

Lovisa Sweater



Size: 1 (2) 3

Bust: 47 (51) 56 inch

Length: 20 (21) 22 inch (measured from the center back under the neckline)

Gauge: 17 sts x 24 rows on 8 US needles = 4 x 4 inch

Recommended Needles: 8 and 6 US sized circular needles

Materials: 450 (500) 550 g Lang Yarns Merino 120 (50 g = 120 m) and
150 (175) 175 g Lang Yarns Cashmere Lace (25 g = 165 m)

Pattern

The Lovisa Sweater is a classic and oversized sweater with beautiful shoulder details. It is knitted from the top down, first back and forth to create the neckline, and then knitted in the row. First, shoulder increases are made, then the shoulder sts are divided into two on each side. Sleeve increases are worked, followed by raglan increases. The sleeves and neckline are worked in 2x2 rib stitch

Size Guide:

The Lovisa Sweater should have 12-16 inch of ease compared to your bust measurement. Sizes 1 (2) 3 (4) correspond to bust measurements of 31-35 (35-39) 39-43 inch.

Abbreviations:

r: row

p: purl

k: knit

sm: stitch marker

K2tog: knit two stitches together

sm: together

Video Links:

Double knitting and Italian bind off in 2*2 rib: [YouTube Link](#)

About Increases:

Increases are worked on both the K and P sides. On the right side, the increases may lean to the right (**M1R**) or to the left (**M1L**):

M1R:

On the right side: Pick up the thread between two sts from behind, and K the thread.

On the wrong side: Pick up the thread between two sts from the front, and P the twisted thread.

M1L:

On the right side: Pick up the thread between two sts from the front, and K the twisted thread.

On the wrong side: Pick up the thread between two sts from behind, and P the thread.

Here is where your work begins:

Yoke

Cast on 48 (50) 52 sts on 8 US circular needles.

Work the first row from the P side, placing st markers as follows:

P 1 (left front), place SM1, *2 *twisted K*, 2 *twisted P** repeat from * to * 2 times, 2 twisted K, place SM2, K 26 (28) 30 sts P (back), place SM3, *2 *twisted K*, 2 *twisted P** repeat from * to * 2 times, 2 twisted K, place SM4, 1 P (right front).

The sts between SM1 and SM2, and SM3 and SM4 are shoulder sts. On the right side, K the shoulder sts in the opposite direction: *2 *twisted P sts*, 2 *twisted K sts** repeat from * to * 2 times, 2 twisted P sts .

Now, shoulder increases will be made on both the K and P sides. Work as follows:

Row 1 (right side): Knit to SM1, **M1R**, move SM1 to the right needle, K shoulder-st, move SM2 to the right needle, **M1L**, K to SM3, **M1R**, move SM3 to the right needle, K shoulder-st, move SM4 to the right needle, **M1L**, K to the end of the row (= 4 increases).

Row 2 (P side): P to SM4, **M1R** P, move SM4 to the right needle, K shoulder-st as indicated, move SM3 to the right needle, **M1L** P, K to SM2, **M1R** P, move SM2 to the right needle, K shoulder-st, move SM1 to the right needle, **M1L** P, K to the end of the row (= 4 increases).

Repeat these 2 rows 7 (8) 9 times (= 104 (114) 124 sts). The next row is from the right side.

Current st distribution: 15 (17) 19 sts (left front), SM1, 10 sts (left shoulder), SM2, 54 (58) 62 sts (back), SM3, 10 sts (right shoulder), SM4, 15 (17) 19 sts (right front).

Now, shoulder increases are knitted on both the right and wrong sides as before, but in addition, increases are now also knitted on the right side at the beginning and end of the row to shape the neckline. Work as follows:

Row 1 (right side): K1, **M1L**, K to SM1, **M1R**, move SM1 to the right needle, K shoulder-st, move SM2 to the right needle, **M1L**, K to SM3, **M1R**, move SM3 to the right needle, K shoulder-st, move SM4 to the right needle, **M1L**, K to the last st, **M1R**, K 1 (= 6 increases).

Row 2 (P side): P to SM4, **M1R**, move SM4 to the right needle, K shoulder-st, move SM3 to the right needle, **M1L**, K to SM2, **M1R**, move SM2 to the right needle, K shoulder-st, move SM1 to the right needle, **M1L**, P to the end of the row (= 4 increases).

Work these 2 rows 1 (1) 2 times (= 114 (122) 140 sts). The next row is from the RS.

Current st distribution: 18 (20) 25 sts (left front), SM1, 10 sts (left shoulder), SM2, 58 (62) 70 sts (back), SM3, 10 sts (right shoulder), SM4, 18 (20) 25 sts (right front).

Arm Increases

Now, the st count for the sleeves will be increased by adding sts at the shoulders. These sts will then be split in half, forming the foundation for the sleeve sts. From this point on, no more increases will be made on the wrong side. The increases at the beginning and end of each right-side row will continue to form the neckline.

Knit as follows:

Row 1 (Right Side):

K 1 st, **M1L**, K to SM1, move SM1 to the right needle, K 4 sts as shown, increase 2 sts in the next two sts (= 2 new sts, creating 4 P sts in a row), K 4 sts as shown, move SM2 to the right needle, K to SM3, move SM3 to the right needle, K 4 sts as shown, increase 2 sts in the next two sts (= 2 new sts), K 4 sts as shown, move SM4 to the right needle, K to 1 st remaining on the needle, **M1R**, K 1 st (= 2 increases + 4 new sts).

Row 2 (Wrong Side):

P sts until SM4, move SM4 to the right needle, K 2 twisted K sts, 2 twisted P sts, 4 twisted K sts, 2 twisted P sts, 2 twisted K sts, move SM3 to the right needle, P sts until SM2, move SM2 to the right needle, K 2 twisted K sts, 2 twisted P sts, 4 twisted K sts, 2 twisted P sts, 2 twisted K sts, move SM1 to the right needle, P sts to the end of the row.

Row 3 (Right Side):

K 1 st, **M1L**, K to SM1, move SM1 to the right needle, K 5 sleeve sts as shown, increase 2 sts in the next two sts to turn the 2 middle sts between SM1 and SM2 into K sts, K 5 sleeve sts as shown, move SM2 to the right needle, K to SM3, move SM3 to the right needle, K 5 sleeve sts as shown, increase 2 sts in the next two sts to turn the 2 middle sts between SM3 and SM4 into K sts, K 5 sleeve sts as shown, move SM4 to the right needle, K to 1 st remaining on the needle, **M1R**, K 1 st (= 2 increases + 4 new sts).

Row 4 (Wrong Side):

P sts until SM4, move SM4 to the right needle, K 2 twisted K sts, 2 twisted P sts, 2 twisted K sts, P 2 sts (*do not* K these twisted), 2 twisted K sts, 2 twisted P sts, 2 twisted K sts, move SM3 to the right needle, P sts until SM2, move SM2 to the right needle, K 2 twisted K sts, 2

twisted P sts, 2 twisted K sts, P 2 sts (**do not** K these twisted), 2 twisted K sts, 2 twisted P sts, 2 twisted K sts, move SM1 to the right needle, P sts to the end of the row.

Place 4 new st markers as follows: 6 sts after SM1, 6 sts before SM2, 6 sts after SM3, 6 sts before SM4.

There are now 8 st markers on the needle, and they will go from SM1 to SM8. The sts between SM2 and SM3, and SM6 and SM7 form the sleeve sts. The 6 sts (2 twisted P, 2 twisted K, 2 twisted P) between SM1 and SM2, SM3 and SM4, SM5 and SM6, SM7 and SM8 form the raglan sts.

Knit as follows:

Row 1 (Right Side):

Knit 1 st, **M1L**, K to SM1, move SM1 to the right needle, K 6 sts as shown, move SM2 to the right needle, **M1L**, K sleeve sts (K), **M1R**, move SM3 to the right needle, K 6 sts as shown, move SM4 to the right needle, K to SM5, move SM5 to the right needle, K 6 sts as shown, move SM6 to the right needle, **M1L**, K sleeve sts (K), **M1R**, move SM7 to the right needle, K 6 sts as shown, move SM8 to the right needle, K to 1 st remaining on the needle, **M1R**, K 1 st (= 6 increases).

Row 2 (Wrong Side):

P sts until SM8, move SM8 to the right needle, K raglan sts, move SM7 to the right needle, P sts until SM6, K raglan sts, move SM5 to the right needle, P sts until SM4, move SM4 to the right needle, K raglan sts, move SM3 to the right needle, P sts until SM2, K raglan sts, move SM1 to the right needle, P sts to the end of the row.

Knit the two rows above a total of 2 times.

Stitch distribution now: 22 (24) 29 sts (left front), SM1, 6 sts (raglan sts), SM2, 6 (6) 6 sts (left sleeve), SM3, 6 sts (raglan sts), SM4, 58 (62) 70 sts (back), SM5, 6 sts (raglan sts), SM6, 6 (6) 6 sts (right sleeve), SM7, 6 sts (raglan sts), SM8, 22 (24) 29 sts (right front).

On the next row the work is now joined in the row on circular needles, so the yoke will be K in the row. Knit as follows:

Knit to SM1, move SM1 to the right needle, K 6 sts as shown, move SM2 to the right needle, **M1L**, K sleeve sts (K), **M1R**, move SM3 to the right needle, K 6 sts as shown, move SM4 to the right needle, K to SM5, move SM5 to the right needle, K 6 sts as shown, move SM6 to the right needle, **M1L**, K sleeve sts (K), **M1R**, move SM7 to the right needle, K 6 sts as

shown, move SM8 to the right needle, K to the end of the row, cast on 14 (14) 12 sts using a loop cast-on.

Join the work, and K right to SM1 at the left sleeve. SM1 now marks the beginning of the row.

The stitch distribution is now: SM1, 6 sts (raglan sts), SM2, 8 (8) 8 sts (left sleeve), SM3, 6 sts (raglan sts), SM4, 58 (62) 70 sts (back), SM5, 6 sts (raglan sts), SM6, 8 (8) 8 sts (right sleeve), SM7, 6 sts (raglan sts), SM8, 58 (62) 70 sts (front).

Knit 1 row in the right side, but for the raglan sts, K 2 twisted P, 2 twisted K, 2 twisted P.

Continue working in the round, and K sleeve increases every other row as follows:

Row 1: Move SM1 to the right needle, K 6 raglan sts, move SM2 to the right needle, **M1L**, K the left sleeve sts in K, **M1R**, move SM3 to the right needle, K 6 raglan sts, move SM4 to the right needle, K across the back until SM5, move SM5 to the right needle, K 6 raglan sts, move SM6 to the right needle, **M1L**, K the right sleeve sts in K, **M1R**, move SM7 to the right needle, K 6 raglan sts, move SM8 to the right needle, K across the front sts until the beginning of the row (= 4 increases).

Row 2: Knit all in K.

Repeat these two rows a total of 10 (11) 12 times (196 (208) 228 sts).

The stitch distribution is now: SM1, 6 sts (raglan sts), SM2, 28 (30) 32 sts (left sleeve), SM3, 6 sts (raglan sts), SM4, 58 (62) 70 sts (back), SM5, 6 sts (raglan sts), SM6, 28 (30) 32 sts (right sleeve), SM7, 6 sts (raglan sts), SM8, 58 (62) 70 sts (front).

Raglan increases

In the final part of the yoke, classic raglan increases are made, meaning increases are worked every other row for both the sleeves and the body. Knit as follows:

Row 1:

Move SM1 to the right needle, K 6 raglan sts, move SM2 to the right needle, **M1L**, K the left sleeve sts in K, **M1R**, move SM3 to the right needle, K 6 raglan sts, move SM4 to the right needle, **M1L**, K to before SM5, **M1R**, move SM5 to the right needle, K 6 raglan sts, move SM6 to the right needle, **M1L**, K the right sleeve sts in K, **M1R**, move SM7 to the right needle, K 6 raglan sts, move SM8 to the right needle, **M1L**, K to 1 st before SM1, **M1R** (= 8 increases).

Row 2:

Knit all in K.

Repeat these two rows a total of 12 (13) 14 times (= 292 (312) 340 sts).

The stitch distribution is now: SM1, 6 sts (raglan sts), SM2, 52 (56) 60 sts (left sleeve), SM3, 6 sts (raglan sts), SM4, 82 (88) 98 sts (back), SM5, 6 sts (raglan sts), SM6, 52 (56) 60 sts (right sleeve), SM7, 6 sts (raglan sts), SM8, 82 (88) 98 sts (front).

Body

Now, the sleeves will be set aside, and the back and front will be K together while casting on sts for the armholes. Then, the body will be knitted in the row in stockinette st using a 8 US circular needle.

Knit as follows:

Move SM1, K the 6 raglan sts in K, remove SM2, place 52 (56) 60 sts on a scrap thread (left sleeve), remove SM3, cast on 8 (10) 10 sts using a long-tail cast on, K the 6 raglan sts in K, remove SM4, K across the 82 (88) 98 sts of the back, remove SM5, K the 6 raglan sts in K, remove SM6, place 52 (56) 60 sts on a scrap thread (right sleeve), remove SM7, cast on 8 (10) 10 sts using a long-tail cast on, K the 6 raglan sts in K, remove SM8, K across the 82 (88) 98 sts of the front.

You should now have 204 (220) 240 sts on the needle, with 1 st remaining; SM1 continues to mark the beginning of the row.

Knit in the row in stockinette until the work measures 17 (18) 19 inch measured from the center back, or until 3 inch before the desired length. Try the sweater on to ensure you have K the length you want.

Switch to a 6 US circular needle and K in the row in ribbing (2 twisted K, P 2) until the ribbing measures 3 inch.

Knit 2 rows in double knitting, then bind off using Italian bind-off (see video link at the top of the pattern).

Sleeves

Knit in the row on 8 US circular needles. Transfer the 52 (56) 60 sts onto the 8 US circular needle and pick up 8 (10) 10 sts under the armhole (= 60 (66) 70 sts). Place a marker in the middle of the 8 (10) 10 sts under the armhole. This marks the start of the row.

Knit in stockinette st until the sleeve measures 13-14 inch from under the arm, or until 5 inch before the desired sleeve length.

For sizes 2 and 3, decrease 1 st on each side of the row marker before knitting the ribbing. Knit as follows: *1 K, K2tog, K until 3 sts remain on the needle, slip 2 sts purlwise (one at a time), then insert the left needle through the back loops of these 2 sts and K them together through the back loops (as when knitting twisted K st), K 1 (= x (64 (78) sts))*.

Switch to 6 US circular needles and K 5 inch of ribbing (2 twisted K sts, P 2), or to the desired length.

Knit 2 rows of double knitting and bind off using Italian bind-off (see the video link at the top of the pattern).

Neckline

The neckline is knitted in the row in ribbing (2 twisted K, P 2) on 6 US circular needles and folded double.

Pick up 92 (96) (100) sts for the neckline on 6 US circular needles. This corresponds to picking up all the sts on the back piece (= 26 (28) 30 sts), all the sts you cast on for the front piece (= 14 (14) 12 sts), and approximately 2 over 3 sts along the sides (= about 26 (27) 29 sts on each side). Knit in ribbing (2 twisted K sts, P 2) until the work measures approximately 3 inch.

Now, fold the neckline edge double and fold it down on the inside by knitting the sts on the row together with the sts from the cast-on edge, while binding off sts. Knit the neckline down as follows:

*Lift the first st from the cast-on edge onto the left needle and K it together with the first st on the left needle, lift the next st from the cast-on edge onto the left needle and K it together with

the next st on the left needle, and lift the first knitted st over the second* , repeat from * to * done with row. Be careful not to knit the neckline down crooked. Check periodically to make sure you're knitting the correct sts together.

Break the yarn and secure the loose thread.

Finishing

Weave in all loose ends, wash, and block the sweater to the specified measurements.



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