



lawrenson sweater

Who doesn't love puff sleeves? The Lawrenson sweater gives a nod towards vintage styles with voluminous elbow length sleeves, contrasting with a simple and minimal fitted sweater. Fun to knit and wear!

yarn: Aran weight yarn, 680 (776; 839; 943; 1026) [1156; 1255; 1381; 1483] metres / 741 (845; 913; 1027; 1117)[1258; 1366; 1503; 1615]yards. Shown here in The Fibre Company Terra, a blend of 40% baby alpaca, 40% Merino wool, 20% silk. If using this yarn, you will need 4 (5; 5; 6; 6) [7; 7; 8; 9] skeins.

needles and notions: 5mm needles: 24 inch / 60cm circular needle for body, plus either DPNs or long circular needle (for magic loop) for sleeves and neckband. You will also need scrap yarn for holding stitches, lockable stitch markers (with one marker different to the rest to denote the beginning of round), and a tapestry needle.

gauge: 18 sts / 24 rows to 4 inches / 10 cm in stocking stitch on 5mm needles, blocked.

NOTES

Construction: The Lawrenson sweater is worked seamlessly from the top down. It begins by casting on across the shoulders and working back and forth in rows on the upper back down to the armholes. The back stitches are then set aside to work the front. Stitches are picked up across each shoulder separately, the shoulder/neck is shaped with short rows and increases, then the separate shoulder fronts are joined together by casting on the centre neck stitches. The front is then worked back and forth in rows down to the armholes to match the back. The held back stitches are then replaced on the needle to work the main body in one piece from the armholes down to the hem, working in rounds.

Stitches are picked up around the neck to work the ribbed neckband, which is folded over and the live stitches sewn to the inside.

The sleeves are worked by picking up around the armhole edge, working increases at the shoulder to create a 'poof', then filling in the set in sleeve 'cap' with short rows. The rest of the sleeves are worked from the top down in rounds, in stocking stitch gathered into rib for the cuffs.

Left and right shoulder means as worn.

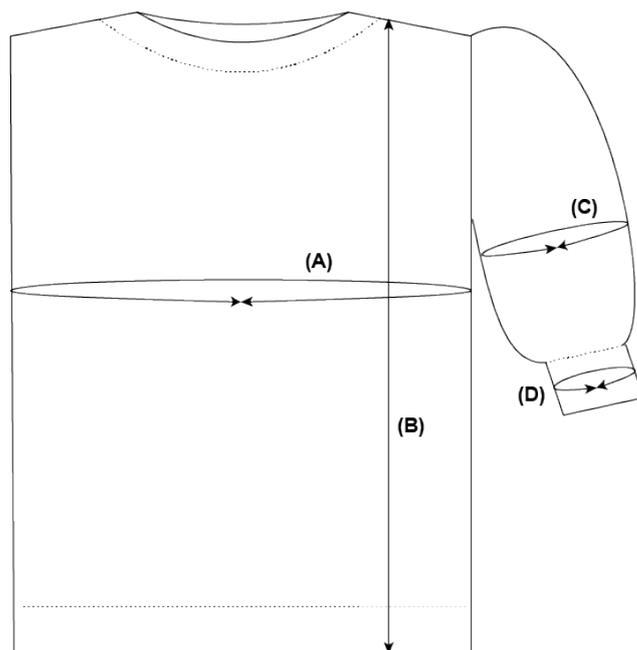
Sizing: 1 (2: 3: 4: 5) [6: 7: 8: 9] detailed below, designed to be worn with 1-3 inches / 2.5 - 7.5 cm negative ease. Sample shown is a size 2 worn on a 34" bust with around 3 inches of negative ease.

Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
To fit bust (inches)	28-30	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50	52-54	56-58	60-62
To fit bust (cm)	71-76	81-86	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127	132-137	142-147	152-157
Finished bust A / inches	27.5	31	34.75	39	42.75	47	50.75	55	58.75
Finished bust A / cm	70	79	88	99.5	108.5	119.5	128.5	140	149
Total length B / inches	20.75	21.25	21.25	21	21	21.25	21.25	21.5	21.75
Total length B / cm	52.5	54	54	53.5	53.5	54	54.5	54.5	55
Upper arm C / inches	16.25	18	18.5	20.25	21.5	23.75	25	27.25	28.75
Upper arm C / cm	41	46	47	51	55	60	64	69	73
Cuff D / inches	8.5	9	9.75	10.75	12	13.25	15	17	18.25
Cuff D / cm	21	23	25	27	30	34	38	43	46

ABBREVIATIONS / TECHNIQUES

k = knit
RS = right side
PM = place marker
k2tog = knit 2 together
k1tbl = knit 1 through back loop
BOR = beginning of round
KFB = knit into the front and back of next stitch
S = slip 1 stitch (purlwise with yarn in front)
St. st = stocking stitch (UK) / stockinette stitch (US)
M1R = make one right. (Insert left needle tip under bar between needles from back to front, place bar on left needle tip, knit this stitch through the front loop normally).
M1L = make one left. (Insert left needle tip under bar between needles from front to back, place bar on left needle tip, knit this stitch through the back loop).
M1RP = make one right purlwise. (Insert left needle tip underneath bar between sts from back to front and place on left needle tip, purl normally).
M1LP = make one left purlwise. (Insert left needle tip underneath bar between sts from front to back and place on left needle tip, purl through back loop).
BLM = backwards loop method (cast on)

p = purl
WS = wrong side
SM = slip marker
sts = stitches



This pattern uses **German short rows**, which are worked as follows:

- 1) Work the required number of stitches, then turn work (leaving the remaining stitches on the previous round unworked).
- 2) With the yarn held in front, slip the first stitch on your left needle (the German Short Row stitch) purlwise.
- 3) Pull your working yarn firmly up and over the right needle. This is referred to as 'pull yarn' in the pattern.
- 4) The stitch below is stretched up and over the needle and now appears as a 'double stitch'. If next working a knit row, the yarn is now on the correct side of the work. If next working a purl row, bring the yarn to the front between the needles.
- 5) Work in pattern as directed to the end of the row.

When you encounter a German Short Row stitch on the next row, work the both legs of the 'double stitch' together as one stitch.

BACK

Cast on 57 (59; 63; 65; 67) [69; 73; 73; 77] sts. Place marker on cast on edge 14 (15; 16; 16; 17) [17; 18; 18; 19] sts in from each end (be sure to place markers on the actual cast on itself, not between sts on the needle - these markers will be used as reference points later. Must be removable markers or scrap yarn).

Row 1: k**Row 2:** p

You will now work short rows to shape the shoulders and back neck. For full instructions on how to work German Short Rows, see Abbreviations & Techniques.

Row 3: k14 (15; 16; 16; 17) [17; 18; 18; 19], turn

s1, pull yarn, p3 (4; 4; 4; 4) [4; 5; 5; 5], turn,

s1, pull yarn, k7 (8; 9; 9; 9) [9; 10; 10; 11], turn,

s1, pull yarn, p12 (13; 14; 14; 15) [15; 16; 16; 17], turn,

s1, pull yarn, k17 (18; 19; 19; 20) [21; 22; 22; 23], turn,

s1, pull yarn, p 22 (23; 25; 25; 26) [27; 28; 28; 30] (to end).

Row 4: k across to end.**Row 5:** p14 (15; 16; 16; 17) [17; 18; 18; 19], turn

s1, pull yarn, k3 (4; 4; 4; 4) [4; 5; 5; 5], turn

s1, pull yarn, p7 (8; 9; 9; 9) [9; 10; 10; 11], turn,

s1, pull yarn, k12 (13; 14; 14; 15) [15; 16; 16; 17], turn,

s1, pull yarn, p17 (18; 19; 19; 20) [21; 22; 22; 23], turn,

s1, pull yarn, k22 (23; 25; 25; 26) [27; 28; 28; 30] (to end), turn.

Row 6: p across to end.

Keeping note of how many rows you work, work straight in stocking stitch until measures 6.75 (7; 6.75; 6; 5.75) [5.75; 5.75; 5.75; 5.75] inches / 17 (17.5; 17; 15; 14.5) [14.5; 14.5; 14.5; 14.5] cm from cast on, measured at the armhole edge (important due to short rows). End with a WS row. This should be approximately 32 (34; 32; 28; 26) [26; 26; 26; 26] further rows.

Armhole Shaping

You will now work increases at either end to shape the underarm.

Inc row (RS): k2, M1R, k to last 2 sts, M1L, k2. 59 (61; 65; 67; 69) [71; 75; 75; 79] sts.**Next row (WS):** purl

Repeat the last 2 rows a further 0 (1; 3; 7; 9) [9; 9; 9; 9] times / 1 (2; 4; 8; 10) [10; 10; 10; 10] inc rows total.

59 (63; 71; 81; 87) [89; 93; 93; 97] sts.

Sizes 6, 7, 8 & 9 only:**Next row (RS):** k2, M1R, k to last 2, M1L, k2. - (-; -; -; -) [91; 95; 95; 99] sts.**Next row (WS):** p2, m1RP, p to last 2, M1LP, p2. - (-; -; -; -) [93; 97; 97; 101] sts.

Repeat last 2 rows a further - (-; -; -; -) [1; 2; 4; 5] times / - (-; -; -; -) [4; 6; 10; 12] increase rows total. - (-; -; -; -) [97; 105; 113; 121] sts.

All sizes: Break yarn and transfer back sts onto waste yarn. ##

You will now pick up sts from the cast on edge to work the fronts separately, then sts will be cast on in the centre to join the fronts together.

RIGHT SHOULDER FRONT

With RS facing, rejoin yarn at cast on edge of back. Pick up and k 14 (15; 16; 16; 17) [17; 18; 18; 19] sts from top right corner of fabric to marker on cast on edge. Remove this marker.

Row 1: p

Row 2: k

You will now work short rows to shape the right shoulder.

Row 3: p 4 (5; 5; 5; 5) [5; 6; 6; 6], turn

s1, pull yarn, k to end.

p 9 (10; 10; 10; 11) [11; 12; 12; 12], turn

s1, pull yarn, k to end, turn.

Row 4 (WS): p.

Begin shaping neck

Row 5 (RS): k to last 2, M1L, k2. 15 (16; 17; 17; 18) [18; 19; 19; 20] sts

Row 6: p

Row 7: k to last 2, M1L, k2. 16 (17; 18; 18; 19) [19; 20; 20; 21] sts.

Row 8: p2, M1LP, p to end. 17 (18; 19; 19; 20) [20; 21; 21; 22] sts.

Rows 9 & 10: as rows 7 & 8. 19 (20; 21; 21; 22) [22; 23; 23; 24] sts.

Sizes 1 & 2 only:

Row 11: as row 7. 20(21; -; -; -) [-; -; -] sts.

Sizes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 only:

Row 11: k to end, cast on 2 using BLM. - (-; 23; 23; 24) [24; 25; 25; 26] sts.

All sizes Row 12: p.

Row 13: k to end, cast on 3 (3; 3; 3; 3) [4; 4; 4; 5] using BLM. 23 (24; 26; 26; 27) [28; 29; 29; 31] sts.

Break yarn and leave right shoulder front sts on holder / waste yarn.

LEFT SHOULDER FRONT

With RS facing, rejoin yarn at remaining marker on cast on edge of back. Pick up and k14 (15; 16; 16; 17) [17; 18; 18; 19] sts from this marker to top left corner of back.

Row 1: P

Row 2: k4 (5; 5; 5; 5) [5; 6; 6; 6], turn

s1, pull yarn, p to end.

k9 (10; 10; 10; 11) [11; 12; 12; 12], turn

s1, pull yarn, p to end, turn.

Row 3 (RS): k

Row 4 (WS): p

Begin shaping neck

Row 5 (RS): k2, M1R, k to end. 15 (16; 17; 17; 18) [18; 19; 19; 20] sts.

Row 6: p

Row 7: k2, M1R, k to end. 16 (17; 18; 18; 19) [19; 20; 20; 21] sts.

Row 8: p to last 2, M1RP, p 2. 17 (18; 19; 19; 20) [20; 21; 21; 22] sts.

Rows 9 & 10: as rows 7 & 8. 19 (20; 21; 21; 22) [22; 23; 23; 24] sts.

Sizes 1 & 2 only:

Row 11: as row 7. 20(21; -; -; -) [-; -; -] sts.

Sizes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 only:

Cast on 2 sts at the end of row 10, then work **Row 11** as a plain k row. - (-; 23; 23; 24) [24; 25; 25; 26] sts.

All sizes Row 12: p to end, cast on 3 (3; 3; 3; 3) [4; 4; 4; 5] using BLM. 23 (24; 26; 26; 27) [28; 29; 29; 31] sts.

Row 13: k

You will now join both fronts together.

Row 14: p across 23 (24; 26; 26; 27) [28; 29; 29; 31] left front sts, cast on 11 (11; 11; 13; 13) [13; 15; 15; 15] using BLM, p across 23 (24; 26; 26; 27) [28; 29; 29; 31] held right front sts. 57 (59; 63; 65; 67) [69; 73; 73; 77] sts.

Work straight in stocking stitch until you have worked the same total number of rows on the front before the armhole shaping as you did on the back. This will be 6 fewer rows than you worked straight after shaping on the back, since the front neck shaping takes up more rows than the back neck shaping. Work armhole shaping as for back from **#** to **##**.

MAIN BODY

NOTE: If you wish to work the updated version with waist shaping, see additional document.

K across 59 (63; 71; 81; 87) [97; 105; 113; 121] front sts, PM, cast on 3 (7; 7; 7; 9) [9; 9; 11; 11] using BLM, PM, place 59 (63; 71; 81; 87) [97; 105; 113; 121] held back sts on needle and k across, PM, cast on 3 (7; 7; 7; 9) [9; 9; 11; 11] using BLM, join to begin working in the round, and place BOR marker (ideally a different colour / shape to other markers). The beginning of round will be at the right front underarm. 124 (140; 156; 176; 192) [212; 228; 248; 264] sts.

Round 1: *k to marker, SM, p1, (k1tbl, p1) x1 (3; 3; 3; 4) [4; 4; 5; 5], SM, repeat from * once more. This sets the position of the twisted rib panels under the arms. You will have 3 (7; 7; 7; 9) [9; 9; 11; 11] sts total in rib at each underarm.

Continue repeating round 1 until work measures 9.5 (9.25; 9; 8; 7.75) [6.75; 6.75; 6; 6] inches / 24 (23.5; 23; 20.5; 19.5) [17; 17; 15; 15] cm from underarm cast on, or 4.25 (4.25; 4.25; 4.25; 4.25) [4.75; 4.75; 4.75; 4.75] inches / 11 (11; 11; 11; 11) [12; 12; 12; 12] cm shorter than desired finished length.

You will now begin to widen the ribbed panels at the sides.

Rounds 2, 3 & 4: *k1tbl, p1, k to 2 from M, p1, k1tbl, SM, p1, (k1tbl, p1) to M, SM, repeat from * once more.

Rounds 5, 6 & 7: *(k1tbl, p1) x2, k to 4 from M, (p1, k1tbl) x2, SM, p1, (k1tbl, p1) to M, SM, repeat from * once more.

Rounds 8, 9 & 10: *(k1tbl, p1) x3, k to 6 from M, (p1, k1tbl) x3, SM, p1, (k1tbl, p1) to M, SM, repeat from * once more.

Rounds 11, 12 & 13: *(k1tbl, p1) x4, k to 8 from M, (p1, k1tbl) x4, SM, p1, (k1tbl, p1) to M, SM, repeat from * once more.

Rounds 14, 15 & 16: *(k1tbl, p1) x5, k to 10 from M, (p1, k1tbl) x5, SM, p1, (k1tbl, p1) to M, SM, repeat from * once more.

Sizes 6, 7, 8 & 9 only:

Rounds 17, 18 & 19: *(k1tbl, p1) x6, k to 12 from M, (p1, k1tbl) x6, SM, p1, (k1tbl, p1) to M, SM, repeat from * once more.

All sizes: remove all markers except for BOR marker. Work 11 rounds in (k1tbl, p1) rib. Cast off all sts in rib.

You can either work the sleeves or neckband next; I chose to work the neckband first so I could see how it looked without an annoying curled edge, but it doesn't matter either way.

SLEEVES (both worked the same)

You will now pick up stitches around the armholes to work the sleeves. For both sleeves, pick up stitches in a clockwise direction: this means for the left sleeve, you will pick up from the underarm up the front, then down the back to the underarm, and for the right sleeve, you will pick up from the underarm up the back, then down the front to the underarm.

With RS facing and beginning at centre of underarm, pick up and k 2 (4; 4; 4; 5) [5; 5; 6; 6] in underarm cast on, 28 (31; 32; 35; 36) [39; 40; 43; 44] from underarm to shoulder 'seam' (this will be approximately 2 sts in every 3 rows), 28 (31; 32; 35; 36) [39; 40; 43; 44] from shoulder 'seam' down to underarm (again this will be approximately 2 sts in every 3 rows), then 1 (3; 3; 3; 4) [4; 4; 5; 5] to centre of underarm. 59 (69; 71; 77; 81) [87; 89; 97; 99] sts. Place BOR marker and join to begin working in the round.

You will now work increases to create the 'poof' at the top of the sleeve.

Round 1: k 23 (29; 30; 32; 33) [34; 33; 36; 35], kfb x 14 (12; 12; 14; 16) [20; 24; 26; 30], k to end. 73 (81; 83; 91; 97) [107; 113; 123; 129] sts.

You will now begin to work short rows to shape the sleeve cap. For full instructions on how to work German Short Rows, see Abbreviations & Techniques.

Round 2: k 47 (51; 52; 58; 62) [70; 75; 82; 87] turn
s1, pull yarn, p 19 (19; 19; 23; 25) [31; 35; 39; 43], turn
s1, pull yarn, k 20 (20; 20; 24; 26) [32; 36; 40; 44], turn
s1, pull yarn, p 21(21; 21; 25; 27) [33; 37; 41; 45], turn

s1, pull yarn, k 22(22; 22; 26; 28) [34; 38; 42; 46], turn

s1, pull yarn, p 23(23; 23; 27; 29) [35; 39; 43; 47] turn.

Continue in this manner, working 1 more st every row until 2 (4; 4; 4; 5) [5; 5; 6; 6] sts remain before the BOR marker, ending with a P row. Turn, k to end.

Work straight in st. st. in the round until measures 6.5 inches / 16.5 cm from underarm, or until 1.75 inches / 4.5 cm shorter than desired sleeve length.

Next round: k 35 (39; 40; 44; 47) [52; 55; 60; 63], k2tog, k to end. 72 (80; 82; 90; 96) [106; 112; 122; 128] sts.

You will now work decreases to create the gathered cuff.

Sizes 1 & 2 only: k2tog around. 36 (40; -; -; -) [-; -; -; -] sts.

Sizes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9: k1, (k2tog) - (-; 16; 18; 15) [16; 10; 8; 5] times, (k2tog, k1) - (-; 5; 5; 11) [13; 23; 29; 35] times, (k2tog) - (-; 16; 18; 15) [16; 10; 8; 5] times, k2tog. - (-; 44; 48; 54) [60; 68; 76; 82] sts.

All sizes: Work 11 rounds in (k1tbl, p1) rib.

Note: if your particular yarn/needle combination produces a rib that looks quite loose, you may wish to drop a needle size for the cuff.

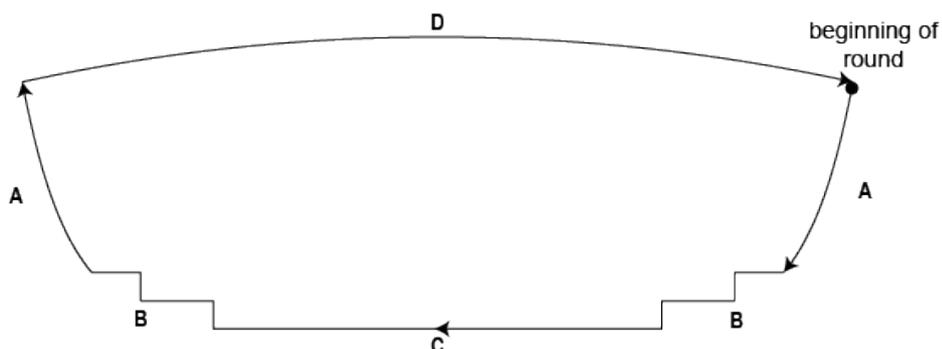
Cast off all sts in rib.

NECKBAND

Beginning at left shoulder 'seam', pick up and k 68 (68; 72; 76; 76) [80; 84; 84; 88] sts around neck. See diagram below for a clearer description of how many sts to pick up in each section.

Work 17 rounds in (k1tbl, p1) rib.

Do not cast off. Break yarn leaving a long tail, turn the garment inside out, and sew live sts to the picked up 'ridge' at the base of the neckband. There are various methods for attaching a folded hem, but I find this method best for ensuring the neckline remains stretchy. A helpful tutorial on sewing folded hems can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ML-Ea7DAI0Q>



	Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A: between shoulder 'seam' and beginning of cast on 'steps'		11	11	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
B: in cast on 'steps'		3	3	5	5	5	6	6	6	7
C: across centre front neck cast on		11	11	11	13	13	13	15	15	15
D: across back neck		29	29	31	33	33	35	37	37	39

happy knitting!

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