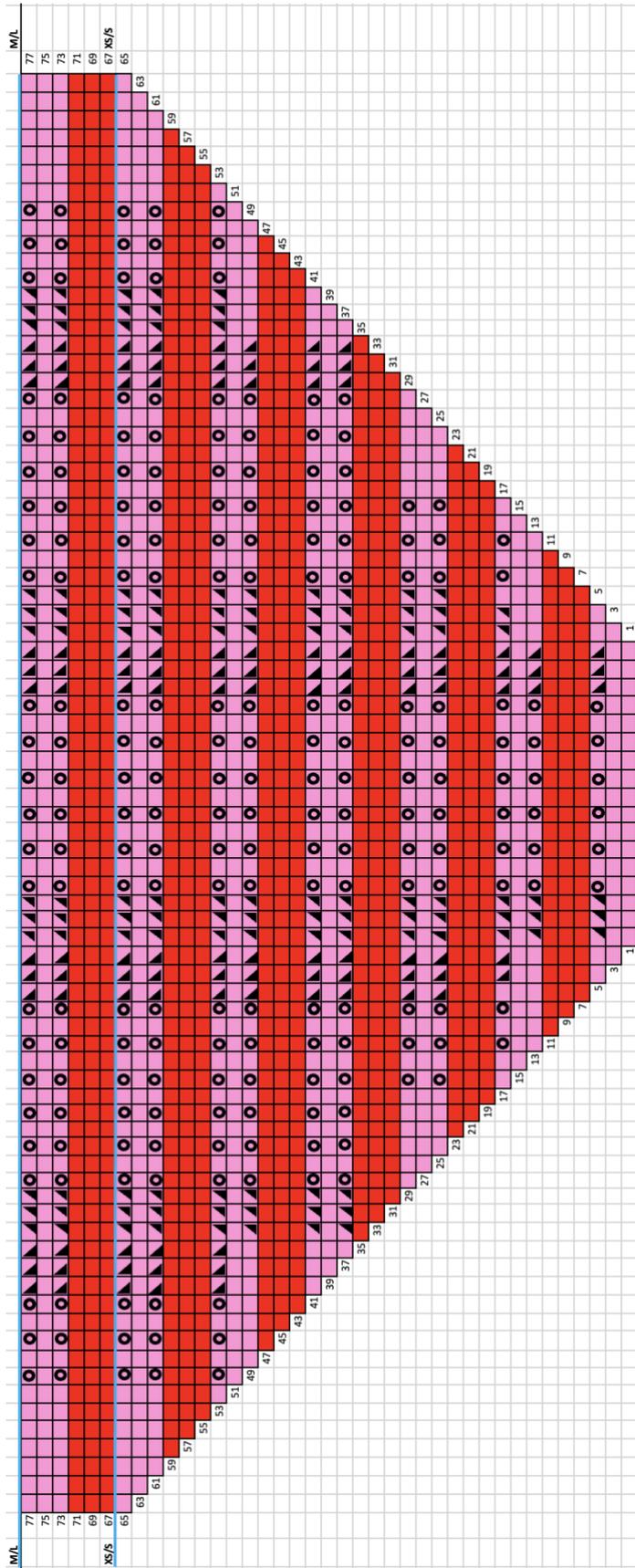
Front – all sizes:



↓ Knitting direction

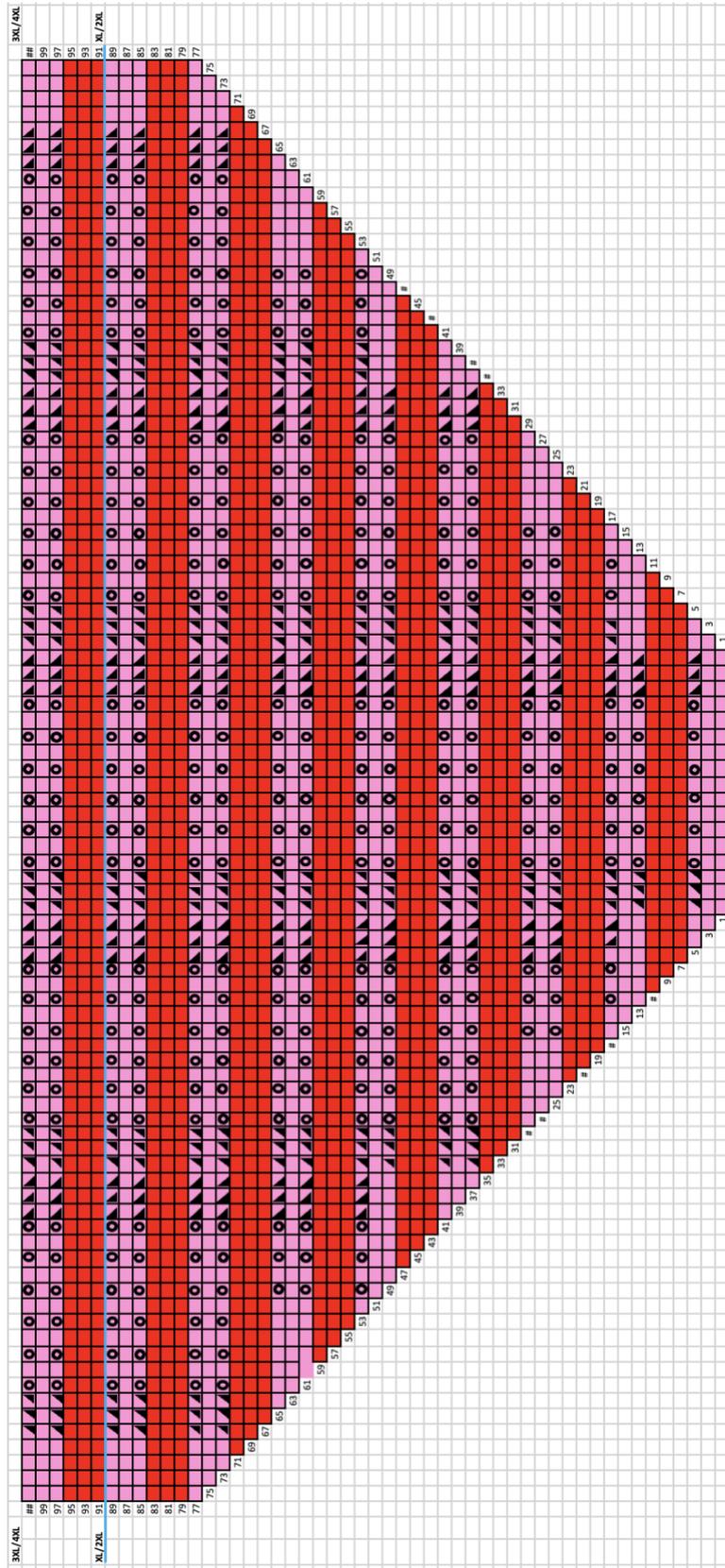
← Because you start working back and forth in rows to shape the round neck, you start working HERE with the left half of the front part. The row will then end with the right half of the front part.

Sleeves – Sizes XS/S and M/L:



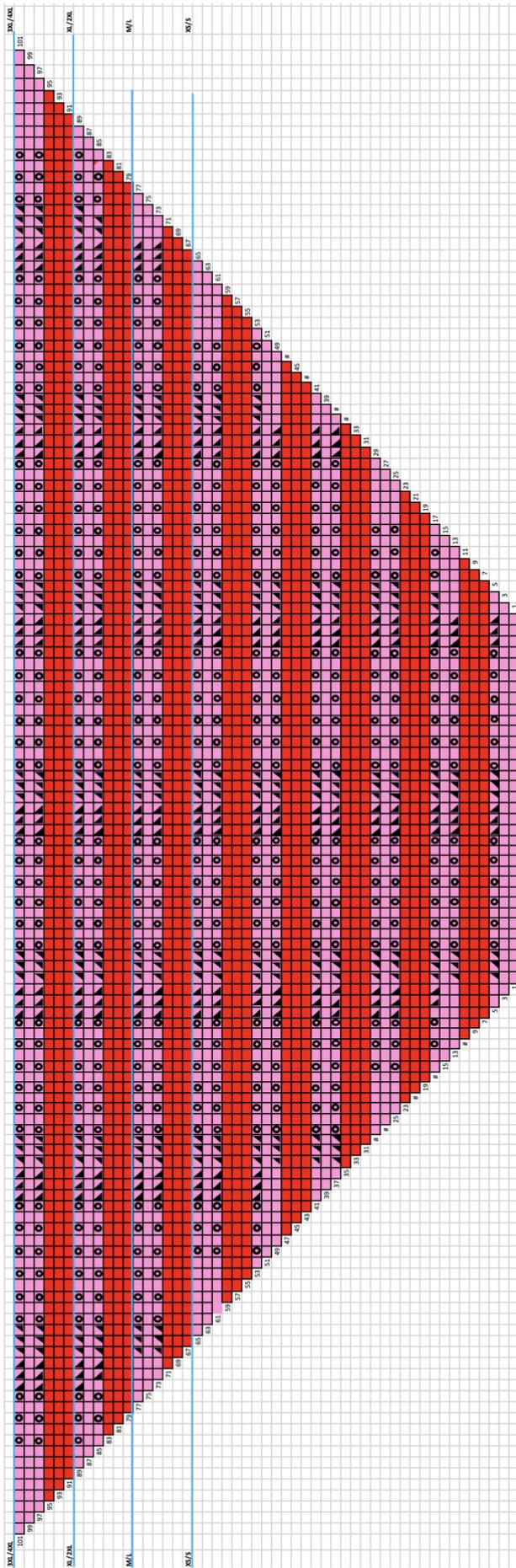
Knitting direction

Sleeves – Sizes XL/2XL and 3XL/4XL:



Knitting direction

Back – all sizes:



Knitting direction

From R 5 onwards, the round neck is shaped as follows:

How to Shape the Round Neck:

R 5 (rsr): k1, m1l (round neck shaping), work all sts according the wave lace pattern with raglan increases according to the knitting charts until there is 1 st left, m1r (round neck shaping), k1 (= in total 10 increases).

R 6 (wsr): work all sts according to the wave lace pattern.

Repeat these 2 rs in total 6 times. From the next rsr onwards (R 17) the round neck will be closed and the yoke is finished in the round.

How to Close the Round Neck:

R 17 (rsr): Cut the yarn, slip the sts of the left front on another rope/leftover yarn/on your right knitting needle without knitting them. Start with the first RS. From there onwards, work all sts in wave lace pattern according to the knitting charts, work the raglan increases and the additional increases to shape the round neck. After the last st of the right front, cast on 18 new sts. Then, continue with the slipped sts of the left front. Remember to work here the round neck increases and the raglan increase. Place a SM after the last raglan increase – this is your new beginning of the round. You should have 170 sts on your knitting needles (or the numbers per part shown in the table below).

R 18: work all sts according to the wave lace pattern.

Sizes	RS	Left Sleeve	RS	Back	RS	Right Sleeve	RS	Front	Total
All	1	33	1	50	1	33	1	50	170

Finishing the Yoke

Follow the knitting charts to finish the yoke. Remember to work the raglan increase before and after each RS in every odd round. As soon as you have reached the blue colored line for your preferred size (= in total 362 | 386 (434 | 458) sts or (24 | 30 (36 | 42) raglan rounds, the last round is a round without raglan increases), the sleeves will be separated from the body.

Sizes	RS	Left Sleeve	RS	Back	RS	Right Sleeve	RS	Front	Total
XS/S	1	81	1	98	1	81	1	98	362
M/L	1	81	1	110	1	81	1	110	386
XL/2XL	1	93	1	122	1	93	1	122	434
3XL/4XL	1	93	1	134	1	93	1	134	458

Please Note: For all sizes (except XS/S) the raglan increases for the sleeves are left out from R – | 67 (77 | 77) onwards. This means, you will then only work the raglan increases to shape front and back part (in total 4 raglan increases in every odd round).

Now the sleeve stitches are put to rest and new stitches are casted on under each armpit.

Separating the Sleeves

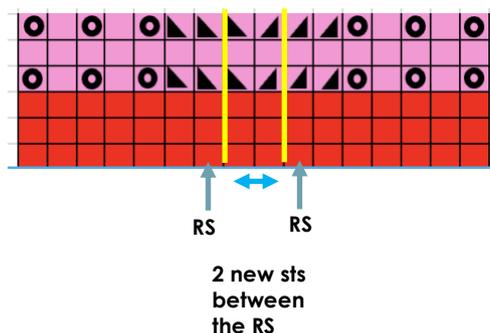
In the next (odd) round, work according to the wave lace pattern, do NOT work any raglan increases and separate the sleeves as follows:

K the RS, put to rest the sleeve stitches on another rope/leftover yarn, cast on 2 | 7 (12 | 15) new sts under the armpit, k the RS, work the sts of the back in wave lace pattern, k the RS, put to rest the sleeve sts on another rope/leftover yarn and cast on 2 | 7 (12 | 15) M new sts under the armpit, k the RS and work the sts of the front part in wave lace pattern (= 204 | 238 (272 | 302) sts).

Finishing the Body

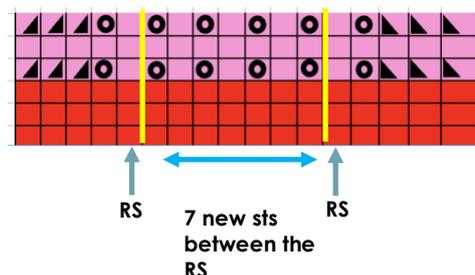
The new casted on stitches under each armpit are integrated as follows into the wave lace pattern:

Size XS/S:



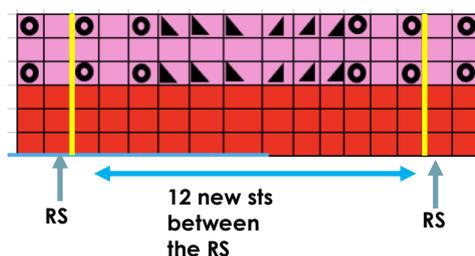
This is the round, where you cast on the new sts. In the next r, just knit them and start to work them according to the pattern in R 3.

Size M/L:



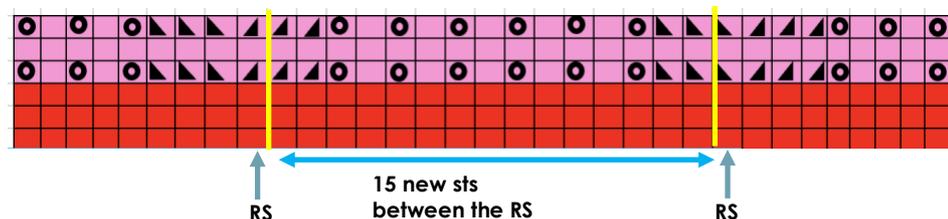
This is the round, where you cast on the new sts. In the next r, just knit them and start to work them according to the pattern in R 3.

Size XL/2XL:



This is the round, where you cast on the new sts. In the next round, just knit them and start to work them according to the pattern in R 3.

Size 3XL/4XL:



This is the round, where you cast on the new sts. In the next round, just knit them and start to work them according to the pattern in R 3.

Place the SM directly in the middle between two pattern repeats (between 3 yarn overs or between the 3 k2tog/ 3skpo).

To keep track of the pattern, it might be useful to place SM between every pattern repeat to keep track of when one pattern repeat ends and when the next pattern repeat starts.

Now work all sts according to the wave lace pattern, until the body measures around 26 | 28 (30 | 32) cm from the armpits down (or until you feel comfortable with the length. Please note that you then might need more yarn than indicated in the pattern). End with a pattern repeat in your MC (e. g. Gentle).

Hem:

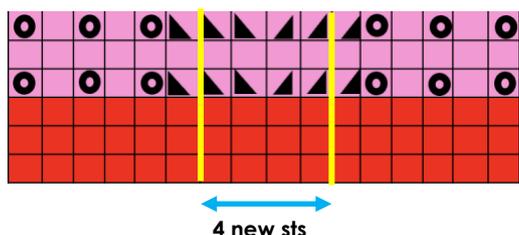
Change to 3.5 mm knitting needles and work for the next 12 rs (around 4 cm) in 1x1 ribbing with twisted knit sts (*knit 1 through the back loop, p1*, repeat from * to * steadily). Bind off all sts in R 13 with an elastic bind-off-method and cut the yarn.

Sleeves

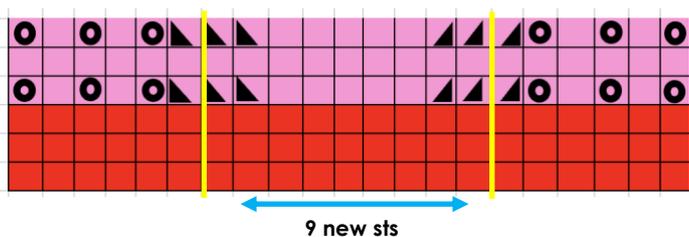
The sleeves are now finished in wave lace pattern too. Therefore, pick up the resting sleeve sts and pick up 4 | 9 (9 | 15) new sts directly out of the body under the armpits with your 4 mm knitting needles and with 2 strands of yarn held together. Place a SM in the middle of the new picked up sts – this is your new beginning of the round and an important orientation for the wave lace pattern as described for the body on the page before. You should have in total 85 | 90 (102 | 108) sts on your knitting needles.

The new picked up sts are integrated as follows into the wave lace pattern (Please note, that the wave lace pattern does not work out completely for all sizes and that you will have to cast on different numbers of sts in comparison to body sts casted on under the armpits):

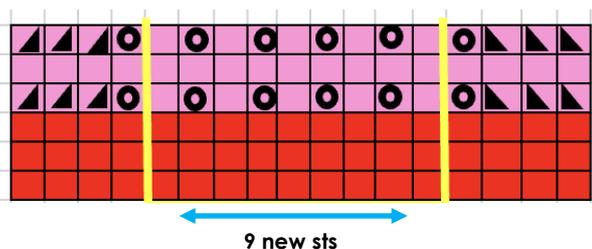
XS/S:



M/L:



XL/2XL:



3XL/4XL:



Finishing the Sleeves:

The sleeves are now worked in wave lace pattern in the round, until they measure 40 cm (or until you feel comfortable with the length – please note that the cuffs will add around 4 cm to the final sleeve length) and you have ended with a pattern repeat in your MC.

Change to 3.5 mm knitting needles and k all sts in the next r. Then, work in the following decreases: *k2tog*, repeat from * to * until there is 1 | 0 (0 | 0) st left (= 43 | 45 (51 | 54 sts)).

Now work for 4 cm in 1x1 ribbing with twisted knit stitches and purl stitches. Please note for all sizes with an odd number of sts: knit the first 2 sts of the first ribbing round together through the back loop to achieve an even number of sts.

Then, cast off all sts with an elastic bind off method and repeat the instructions for the 2nd sleeve.

Double Folded Collar in 1x1 Ribbing

Now pick 110 sts with your 3.5 mm knitting needles along the neckline with 2 strands of yarn held together in your MC. I recommend to pick up 1 st per 1 st and 2 sts per 3 rs. If you have a tighter knitting tension, I recommend to pick up 1 st per 1 r or to change the needle size (e. g. 4 or 4.5 mm).

Work for in total 20 rs in 1x1 twisted ribbing (*knit 1 through the back loop, purl 1*, repeat from * to * steadily). Then, cast off all sts with an elastic bind-off-method. Fold the collar to the inside and sew the cast-off-row to the pick-up-row of the sweater.

Completion

Wet block your sweater, let it dry flat and weave in all ends.

Your new handmade Jean Sweater is finished!

I would be thrilled to see your results! If you like, share it on Instagram with the Hashtag **#jeansweater** and my tag **@kolibri.by_johanna**



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