

M O R E C A K N I T

#CECILSWEATER

VERSION
1.21

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DESCRIPTION

The Cecil Sweater is worked top-down. First, the front part is worked bottom-up, starting with a provisional cast-on. This then splits into two separate shoulders. Once that's done, the shoulder stitches are joined, and additional stitches are cast on for the neckline, setting the stage to work the back. The short rows are used to ensure a good fit at the shoulders. After the back is completed, the live stitches of the front are unzipped and transferred onto the needles. Then, the front and back are joined, and the body of the sweater is knitted straight down in the round. Next, stitches are picked up to work the neckline in the round. Finally, stitches are picked up along the armholes to work the sleeves in the round.

SIZES

XS / S / M / L / XL / 2XL / 3XL

SIZE GUIDE

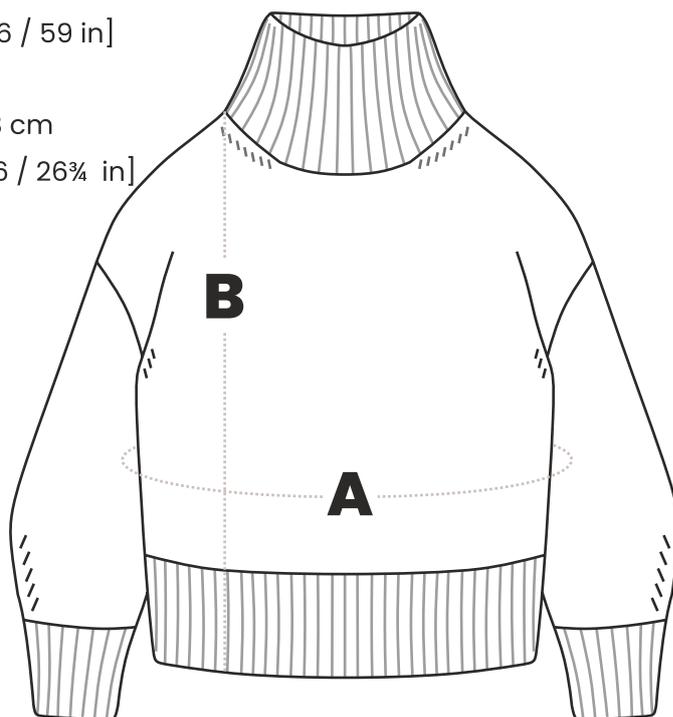
The Cecil Sweater has an oversized fit and is designed to have approx. 30 cm [12 in] of positive ease with slightly reduced ease in larger sizes, to ensure a more comfortable fit. This means the garment's measurements will be approx. 30 cm [12 in] larger than your actual bust circumference. The sizes XS / S / M / L / XL / 2XL / 3XL are designed to fit a bust circumference of 80-85 / 85-90 / 90-95 / 95-100 / 100-110 / 110-120 / 120-130 cm [31½-33½ / 33½-35½ / 35½-37½ / 37½-39½ / 39½-43¼ / 43¼-47¼ / 47¼-51¼ in].

Before you begin, measure yourself to determine the right size. For example, if your bust circumference is 90 cm [35 in], you should knit a size M. If you are between sizes, choose the size based on how loose you prefer the sweater to fit. Using the diagram with the finished garment measurements can be a helpful reference when deciding which size to select.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

A 115 / 120 / 125 / 130 / 135 / 142 / 150 cm
[45¼ / 47¼ / 49¼ / 51¼ / 53¼ / 56 / 59 in]

B 57 / 58 / 60 / 62 / 64 / 66 / 68 cm
[22½ / 22¾ / 23½ / 24½ / 25¼ / 26 / 26¾ in]



GAUGE

After washing and blocking:

19 sts x 27 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 in] in stockinette stitch on 4.5 mm [US 7] needles.

Please make sure to knit a swatch. Ensure that your swatch gauge matches the given one. If you cannot achieve the required gauge using the suggested needles, adjust your needle size to reach the correct gauge.

NEEDLES

Circular needles:

4.5 mm [US 7] 40, and 80 or 100 cm [16, and 32 or 40 in]

4 mm [US 6] 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 in]

3.5 mm [US 4] 40 cm [16 in]

Double-pointed needles:

4 mm [US 6] or long circular needles for the Magic Loop technique.

SUGGESTED YARN

Suggestion 1 (worked with two strands held together):

500 / 500 / 550 / 550 / 600 / 650 / 700 g Pura Lana by Gepard Garn 50 g = 115 M.

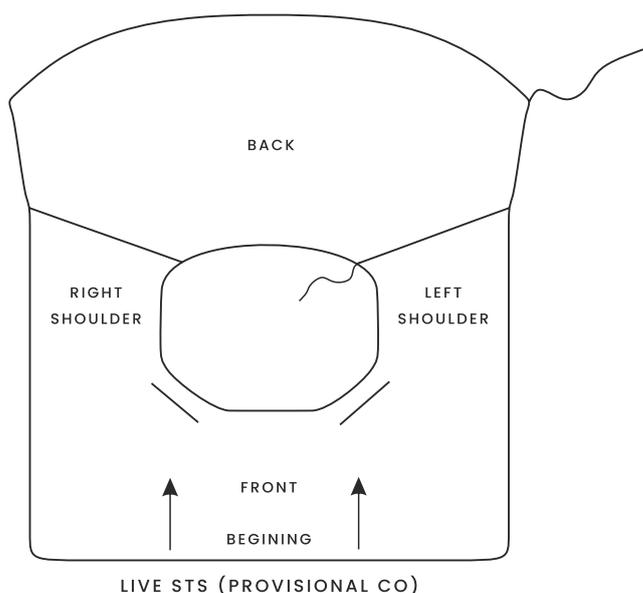
[126 yds] **held together with** 75 / 75 / 100 / 100 / 100 / 125 / 125 g Cashmere Lace by Gepard Garn 25 g = 350 m [383 yds].

Suggestion 2 (worked with a single strand):

600 / 600 / 650 / 650 / 700 / 750 / 800-850 g Peruvian by Filcolana 50 g = 100 m [109 yds].

NOTIONS

Stitch markers, extra yarn or stitch holders, tapestry needle, crochet hook 4 mm [US G-6] optional.



VIDEO TUTORIALS



In the sections of this pattern, you will find links to videos demonstrating the techniques needed to execute the required elements. Additionally, for easier navigation through the videos, I provide a QR code for the YouTube playlist. You will find all the videos related to this pattern in this playlist.

ABBREVIATIONS

BOR - Beginning Of Round

RS/WS - Right Side/Wrong Side

st/sts - Stitch(es)

sm - Stitch Marker

r - Row/Round

k - Knit

p - Purl

MIL - Make 1 Left (left-leaning increase)

MIR - Make 1 Right (right-leaning increase)

About twisted decreases:

KSLIKWP - Knit, Slip 1 Knit-Wise, Pass (right-leaning decrease with the twisted upper stitch): knit one stitch. Then slip the next stitch knit-wise onto the RH needle, keeping the yarn in the back. Move these two stitches back to the left needle. Then, pass the slipped stitch over the stitch you just knit. Finally, slip the knitted stitch back onto the right needle.

SLIPWKP - Slip 1 Purl-Wise, Knit, Pass (left-leaning decrease with the twisted upper stitch): slip one stitch purl-wise onto the RH needle, keeping the yarn in the back. Then knit the next stitch. Finally, pass the slipped stitch over the stitch you just knit.

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● ● ● ● ○	ADVANCED
● ● ● ● ●	EXPERT

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FRONT

The front is worked bottom up, back and forth in stockinette stitch using **4.5 mm [US 7] 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 in]** circular needles.

Using a contrast color waste yarn cast on 108/110/116/118/124/128/136 sts on **4.5 mm [US 7] 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 in]** circular needles with the **Crochet Provisional Cast-On method** or with your preferred Provisional Cast-On method. Break the yarn.

Join a main yarn and work 4 rows in stockinette stitch. Your first row is RS row.

Work as follows:

RSR: Knit across.

WSR: Purl across.

Finish with the WS row.

You have 108/110/116/118/124/128/136 sts on the needles and worked 4 rows.

Now work with **twisted decreases** for the armholes as follows:

Row 1 (RSR): K5, **KSLIKWP**, knit to last 7 sts, **SLIPWKP**, K5. (2 sts have been decreased).

Row 2 (WSR): Purl across.

Row 3 (RSR): Knit across.

Row 4 (WSR): Purl across.

Work rows 1–4 a total of 3/3/3/4/4/5/5 times.

Finish with the WS row.

Now you have 102/104/110/110/116/118/126 sts on the needles and worked 16/16/16/20/20/24/24 rows.

Work the following 24/24/26/24/26/22/22 rows in stockinette stitch as follows:

RSR: Knit across.

WSR: Purl across.

Finish with the WS row.

Now you have 102/104/110/110/116/118/126 sts on the needles and worked 40/40/42/44/46/46/46 rows.

Divide the sts into two shoulders and neck as follows:

Knit 42/43/46/46/49/50/54 sts (left shoulder) and place them on hold, then knit the next 18 sts (neck) and place them on hold. Knit 42/43/46/46/49/50/54 sts (right shoulder). Do not break the yarn.

Now you have 42/43/46/46/49/50/54 sts for the right shoulder on the needles, 18 sts for the neck on hold, and 42/43/46/46/49/50/54 sts for left shoulder on hold.

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CAST-ON**

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RIGHT SHOULDER

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TWISTED DECREASES

Purl 1 row.

You have 42/43/46/46/49/50/54 sts on the needles and worked 1 row.

Work with **twisted decreases** to shape the neck as follows:

Row 1 (RSR): K5, **KSLIKWP**, knit across. (1 st has been decreased).

Row 2 (WSR): Purl across.

Work rows 1–2 a total of 6/7/7/7/7/8/9 times.

Finish with the WS row.

You have 36/36/39/39/42/42/45 sts on the needles and worked 13/15/15/15/15/17/19 rows.

Work the following 18 rows in stockinette stitch as follows:

RSR: Knit across.

WSR: Purl across.

Finish with the WS row.

Now you have 36/36/39/39/42/42/45 sts on the needles and worked 31/33/33/33/33/35/37 rows.

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Now work with **increases** to shape the neck as follows:

Row 1 (RSR): K3, **MIL**, knit across. (1 st has been increased).

Row 2 (WSR): Purl across.

Work rows 1–2 a total of 3 times.

Finish with the WS row.

You have 39/39/42/42/45/45/48 sts on the needles and worked 37/39/39/39/39/41/43 rows.

Break the yarn with a 30–40 cm [12 – 16 in] tail, and place sts on hold to continue working on them later.

LEFT SHOULDER

Transfer your left shoulder sts to the needles. Join the yarn with the WS facing and purl 1 row.

You have 42/43/46/46/49/50/54 sts on the needles and worked 1 row.

Work with **twisted decreases** to shape the neck as follows:

Row 1 (RSR): Knit to 7 last sts, **SLIPWKP**, K5. (1 st has been decreased).

Row 2 (WSR): Purl across.

Work rows 1–2 a total of 6/7/7/7/7/8/9 times.

Finish with the WS row.

You have 36/36/39/39/42/42/45 sts on the needles and worked 13/15/15/15/15/17/19 rows.

Work the following 18 rows in stockinette stitch as follows:

RSR: Knit across.

WSR: Purl across.

Finish with the WS row.

Now you have 36/36/39/39/42/42/45 sts on the needles and worked 31/33/33/33/33/35/37 rows.

Now work with **increases** to shape the neck as follows:

Row 1 (RSR): Knit to last 3 sts, **MIR**, K3. (1 st has been increased).

Row 2 (WSR): Purl across.

Work rows 1–2 a total of 3 times.

Finish with the WS row.

You have 39/39/42/42/45/45/48 sts on the needles and worked 37/39/39/39/39/41/43 rows.

Do not break the yarn.

BACK

The back is worked back and forth in stockinette stitch using **4.5 mm [US 7] 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 in]** circular needles.

Join sts of shoulders to work back as follows:

Step 1: Transfer the sts of the right shoulder to the needles.

Step 2: With the WS facing cast on 24/26/26/26/26/28/30 sts in an extension of the right shoulder stitches with the **Backward Loop method** using the tail.

Step 3: Turn work on RS and knit 1 row as follows: K39/39/42/42/45/45/48 of left shoulder, then K24/26/26/26/26/28/30 of the neck, and finally K39/39/42/42/45/45/48 of right shoulder. Break the yarn.

You have 102/104/110/110/116/118/126 sts on the needles.

With the RS facing, slip the first 51/52/55/55/58/59/63 sts PW to the right-hand needle without knitting them. Place a stitch marker to indicate the center (Central marker).

Work in the **German Short Rows** technique to shape the shoulders.

When the instructions say 'Turn', this indicates that you should turn your work around and create a double-stitch at the turning point. The term '**Work number of sts after the last turn**' means that you should work until the double-stitch created during the previous row's turn, next work it, and then proceed to knit the specified number of stitches following it.

Re-join the yarn and work as follows:

Row 1 (RSR): Beginning at the Central marker knit 13/14/14/14/15/16 sts. Turn.

Row 2 (WSR): Purl to the Central marker, remove the Central marker, and purl more 13/14/14/14/14/15/16 sts. Turn.

Row 3 (RSR): K3 after the last turn. Turn.

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GERMAN SHORT ROWS

Row 4 (WSR): P3 after the last turn. Turn.

Work rows 3–4 a total of 12/12/13/13/14/14/15 times.

Your last turn is 2 sts before the end of the WS row.

Work 2 more rows, incorporating all sts into your work (RSR: Knit to the end of the row; WSR: Purl across).

Finish with the WS row. The short rows part is complete.

Work the following 24/26/26/24/24/22/22 in stockinette stitch as follows:

RSR: Knit across.

WSR: Purl across.

Finish with the WS row.

Now you have 102/104/110/110/116/118/126 sts on the needles and worked 24/26/26/24/24/22/22 rows.

Now work with **increases** for the armholes as follows:

Row 1 (RSR): K5, **MIL**, knit to last 5 sts, **MIR**, K5. (2 sts have been increased).

Row 2 (WSR): Purl across.

Row 3 (RSR): Knit across.

Row 4 (WSR): Purl across.

Work rows 1–4 a total of 3/3/3/4/4/5/5 times.

Finish with the WS row.

Now you have 108/110/116/118/124/128/136 sts on the needles and worked 36/38/38/40/40/42/42 rows.

Do not break the yarn.

BODY

The body is worked in the round in stockinette stitch on **4.5 mm [US 7] 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 in]** circular needles.

Unzip the front sts and transfer them to working needles.

Join knitting in the round as follows:

Knit across the back (108/110/116/118/124/128/136 sts), cast on 1/3/3/5/5/7/7 sts in an extension of the back stitches using the **backward loop method**, knit across the front (108/110/116/118/124/128/136 sts), next cast on 1/3/3/5/5/7/7 sts in an extension of the front stitches the same way.

Place a stitch marker to indicate BOR.

You have 218/226/238/246/258/270/286 sts on the needles.

Work straight in the round until the sweater measures approx. 44/45/47/49/51/53/55 cm [17¼/17¾/18½/19¼/20/20¾/21¼ in] from the middle of the neck edge (back) – or to the length you prefer.

Note: extending the length of the garment in your knitting may require additional yarn.

Try on and check the garment length before you begin working the rib.

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Switch to circular needles **4 mm [US 6] 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 in]** and work 1 row, increasing with your preferred method after every 15/16/13/13/14/12/13 stitches a total of 14/14/18/18/18/22/22 times.

Now you have 232/240/256/264/276/292/308 sts on the needles.

Work 13 cm [5 in] of 2x2 rib (K2, P2).

Break the yarn, leaving approximately four times the circumference of the sweater.

Switch the stitches without knitting them and transfer them to the right-hand needle as follows:

Step 1: Swap the first knit stitch on the left-hand needle with the last purl stitch on the right-hand needle. Position the knit stitch on top and to the right, and the purl stitch beneath it and to the left. Transfer both stitches back to the right-hand needle.

Step 2: Slip the next two stitches purlwise onto the right-hand needle.

Step 3: Swap the following two stitches, positioning the knit stitch on top and to the right, and the purl stitch beneath it and to the left. Transfer them back to the right-hand needle.

Continue alternating between Steps 2 and 3 until you reach the end of the row.

Bind off the stitches using the **Italian bind-off technique**. Not too tightly.

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**ITALIAN
BIND-OFF**

TURTLENECK COLLAR

The collar is worked in the round in 2x2 rib (K2, P2) on **3.5 mm [US 4] 40 cm [16 in]** circular needles.

With the RS facing **pick up and knit** a total of 124/128/128/128/128/132/136 sts along the neckline as follows:

Starting from the center of the back, join the yarn and pick up and knit one stitch for each stitch along the horizontal part, then pick up and knit one twisted knit stitch to avoid a gap at the corner of the neckline. Continue picking up and knitting one stitch for each stitch along the vertical side. Then pick up and knit one twisted stitch before the live stitches, continue knitting the 18 live stitches in knit, then also pick up and knit one twisted stitch after the live stitches and continue picking up and knitting one stitch for each stitch along the vertical side. Finally, pick up and knit one twisted stitch, followed by one stitch for each stitch along the horizontal part.

Place a stitch marker to indicate BOR.

Work 11–12 cm [4¼–4¾ in] of 2x2 rib (K2, P2).

Swap the stitches in the same manner as you did on the body before binding them off.

Bind off the stitches using the **Italian bind-off technique**.

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**ITALIAN
BIND-OFF**

SLEEVES

The sleeves are worked in the round in stockinette stitch with decreases towards the cuff using **4.5 mm [US 7] 40 cm [16 in]** circular needles. Cuffs are worked in the round in 2x2 rib (K2, P2) using **4 mm [US 6]** double-pointed needles or long circular needles for the Magic Loop technique.

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Start at the middle of the underarm and **pick up and knit** a total of 82/86/88/92/94/98/100 sts along the armhole. This is equivalent to picking up and knitting 1 st for each underarm st and 2 sts for every 3 rows of the armhole side.

Break the yarn.

Place here a stitch marker to indicate BOR. Place another marker at the center of the shoulder to split the sleeve sts in half (Central marker).

Slip the sts PW to the right-hand needle without knitting them until you go to the central marker.

Re-join the yarn and work in the **German Short Rows technique** to shape the sleeve as follows:

Row 1 (RSR): Beginning at the Central marker knit 5/6/6/7/7/8/8 sts. Turn.

Row 2 (WSR): Purl 5/6/6/7/7/8/8 sts after the Central marker. Turn.

Row 3 (RSR): Knit 6 sts after the last turn. Turn.

Row 4 (WSR): Purl 6 sts after the last turn. Turn.

Work rows 3-4 a total of 6 times.

Finish with the WS row. Your last turn is 0/1/2/3/4/5/6 sts before the BOR marker.

The short rows are now complete.

Now join knitting in the round as follows:

Turn work on RS, knit all sts before the last turn, then knit the first double stitch as normal, K0/2/4/6/8/10/12, knit the following **double stitch through the back loop**, then knit all sts to the BOR marker.

Work in the round until the sleeve measures approx. 31/31/30/30/28/28/27 cm [12¼/12¼/11¾/11¾/11/11/10½ in] from the underarm, while at the same time, working **twisted decreases** in two different sections: the inner part and the outer part of the sleeve.

Inner Part Decreases:

Start these decreases every 12/12/10/10/8/8/7th round.

Decrease a total of 6/6/7/7/8/8/9 times.

Decrease round for inner part worked as follows: K2, **KSLIKWP**, knit to the last 4 sts of the round, **SLIPWKP**, K2. (2 sts have been decreased).

Outer Part Decreases:

Start these decreases from the 57/57/53/53/49/49/45th round.

Decrease every 4th round, a total of 7 times.

Decrease round for outer part worked as follows: Knit to the last 4 sts before the central marker, **SLIPWKP**, K2, slip marker, K2, **KSLIKWP**, knit to the end of the round. (2 sts have been decreased).

Note:

There may be rounds where both inner and outer part decreases need to be performed in the same round. In such cases, the round should be worked as follows:

K2, **KSLIKWP**, knit to the last 4 sts before the central marker, **SLIPWKP**, K2, slip marker, K2, **KSLIKWP**, knit to the last 4 sts of the round, **SLIPWKP**, K2. (4 sts have been decreased).

Final Steps:

Work 3 more rounds after the last decrease on the outer part of the sleeve.

In total, you have 56/60/60/64/64/68/68 sts on the needles, after all, decrease rounds have been worked.

Try on the garment and check the sleeve length before working the cuff.

Switch to **4 mm [US 6]** double-pointed needles or long circular needles for the Magic Loop technique and work 1 row, increasing with your preferred method after every 14/15/15/16/16/17/17 stitches a total of 4 times.

Now you have 60/64/64/68/68/72/72 sts on the needles.

Work 11 cm [4¼ in] of 2x2 rib (K2, P2).

Swap the stitches in the same manner as you did on the body before binding them off.

Bind off the stitches using the **Italian bind-off technique**.

The second sleeve is worked in the same way.

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**ITALIAN
BIND-OFF**

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Wash and block your garment.

That's it, congratulations on finishing this sweater!

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I would be delighted if you could share your result and leave a review.

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