

# PetiteKnit

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## NO FRILLS SWEATER

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<b>Sizes:</b>	XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL) 3XL
<b>Bust circumference:</b>	100 (104) 108 (114) 120 (130) 137 cm [39¼ (41) 42½ (45) 47¼ (51¼) 54 inches]
<b>Sleeve circumference:</b>	36 (39) 41 (44) 46 (46) 47 cm [14¼ (15¼) 16¼ (17¼) 18 (18) 18½ inches]
<b>Length mid back:</b>	52 (54) 55 (56) 58 (60) 62 cm [20½ (21¼) 21¾ (22) 22¾ (23½) 24½ inches]
<b>Gauge:</b>	21 sts x 28 rows in stockinette stitch on 4 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches], after blocking
<b>Needles:</b>	Circular needles: 3 mm [US2½] and 4 mm [US6] / 40 and 80 or 100 cm [16 and 32 or 40 inches] Double-pointed needles: 3 mm [US2½] and 4 mm [US6]
<b>Yarn:</b>	250 (250) 300 (300) 350 (350) 350-400 g Sunday by Sandnes Garn (50 g = 235 m [257 yds]) <b>or</b> Arwetta by Filcolana (50 g = 210 m [230 yds]) <b>held together with</b> 125 (125) 150 (150) 175 (175) 175-200 g Tilia by Filcolana (25 g = 210 m v) <b>or</b> Tynn Silk Mohair by Sandnes Garn (25 g = 212 m [232 yds])

# PATTERN

No Frills Sweater is a simple raglan sweater with neckline shaping at the front. The fit is slightly oversized, but the wide rib edges and the shorter length give the sweater a feminine silhouette. The No Frills Sweater is worked from the top down, which makes it easy to try it on along the way, so you can customize it to fit your body and end up with the perfect sleeve and body length for you. If you want to make sure that the rib neck edge keeps its shape over time, you can sew a thin elastic thread along the edge.

Start by knitting a swatch to determine which needle size gives you the correct gauge.

## Size guide

The No Frills Sweater is designed to have approx. 15 cm [6 inches] of positive ease, meaning it is designed to be 15 cm [6 inches] larger in circumference than your chest measurement. The sizes XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL) 3XL are designed to fit a chest 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 inches]. The measurements for the finished garment are on the front page of the pattern (note that these measurements are only achieved if the sweater is knitted in the correct gauge). Before beginning your project, measure yourself with a measuring tape around your bust (or your widest upper body part) to determine which size will fit you the best. For example, if you measure 93 cm [36½ inches] around your bust (or around the widest part on your upper body) you should knit a size M. A size M sweater has a bust circumference of 108 cm [42½ inches], which in the given example would give you 15 cm [6 inches] of positive ease.

## About raglan increases

The raglan increases are worked on either side of a central raglan stitch (which is worked like a normal stockinette stitch, i.e. knitted on the RS and purled on the WS). Seen from the RS, the raglan increases on the right side of the raglan stitch slant right (M1R), while the increases on the left side of the raglan stitch slant left (M1L). The increases are worked as follows (see video on [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)):

### **M1R:**

From the RS: Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from back to front, then knit this strand.

From the WS: Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from front to back, then purl this strand through the back loop (twisted).

### **M1L:**

From the RS: Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from front to back, then knit this strand through the back loop (twisted).

From the WS: Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from back to front, then purl this strand.

## Yoke

Cast on 108 (112) 114 (120) 126 (126) 126 sts on 3 mm [US2½] / 40 cm [16 inches] circular needles. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. Work 4 cm [1½ inches] of (k1, p1) rib. Change

to 4 mm [US6] / 40 cm [16 inches] circular needles by knitting the sts onto the new needles.

Divide the work for working the raglan increases by placing stitch markers on either side of the raglan stitch (a total of 8 markers). Optionally use different colored markers for raglan and beginning of round, so you have a system. Divide as follows:

20 (20) 20 (21) 21 (21) 21 sts (right side of back), place marker, 1 raglan stitch, place marker, 12 (14) 15 (16) 19 (19) 19 sts (right sleeve), place marker, 1 raglan stitch, place marker, 40 (40) 40 (42) 42 (42) 42 sts (front), place marker, 1 raglan stitch, place marker, 12 (14) 15 (16) 19 (19) 19 sts (left sleeve), place marker, 1 raglan stitch, place marker, 20 (20) 20 (21) 21 (21) 21 sts (left side of back).

The beginning of the round marker is at the middle of the back/neck.

Now work short rows to shape the neckline, **while at the same time** working raglan increases. I recommend using the German Short Row technique for the short rows (see video on [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)). Work as follows:

Step 1 (RS): Knit across right side of back, M1R, knit the raglan stitch, M1L, knit across right sleeve, M1R, knit the raglan stitch, M1L, k2. Turn.

Step 2 (WS): Purl to beginning of round marker mid back.

Step 3 (WS): Purl across left side of back, M1R, purl the raglan stitch, M1L, purl across left sleeve, M1R, purl the raglan stitch, M1L, p2. Turn.

Step 4 (RS): Knit to beginning of round marker mid back.

A total of 8 sts have been increased across these 4 steps.

Now work Steps 1-4 again, **but** each time the short row turn is worked closer towards the middle of the front of the sweater, which shapes the neck edge (by raising the back of the neck). Work as follows:

Work Steps 1-4 another 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 times, **but** turn 2 sts, then 3 sts, then 3 sts again, and then 4 sts **after the last turn** each time (i.e. work the turning stitch from the last turn, then work 2 sts, then 3 sts, then 3 sts again, and then 4 sts more sts towards the middle of the front before turning once more).

You have now worked 5 (5) 5 (5) 5 (5) 5 raglan increases on either side of each of the 4 raglan sts and there are 148 (152) 154 (160) 166 (166) 166 sts on the needles.

The short row shaping of the neckline has now been completed and you are back at the beginning of round marker.

Continue working in the round in stockinette stitch, **while at the same time** working raglan increases **every other round**, as follows:

\*Knit across right side of back, M1R, knit the raglan stitch, M1L, knit across right sleeve, M1R, knit the raglan stitch, M1L, knit across front, M1R, knit the raglan stitch, M1L, knit across left sleeve, M1R, knit the raglan stitch, M1L, knit across left side of back (8 sts have been increased). Knit across 1 round.\*

Work from \* to \* a total of 25 (27) 29 (31) 33 (30) 30 times, until **a total of 30 (32) 34 (36) 36 (35) 35** raglan increases have been worked on either side of the 4 raglan sts. There are now a total of 348 (368) 386 (408) 414 (406) 406 sts on the needles.

Change to a longer circular needle along the way, to accommodate the growing number of sts.

*Sizes XL, 2XL and 3XL only:* Now work increases on the body side of the raglan sts and not on the sleeves. Note that increases are now worked **on every round** (and not on every other round as previously). Work increases as follows:

\*Knit across right side of back, M1R, knit the raglan stitch, knit across right sleeve, knit the raglan stitch, M1L, knit across front, M1R, knit the raglan stitch, knit across left sleeve, knit the raglan stitch, M1L, knit across left side of back (4 sts have been increases on the body).\*

Work from \* to \* a total of 2 (7) 10 times. There are now a total of 422 (434) 446 sts on the needles.

## **Body**

Now divide the sts for sleeves and body, while at the same time casting on new sts at each underarm, as follows:

Knit 50 (52) 54 (57) 59 (63) 66 sts (right side of back), knit the raglan stitch, place the next 72 (78) 83 (88) 91 (89) 89 sts on a stitch holder or length of leftover yarn (right sleeve), cast on 4 (4) 4 (4) 6 (8) 10 new sts at the underarm using the backward loop method, knit the raglan stitch, knit 100 (104) 108 (114) 118 (126) 132 sts (front), knit the raglan stitch, place the next 72 (78) 83 (88) 91 (89) 89 sts on a stitch holder or length of leftover yarn (left sleeve), cast on 4 (4) 4 (4) 6 (8) 10 new sts at the underarm using the backward loop method, knit the raglan stitch, knit 50 (52) 54 (57) 59 (63) 66 sts (left side of back).

There are now 212 (220) 228 (240) 252 (272) 288 sts on the needles for the body. Place a marker for the beginning of the round in the center of the new sts cast on at the right underarm.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch until the sweater measures 45 (47) 48 (49) 51 (53) 55 cm [20½ (21¼) 21¾ (22) 22¾ (23½) 24½ inches] mid back, measured from the cast-on edge.

Work decreases on the next round, as follows:

\*K7, k2tog\*, repeat from \* to \* a total of 23 (24) 25 (26) 28 (30) 32 times, knit 3 (4) 1 (6) 0 (2) 0 sts, work k2tog 1 (0) 1 (0) 0 (0) 0 more time. There are now a total of 188 (196) 202 (214) 224 (242) 256 sts on the needles.

Change to 3 mm [US2½] needles and work 7 cm [2¾ inches] of (k1, p1) rib for all sizes. Bind off in established rib pattern.

## Sleeves

The sleeves are worked in the round on 4 mm [US6] double-pointed needles or on a circular needle using the Magic Loop technique. Place the sts that were put on hold for one sleeve back on the needles. Pick up and knit 4 (4) 4 (4) 6 (8) 10 sts along the 4 (4) 4 (4) 6 (8) 10 sts that were cast on at the underarm for the body. There are now a total of 76 (82) 87 (92) 97 (97) 99 sts on the needles. Place a marker for the beginning of the round in the middle of the 4 (4) 4 (4) 6 (8) 10 underarm sts.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch until the sleeve measures 36 (38) 39 (39) 39 (38) 38 cm [14¼ (15) 15¼ (15¼) 15¼ (15) 15 inches], **while at the same time** working decreases every 6<sup>th</sup> (6<sup>th</sup>) 6<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup>) 5<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup>) 5<sup>th</sup> round a total of 16 (17) 18 (20) 21 (21) 21 times, by working a decrease round as follows: K2tog, knit to the last 2 sts of the round, k2tog tbl. There are now 44 (48) 51 (52) 55 (55) 57 sts on the needles.

Reduce the number of sts to 40 (44) 48 (50) 52 (52) 52 sts by decreasing evenly across the next round when necessary. Change to 3 mm [US2½] needles and work 7 cm [2¾ inches] of (k1, p1) rib for all sizes. Bind off in established rib pattern. Work the other sleeve identically and weave in all ends.

## Abbreviations

k	knit
k2tog	decrease; knit two stitches together
M1L	increase, left slanting; make one left (see About raglan increases)
M1R	increase, right slanting; make one right (see About raglan increases)
p	purl
RS	right side of your work
st(s)	stitch(es)
tbl	through the back loop(s)
WS	wrong side of your work

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