# Northern Lights sweater

The sweater is knitted from the top down. It is easy to try on the sweater while underway, and to see how it fits. It is recommended to read through the whole pattern before you begin.
You will find that the pattern panels will not match the stitch count. In the back of the yoke where the rounds begin, the northern lights look a bit different from the rest, see picture below.

| Sizes: | S | (M) | L | (XL) | 2XL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A. Yoke length cm/inches: | 24/9.5 | 24/9.5 | 25/9.75 | 26/10.25 | 26/10.25 |
| B. Bust cm/inches: | 94/37 | 100/39 | 107/42 | 114/45 | 121/48 |
| C. Length cm/inches: | 59/23 | 61/24 | 63/25 | 67/26.25 | 69/27 |
| D. Upper sleeve width cm/inches: | 32/12.5 | 36/14 | 39/15.25 | 43/17 | 46/18 |
| E. Sleeve length cm/inches: | 44/17.25 | 45/17.75 | 46/18 | 46/18 | 46/18 |

## Yarn and yarn amounts

We have used  Dale Baby Ull (100% Merino, 50 g, 165 m/180 yds), but you can use any Fingering yarn with a gauge of 28 stitches and 33 rounds in stranded color work measuring 10 cm/4" square. In addition, we have used 100 grams of the beautiful yarn from Garnkistas.no called Garnkistas favoritt colour Aurora.

| | Color suggestions: | S | M/L | XL/2XL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Dark Navy Blue 8516 | 7 skein | 8 skein | 9 - 10 skein |
| | Light green 8222 | 1 skein | 1 skein | 1 skein |
| | Garnkistas favoritt colour Aurora | 100 gram | 100 gram | 100 gram |

## Needles

2.5 mm/US 1.5 and  3 mm/US 2.5 circular needle (40 cm/16" and 80 cm/32").
2.5 mm/US 1.5 and  3 mm/US 2.5  double pointed needles
Adjust needle size as needed to match gauge.

## Gauge

28 stitches and 33 rounds in stranded colorwork using 3 mm/US 2.5 measures 10 cm/4" square.

## Yoke

Cast on 104 (112) 120 (128) 136 stitches on to 3 mm/US 2.5 short circular needle. In S and M we recommend to use tubular cast, on to ensure a flexible neckline, see https://www.garnstudio.com/video.php?id=79&lang=us . Join for working in rounds. Rounds begin at centre back. Continue working in chart, at the same time as you increase stitches according to the chart and the increasing table in your chosen size shown below. Change to large circular needle when needed, as the stitch number increases.

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## Short rounds

After the first increase according to the chart, work short rounds on the back, see the mark in the chart. Short rounds are rounds where you turn before you have worked the round to the end, and work back so that you will make a few short extra rounds at the center back. This makes the cardigan higher at the back neck than the front and makes it fit better.

First short round (see mark in chart) is worked as follows:

| S | M | L | XL | 2XL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Work 34 stitches, wrap & turn | Work 37 stitches, wrap & turn | Work 40 stitches, wrap & turn | Work 43 stitches, wrap & turn | Work 46 stitches, wrap & turn |
| Purl 68 stitches back, wrap & turn | Purl 74 stitches back, wrap & turn | Purl 80 stitches back, wrap & turn | Purl 86 stitches back, wrap & turn | Purl 92 stitches back, wrap & turn |
| Work 73 stitches, wrap & turn | Work 79 stitches, wrap & turn | Work 85 stitches, wrap & turn | Work 91 stitches, wrap & turn | Work 97 stitches, wrap & turn |
| Purl 78 stitches back, wrap & turn | Purl 84 stitches back, wrap & turn | Purl 90 stitches back, wrap & turn | Purl 96 stitches back, wrap & turn | Purl 102 stitches back, wrap & turn |
| Work to end | | | | |

Second short round (see mark in chart) is worked as follows:

| S | M | L | XL | 2XL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Work 49 stitches, wrap & turn | Work 58 stitches, wrap & turn | Work 63 stitches, wrap & turn | Work 67 stitches, wrap & turn | Work 72 stitches, wrap & turn |
| Purl 97 stitches back, wrap & turn | Purl 116 stitches back, wrap & turn | Purl 125 stitches back, wrap & turn | Purl 134 stitches back, wrap & turn | Purl 143 stitches back,wrap & turn |
| Work 102 stitches, wrap & turn | Work 121 stitches, wrap & turn | Work 130 stitches, wrap & turn | Work 139 stitches, wrap & turn | Work 148 stitches, wrap & turn |
| Purl 107 stitches back, wrap & turn | Purl 126 stitches back, wrap & turn | Purl 135 stitches back, wrap & turn | Purl 144 stitches back, wrap & turn | Purl 153 stitches back, wrap & turn |
| Work to end | | | | |

To avoid holes when turning, make a wrap. You wrap a stitch by slipping the stitch purlwise, bring the yarn towards you to front of the work, slip the stitch back to the left needle and turn work and work back. On the next round you remove the wrap by working it together with the stitch as one stitch to avoid making a hole. See a video of how to do this here:
http://www.garnstudio.com/lang/us/video.php?id=72&sort=2&thumbnails=on

## Yoke increases

There are many different ways of increasing the number of stitches on a round. In the table you will find how many stitches are increasing according to size as well as a suggestion on how to increase to make the increases evenly placed. The cardigan might appear uneven due to all the increases at the top, but it will even out with washing and wearing.

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The neatest way of increasing a stitch is by picking up the thread between two stitches from the round below, twist it and knit it as a new stitch = make 1.

| Increasing round | S | M | L | XL | 2XL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Stitches at beginning** | 104 stitches | 112 stitches | 120 stitches | 128 stitches | 136 stitches |
| **How to increase** | (work 2, make 1) repeat to end | (work 2, make 1) repeat to end | (work 2, make 1) repeat to end | (work 2, make 1) repeat to end | (work 2, make 1) repeat to end |
| **Stitches after 1. increasing round** | 156 stitches | 168 stitches | 180 stitches | 192 stitches | 204 stitches |
| **How to increase** | (work 2, make 1) | (work 2, make 1) | (work 2, make 1) | (work 2, make 1) | (work 2, make 1) |
| **Stitches after 2. Increasing round** | 234 stitches | 252 stitches | 270 stitches | 288 stitches | 306 stitches |
| **How to increase** | (work 3, make 1) | (work 3, make 1) | (work 3, make 1) | (work 3, make 1) | (work 3, make 1) |
| **Stitches after 3. Increasing round** | 312 stitches | 336 stitches | 360 stitches | 384 stitches | 408 stitches |
| **How to increase** | (work 4, make 1) | (work 4, make 1) | (work 4, make 1) | (work 4, make 1) | (work 4, make 1) |
| **Stitches after 4. Increasing round** | 390 stitches | 420 stitches | 450 stitches | 480 stitches | 510 stitches |
| **Adjust to** | 400 stitches | | 460 stitches | | 520 stitches |

Continue working cardigan according to the chart for your chosen size. Now you have 400 (420) 460 (480) 520 stitches remaining on needle.

## Set aside stitches for sleeves

Follow the table according to your size, and

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|---|---|
| **S** | knit 60 stitches, place 80 stitches on waste yarn, cast on 10 stitches (underarm), work 120 stitches, place 80 stitches on waste yarn, cast on 10 stitches (under arm) and work last 60 stitches on round. Now you have 260 stitches on your needle. |
| **(M)** | knit 63 stitches, place 85 stitches on waste yarn, cast on 15 stitches (underarm), work 125 stitches, place 85 stitches on waste yarn, cast on 15 stitches (under arm) and work last 63 stitches on round. Now you have 280 stitches on your needle. |
| **L** | knit 68 stitches, place 95 stitches on waste yarn, cast on 15 stitches (underarm), work 135 stitches, place 95 stitches on waste yarn, cast on 15 stitches (under arm) and work last 68 stitches on round. Now you have 300 stitches on your needle. |
| **(XL)** | knit 71 stitches, place 100 stitches on waste yarn, cast on 20 stitches (underarm), work 142 stitches, place 100 stitches on waste yarn, cast on 20 stitches (under arm) and work last 71 stitches on round. Now you have 320 stitches on your needle. |
| **2XL** | knit 77 stitches, place 105 stitches on waste yarn, cast on 20 stitches (underarm), work 154 stitches, place 105 stitches on waste yarn, cast on 20 stitches (under arm) and work last 77 stitches on round. Now you have 340 stitches on your needle. |

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Continue working the body according to the chart for your chosen size

## Sleeves

Move the 80 (85, 95, 100, 110) stitches from the waste yarn to a 3 mm/US 2.5 short circular needle. Using Dark Navy Blue, cast on 10 (15, 15, 20, 20) stitches on the inside of the sleeve, altogether 90 (100, 110, 120, 130) stitches. Join for working in the round, place marker at center of underarm. Begin decreasing on the sleeve after 14 rounds. Decrease 1 stitch on each side of marker every 8. (7., 6 - 5., 4 - 5., 4..) round 13 (6, 21, 26, 29) times, now you have 64 (69, 68, 68, 73) stitches remaining on your needle. Change from the circular needle to double pointed needles when the circular needle becomes too small. In the last cast off adjust to 64 (68, 68, 68, 72) stitches. Work the garter stitch border at the bottom using 2.5 mm/US 1.5 double pointed needles. Knit lining in rib stitch 22 rounds (not shown in chart). Bind off and work the second sleeve identical.

## Neck

Pick up 104 (112, 120, 128, 136) stitches from the neckline with Dark Navy blue on 2.5 mm/US 1.5 short circular needle. Knit rib stitches for 11 cm or as long as you want your neck. Bind off and weave in loose ends.

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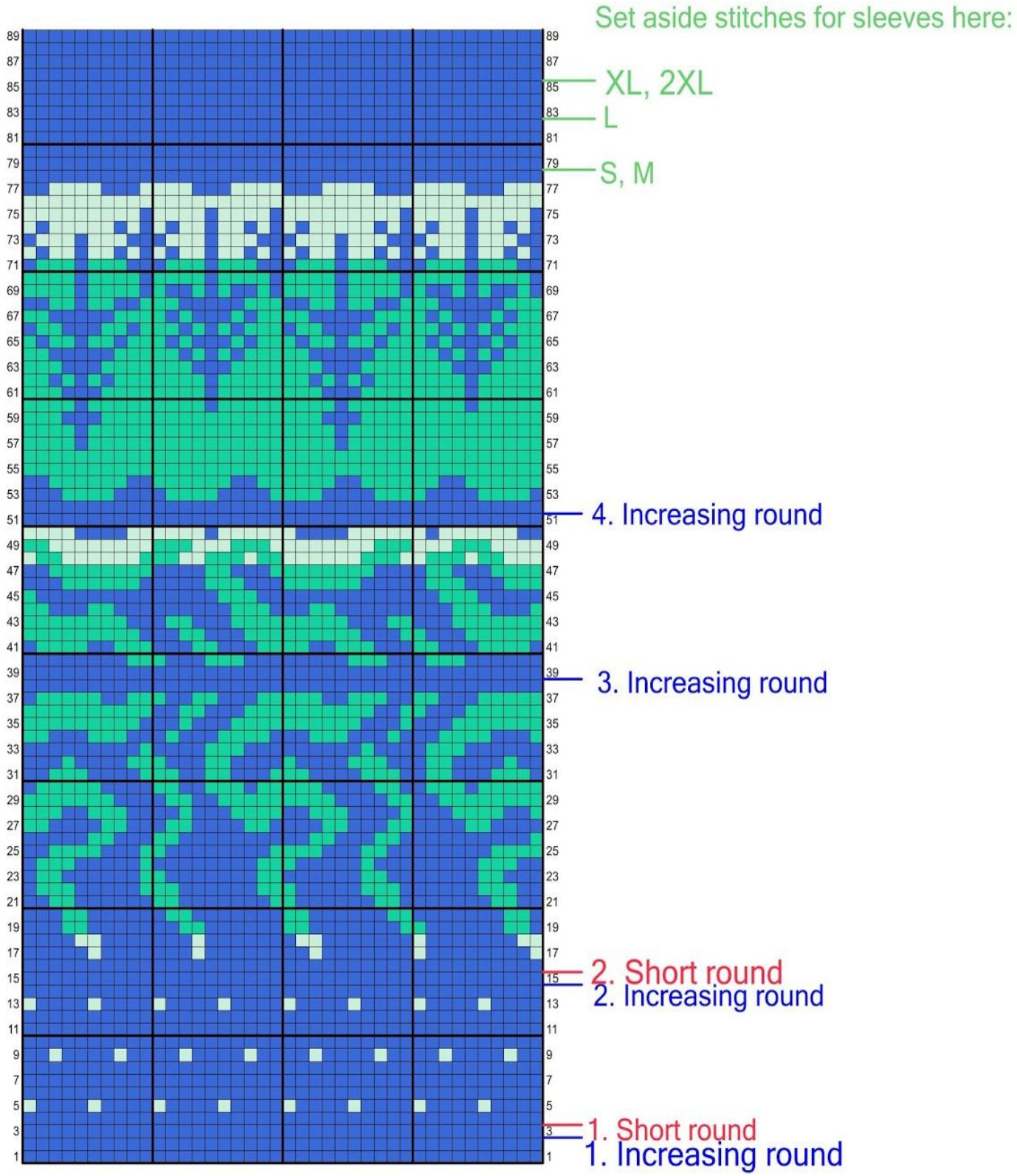
# Yoke chart

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