

Pierre Sweater



Pattern

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Oversized Lace Sweater with an Eye-Catching Lace Pattern, a Classic Round Neck and Straight Sleeves in Sizes XXS/XS | S | M (L | XL | 2XL) 3XL | 4XL/5XL

Materials:

- 250 | 250 | 300 (350 | 350 | 350) 400 | 400 g Merino by Knitting for Olive (250 m/ 50g) AND
- 150 | 150 | 175 (175 | 200 | 200) 200 | 225 g Soft Silk Mohair by Knitting for Olive (225 m/ 25 g)
- 3.5 mm circular knitting needles (optional DPNs/ short knitting needles for the sleeves)
- Darning needle
- Stitch markers or leftovers

Knitting Tension:

10x10 cm = 24 sts x 32 rs in lace pattern, 2 strands of yarn held together on 3.5 mm knitting needles (wet blocked). **Please note: The lace pattern grows A LOT after washing and blocking! If you use different yarn than indicated in the pattern, the growth might be even more drastically!**

Measurements:

Bust Circumference Finished Sweater:
103 | 108 | 120 (130 | 142 | 152) 164 | 173 cm with a positive ease of 15 to 25 cm

Length Finished Sweater:
50 | 50 | 50 (57 | 57 | 57) 64 | 64 cm incl. 4 cm hem – the length can be adapted individually.

Sleeve Length:

36-44 cm (incl. 4 cm cuffs) – can be adapted individually.

Abbreviations:

st(s) = stitch(es)
r(s) = row(s)/ round(s)
rsr = right side row
wsr = wrong side row
k = knit
p = purl
SM = stitch marker
kXtog = knit X stitches together
yo = yarn over
skpo = slip 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch, pull the slipped stitch over the stitch worked
cdd = centered double decrease (slip 2 stitches knitwise, knit 1 stitch, pull the 2 slipped stitches over the stitch worked)

Structure:

The sweater is worked in a lace pattern top down in one piece. First, the back part is worked until the armholes in an engaging lace pattern. The front parts are then worked separately by picking up stitches along the shoulder line of the back part. To shape the round neck, there are worked a couple of increases after the first 3 stitches and before the last 3 stitches of a right side row. Then, the front panels are joined and the front part is worked in one piece until it reaches the same length like the back part. Now, back and front part are joined to the round so that the body can be finished in lace pattern in the round. Depending on the size, the lace pattern is working out with the new stitches under the armpit – or it is not (but it won't be visible for the final garment). The body is finished with a hem in 1x1 ribbing with twisted knit stitches.

Then, stitches for the sleeves are picked up along the armholes. The sleeves are then worked in the same lace pattern in the round like the body has been worked before. The cuffs are worked in 1x1 ribbing with twisted knit stitches as well.

Finally, stitches are picked up along the round neck and a double folded collar in 1x1 ribbing with twisted knit stitches is worked along the neckline.

The fit of the sweater has a positive ease of 15 to 25 cm, making it very much oversized. The wide fit emphasizes the lightness of the elegant lace pattern making this design perfect for all summer outfits waiting in your closet!

Notes:

Edge Stitches (first and last stitch of every row) are always knit stitches (in rsr and wsr). The edge stitches are included into the total number of stitches.

The sweater is worked with **2 strands of yarn held together** (1 strand of Merino and 1 strand of Soft Silk Mohair or similar yarn meeting the gauge).

Lace Pattern: Follow the knitting chart for your size.

Increases: In every rsr, there are increases to shape the round neck. They are worked as m1l after the first 3 sts of the left front part and as m1r before the last 3 sts of the right front part – always in a rsr.

Make 1 right: Insert your needle under the strand of yarn between the stitch you have just knitted and the RS from back to front and place it on your left needle. Knit it through the front loop.

Make 1 left: Insert your needle under the strand of yarn between the RS and the next stitch you are going to knit from front to back and place it on your left needle. Knit it through the back loop so that it is twisted.

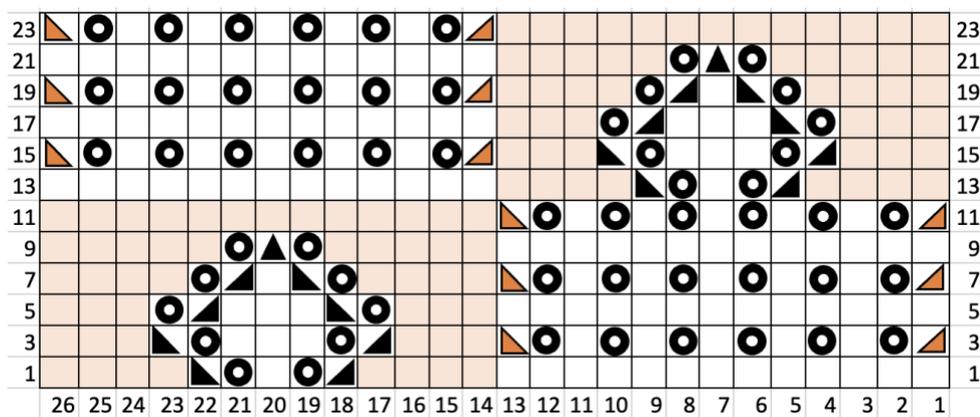
When you have to work the increases in wrong side rows, remember to PURL these sts (m1rp and m1lp).

Probably the MOST IMPORTANT NOTE of the pattern: The sweater will look way too small and too short during the knitting process. After washing and blocking, it will grow a lot and you will receive the measurements given in the pattern. If you want to try it on during the knitting process, I recommend to do some steam blocking/mid-blocking to check the length and width. The unblocked measurements are far away from the final outcome. If you use other yarn than recommended in the pattern, the growth can be even more drastically. A test knitter used "Pure Silk" instead of "Merino" and her sweater grew more than the other versions.

Please read carefully through the whole pattern before you start knitting! You will need to work with knitting charts AND written instructions at the same time!

Lace Pattern

The sweater is covered with a beautiful lace pattern. One pattern repeat of the lace pattern is worked as follows:



R 1 – 24 are repeated steadily to achieve the desired length of the sweater. Boxes 1-26 are repeated steadily to achieve the desired width of the sweater. **THERE ARE ONLY DISPLAYED THE RIGHT SIDE ROWS (ODD ROUNDS) – THE WRONG SIDE ROWS (EVEN ROUNDS) ARE NOT SHOWN ON THE CHARTS!** In wsr, work all sts as they appear but ALWAYS consider the written notes of the symbols below for all wsr/even rounds.

Remember the written instructions of the symbols written down below as well:

Symbols or How to read the chart:

-  = yo in rsr (odd rounds); p in wsr OR k in even rounds
-  = k2tog through the back loop in a rsr (odd rounds); p in wsr OR k in even rounds
-  = k2tog in rsr (odd rounds); p in wsr OR k in even rounds
-  = cdd; p in wsr OR k in even rounds
-  = k4tog through the back loop in a rsr (odd rounds); p in wsr OR k in even rounds
-  = k4tog in rsr (odd rounds), p in wsr OR k in even rounds
-  = reverse stockinette stitch: p in rsr, k in wsr; always p when knitting in the round
-  = stockinette stitch: k in rsr, p in wsr; always k when knitting in the round

The chart is read from right to left and from bottom to top. One box is one stitch in one row/round.

Back Part

Casting On:

Cast on 119 | 119 | 145 (145 | 171 | 171) 197 | 197 sts with your 3.5 mm circular knitting needles with 2 strands of yarn held together (1 strand of Merino and 1 strand of Soft Silk Mohair) and with your preferred cast-on-method (e. g. Longtail-Cast-on). The first r after casting on is a wsr. P all sts and if you prefer, place SM to mark the different pattern repeats:

Sizes XXS/XS and S – wsr:

Edge st, SM, 13 sts, SM, 26 sts, SM, 26 sts, SM, 26 sts, SM, 26 sts, SM, edge st. The lace pattern shown on the page before is repeated in total 4 ½ times (**= 4 times boxes 1-26 and 1 more time boxes 1-13**).

Sizes M and L – wsr:

Edge st, SM, 13 sts, SM, 26 sts, SM, edge st. The lace pattern shown on the page before is repeated in total 5 ½ times (**= 5 times boxes 1-26 and 1 more time boxes 1-13**).

Sizes XL and 2XL – wsr:

Edge st, SM, 13 sts, SM 26 sts, SM, edge st. The lace pattern shown on the page before is repeated in total 6 ½ times (**= 6 times boxes 1-26 and 1 more time boxes 1-13**).

Sizes 3XL and 4XL/5XL:

Edge st, SM, 13 sts, SM, 26 sts, SM, edge st. The lace pattern shown on the page before is repeated in total 7 ½ times (**= 7 times boxes 1-26 and 1 more time boxes 1-13**).

From the next rsr onwards, follow R 1 of the knitting chart. K1 (edge st) and repeat the lace pattern shown on the page before 4 ½ | 4 ½ | 5 ½ (5 ½ | 6 ½ | 6 ½) 7 ½ | 7 ½ times in total, k1 (edge st).

Repeat the instructions, until you have worked all ROWS of the lace pattern (rows 1-24) in total 2 ½ | 2 ½ | 2 ½ (2 ½ | 3 | 3 ½) 3 ½ | 3 ½ times. End with a wsr.

Cut the yarn, put the sts to rest on another rope/leftover yarn and start with the left front part.

Front Part(s)

Left Front Part:

Pick up 36 | 36 | 49 (49 | 62 | 62) 75 | 75 sts along the cast-on-row of the back (= refers to the last 36 | 36 | 49 (49 | 62 | 62) 75 | 75 sts of the back part). P all sts in the next wsr (except the edge sts) and from the next rsr onwards, follow the knitting charts of the front part to shape the round neck (p. 8 onwards) and consider the written instructions below:

Please note, that the edge sts along the round neck are displayed on the knitting charts, BUT the edge sts along the armholes are NOT DISPLAYED on the knitting charts, but of course you have to work them.

From R 15 onwards, work in the increases to shape the round neck. Therefore, m1l (or m1lp if you need to increase a purl stitch according to the lace pattern) after the first 3 sts of a rsr. Work the increases in total 10 times (= 46 | 46 | 59 (59 | 72 | 72) 85 | 85 sts). Then, cut the yarn, put the sts to rest on another rope/leftover yarn and start over with the right front part:

Right Front Part:

Pick up 36 | 36 | 49 (49 | 62 | 62) 75 | 75 sts along the cast-on-row of the back part (= refer to the first 36 | 36 | 49 (49 | 62 | 62) 75 | 75 sts of the back part). P all sts in the next wsr (except the edge sts) and from the next rsr onwards, follow the knitting chart to shape the round neck (from p. 8 onwards).

Please note, that the edge sts along the round neck is displayed on the knitting chart, but the edge stitches along the armholes are NOT DISPLAYED on the knitting charts, but of course you have to work them too.

From R 15 onwards, work in the increases to shape the round neck. Therefore, m1r (or m1rp if you need to increase a purl stitch according to the lace pattern) before the last 3 sts of a rsr. Work the increases in total 10 times (= 46 | 46 | 59 (59 | 72 | 72) 85 | 85 sts). Do not cut the yarn, because now you are going to join both front parts:

Joining the Front Parts:

Work the 46 | 46 | 59 (59 | 72 | 72) 85 | 85 sts of the front part according to the knitting chart, m1r before the last 3 sts, k3 and cast on 25 sts after the last st. Pick up the sts of the left front part, k3, m1l and work the remaining sts according to the knitting chart. Remember to work the edge sts along the armholes as well. Work back all sts in the next wsr like you have done it before. The new sts to close the round neck are purled. You should have in total 119 | 119 | 145 (145 | 171 | 171) 197 | 197 sts on your knitting needles.

Finish the front part by working the lace pattern, until you have repeated R 1-24 in total 2 ½ | 2 ½ | 2 ½ (2 ½ | 3 | 3 ½) 3 ½ | 3 ½ times (counted from the pick-up-row onwards). Your front part has now the same length as the back part – meaning these parts are now ready to be joined to the round.

Body

Connection of Front and Back Part:

Front and back part are now joined to the round and depending on the size, there will be new sts under the armpits making sure, that the lace pattern is working out (sizes S, L, 2XL, 4XL/5XL). For the other sizes (XXS/XS, M, XL, 3XL), you don't cast on extra stitches under the armpits – meaning the lace pattern is not working out, but it will still look nice (I worked my sample in a size M and I definitely love the result!):

Work as follows:

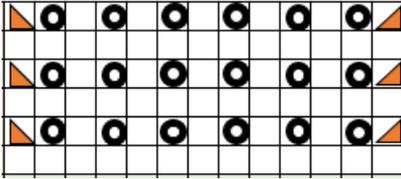
Work the sts of the front part according to the lace pattern, cast on 0 | 11 | 0 (11 | 0 | 11) 0 | 11 new sts after the last st. Work the sts of the back part according to the lace pattern and cast on again 0 | 11 | 0 (11 | 0 | 11) 0 | 11 new sts after the last st. Place a SM – this is your beginning of the round (= 238 | 260 | 290 (312 | 342 | 364) 394 | 416 sts).

The lace pattern is now continued as follows:

For sizes XXS/XS, M, XL und 3XL the edge sts are now worked as p sts. Front and back part are worked according to the lace pattern IN THE ROUND (1 round in lace pattern, 1 round all sts as they appear/according to the written instructions on p. 3).

For sizes S, L, 2XL und 4XL/5XL the edge sts and the new sts under the armpits (= in total 13 sts) are integrated in the lace pattern so that the lace pattern is going to work out perfectly. Front and back part are worked IN THE ROUND as well (1 round in lace pattern, 1 round all sts as they appear/according to the written instructions on p. 3). For the new sts under the armpits, start the section of the lace pattern shown

below and afterwards, continue to work according to the lace pattern shown on p. 3:



Finishing the Body:

Work according to the lace pattern in the round until the body measures around 45 | 45 | 45 (52 | 52 | 52) 59 | 59 cm from the neckline down – or until you reach your preferred length. End after R 12 OR R 24. Change to your 3.5 mm knitting needles and work for 12 rs in 1x1 ribbing with twisted knit stitches (*k1 through the back loop, p1*, repeat from * to * steadily). Cast off all sts with your preferred cast-off-method.

Sleeves

The sleeves are worked in lace pattern in the round. Therefore, pick up 65 | 78 | 78 (91 | 91 | 104) 104 | 117 sts with 2 strands of yarn held together with your 3.5 mm knitting needles along the armhole. **If you prefer wider or tighter sleeves, stick to the smaller or larger size in comparison to the size you are knitting.** Place a SM **directly in the middle (!) under the armpits**, this is your beginning of the round (= BOR). Furthermore, place additional stitch markers to mark the pattern repeats of the lace pattern. Depending on the size, the lace pattern is going to work out perfectly OR the pattern is not working out perfectly, so we have several options:

- Option 1: The lace pattern is working out.
- Option 2: The lace pattern is not working out and you will p 13 sts directly under the armpits. Concerning the BOR, I recommend to have 6 p sts before the BOR and 7 p sts after the BOR so that the stripe with purl stitches is directly under the armpits.
- Option 3: The lace pattern is not working out and you will work the 13 sts directly under the armpits in lace pattern (boxes 1-13 of the pattern repeat on p. 3), so that the same pattern repeats meet under the armpits. This has been the case for the body for some sizes as well. I recommend to move the BOR so that it is placed before/after these 13 sts.

XXS/XS: BOR, 26 sts lace pattern, SM, 26 sts lace pattern, SM, p13. The lace pattern shown on p. 3 is repeated 2 times and in between the pattern repeats, you will p 13 sts under the armpits (or you can choose option 3).

S/M: BOR, 26 sts lace pattern, SM, 26 sts lace pattern, SM, 26 sts lace pattern. The lace pattern is repeated 3 times.

L/XL: BOR, 26 sts lace pattern, SM, 26 sts lace pattern, SM, 26 sts lace pattern, SM, p13. The lace pattern shown on p. 3 is repeated 3 times and in between the pattern repeats, you will p 13 sts under the armpits (or you can choose option 3).

2XL/3XL: BOR, 26 sts lace pattern, SM, 26 sts lace pattern, SM, 26 sts lace pattern, SM, 26 sts lace pattern. The lace pattern is repeated 4 times.

4XL/5XL: BOR, 26 sts lace pattern, SM, p13. The lace pattern shown on p. 3 is repeated 4 times and in between the pattern repeats, you will p 13 sts under the armpits (or you can choose option 3).

Work according to the lace pattern and repeat R 1-24 of the knitting chart shown on p. 3 in total 4.5 | 4.5 | 4 (4 | 3.5 | 3.5) 3.5 | 3.5 times – or until you reach your individually desired length. Please note that the cuffs will add around 4 cm of length to the sleeves. **Therefore, I recommend to try on the sweater regularly to figure out the perfect length for your individual arm length! Please note that the sweater will grow a lot**

after washing and blocking, so you might have to do a steam block/mid-block to check the final length of your sleeves. End with a R 12 or R 24.

Work for 12 rs in 1x1 ribbing with twisted knit stitches (*k1 through the back loop, p1*, repeat from * to * steadily). Cast off all sts with your preferred cast-off-method.

Repeat the instructions for the 2nd sleeve.

Tip for an even result: To receive the most even result, I recommend to start the pattern repeat with boxes 14-26 on the 2nd sleeve, so that the lace pattern is starting with the same pattern repeats on both sleeves.

Knitting Charts to Shape the Round Neck Along the Front Parts

There are different charts for the different sizes. Follow the knitting chart for your size and remember the written instructions as well! **Please note, that the edge sts along the armholes are NOT DISPLAYED on the knitting charts, BUT the edge stitches along the round neck are displayed on the knitting chart!**

One box is one st in one r. The chart only displays the right side rows (odd rows). **The wsr (even rounds) are not displayed. Therefore, remember the written instructions of the symbols below!** Meaning, for the wrong side rows (even rows), repeat the RSR icons but using WSR / even round instructions as indicated below.

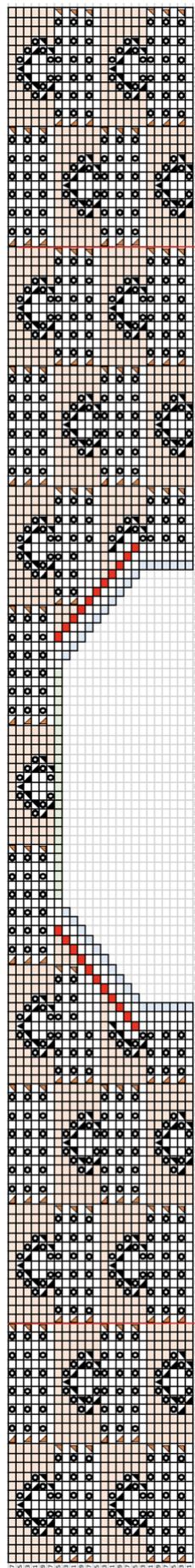
The increases to shape the round neck are worked in rsr. For the left front, m1l after the first 3 sts and for the right front, m1r before the last 3 sts.

The knitting chart is read from right to left and from bottom to top (your knitting direction).

Symbols:

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-  = cdd; p in wsr OR k in even rounds
-  = k4tog through the back loop in a rsr (odd rounds); p in wsr OR k in even rounds
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-  = reverse stockinette stitch: p in rsr, k in wsr; always p when knitting in the round
-  = stockinette stitch: k in rsr, p in wsr; always k when knitting in the round
-  = round neck increases (m1l for the left front, m1r for the right front)
-  = edge st along the round neck (k)
-  = new sts when joining the front panels

Front Part – XXS/XS, S, XL and 2XL:



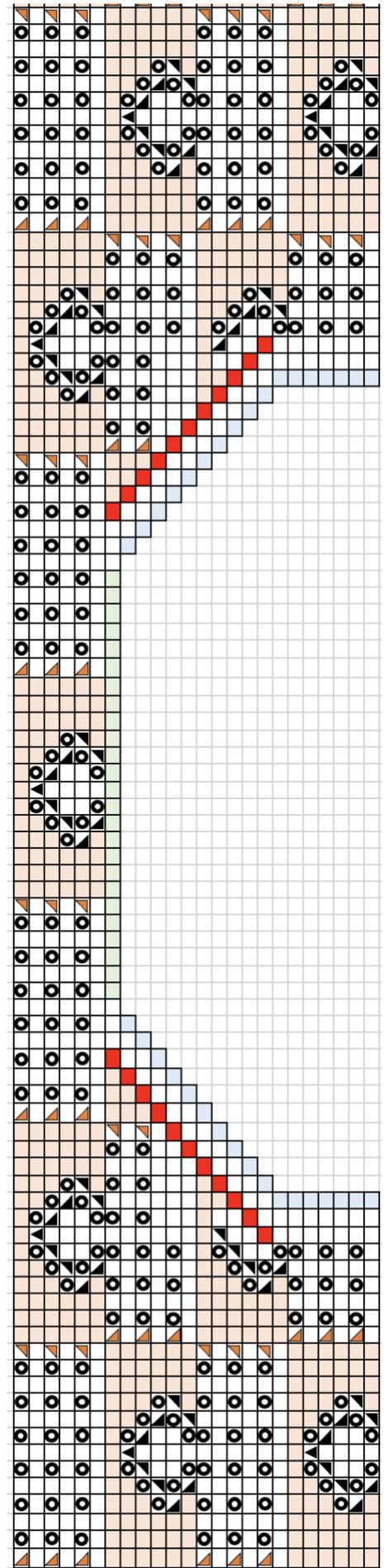
Right Front

Left Front

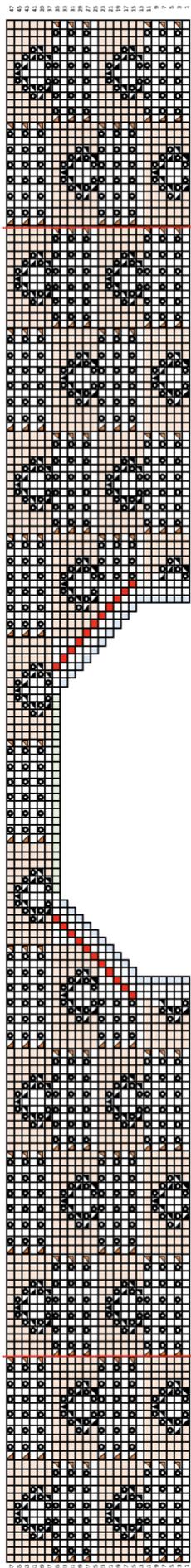
For sizes XXS/XS and S, work all sts between the red lines. For sizes XL and 2XL, work all sts of the knitting chart.

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Close-Up of the round neck:



Front Part – M, L, 3XL and 4XL/5XL:



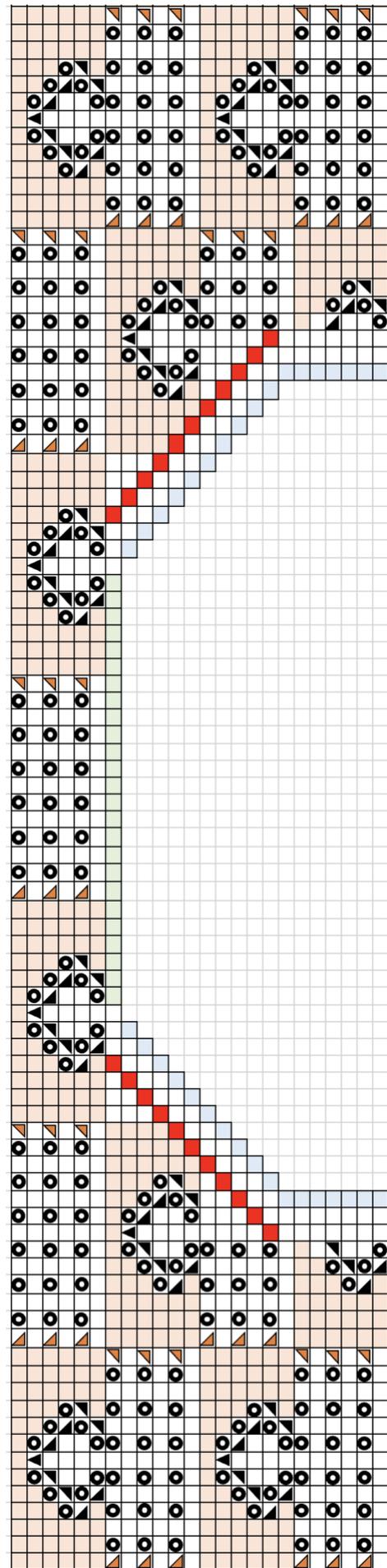
Right Front

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Close-Up of the Round Neck:



Double Folded Collar in 1x1 Ribbing

Pick up sts with your 3.5 mm knitting needles and with 2 strands of yarn held together along the neckline. I recommend to pick up 1 st per 1 st and 2 st per 3 rs. If you have a tighter knitting tension, I recommend to pick up 1 st per 1 r. If you have a looser knitting tension, I recommend to pick up 1 st per 2 rs. Your total number of sts therefore depends on your individual knitting tension.

Work for 12 rs in 1x1 ribbing (including the pick-up-row) with twisted knit stitches (*k1 through the back loop, p1*, repeat from * to * steadily). Then, p all sts for one round. Afterwards, continue to work in 1x1 ribbing with twisted knit stitches for the next 11 rs. Cast off all sts with your preferred cast-off-method. Fold the collar along the purl round to the inside of the sweater and sew the cast-off-row to the pick-up-row.

If you prefer to work a single, non-folded collar, I recommend to bind off all sts with an elastic bind-off-method after 12 rs in 1x1 ribbing.

Completion

Wet block your sweater and let it dry flat. Weave in all ends.

Your new handmade Pierre Sweater is finished!

I would be thrilled to see your results! If you like, share them on Instagram with the Hashtag **#pierresweater** and my tag **@kolibri.by_johanna**



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