

THE
KNITORIOUS



The Knitorious RBG

by Park Williams

Top-Down Version

The RBG sweater is inspired by Ruth Bader Ginsburg. I wanted to find a way to honor the important work she has done and continues to do as a Supreme Court Justice, while also paying homage to her amazing collar collection. My hope is that this sweater will endow the wearer with the strength, perseverance, gravitas and integrity we so rightfully associate with The Knitorious RBG. #knitoriousrbg

Needles & Notions:

Size US 8 / 5mm 16" & 32" circular needle (cable length will vary depending on size of garment you are knitting)

Size US 6 / 4mm 16" & 32" circular (for the bottom & neck ribbing)

Size US 2 / 2.75mm DPNs (for the cuffs)

Stitch markers, tapestry needle, stitch holders or scrap yarn

Sizing:

XS(S, M, L, XL) (XXL, 3XL, 4XL)

Bust: 30(34, 38, 42, 46) (50, 54, 58) inches;

76[86, 97, 107, 117] [127, 137, 147] cm

The sweater is made to be worn with 0-4" of negative ease. If you are in-between bust sizes, I recommend sizing down. My bust is 36" and I wear a size Small and still have extra room. The sweater is slightly oversized to emulate a judge's robe.

Gauge: 18.5 stitches and 24 rows/4" on a US 8 in stockinette stitch in the round, steam blocked.

Yarn:

Berroco Ultra Alpaca

Worsted Weight

Color A: Black (#6245)

Color B: Natural (#6201)

Or ANY worsted weight yarn

Yardage:

845(960, 1100, 1180 1300) (1440, 1590, 1700) yards in Color A

40(45, 50, 60, 85) (90, 95, 100) yards in Color B





Abbreviations:

CO: cast on
 RS: right side of work
 WS: wrong side of work
 BOR: beginning of round
 pm: place marker
 k: knit
 p: purl
 m1: make one, pick up the horizontal bar between the stitch you are about to knit and the stitch you just knit from front to back, knit into the back of the stitch. (increases one stitch)
 (this is a m1L, but you can use m1R if you prefer!)
 k2tog: knit two stitches together (decreases one stitch)
 sts: stitches
 ColA: Color A
 ColB: Color B

Neckline:

Using US 6 / 4mm circular needle and Color A, CO* 62(66, 76, 84, 92) (102, 108, 118) stitches.

*We will be later folding over the collar and sewing it into place, but you have the option of doing a Provisional Cast-on and then knitting the cast on round together with the final round of the collar.

Place marker and join in the round.

Work 1x1 ribbing (k1, p1) for 12(12, 12, 12, 14, 14, 14, 14) rounds.

Change to US 8 / 5mm needles and continue onto the Yoke instructions for your size.

Yoke:

Follow yoke instructions for your size only! When completed, continue onto "Separating Sleeves & Body".

X-Small:

1st Increase Round: (k2, m1) to last 4 stitches, k4. [91 stitches]

Do not break yarn for Color A, but join Color B and knit one round in Color B.

Work Chart #1 for size XS.

2nd Increase: Continue in ColB, (k2, m1) to last 7 sts, k7. [133 stitches]

Knit ColB for one round.

Work Chart #2 for Size XS.

Break ColB and continue for the rest of the sweater in ColA.

Knit 1 round.

3rd Increase: (k2, m1) to last stitch, k1, m1. [200 stitches]

Knit 4 rounds.

4th Increase: (k13, m1) to last 5 stitches, k5. [215 stitches]

Knit 4 rounds.

5th Increase: (k14, m1) to last 5 stitches, k5. [230 stitches]

Knit 4 rounds.

6th Increase: (k15, m1) to last 5 stitches, k5. [245 stitches]

Knit 6 rounds.

7th Increase: (k16, m1) to last 5 stitches, k5. [260 stitches]

Knit 8 rounds.

Small:

1st Increase Round: (k2, m1) to last 2 stitches, k2. [98 stitches]

Do not break yarn for Color A, but join Color B and knit one round in Color B.

Work Chart #1 for size S.

2nd Increase: Continue in ColB, (k2, m1) to end of round. [147 stitches]

Knit ColB for one round.

Work Chart #2 for Size S.

Break ColB and continue for the rest of the sweater in ColA.

Knit 1 round.

3rd Increase: (k2, m1) to last stitch, k1. [220 stitches]

Knit 5 rounds.

4th Increase: (k12, m1) to last 4 stitches, k4. [238 stitches]

Knit 5 rounds.

5th Increase: (k13, m1) to last 4 stitches, k4. [256 stitches]

Knit 5 rounds.

6th Increase: (k14, m1) to last 4 stitches, k4. [274 stitches]

Knit 5 rounds.

7th Increase: (k15, m1) to last 4 stitches, k4. [292 stitches]

Knit 6 rounds.

Medium:

1st Increase Round: (k2, m1) to last 4 stitches, k4. [112 stitches]

Do not break yarn for Color A, but join Color B and knit one round in Color B.

Work Chart #1 for Size M.

2nd Increase: Continue in ColB, (k2, m1) to end of round. [168 stitches]

Knit ColB for one round.

Work Chart #2 for Size M.

Break ColB and continue for the rest of the sweater in ColA.

Knit 3 rounds.

3rd Increase: (k2, m1) to end of round. [252 stitches]

Knit 5 rounds.

4th Increase: (k16, m1) to last 12 stitches, k12. [267 stitches]

Knit 5 rounds.

5th Increase: (k17, m1) to last 12 stitches, k12. [282 stitches]

Knit 5 rounds.

6th Increase: (k18, m1) to last 12 stitches, k12. [297 stitches]

Knit 5 rounds.

7th Increase: (k19, m1) to last 12 stitches, k12. [312 stitches]

Knit 10 rounds.

Large:

1st Increase Round: (k2, m1) to end of round. [126 stitches]

Do not break yarn for Color A, but join Color B and knit one round in Color B.

Work Chart #1 for size L.

2nd Increase: Continue in ColB, (k2, m1) to end of round. [189 stitches]

Knit ColB for one round.

Work Chart #2 for size L.

Break ColB and continue for the rest of the sweater in ColA.

Knit 1 round.

3rd Increase: (k2, m1) to last stitch, k1, m1. [284 stitches]

Knit 7 rounds.

4th Increase: (k20, m1) to last 4 stitches, k4. [298 stitches]

Knit 7 rounds.

5th Increase: (k21, m1) to last 4 stitches, k4. [312 stitches]

Knit 7 rounds.

6th Increase: (k22, m1) to last 4 stitches, k4. [326 stitches]
Knit 7 rounds.
7th Increase: (k23, m1) to last 4 stitches, k4. [340 stitches]
Knit 7 rounds.

XL:

1st Increase Round: (k2, m1) to last 4 stitches, k4. [136 stitches]
Do not break yarn for Color A, but join Color B and knit one round in Color B.
Work Chart #1 for size XL.
2nd Increase Round: Continue in ColB, (k2, m1) to last 2 stitches, k2. [203 stitches]
Knit two rounds in ColB.
Work Chart #2 for size XL.
Break ColB and continue for the rest of the sweater in ColA.
Knit 3 rounds.
3rd Decrease: (k2, m1) to last stitch, k1. [304 stitches]
Knit 7 rounds.
4th Increase: (k19, m1) to end of round. [320 stitches]
Knit 7 rounds.
5th Increase: (k20, m1) to end of round. [336 stitches]
Knit 7 rounds.
6th Increase: (k21, m1) to end of round. [352 stitches]
Knit 7 rounds.

XXL:

1st Increase Round: (k2, m1) to last 2 stitches, k2. [152 stitches]
Do not break yarn for Color A, but join Color B and knit one round in Color B.
Work Chart #1 for size XXL.
2nd Increase: Continue in ColB, (k2, m1) to last 8 stitches, k8. [224 stitches]
Knit two rounds in ColB.
Work Chart #2 for size XXL.
Break ColB and continue for the rest of the sweater in ColA.
Knit 3 rounds.
3rd Increase: (k2, m1) to end of round. [336 stitches]
Knit 6 rounds.
4th Increase: (k25, m1) to last 11 stitches, k11. [349 stitches]
Knit 6 rounds.
5th Increase: (k26, m1) to last 11 stitches, k11. [362 stitches]
Knit 6 rounds.
6th Increase: (k27, m1) to last 11 stitches, k11. [375 stitches]
Knit 6 rounds.
7th Increase: (k28, m1) to last 11 stitches, k11. [388 stitches]
Knit 6 rounds.

3XL:

1st Increase Round: (k2, m1) to last 4 stitches, k4. [160 stitches]
Do not break yarn for Color A, but join Color B and knit one round in Color B.
Work Chart #1 for size 3XL.
2nd Increase: Continue in ColB, (k2, m1) to last 4 stitches, k4. [238 stitches]
Knit two rounds in ColB.
Work Chart #2 for size 3XL.
Break ColB and continue for the rest of the sweater in ColA.
Knit 2 rounds.
3rd Increase: (k2, m1) to last 2 stitches, k2. [356 stitches]

Knit 12 rounds.
4th Increase: (k16, m1) to last 4 stitches, k4. [378 stitches]
Knit 12 rounds.
5th Increase: (k17, m1) to last 4 stitches, k4. [400 stitches]
Knit 12 rounds.

4XL:

1st Increase Round: (k2, m1) to last 2 stitches, k2. [176 stitches]
Do not break yarn for Color A, but join Color B and knit one round in Color B.
Work Chart #1 for size 4XL.
2nd Increase: Continue in ColB, (k2, m1) to last 10 stitches, k10. [259 stitches]
Knit two rounds in ColB.
Work Chart #2 for size 4XL.
Break ColB and continue for the rest of the sweater in ColA.
Knit 2 round.
3rd Increase: (k2, m1) to last stitch, k1. [388 stitches]
Knit 12 rounds.
4th Increase: (k17, m1) to last 14 stitches, k14. [410 stitches]
Knit 12 rounds.
5th Increase: (k18, m1) to last 14 stitches, k14. [432 stitches]
Knit 14 rounds.

[260(292, 312, 340, 352) (388, 400, 432) stitches total on needle]

Separating Sleeves & Body:

We will now be separating the Sleeves and Body by knitting the Back, placing the Left Sleeve stitches on a holder, connecting the Back to the Front by casting on extra stitches for the underarms, knitting the Front, placing the Right Sleeve stitches on a holder, and casting on more stitches for the underarm.

This is all one round:

Slip BOR marker, knit 60(68, 78, 86, 93) (103, 111, 119) stitches, transfer next 70(78, 78, 84, 83) (91, 89, 97) stitches to a holder for the Left Sleeve. Using Backwards Loop Method, CO 10(10, 10, 12, 13) (13, 15, 15) stitches for the underarm, knit 60(68, 78, 86, 93) (103, 111, 119) sts, transfer next 70(78, 78, 84, 83) (91, 89, 97) sts to a holder for the Right Sleeve and CO 10(10, 10, 12, 13) (13, 15, 15) stitches for the underarm.

[140(156, 176, 196, 212) (232, 252, 268) stitches total on needle for Body]

Body:

Knit until Body measures 7(7, 7.5, 8, 8) (8.5, 8.5, 9) / 17.75[17.75, 19, 20.25, 20.25] [21.5, 21.5, 22.75] cm from the underarm.

Feel free to customize the length of your sweater to your preference! Please note we will be adding a ribbed hem to the bottom that measures approx. 1.5(1.5, 1.5, 1.5, 2) (2, 2.5, 2.5) / 4[4, 4, 4, 5] [5, 6.25, 6.25] cm.

Change to US 6 / 4mm needles and work 2x2 ribbing (k2, p2) for 1.5(1.5, 1.5, 1.5, 2) (2, 2.5, 2.5) / 4[4, 4, 4, 5] [5, 6.25, 6.25] cm.

BO in pattern.

Sleeves:

Transfer 70(78, 78, 84, 83) (91, 89, 97) stitches from holder to US 8 / 5mm needle. Starting at the center of the cast-on underarm stitches, pick up and knit 5(5, 5, 6, 6) (6, 7, 7) stitches. Knit across the rest of the sleeve stitches, then pick up and knit 5(5, 5, 6, 7) (7, 8, 8) more stitches into the underarm. Place marker and join in the round.

[80(88, 88, 96, 96) (104, 104, 112) stitches total on needle]

Knit until the sleeves measure 19" / 48 cm from the underarm.

I **highly** recommend tailoring the length of the sleeves to **your** arm length! Try the sweater on as you go and move on to the cuff when the sleeve length is to your liking. Please note the cuffs are very short on this sweater (around an inch)!

Cuffs:

Decrease Round: k2tog the entire round. [40(44, 44, 48, 48) (52, 52, 56) stitches]

Change to US 2 / 2.75mm DPNs and work 2x2 ribbing (k2, p2) for 12(12, 14, 14, 14) (16, 16, 16) rounds.

BO loosely in pattern.

Finishing:

Fold over neck ribbing and sew into place.

Make sure you do not do this too tight or you won't be able to get your head through. From the inside of the garment, line up the neck edge with the first round of Color B colorwork. These bumps in the contrast color will help make sure you stay even as you sew. Then I like to sew into every stitch so I know that it all lines up and it also helps keep some elasticity.

Weave in your ends.

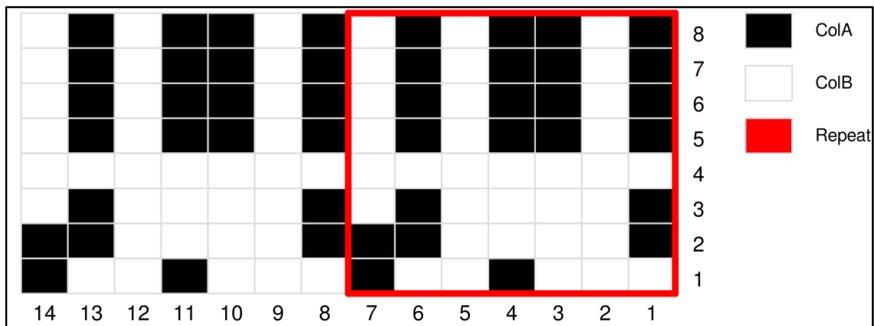
Block your garment.

I prefer steam blocking or spray blocking so you have more control, but you do you!

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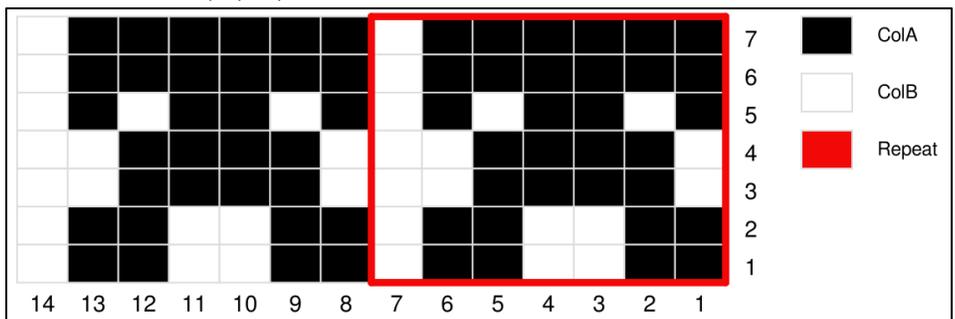
Chart #1 for XS, S, M, L



Written Instructions for Chart #1 for XS, S, M, L:

- Rounds 1: (k3 ColB, k1 ColA, k2 ColB, k1 ColA), repeat to end of round.
 - Round 2: (k1 ColA, k4 ColB, k2 ColA), repeat to end of round.
 - Round 3: (k1 ColA, k4 ColB, k1 ColA, k1 ColB), repeat to end of round.
 - Round 4: Knit ColB for entire round.
 - Rounds 5-8: (k1 ColA, k1 ColB, k2 ColA, k1 ColB, k1 ColA, k1 ColB), repeat to end of round.
- ***Once you complete Chart #1 refer back to Yoke instructions for your size!*****

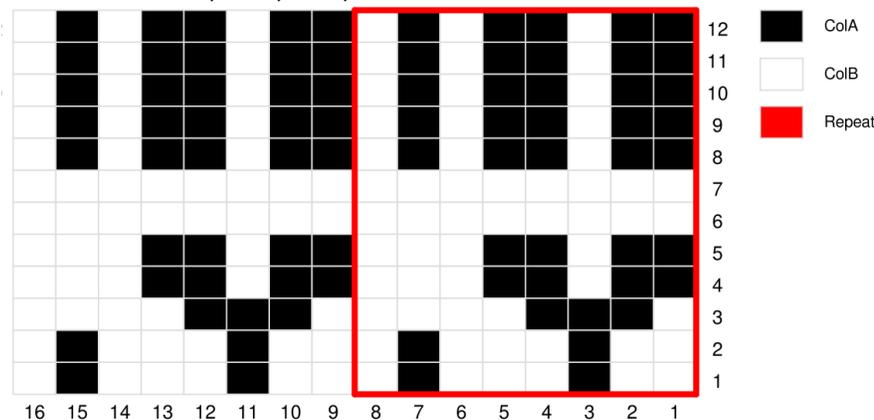
Chart #2 for XS, S, M, L



Written Instructions Chart #2 for XS, S, M, L:

- Rounds 1 & 2: (k2 ColA, k2 ColB, k2 ColA, k1 ColB), repeat to end of round.
 - Round 3 & 4: (k1 ColB, k4 ColA, k2 ColB), repeat to end of round.
 - Round 5: (k1 ColA, k1 ColB, k2 ColA, k1 ColB, k1 ColA, k1 ColB), repeat to end of round.
 - Round 6 & 7: (k6 ColA, k1 ColB), repeat to end of round.
- ***Once you complete Chart #2 refer back to Yoke instructions for your size!*****

Chart #1 for XL, XXL, 3XL, 4XL



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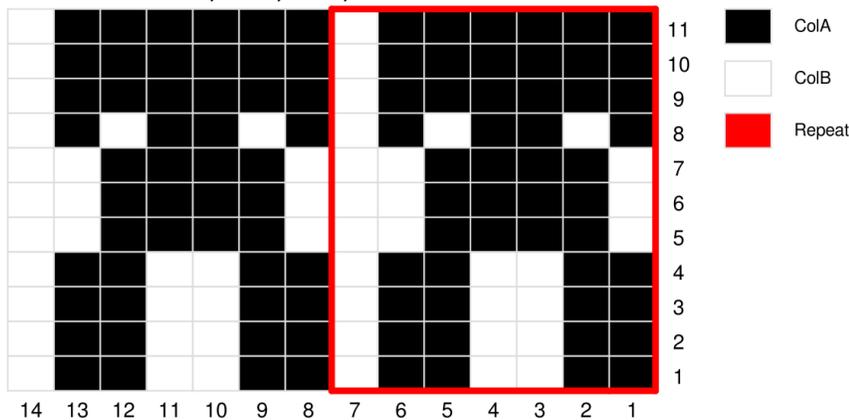
- Rounds 1 & 2: (k2 ColB, k1 ColA, k3 ColB, k1 ColA, k1 ColB), repeat to end of round.
- Round 3: (k1 ColB, k3 ColA, k4 ColB), repeat to end of round.
- Rounds 4 & 5: (k2 ColA, k1 ColB, k2 ColA, k3 ColB), repeat to end of round.

Rounds 6-7: Knit ColB for entire round.

Rounds 8-12: (k2 ColA, k1 ColB, k2 ColA, k1 ColB, k1 ColA, k1 ColB) repeat to end of round.

*****Once you complete Chart #1 refer back to Yoke instructions for your size!*****

Chart #2 for XL, XXL, 3XL, 4XL



Written Instructions Chart #2 for XL, XXL, 3XL, 4XL:

Rounds 1-4: (k2 ColA, k2 ColB, k2 ColA, k1 ColB), repeat to end of round.

Rounds 5-7: (k1 ColB, k4 ColA, k2 ColB), repeat to end of round.

Round 8: (k1 ColA, k1 ColB, k2 ColA, k1 ColB, k1 ColA, k1 ColB), repeat to end of round.

Rounds 9-11: (k6 ColA, k1 ColB), repeat to end of round.

*****Once you complete Chart #2 refer back to Yoke instructions for your size!*****

Size Guide:

XS(S, M, L, XL) (XXL, 3XL, 4XL)''

XS[S, M, L, XL] [XXL, 3XL, 4XL] cm

