

## Not Too Much



*Not Too Much is knit seamlessly and has a classic raglan shape and just a few distinctive pattern lines.*

*The pattern lines at the back and sleeves are repeated at the sides to emphasize the long slit. That's all. We don't want too much.*

*I recommend knitting this sweater with some ease for a modern look and ultimate comfort. Or knit it in more fitting size with waist shaping for a classic look.*

*The pattern includes options for turtle neck or crew neck with extra collar for more flexibility.*

*It is super easy to knit with just the right amount of pattern details to keep you interested.*



### Sizes

*Women's XS-S-M-L-XL-XXL ... intended to be worn with 7-10cm/3-4" ease for a modern fit or 2-5cm/1-2" ease for a classic fit*

*Finished bust: 88-95-103-112-120-128 cm / 35-38-41-45-48-51"*

*See page 2 for detailed measurements and schematic.*

### Materials

*Any yarn matching the gauge; DK weight.*

*I recommend a material with good stitch definition.*

*Estimated consumption for crew neck: 1025-1090-1200-1310-1420-1530 m / 1130-1200-1320-1440-1560-1685 yds*

*(consider additional 150m/165yds for the collar, if desired)*

*Sample was knit in Dale Garn Lerke (Cotton-Merino, colour 4845 / 115m/50g), size M with 10cm/4" ease*

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

*Circulars 4-4.5mm / US 6-7 or size needed for gauge, 80-100cm/32-40", 8 stitch markers, tapestry needle; Optional: dpn's for sleeves*

### Gauge

*Stockinette stitch: 10 cm / 4 inch = 21 stitches and 28 rows*



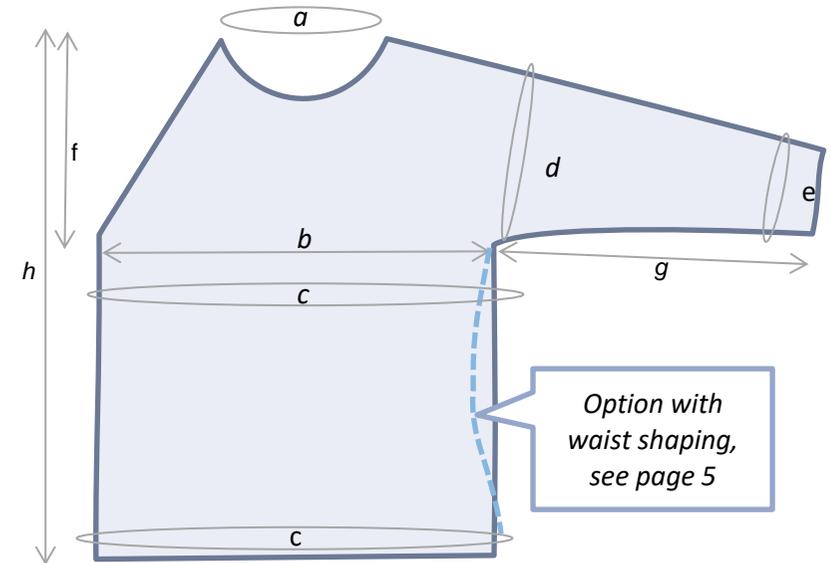
*Please consider that you will spend many hours knitting this sweater, but **only a few minutes to make a gauge swatch ... it is worth the time!** Try different needle sizes to obtain gauge and wash and dry your swatch before measuring.*

*Pattern directions that differ among sizes are specified as XS-S-M-L-XL-XXL. 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.*

**Measurements of finished item in cm / inch – Gauge 21x28**

I recommend an ease of 7-10 cm / 3-4" to your personal measurements for a modern oversize look.  
 For a classic look with (or without) waist shaping, choose a size with 2-5cm/1-2" ease.  
 For in-between-sizes, choose the smaller size and adapt as described on page 5.

cm	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	inch	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL
a	46	51	53	55	57	59	a	18.25	20.50	21.25	22.00	22.75	23.50
b	44	48	51	56	60	64	b	17.50	19.00	20.50	22.50	24.00	25.50
<b>c</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>35.00</b>	<b>38.00</b>	<b>41.25</b>	<b>45.00</b>	<b>48.00</b>	<b>51.00</b>
d	31	32	35	37	40	43	d	12.50	13.00	14.00	14.75	16.00	17.25
e	19	21	23	25	27	29	e	7.50	8.50	9.25	10.00	10.75	11.50
f	19	19	21	22	24	25	f	7.50	7.75	8.25	8.75	9.50	10.00
g	41	41	44	44	44	47	g	16.50	16.50	17.75	17.75	17.75	18.75
h	63	64	65	66	68	44	h	25.25	25.50	26.00	26.50	27.25	17.75
<b>Yarn Consumption (estimated)</b>													
m	1020	1110	1200	1310	1400	1490	yds	1120	1220	1320	1440	1540	1640



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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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## Abbreviations and Techniques

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

**asa** work sts as they appear

**bef** before

**GS** Grass stitch (2sts): slip1 purlwise, yo, k1, pass slipped stitch over yo and last stitch

**k** knit

**k2tog** knit 2 together

**LLI/LLIp** Lifted increase to left: borrow a stitch from 2nd last row; insert left needle from back to front into the st 2 Rows below the one you just have knitted, lift the back leg to left needle and knit through the back loop. ([click for Tutorial](#))

**m** marker

**m1L/m1Lp** (Left leaning increase): Insert the left needle from front to back into the horizontal strand between 2 stitches and knit/purl through the back loop.

**m1R/m1Rp** (Right leaning increase): Insert the left needle from back to front into the horizontal strand between two stitches and k/p through the front loop.

**p** purl

**pm** place marker

**Pick up and knit stitches from edge:** Insert right-hand needle from front to back into the gap between first and second stitch from the edge, wrap the yarn around the needle and draw it through.

To pick up 3sts per 4R: [pick up 1st from 1R] 3 times, then skip 1R

**R** row / round

**RLI/RLIp** 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. (with your left thumb nail you might separate the borrowed stitch from the live stitch) knit the borrowed stitch. ([click for Tutorial](#))

**rm** remove marker

**RS** right side of work

**sm** slip marker

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

**tbl** through the back loop

**WS** wrong side of work

**wyf** with yarn in front

**yo** yarn over



## Construction

Not Too Much is meant to be an easy and relaxing project. The sweater is worked seamlessly from the top down. You can try it on as you go and adapt to your personal preferences.

After knitting a few rows back and forth to shape the neckline, the front is joined in the round and the raglan shaping is worked down to under arms.

The pattern lines at sleeves and back are easy to memorize and easy to knit but will interrupt the boredom of long stockinette rows.

After separating the sleeves, the body is worked with a long slit at each side to desired length. If you don't like the slit, just continue in the round.

Then the sleeves are finished in the round to desired length.

At the end, stitches for the neckline are picked up, and you can work a classic crew neck or a turtle neck. Or knit the crew neck and an extra cowl for more flexibility. Enjoy! ☺

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### 1. Neckline shaping

Setup the raglan- and pattern-lines and work the neckline shaping in rows back and forth as follows (see also the graphic on top of next page, showing the setup, including subdivisions between markers and the location of pattern stitches. You may use different colours for the raglan- and pattern-markers):

**R1** Cast on 60-66-68-68-70-72 sts

**R2** (WS) Right front: p2, pm (for raglan),

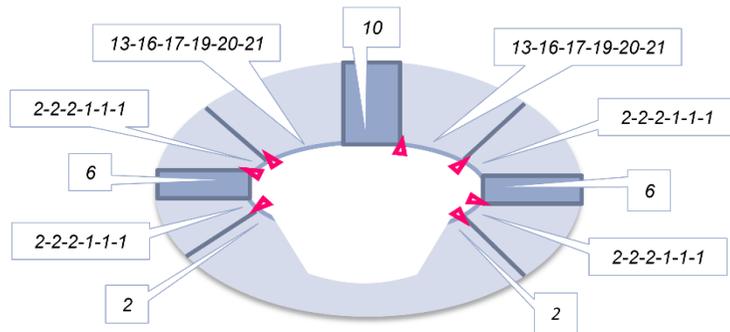
Right sleeve: p8-8-8-7-7-7, pm (for pattern), p2-2-2-1-1-1, pm (for raglan),

Back: p23-26-27-29-30-31, pm (for pattern), p13-16-17-19-21-21, pm (for raglan),

Left sleeve: p8-8-8-7-7-7, pm (for pattern), p2-2-2-1-1-1, pm (for raglan),

Right front: p2

The following graphic shows the setup for the pattern in Row 2:



Increase for raglan:

R3 (RS) Front: k to 1 bef m, **RLI**, k1, sm,  
 Sleeve: k1, **LLI**, k to m, sm, GS, k2, GS, k to 1 bef m, **RLI**, k1, sm,  
 Back: k1, **LLI**, k to m, sm, GS, k2, GS, k2, GS, k to 1 bef m, **RLI**, k1, sm,  
 Sleeve: k1, **LLI**, k to m, sm, GS, k2, GS, k to 1 bef m, **RLI**, k1, sm,  
 Front: k1, **LLI**, k to end (8 sts increased for raglan shaping)

R4 (WS) p to end, slipping markers

R5-8 Repeat R3-4 another 2 times  
 = 5 sts each front  
 = 16-16-16-14-14-14 sts each sleeve  
 = 42-48-50-54-56-58 sts at back

GS: Grass stitch (2sts)  
 slip1, yo, k1, pass  
 slipped stitch over  
 RLI and LLI can be  
 replaced by m1R and  
 m1L if preferred.

Increase for neckline and raglan:

R9 (RS) Front: k1, **m1L**, k to 1 bef m, **RLI**, k1, sm,  
 Sleeve: k1, **LLI**, k to m, sm, GS, k2, GS, k to 1 bef m, **RLI**, k1, sm,  
 Back: k1, **LLI**, k to m, sm, GS, k2, GS, k2, GS, k to 1 bef m, **RLI**, k1, sm,  
 Sleeve: k1, **LLI**, k to m, sm, GS, k2, GS, k to 1 bef m, **RLI**, k1, sm,  
 Front: k1, **LLI**, k to 1 bef end, **m1R**, k1  
 (10sts increased: 2 for neckline and 8 for raglan shaping)

R10 (WS) p to end, slipping markers

Repeat R9-10 another 4-4-5-5-6-6 times

= 15-15-17-17-19-19 sts each front  
 = 26-26-28-26-28-28 sts each sleeve  
 = 52-58-62-66-70-72 sts at back

## 2. Join in the round and work Raglan to end

Continue the raglan-increases as follows:

R1 (RS) k to 1 bef m, **RLI**, k1, sm,  
 k1, **LLI**, k to m, sm, GS, k2, GS, k to 1 bef m, **RLI**, k1, sm,  
 k1, **LLI**, k to m, sm, GS, k2, GS, k2, GS, k to 1 bef m, **RLI**, k1, sm,  
 k1, **LLI**, k to m, sm, GS, k2, GS, k to 1 bef m, **RLI**, k1, sm, k1, **LLI**  
 (8sts increased for raglan shaping)

At the end of the row, cast on 22-28-28-32-32-34 sts (with backwards loop cast on or your preferred method) and join in the round to knit on RS of work. The beginning of the round is at the right front side.

= 54-60-64-68-72-74 sts at front

R2 (RS) knit all sts, slipping markers

Repeat R1-2 until a total of 26-27-29-31-33-35 raglan-increases from beginning on

= 88-96-102-110-116-122 sts each front/back  
 = 62-64-68-70-74-78 sts each sleeve

### 3. Separate Sleeves and knit the Body

Cast on sts under arms and place sleeve-sts on hold as follows:

R1 *k* across front, *rm*, place sleeve-sts on hold, *rm*, cast on 2-2-3-4-5-6\* sts (with backwards loop cast on or your preferred method), **pm**, cast on 2-2-3-4-5-6\* sts, *k* across back to *m* (pattern), *sm*, GS, k2, GS, k2, GS, *k* to *m*, *rm*, place sleeve-sts on hold, *rm*, cast on 2-2-3-4-5-6\* sts (with backwards loop cast on or your preferred method), **pm** (for beginning of the round), cast on 2-2-3-4-5-6\* sts, (3 markers left: 1 for pattern at back, 1 each side)

*\*for in-between-sizes, cast on 1-3 sts more each time (note: following stitch counts will change)*

= 92-100-108-118-126-134 sts each front/back

From now on, front and back are worked in stockinette stitch, and the pattern line at the back will be continued. New pattern lines are established along the sides step by step:

R1 *k* all sts slipping markers  
 R2 *sm*, k1, GS, *k* across front to 3 bef *m*, GS, k1, sm, k1, GS, *k* to *m*, *sm*, GS, k2, GS, k2, GS, *k* to 3 bef *m*, GS, k1

Repeat R1-2 another 25 times (20cm/8" - If you want a longer/shorter sweater I recommend adapting here), then add another GS-line at the sides, as follows:

R3 *k* all sts slipping markers

#### Option with Waist Shaping:

Always decrease 2sts before and after the GS-lines, after 8 rounds, then another 2 times every 8R

R1a: [*k* to 2 after GS-line, *ssk*, *k* across Front/back to 4 before GS-line, *k2tog*, *k* GS-lines] 2-times

Work to waist height, then increase 5 times every 6 rounds, always 2sts before and after the GS-line:

R1a: [*k* to 2 after GS-line, *m1R*, *k* across Front/back to 2 before GS-line, *m1L*, *k* GS-lines] 2-times

R4 *sm*, k1, GS, k2, GS, *k* across front to 7 bef *m*, GS, k2, GS, k1, sm, k1, GS, k2, GS, *k* to *m*, *sm*, GS, k2, GS, k2, GS, *k* to 7 bef *m*, GS, k2, GS, k1

Repeat R3-4 another 11 times



### 4. Split hem and bottom band

Separate front and back, add another GS-line at each side and add the first lines of ribbing at the edge of the split:

R1 (RS) *rm*, *k1* and turn to work the back part in rows back and forth  
 R2 (WS) *k1*, **m1Lp**, *k1*, **m1Lp**, *p10*, **pm**, *purl* across back to 1 bef *m* (side), **m1Rp**, *p1*, *rm*, **m1Rp**, *p1*  
 R3 (RS) *k1*, **m1Rp**, *slip1*, *p1*, *slip1*, GS, k2, GS, k2, GS, *k* to *m*, *sm*, GS, k2, GS, k2, GS, *k* to *m*, *sm*, GS, k2, GS, k2, GS, *slip1*, *p1*, *slip1*, **m1Lp**, *slip1* *wyf*  
 R4 (WS) *k1* *tbl*, *k1*, *p1*, *k1*, *p1*, *p* to 4 bef end, *k1*, *p1*, *k1*, *slip1* *wyf*

= 100-108-116-126-134-142 sts

R5 (RS) *k1* *tbl*, *p1*, *slip1*, *p1*, *slip1*, GS, k2, GS, k2, GS, *k* to *m*, *sm*, GS, k2, GS, k2, GS, *k* to *m*, *sm*, GS, k2, GS, k2, GS, *slip1*, *p1*, *slip1*, *p1*, *slip1* *wyf*  
 R6 (WS) same as R4

Repeat R5-6 another 10 times, then work the rib pattern for the hem (with one more GS-line) as follows:

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R1 (RS) k1tbl, p1, slip1, p1, slip1, GS, p2, GS, p2, GS, p2, GS, p2, [k2, p2]\* to m, sm, GS, p2, GS, p2, GS, p2, [k2, p2]\* to 4 bef m, GS, p2, sm, GS, p2, GS, p2 GS, slip1, p1, slip1, p1, slip1

*\*(depending on size, it might be necessary to increase/ decrease by 1 stitch for a matching pattern)*

R2 k1 tbl, k1, p1, k1, p3, [k2, p2] to 5 bef end, p1, k1, p1, k1, slip1

Repeat R1-2 another 11 times, then bind off.

For the front part, start with a WS row:

R1 (WS) cast on 5 sts with backwards loops (and sew them on later from the inside) p 10, pm, p across front, cast on 5 sts (and sew on later)  
(Experienced knitters may pick up these 5 sts from the inside of the slit, where you have increased for the back part, to avoid sewing.)

R2 (RS) k1 tbl, p1, slip1, p1, slip1, GS, k2, GS, k2, GS, k to m, sm, GS, k2, GS, k2 GS, slip1, p1, slip1, p1, slip1

R3 (WS) k1 tbl, k1, p1, k1, p1, p to 4 bef end, k1, p1, k1, slip1

Repeat R2-3 another 11 times,  
then work the rib pattern for the bottom band as follows:

R1 (RS) k1tbl, p1, slip1, p1, slip1, GS, p2, GS, p2, GS, p2, GS, p2, [k2, p2]\* to 4 bef m, GS, p2, sm, GS, p2, GS, p2 GS, slip1, p1, slip1, p1, slip1

*\*(depending on size, it might be necessary to increase/ decrease by 1 stitch for a matching pattern)*

R2 k1 tbl, k1, p1, k1, p3, [k2, p2] to 4 bef end, p1, k1, p1, k1, slip1

For a shorter front (see blue sample),  
repeat R1-2 another 5 times, then bind off.

For a longer front (see purple sample),  
repeat R1-2 another 11 times, then bind off.



## 5. Sleeves

Transfer sts from holder to knitting needle and work in the round with dpn's or cable needle and magic loop.

R1 pm, pick up and knit 2-2-3-4-5-6 sts from under-arm-cast on, k to m, GS, k2, GS, k to end, pick up and knit 2-2-3-4-5-6 sts from under-arm-cast on  
= 66-68-74-78-84-90 sts

R2 Decrease-Round: sm, k3, **k2tog**, k to m, sm, k to 5 bef m, **ssk**, k3

R3 sm, k to m, GS, k2, GS, k to m

R4 [sm, k to m] 2 times

Work as in R3-4 while decreasing every 8 rounds as described in R2 to a total of 13-12-13-13-14-15 times

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

After last decrease, work another 0-8-8-8-0-0 rounds  
or to desired length (allowing 5cm/ 2" for the cuff)

### Cuff for Size XS, M, XL:

R1 sm, p1, [k2, p2] to m, sm, GS, p2, GS, [p2, k2] to 1 bef m, p1

R2 sm, p1, [k2, p2] to m, sm, k2, [p2, k2] to 1 bef m, p1

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### Cuff for Size S, L, XXL:

R1 sm, k1, p2, [k2, p2] to m, sm, GS, p2, GS, p2, [k2, p2] to 1 bef m, k1

R2 sm, k1, p2, [k2, p2] to m, sm, [k2, p2] to 1 bef m, k1

Repeat R1-2 another 5 times, then bind off.

## 6. Neckline and collar

### For a crew neck:

Pick up and knit sts from the neckline as follows: (starting at back neck centre, before the pattern): pm, 10 pattern-sts, 13-16-17-19-21-21 sts from back, 10-10-10-8-8-8 sts from sleeve, 36-42-44-48-50-52 sts from front (at the neckline-sides, pick up 1 st per 2 rows), 10-10-10-8-8-8 sts from sleeve, 13-16-17-19-21-21 sts from back to pattern-begin

= 92-104-108-112-116-120 sts

R1 sm, GS, p2, GS, p2, GS, p2, [k2, p2] to m

R2 sm, [k2, p2] to m

Repeat R1-2 another 5 times, then bind off

### For the extra cowl/collar:

Finish the crew neck as described.

Cast on 92-104-108-112-116-120 sts and

work 46 rounds as in R1-2,

then work the increases as described below.



### For a turtle neck:

Pick up sts as described for crew neck, but start picking up sts **after** the neck pattern (10sts later), then turn and work on WS, starting with the pattern-sts: work 36 rounds as in R1-2, then work the increases as described below.

### Increases for the neck-shape:

(asa = all sts as they appear)

R1 sm, asa to 2 bef m, **m1Lp**, p2, sm, GS, p2, GS, p2, GS, p2, **m1Rp**, asa to m

R2 sm, asa

R3 sm, asa to m, sm, GS, p2, GS, p2, GS, asa to m

R4 sm, asa to 2 bef m, **m1Lp**, p2, sm, k2, p2, k2, p2, k2, p2, **m1Rp**, asa to m

R5 sm, asa to m, sm, GS, p2, GS, p2, GS, asa to m

R6 sm, asa

R7 sm, asa to 2 bef m, **m1L**, p2, sm, GS, p2, GS, p2, GS, p2, **m1R**, asa to m

R8 sm, asa

R9 sm, asa to m, sm, GS, p2, GS, p2, GS, asa to m

R10 sm, asa to 2 bef m, **m1L**, p2, sm, k2, p2, k2, p2, k2, p2, **m1R**, asa to m

R11 sm, asa to m, sm, GS, p2, GS, p2, GS, asa to m

R12 sm, asa

Repeat R1-12 another 2 times, then bind off loosely.

## 7. Finishing

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

For a perfect look and uniform loop structure, wash and dry flat or steam iron your new sweater carefully. ... Don't be lazy! ... It is worth the effort!

Weave in ends ...

... and enjoy your new sweater! ☺

*P. S.: I would love to see  
your finished sweater  
on Ravelry!*

