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SWEATER NO. 25 #SWEATERNO25

ABOUT SWEATER NO. 25

Sweater No. 25 is a classic, oversize roll-neck sweater.

The shoulders are shaped and constructed in such a way that the shoulder seams sit towards the back, which ensures a great fit.

Carefully placed increases and decreases at the neckline and on the sleeves catch the eye and add an extra detail. The sleeves are wider at the top and narrows towards the wrist.

SIZES

XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL) 3XL (4XL)

MEASUREMENTS

Circumference: 119 (125) 136 (147) 153 (159) 169 (176) cm [46.75 (49) 53.5 (57.75) 60 (62.5) 66.5 (69.25) inches]

Length (measured at the center back, below the neckline): 60 (61) 63 (65) 66 (68) 69 (70) cm [23.5 (24) 25 (25.5) 26 (27) 27 (27.5) inches]

SUGGESTED NEEDLES

6 mm [US 10] circular needles (80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 inches])

5 mm [US 8] circular needles (80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 inches])

GAUGE

In stocking stitch using 6 mm [US 10] needles.

15 sts / 22 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches].

MATERIALS

200 (200) 250 (250) 250 (300) 300 (300) gr Alpaca 2, Isager Yarn, 250 m / 50 gr.

held together with...

250 (250) 300 (300) 300 (350) 350 (350) gr Tweed, Isager Yarn, 200 m. / 50 gr.

held together with...

125 (125) 150 (150) 150 (175) 175 (175) gr Silk Mohair, Isager Yarn, 212 m. / 25 gr.

Work the sweater holding 3 strands of yarn together. One strand of Alpaca 2, one strand of Tweed and one strand of Silk Mohair.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Remember to work a gauge swatch to ensure that you achieve gauge using the suggested needles. If your gauge differs, this will result in the wrong proportions of your sweater.

Size guide

Sweater No. 25 has an oversize fit. Calculate a positive ease of approx. 35-40 cm [13.75-15.75 inches].

Sizes XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL) 3XL (4XL) are equivalent to European standard sizing and suit a bust circumference of approx. 80-85 (85-90) 90-95 (95-100) 100-110 (110-120) 120-130 (130-140) cm [31.5-33.5 (33.5-35.5) 35.5-37.5 (37.5-39.5) 39.5-43.25 (43.25-47.25) 47.25-51.25 (51.25-55) inches].

In example: You measure at 88 cm [34.5 inches] at your widest + 35-40 cm [13.75-15.75 inches] = 123-128 cm [48.25-50.25 inches]. Meaning you would choose a size S with a finished circumference of 125 cm [49 inches].

Introduction to the work flow

First, work the top part of the back. The back is shaped by working short rows, which help in slanting the shoulders and shaping the sweater. Then, pick up and knit stitches along the shoulder seams and finish the top parts of the fronts separately. Join the two fronts by casting on stitches at the center front, and finish working the yoke.

Afterwards, join the front and back sections and work the remainder of the body in the round using circular needles and finish with a ribbed edge.

Pick up and knit stitches for the sleeves around the armholes and work the sleeves. This process is repeated for the folded neck rib.

Increases

The increases (inc) are worked to lean either towards the right (M1R) or left (M1L).

As a rule of thumb, always work M1L at the beginning of row and M1R at the end of row.

M1R: With your left needle, pick up the bar (between the sts on the right and left needles) from back to front and knit.

M1L: With your left needle, pick up the bar from front to back and knit through the back loop.

Rib

All ribbed edges are worked in 1x1 rib. I.e.: *k1, p1*.

Decreases

Decreases (dec) are worked either as k2tog or k2tog tbl.

K2tog: Knit 2 sts together.

K2tog tbl: Work the decrease using the SSK method = slip, slip, knit.

Slip 2 sts knitwise, *one at a time*, and then knit the 2 sts together through the back loop.

SHORT ROWS

To shape the back neck, work short rows.

You can use your preferred method, although *German Short Rows* result in a neat and nearly invisible result.

TIP! Are you not familiar with the method? Have a look here for instructions:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-E3YSHPOQYs&t=4s>

BEGIN WORKING YOUR SWEATER HERE

BACK

Cast on 88 (93) 101 (109) 114 (118) 126 (131) sts using 6 mm [US 10] circular needles.

TIP! The cast on edge is also the back neck and shoulders of the sweater, so make sure to not tighten too much, as the shoulder seam otherwise will pull.

Break the yarn, turn your work to have the WS facing you and slip the first 31 (33) 37 (41) 43 (45) 49 (51) sts (= left shoulder stitches) to the needle on the right.

Now shape the back and shoulders by working short rows. Every row worked, you include another 2 sts in your work.

1st step (WS row): Join in a new strand of yarn and purl the following 26 (27) 27 (27) 28 (28) 28 (29) sts (= back neck stitches), so you have 31 (33) 37 (41) 43 (45) 49 (51) sts remaining on your left needles. Turn.

Next row is a RS row.

2nd step (RS row): Knit across the following 27 (28) 28 (28) 29 (29) 29 (30) sts = 29 (31) 35 (39) 41 (43) 47 (49) sts remaining on your left needle. Turn.

3rd step (WS row): Purl across the following 29 (30) 30 (30) 31 (31) 31 (32) sts until you have 29 (31) 35 (39) 41 (43) 47 (49) sts remaining on your left needle. Turn.

Next row is a RS row.

Continue working short rows and on every row, turn 2 sts *after* your last turn. I.e., work to where you last turned, k/p the double stitch at the turn, work another 2 sts and turn.

1st row (RS row): K to 2 sts after your last turn. Turn.

2nd row (WS row): P to 2 sts after your last turn. Turn.

Work **1st and 2nd row** a total of 14 (15) 17 (19) 20 (21) 23 (24) times. This means that you have turned 15 (16) 18 (20) 21 (22) 24 (25) times at each end and have worked 31 (33) 37 (41) 43 (45) 49 (51) rows in total.

The last turn is 1 (1) 1 (1) 1 (1) 1 (1) st before the end of row on a WS row.

Next row is a RS row.

Your work measures approx. 14 (15) 16.5 (18) 19.5 (20.5) 22 (23) cm [5.5 (6) 6.5 (7) 7.75 (8) 8.5 (9) inches] from the cast on edge at the center back.

Attach a marker in the edge stitch at each side of the work, before you proceed. The marker indicates where to pick up stitches for the front sections.

Now work back and forth in stocking stitch (k on RS rows and p on WS rows) for a total of 38 (38) 40 (40) 40 (40) 38 (38) rows or until the back - again measured from the cast on edge at the center back - measures 31 (32) 34 (36) 37 (38) 38 (39) cm [12 (12.5) 13.5 (14) 14.5 (15) 15 (15.25) inches].

Break the yarn and leave the back stitches on hold using a helping needle or waste yarn whilst working the top parts of the fronts, i.e. front shoulders.

LEFT FRONT

Pick up and knit 31 (33) 37 (41) 43 (45) 49 (51) sts along the left shoulder (left when wearing the sweater) using 6 mm [US 10] circular needles.

Make sure that you pick up stitches *between the stitches*. This creates the neatest possible shoulder seam.

TIP! Have a look here for how to pick up and knit between the stitches: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ltM0GQrAcGI>

Purl 1 row.

Now work 16 (16) 16 (16) 18 (18) 18 (18) rows in stocking stitch (k on RS rows and p on WS rows).

Next row is a RS row.

Now shape the neckline by increasing.

Work as follows:

1st row (RS row): K4, **M1L**, k to end of row.

2nd row (WS row): P all sts.

Work **1st – 2nd row** a total of 5 (5) 5 (5) 5 (6) 6 (6) times.

You now have 36 (38) 42 (46) 48 (51) 55 (57) sts on your needles.

Break the yarn and leave the left front stitches on hold using a helping needle or waste yarn whilst working the right front.

RIGHT FRONT

Pick up and knit 31 (33) 37 (41) 43 (45) 49 (51) sts along the right shoulder (right when wearing the sweater) using 6 mm [US 10] circular needles.

Make sure that you pick up stitches *between the stitches*. This creates the neatest possible shoulder seam.

Purl 1 row.

Now work 16 (16) 16 (16) 18 (18) 18 (18) rows in stocking stitch (k on RS rows and p on WS rows).

Next row is a RS row.

Now shape the neckline by increasing.

Work as follows:

1st row (RS row): K to 4 sts remaining, **M1R**, k to end of row.

2nd row (WS row): P all sts.

Work **1st – 2nd row** a total of 5 (5) 5 (5) 5 (6) 6 (6) times.

You now have 36 (38) 42 (46) 48 (51) 55 (57) sts on your needles.

Now join the two fronts and work the last part of the yoke as one.

FRONT

Knit across the right front 36 (38) 42 (46) 48 (51) 55 (57) sts, cast on 16 (17) 17 (17) 18 (16) 16 (17) sts in extension using the backwards loop method and then proceed to knit across the left front 36 (38) 42 (46) 48 (51) 55 (57) sts.

You now have 88 (93) 101 (109) 114 (118) 126 (131) sts on your needles.

Work back and forth in stocking stitch (k on RS rows and p on WS rows) for a total of 44 (46) 52 (56) 56 (56) 58 (60) rows or until the front - as measured from where you joined the two separate front sections - measures 19 (20) 23 (24) 24 (24) 25 (26) cm [7.5 (8) 9 (9.5) 9.5 (9.5) 9.75 (10.25) inches]. Finish with a WS row. Next row is a RS row.

NOTE! Be aware that your outer edge (what will later become your armhole), will be longer on the front compared to the back. This is correct and on purpose, as the shoulder seam is sitting towards the back.

On the following row, join the front and back sections. Then join to work in the round using circular needles.

BODY

Knit across the front stitches, cast on 1 (1) 1 (1) 1 (1) 1 (1) new st in extension using the backwards loop method. Then knit across the back stitches, cast on 1 (1) 1 (1) 1 (1) 1 (1) new st in extension of the back, place a marker = beginning of round.

You have now joined your work and all 178 (188) 204 (220) 230 (238) 254 (264) sts are on the same needle.

Work stocking stitch in the round until your work measures 49 (50) 52 (54) 55 (57) 58 (59) cm [19.25 (20) 20.75 (21.25) 21.5 (22.5) 23 (23.25) inches], measured at the center back, as measured from the cast on edge.

TIP! It can be helpful to try on your sweater at this point to ensure that the length suits you, before you begin working the rib. If you have a long upper body, you can add an extra couple of cm before beginning the rib.

Continue using 6 mm [US 10] circular needles and work 1x1 rib in the round, *k1, p1*, until the ribbed edge measures 11 cm [4.25 inches].

Before binding off using the Italian/tubular bind off method, work 2 rnds of double knitting.

1st rnd: *k1, slip 1 purlwise with the yarn at the front* repeat to 2 sts before the end of rnd, k1, p1.

2nd rnd: *slip 1 purlwise with the yarn at the back, p1* repeat to 2 sts before the end of rnd, k1, p1.

TIP! Have a look here for how to work double knitting: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0W14R_0VsU0

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5j4qFYHLTIY>

NECK RIB

Work the neck rib in the round using 5 mm [US 8] circular needles in 1x1 rib, *k1, p1*.

You can either use 40 cm [16 inches] circular needles or 80 cm [32 inches] circular needles in combination with the magic loop technique.

Pick up and knit 88 (90) 90 (92) 94 (94) 96 (98) sts around the neckline using 5 mm [US 8] circular needles.

The total number of stitches is equivalent to picking up 1 st in each of the 26 (27) 27 (27) 28 (28) 28 (29) sts in the cast on edge/back neck, 3 out of 4 sts along the straight sections of the neckline, 1 st in each of the 10 (10) 10 (10) 10 (12) 12 (12) sts along the slanted edges with increases, and in the 16 (17) 17 (17) 18 (16) 16 (17) sts at the center front.

TIP! Make sure that you pick up your stitches in the gap right after your edge stitch. This creates the neatest possible result.

Now work 1x1 rib in the round, *k1, p1* until the neck rib, as measured from the pick up row, measures 22 cm [6.25 inches].

Before binding off using the Italian/tubular bind off method, work 2 rnds of double knitting.

1st rnd: *k1, slip 1 purlwise with the yarn at the front* repeat to 2 sts before the end of rnd, k1, p1.

2nd rnd: *slip 1 purlwise with the yarn at the back, p1* repeat to 2 sts before the end of rnd, k1, p1.

Bind off using the Italian/tubular bind off method.

SLEEVES

Now work the sleeves. Pick up and knit the sleeve stitches around the armhole using 6 mm [US 10] circular needles. You can either use 40 cm [16 inches] circular needles or 80 cm [32 inches] circular needles in combination with the magic loop technique.

Pick up and knit 78 (80) 82 (84) 86 (88) 90 (90) sts around the armhole. The frequency of picking up is equivalent to picking up in *approx.* 2 out of 3 sts (ie.: pick up and knit in 2 sts, skip 1 st and repeat).

Join to work in the round. Place a marker in the middle underneath the armhole to mark the beginning of rnd.

Work 2 (2) 0 (9) 9 (0) 0 (0) rnds in stocking stitch.

Now decrease every 5th (5th) 5th (5th) 5th (4th) 4th (4th) rnd a total of 14 (14) 15 (16) 16 (17) 17 (17) times as follows:

1st rnd: K2, **k2tog**, k to 4 sts remaining, **k2tog tbl**, k2.

2nd - 5th (5th) 5th (4th) 4th (4th) 4th (4th) rnd: K all sts.

On every rnd with decreases, you decrease by 2 sts. Once you have completed decreasing, you have 50 (52) 52 (52) 54 (54) 56 (56) sts remaining and the sleeve measures approx. 35 (35) 35 (35) 35 (33) 33 (33) cm [13.75 (13.75) 13.75 (13.75) 13.75 (13) 13 (13) inches], as measured from the pick up edge.

NOTE! The sleeves are designed to be extra long with a finished length of 46 (46) 46 (46) 46 (44) 44 (44) cm [18 (18) 18 (18) 18 (17.25) 17.25 (17.25) inches], including the rib.

It can be helpful to try on your sweater to ensure that the sleeve length suits you, before you begin working your rib.

If you would like a shorter sleeve, decrease more frequently. For example, on every 4th (4th) 4th (3th) 3th (3th) 3th (3th) rnd.

Change to 5 mm [US 8] circular needles and work 1x1 rib in the round, *k1, p1*, until the ribbed edge measures 11 cm [4.25 inches].

Before binding off using the Italian/tubular bind off method, work 2 rnds of double knitting.

1st rnd: *k1, slip 1 purlwise with the yarn at the front* repeat to 2 sts before the end of rnd, k1, p1.

2nd rnd: *slip 1 purlwise with the yarn at the back, p1* repeat to 2 sts before the end of rnd, k1, p1.

Bind off using the Italian/tubular bind of method.

FINISHING

Weave in all loose ends. Wash and block the sweater before use for an even neater result.

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