

# Little Oysters



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A fluffy thing with Nups!

Little Oysters frame the neckline, and a combination of two yarns held together make this a super light and cozy sweater.

If you want a very warm winter sweater, you can use one single thread of worsted weight yarn.

Choose from 3 options for the body shape to knit the perfectly fitting sweater and choose from 4 options for the sleeves.

Knit this sweater in classic length or make it modish cropped.

Sample knit in size M with 10cm / 5" ease, balloon-sleeves. 2 yarns held together (kidsilk+merino)



## Sizes

Bust width: 87-96-106-115-125-134-144-153-162cm / 35-38.5-42.25-46-50-54-61-65"

(measurements of the finished garment; consider 5-20cm / 2-8" ease, depending on desired look)

See details on page 2.

## Material

Any yarn matching the gauge, worsted weight or two yarns held together.

The sample was knit with Drops Kidsilk (210m/25g) and super wash merino (175m/50g) in fingering weight

(a hand dyed gradient set on Base of Drops Baby Merino) held together

This lightweight combination will consume especially few yarn (see details on page 2)

If you use 1 single yarn the consumption will be more (see page 2)

(red sample: knit in Malabrigo Rios in Ravelry Red, worsted weight)

Differences in gauge and yarn choice will affect the amount of yardage used.

Circulars 5-6mm / US 8-9 or size needed for gauge, 80-100cm/32-40"

Circulars 1 size smaller, stitch markers, dpn's (optional)

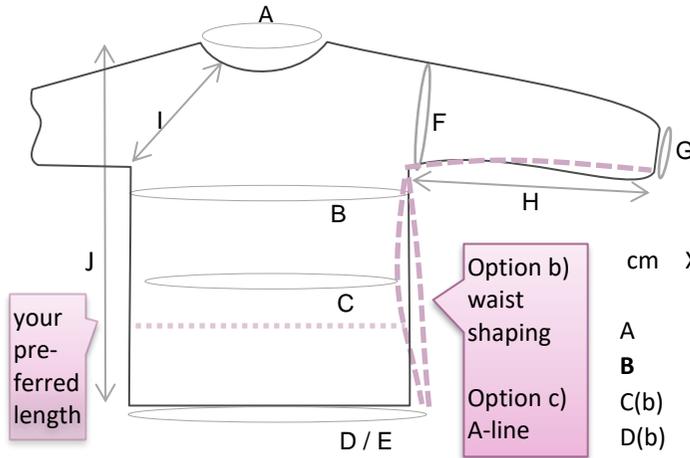
## Gauge 10x10 cm / 4x4" - 17 sts and 24 R in stockinette stitch

Please consider that you will spend many hours knitting this sweater,  
but only **a few minutes to make a gauge swatch** ... it is worth the time!  
Try different needle sizes to obtain gauge and wash and dry your swatch before measuring.

Pattern directions that differ among sizes are specified as XS – S – M – L – XL – 2XL – 3XL – 4XL – 5XL (Sizes L-XL-XXL are highlighted for the ease of reading). Where only one number is given, it pertains to all sizes.

To understand the construction, please read the entire pattern before you start and mark the numbers for your size. Find abbreviations on page 3.

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## Measurements of the finished sweater (at gauge 17sts/24R)

Please compare with a well-fitting garment.

This sweater is meant to be worn with some ease (5-20m/2-8")

For in-between-sizes choose the smaller size and adapt as indicated on page 6

cm	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	"	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
A	42	47	52	56	56	56	61	66	66	A	17.00	18.75	20.75	22.50	22.50	22.50	24.50	26.25	26.25
<b>B</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>34.75</b>	<b>38.50</b>	<b>42.25</b>	<b>46.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>53.75</b>	<b>57.50</b>	<b>61.25</b>	<b>65.00</b>
C(b)	78	87	96	106	115	125	134	144	153	C	31.00	34.75	38.50	42.25	46.00	50.00	53.75	57.50	61.25
D(b)	89	99	108	118	127	136	146	155	165	D	35.75	39.50	43.25	47.00	50.75	54.50	58.25	62.00	66.00
E(c)	99	108	118	127	136	146	155	165	174	E	39.50	43.25	47.00	50.75	54.50	58.25	62.00	66.00	69.75
F	29	32	34	36	39	39	41	44	44	F	11.75	12.75	13.75	14.50	15.50	15.50	16.50	17.50	17.50
G	16	18	19	20	22	22	23	25	25	G	6.50	7.00	7.50	8.25	8.75	8.75	9.25	10.00	10.00
H	45	45	46	46	47	47	47	48	48	H	17.75	18.25	18.50	18.50	18.75	18.75	18.75	19.25	19.25
I	23	23	23	23	24	25	25	25	26	I	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.75	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.25
J	64	64	64	64	66	67	67	67	68	J	25.75	25.75	25.75	25.75	26.25	26.75	26.75	26.75	27.00

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Consumption per yarn (Kid Silk+fingering)																			
m	720	800	880	960	1040	1120	1200	1280	1360	yds	790	880	970	1055	1145	1230	1320	1410	1495
Consumption for 1 yarn (worsted)																			
m	790	875	960	1045	1130	1215	1300	1385	1470	yds	870	965	1055	1150	1245	1335	1430	1525	1615

This pattern has been carefully reviewed, tech edited and tested by experienced knitters in an attempt to ensure accuracy. Should you find any errors, please send me a personal message on [ravelry](#).

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Dear Knitter,  
thank you for purchasing a pattern from Hinterm Stein, I am happy that you like my design and I wish you joyful knitting hours!

Little Oysters is a quick knit and with two yarns held together you will receive a very light and cozy sweater; or you choose a worsted weight yarn for a warm winter sweater.

The Oysters- / nup-pattern is explained with a photo tutorial and after a few nups you will see how easy it is.

This sweater is knit seamlessly in the round from the top down. A few short rows are worked back and forth to create a higher back neck and then the yoke is worked, hiding the increases in the nup-pattern. A few raglan increases finish the armhole shaping for a perfect fit.

After separating the sleeves, you can choose from 3 options for the body shape. Knit to the length that fits you best.

The sleeves are worked top down to the cuffs, and they come in 4 options too – if you don't like the modish balloon-shape, you can knit classic long, 2/3 or short sleeves.

You can try on as you go and knit to your personal preferences.

For in-between-sizes, start with the smaller size.

If you knit with lots of ease, a cropped look might be a good choice.

Enjoy your new project!

All the Best from Hinterm Stein

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## Abbreviations and Techniques

**[...]** Where instructions are in [brackets], repeat as often as indicated after bracket.

**bef** before

**BOR** beginning of the round

**DS** Double Stitch (German Short rows ... quick and easy)

Turn, bring yarn forward, slip first stitch as if to purl and pull the yarn firmly over the top towards the back (this creates a double stitch with 2 legs = DS). Work the following stitch firmly to avoid holes and tighten carefully. In the next row knit/purl (according to pattern) the DS as one stitch. [click for Tutorial](#)



**k** knit

**k2tog** knit 2 together

**m** marker

**m1+k2togtbl** make one and knit together with the next stitch (see tutorial on page 4)

**m1R** (make one right - right leaning increase): Insert the left needle from back to front into the horizontal strand between two stitches and knit through the front loop.

**m1L** (make one left - left leaning increase): Insert the left needle from front to back into the horizontal strand between two stitches and knit through the back loop

**nup** see photo tutorial on next page

**p** purl

**pm** place marker

**R** row / round

**RLI** Lifted increase to right: insert right needle into stitch below the next stitch, lift it to right needle and slip it up to left needle and knit the borrowed stitch (with your left thumb nail, you might separate the borrowed stitch from the live stitch) [\(click for Tutorial\)](#). Usually, the next stitch will be knit, but for this project it will be slipped.



**rm** remove marker

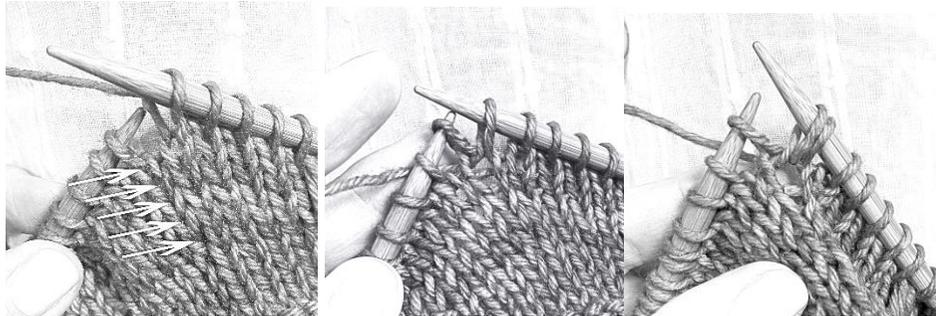
**RS** right side of work

**sm** slip marker

**ssk** slip, slip, knit/purl: [slip a stitch knitwise] twice. Insert left needle from left to right into fronts of both stitches and knit together through back loops.

**St/sts** stitch/stitches

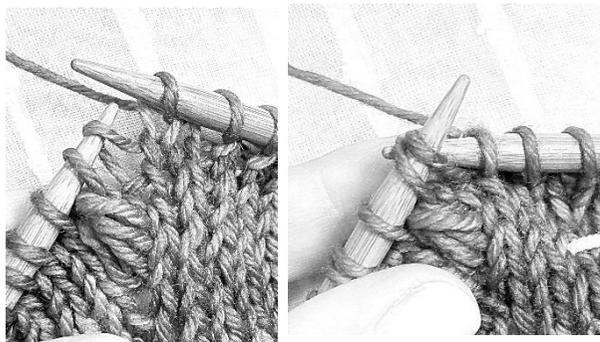
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For the nups, knit into 5 stitches below each other: insert your needle into the first stitch below the next stitch on left needle and knit into this stitch, then into the stitch below.



repeat another 3 times, always knitting a stitch out of the row below; you have 5 loops on your needle; then knit these 5sts together through the back loops.



In the next row, knit to the nup-stitch. Lift the bar between last stitch and the next stitch and knit it together with the next stitch through the back loops.

(m1+k2togtbl)  
(make sure you grab the right bar (there are two)!!!)

[\(click for a very detailed photo tutorial\)](#)

## 1. Yoke

The yoke is worked in the round, increases will shape the yoke.

At the beginning and after the first nups, a few short rows are worked for an optimized fit.

Cast on 72-80-88-96-96-104-112-112 sts with smaller needle to obtain a firm edge (For sizes XS and S you may start with normal needle size).

Join in the round, being careful not to twist, and place a marker m(BOR) to mark the beginning of the round

*(I highly recommend placing this marker to make sure the nups are paced correctly)*

R1 k to m(BOR), sm

R2 p to m(BOR), sm

R3 short row: k20-22-24-26-26-26-28-30-30, turn,  
DS, p to m(BOR), sm, p20-22-24-26-26-26-28-30-30, turn,  
DS, k to m(BOR), sm

R4 short row: k24-26-28-30-30-30-32-34-34, turn,  
DS, p to m(BOR), sm, p24-26-28-30-30-30-32-34-34, turn,  
DS, k to m(BOR), sm

R5 knit 1 round. Change to larger needle (*size to get gauge*)

R6 [k4, m1L, pm] 18-20-22-24-24-24-26-28-28 times (5sts/pattern repeat)  
*(experienced knitters might work with the BOR marker only, for less experienced knitters I recommend placing the markers for each pattern repeat)*

R7-10 knit 4 rounds

R11 [k4, nup, k1, sm] 18-20-22-24-24-24-26-28-28 times (6sts/pattern repeat)

R12 [k4, m1+k2togtbl, k1, sm] 18-20-22-24-24-24-26-28-28 times  
(6sts/pattern repeat)

= 108-120-132-144-144-144-156-168-168 sts

R13 short row: k37-40-43-46-46-46-49-52-52, turn,  
DS, p to m(BOR), sm, p37-40-43-46-46-46-49-52-52, turn,  
DS, k to m(BOR), sm

R14-15 knit 2 rounds

R16 [k2, **m1L**, k4, sm] 18-20-22-24-24-24-26-28-28 times (7sts/pattern repeat)

R17-20 knit 4 rounds

R21 [k2, **nup**, k5, sm] 18-20-22-24-24-24-26-28-28 times (8sts/pattern repeat)

R22 [k2, **m1+k2togtbl**, k5, sm] 18-20-22-24-24-24-26-28-28 times  
(8sts/pattern repeat)

= 144-160-176-192-192-192-208-224-224 sts

R23-25 knit 3 rounds

R26 [k7, **m1L**, k1, sm] 18-20-22-24-24-24-26-28-28 times (9sts/pattern repeat)

R27-30 knit 4 rounds

R31 [k7, **nup**, k2, sm] 18-20-22-24-24-24-26-28-28 times (10sts/pattern repeat)

R32 [k7, **m1+k2togtbl**, k2, sm] 18-20-22-24-24-24-26-28-28 times  
(10sts/pattern repeat)

= 180-200-220-240-240-240-260-280-280 sts

R33-36 knit 4 rounds

R37 [k3, **m1L**, k7, sm] 18-20-22-24-24-24-26-28-28 times (11sts/pattern repeat)

R38-41 knit 4 rounds

R42 [k3, **nup**, k8, sm] 18-20-22-24-24-24-26-28-28 times  
(12sts/pattern repeat)

R43 [k3, **m1+k2togtbl**, k8, sm] 18-20-22-24-24-24-26-28-28 times  
(12sts/pattern repeat)

= 216-240-264-288-288-288-312-336-336 sts

R44-45 knit 2 rounds, remove all pattern-markers except the m(BOR).

## 2. Raglan - Increases

Place markers to divide for the raglan increases as follows:

R1 k33-37-41-45-46-48-52-56-58 for ½ back, pm,  
k42-46-50-54-52-48-52-56-52 for right sleeve, pm,  
k66-74-82-90-92-96-104-112-116 for front, pm,  
k42-46-50-54-52-48-52-56-52 for left sleeve, pm,  
k33-37-41-45-46-48-52-56-58 to back center, sm (BOR).

**OPTION:** in case you have a big breast and/or a rather narrow back, you may replace R1 by R1a

R1a k30-34-38-42-43-45-49-53-55, pm,  
k42-46-50-54-52-48-52-56-52 for right sleeve, pm,  
k72-80-88-96-98-102-110-118-122 for front, pm,  
k42-46-50-54-52-48-52-56-52 for left sleeve, pm,  
k30-34-38-42-43-45-49-53-55 to back center, sm (BOR).

### Raglan-Increases:

R2 [k to 1 bef m, **m1R**, k1, sm, k1, **m1L**] 4 times, k to m, sm (BOR)  
(8sts increased)

R3 [k to m, sm] 5 times (to BOR)

Repeat R2-3 another 1-1-1-1-3-4-4-4-5 times

= 232-256-280-304-320-328-352-376-384 sts in total  
= 46-50-54-58-60-58-62-66-64 sts each sleeve

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## 3. Separate sleeves and knit the body

Place sleeve-stitches on hold to knit front and back in the round. Cast on a few stitches under arms for a good fit.

R1 k back to m, **rm**, place sleeve-sts on hold, **rm**, cast on 2-2-2-2-3-4-4-4-5\* sts (backwards loops or your preferred method), **pm**, cast on 2-2-2-2-3-4-4-4-5\* sts, k front to m, **rm** place sleeve-sts on hold, **rm**, cast on 2-2-2-2-3-4-4-4-5\* sts (backwards loops or your preferred method), **pm**, cast on 2-2-2-2-3-4-4-4-5\* sts, k back to m(BOR), **rm**, k back to next marker (new beginning of the round under right armhole)

**\*OPTION** for in-between-sizes:

You may adapt the width by casting on 1-2 more sts each time. (Note: all following stitch counts at body and sleeves will change accordingly)

R2 [sm, k to m] 2 times  
= 148-164-180-196-212-228-244-260-276 sts

**Choose from 3 OPTIONS for the body shape:** straight, waist shaping or A-line

**a) straight:**

knit in the round as in R2 to a length of approximately 80 rounds from armhole on (33cm /14") (height of your hip bone or shortly above)

If you have chosen to knit with a big ease (15-20cm), a cropped version would look great, therefore knit to waist height. (20cm/8")

**b) Waist shaping:**

**Decrease 4 times every 10R** as described below; knit all other rows as in R2. Then knit approximately 10 rounds to waist height (try on!)

Decrease-R: [sm, k3, **k2tog**, k to 5 bef m, **ssk**, k3] 2 times (4sts decreased)

= 132-148-164-180-196-212-228-244-260 sts

Then **increase 5 times every 8R** as described below, starting in next round. After the last increase continue at step 4.

*OPTION: for more hip width, increase 7 times every 6 rounds (stitch counts will change)  
OPTION for a shorter sweater: increase 5 times every 6 rounds.*

Increase-R: [sm, k3, **m1L**, k to 3 bef m, **m1R**, k3] 2 times (4sts increased)

= 152-168-184-200-216-232-248-264-280 sts

**c) A-Line:**

**Increase 5 times every 16R** as described below, starting in next round  
Knit all other rounds as in R2.

After the last increase, continue at step 4.

Increase-R: [sm, k3, **m1L**, k to 3 bef m, **m1R**, k3] 2 times (4sts increased)

= 168-184-200-216-232-248-264-280-296 sts

## 4. Double Hem

R1 sm, k to m, rm, k to m(BOR)

R2 sm, k to m

Adapt the length here by repeating R2 if desired (*allowing 4cm/1.5" for the hem*)

For the hem, the stitch count will be doubled, and you work as for "double side knitting" – therefore each round is worked two times, always slipping every other stitch.

*If you knit with one thicker yarn, work all rounds with the same ongoing thread, you may check if your gauge changes and may change to thinner needles.*

R2b *with one yarn (KidSilk): sm, [RLI, slip1\* with yarn in back] to m (\*slip the stitch after the RLI, do not knit as if you would usually do; stitch count doubled, you have alternating 1 st with single yarn and 1 st with double yarn on your knitting needle)*

R3 *with both yarns: sm, [slip1 with yarn in front, k1] to m, (all single-yarn-sts are slipped)*

R3b *with one yarn (KidSilk): sm, [p1, slip1 with yarn in back] to m (previously slipped sts are worked now, they will appear as knit stitch from the inside of the sweater, all double-yarn-sts are slipped)*

Repeat R3-3b another 3 times

R4 *with both yarns: sm, [slip1 with yarn in front, p1] to m, (creating a garter rib)*

R4b *with one yarn (KidSilk): sm, [p1, slip1 with yarn in back] to m*

Repeat R3-3b once more

**Bind off with both yarns as follows: p2tog (always purl a double-yarn-st and a single-yarn-st together), [p2tog, draw the 2<sup>nd</sup> stitch over the first st] repeat to end**

## 5. Sleeves

Work with dpn's or cable needle (magic loop) in the round.

Starting under arm: **pm**, pick up and knit 2-2-2-2-3-4-4-4-5 sts from cast on, pick up and knit sts from hold, pick up and knit 2-2-2-2-3-4-4-4-5 sts from cast on.

= 50-54-58-62-66-66-70-74-74 sts

**Choose from 4 OPTIONS for the sleeves:** balloon, classic, ¾ length or short:

### a) Balloon-sleeves:

for a moderate balloon-shape decrease first, then increase as follows: knit in the round, while decreasing 5 times every 8 rounds:

Decrease-R: sm, k2, **k2tog**, k to 4 bef m, **ssk**, k2 (2sts decreased)

= 40-44-48-52-56-56-60-64-64 sts

Then increase for the balloon-shape 3 times every 8R:

Increase-R: sm, k3, **m1R**, k to 3 bef m, **m1L**, k3 (2sts increased)

= 46-50-54-58-62-62-66-70-70 sts

Knit 24-26-28-28-30-30-30-32-32R (*lengthen/shorten here if desired – the sleeve should be about 2cm/1" longer than usual*)

### Cuff

R1 sm, [k2tog, k2tog, k1] to m

=28-30-32-35-37-37-40-42-42 sts

R2 sm, p to m

R3 sm, k to m

R4 bind off in purl stitch

Knit the second sleeve in the same way.

## b) Classic long sleeves:

Knit in the round, while decreasing 10-10-11-11-11-11-13-13-13 times every 9-9-9-9-9-8-8-8R

Decrease-R: sm, k2, **k2tog**, k to 4 bef m, **ssk**, k2 (2sts decreased)

= 30-34-36-40-44-44-44-48-48 sts

*(lengthen/ shorten here if desired, allowing 4cm/ 1.5" for the hem)*

Work the double hem as for the body, starting in R 2b (see step 4, page 6)

Knit the second sleeve in the same way.

## c) 2/3 - Sleeves:

Knit in the round, while decreasing 5 times every 10R

Decrease-R: sm, k2, **k2tog**, k to 4 bef m, **ssk**, k2 (2sts decreased)

= 40-44-48-52-56-60-64-64 sts

*(lengthen/ shorten here if desired, allowing 4cm/ 1.5" for the hem)*

Work the double hem as for the body, starting in R2B (see step 4, page 6)

Knit the second sleeve in the same way.



## d) Short Sleeves:

Knit in the round, while decreasing 3 times every 2R

Decrease-R: sm, k2, **k2tog**, k to 4 bef m, **ssk**, k2 (2sts decreased)

= 44-48-52-56-60-60-64-68-68 sts

*(lengthen/ shorten here if desired, allowing 4cm/ 1.5" for the hem)*

Work the double hem as for the body, starting in R2B (see step 4, page 6)

Knit the second sleeve in the same way.



## 6. Finishing

I hope you had a relaxing time, knitting this Design von Hinterm Stein!

For a perfect look and uniform knit fabric, wash and dry flat or steam iron carefully. Don't skip this finishing touch - it's worth the effort!

Weave in ends ...

... and enjoy your Little Oysters Sweater! ☺

*P. S.: I would love to see your project on Ravelry and Instagram!  
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