

Knitting for Olive



Pearls-on-a-string Sweater

Sizes: 6 (9, 12-18 months // 2, 4, 6, 8, 10) years

Full length from shoulder: approx. 26 (28, 32 // 35, 40, 45, 50, 55) cm [10.25 (11, 12.5 // 13.75, 15.75, 17.75, 19.5, 21.5) in] – or as desired

Width at underarm: approx. 24 (26, 29 // 32, 35, 38, 41, 44) cm [9.5 (10.25, 11.5 // 12.5, 13.75, 15, 16, 17.25) in]

Inner sleeve length: 18 (19, 20 // 21, 25, 28, 33, 37) cm [7 (7.5, 7.75 // 8.25, 9.75, 11, 13, 14.5) in] – or as desired

Needles: circular needle and double pointed needles, sizes 3.5 mm (US 4) and 4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge: 18 sts x 26 rows = 10 x 10 cm using 4.5 mm needles in st st

Yarn: Knitting for Olive's Heavy Merino, yardage approx. 225 m / 100 g

The sweater above is knitted in Knitting for Olive's Heavy Merino – Dusty Moose and Dusty Rose

Yarn requirements: Color 1+2: 50 + 100 (50 + 100, 50 + 150 // 50 + 150, 50 + 200, 50 + 250, 50 + 250, 100 + 300) g

The Pearls-on-a-string Sweater is knitted in the round, from the top down.

The neckline is shaped by knitting short rows.

The sweater has a circular yoke which is embellished with pearls.

It is knitted in 2 colors, but you can easily knit the sweater in one color if you like.

The length of the sweater is easily adjustable as desired.

Cast on 56 (56, 60 // 60, 64, 68, 72, 76) sts using 3.5 mm needles and **color 1**
Pm at the beginning of the round = center back

Neckline

K 1 round

Knit 2 (2.5, 2.5 // 3, 3, 3, 3.5, 3.5) cm in ribbing: k1, p1

K 1 round

Yoke

Change to 4.5 mm needles

On next round increase as follows:

k2, m1 (insert left hand needle from front to back, under the bar before the next st and k tbl)

Repeat from * to * throughout the round

= 84 (84, 90 // 90, 96, 102, 108, 114) sts on your needle

Now begin shaping the neckline by knitting short rows

This pattern uses the German Short Row technique, but any short row technique can be used

For help knitting 'German Short Rows', **watch video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i_6PjI20zKA**

Set-up row for short rows

K 1 round and at the same time, place two markers to mark the turning points as follows:

Begin center back

K29 (29, 31 // 31, 33, 35, 37, 39), pm,

K26 (26, 28 // 28, 30, 32, 34, 36), pm,

K29 (29, 31 // 31, 33, 35, 37, 39) = center back

K until you reach the first marker, sm to right hand needle, k1, turn and work double stitch (t&w)

P back to the marker center back, sm to right hand needle

Continue in p until you reach the next marker, sm to right hand needle, p1, t&w

K back to the center back marker, sm to right hand needle

Once again k until you reach the first marker, sm to right hand needle, k3, t&w

P back to the center back marker, sm to right hand needle

Continue in p until you reach the next marker, sm to right hand needle, p3, t&w

K back to the center back marker, sm to right hand needle

K until you reach the first marker, sm to right hand needle, k5, t&w

P back to the center back marker, sm to right hand needle

Continue in p until you reach the next marker, sm to right hand needle, p5, t&w

K until you reach the center back marker, sm to right hand needle

Now continue knitting in the round across all sts

K 1 (1, 1 // 1, 2, 2, 2, 2) round(s), at the same time remove the 2 turning point markers

On next round inc as follows:

k3, m1

Repeat from * to * throughout the round
= 112 (112, 120 // 120, 128, 136, 144, 152) sts on your needle

K 4 (5, 5 // 5, 6, 6, 7, 8) rounds

On next round increase as follows:

k4, m1

Repeat from * to * throughout the round
= 140 (140, 150 // 150, 160, 170, 180, 190) sts on your needle

K 1 (1, 2 // 2, 3, 3, 4, 5) rounds

On next round, knit in both **color 1** and **color 2**, as follows:

K2 using **color 2**, *k1 using **color 1**, k4 using **color 2***

Repeat from * to * until 3 sts remain before the marker, k1 using **color 1**, k2 using **color 2**

On next round, knit in **color 2** ONLY, as follows:

K2, *slip next st (**color 1** -st) purlwise to right hand needle, k4*

Repeat from * to * until 3 sts remain before the marker, slip the next st (**color 1** -st) purlwise to right hand needle, k2

Pearls-on-a-string

Now knit the pearls using **color 1** for knitting all **color 1** -sts

*k using **color 2** until you reach the **color 1** -st, using **color 1** knit a pearl in the **color 1**-st as follows:

K5 in the **color 1** -st, (k1, k1 tbl, k1, k1 tbl, k1), turn,
P the 5 sts, turn,
k5, turn,
p5, turn

Using **color 2 (important!)** knit the 5 sts together in 1 st by knitting 5 sts together tbl, (the easiest way to do this is to place the 5 sts as close to the tip of the left hand needle as possible)*

Repeat from * to * throughout the round, k the last 2 sts using **color 2**

From this point, finish the rest of the piece in **color 2**

K 2 rounds

On next round increase as follows:

k5, m1

Repeat from * to * throughout the round
= 168 (168, 180 // 180, 192, 204, 216, 228) sts on your needle

K 8 rounds

Body

Size 6 months:

Continue to section: **Separate stitches for the sleeves**

Size 9 months:

On next round inc 16 evenly across the round:

*k10, m1 (insert left hand needle from front to back, under the bar before the next st and k tbl), k11, m1

* Repeat from * to * throughout the round

Size 12-18 months:

On next round inc 20 sts evenly across the round as follows:

k10, m1 (insert left hand needle from front to back, under the bar before the next st and k tbl)

Repeat from * to * throughout the round

Sizes 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 years:

On next round inc as follows:

k6, m1 (insert left hand needle from front to back, under the bar before the next st and k tbl)

Repeat from * to * throughout the round

= 168 (184, 198 // 210, 224, 238, 252, 266) sts on your needle

K 0 (2, 3 // 3, 4, 5, 6, 7) rounds

Separate stitches for the sleeves

Now put sts aside on scrap yarn for sleeves, as follows:

K24 (26, 28 // 30, 33, 35, 37, 40)

Place the next 36 (40, 43 // 45, 46, 49, 52, 53) sts on scrap yarn,

Knit the front piece: 48 (52, 56 // 60, 66, 70, 74, 80) sts

Place the next 36 (40, 43 // 45, 46, 49, 52, 53) sts on scrap yarn,

k24 (26, 28 // 30, 33, 35, 37, 40) until you reach the center back marker

Now continue knitting across the body sts

= 96 (104, 112 // 120, 132, 140, 148, 160) on your needle

Continue knitting straight up until the piece from the arm hole measures 16 (17, 18 / 19, 22, 25, 28, 31) cm [6.25 (6.75, 7 // 7.5, 8.5, 9.75, 11, 12.25) in] or the desired length, please note that you have yet to knit the finishing edge (which is approx. 3.5 (4, 4 // 4.5, 4.5, 4.5, 5, 5) cm [1.25 (1.5, 1.5 // 1.75, 1.75, 1.75, 2, 2) in] more)

Edge

Change to 3.5 mm needles

K 1 round

Work approx. 3 (3.5, 3.5 // 4, 4, 4, 4.5, 4.5) cm [1 (1.25, 1.25 // 1.5, 1.5, 1.5, 1.75, 1.75) in] in ribbing: k1, p1
Bind off in ribbing (k the k sts, p the p sts)

Sleeves

Place the 36 (40, 43 // 45, 46, 49, 52, 53) sts from the scrap yarn on 4.5 mm double pointed needles
Pm at the beginning of the round and continue knitting in the round in st st

On the 7th round, decrease as follows:

Start at the beginning of the round

K1, k2tog, k until 3 sts remain before the marker, sl1k, k1, pssso

Dec on every 6th (6th, 6th // 7th, 7th, 7th, 7th, 7th) round until you have a total of 28 (28, 31 // 33, 32, 35, 34, 37) sts on your needle

Continue knitting straight up until the sleeve measures 16 (17, 18 // 19, 22, 24, 29, 32) cm [6.25 (6.75, 7 // 7.5, 8.5, 9.5, 11.5, 12.5) in] – or desired length, please note that you have yet to knit the finishing edge

Sleeve edge

Change to 3.5 mm needles

K 1 round

Work approx. 2 (2, 2 // 2, 3, 4, 4, 5) cm [0.75 (0.75, 0.75 // 0.75, 1.25, 1.5, 1.5, 2) in] in ribbing: k1, p1

If you have an uneven number of sts, p the last 2 sts together

Bind off in ribbing (k the k sts, p the p sts)

Sew the holes under the arms together and weave in all the loose ends

Wash and block

We hope you enjoy this pattern!

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Abbreviations

St/sts – stitch/stitches

K – knit

P – purl

Sl1k – slip 1 st knitwise

Pssso – pass slipped stitch over

Tbl – through the back loop

Pm – place marker

Sm – slip marker

St st – stockinette stitch

M1: make one new st (insert left hand needle from front to back, under the bar before the next st and k tbl)

T&w: turn and work