

# PetiteKnit

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## MELANGE SWEATER JUNIOR

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<b>Sizes:</b>	1-2 (2-3) 3-4 (4-5) 5-6 (6-7) 7-8 (8-9) 9-10 (10-11) 11-12 (12-13) 13-14 years
<b>Chest circumference:</b>	72 (74) 76 (78) 80 (82) 84 (88) 92 (96) 98 (100) 102 cm [28¾ (29¾) 30 (30¾) 31½ (32¾) 33 (34¾) 36¼ (37¾) 38½ (39½) 40¼ inches]
<b>Length:</b>	36 (38) 40 (42) 44 (46) 48 (50) 52 (54) 55 (56) 57 cm [14¼ (15) 15¾ (16½) 17¼ (18) 19 (19¾) 20½ (21¼) 21¾ (22) 22½ inches] (measured mid back)
<b>Gauge:</b>	20 sts x 30 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches] in stockinette stitch on a 4 mm [US6]
<b>Needles:</b>	Circular needles: 4 mm [US6] / 60 and 80 cm [24 and 32 inches] and 3.5 mm [US4] / 40 and 60 cm [16 and 24 inches] Double-pointed needles: 4 mm [US6] and 3.5 mm [US4]
<b>Materials:</b>	200 (200-250) 250 (250) 300 (300) 350 (400) 400 (400-450) 450 (450) 500 g Sunday by Sandnes Garn (50 g = 235 m [257 yds]) <b>or</b> 250 (250-300) 300 (300) 350 (350) 400 (450) 450 (450-500) 500 (500) 500-550 g Tynn Peer Gynt by Sandnes Garn (50 g = 205 m [285 yds]) (knitted with two strands held together). Note: Two strands of yarn are held together throughout the pattern. The given yardage amounts are the total yardage required.

## PATTERN

Melange Sweater Junior is worked from the top down. First, the back yoke is worked back and forth in stockinette stitch. Then, each shoulder is worked separately and joined to form the front yoke. Front and back yoke are then joined to form the body, which is worked in the round on a circular needle. Stitches for the sleeves are picked up and knitted along the armholes, worked in the round on double-pointed needles or on a circular needle using the Magic Loop technique. Finally, the rib edge at the neckline is worked from picked-up stitches and folded double. Melange Sweater Junior is worked in two strands of yarn in contrasting colors to achieve the marled or “mélange” color.

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

### Size guide

Melange Sweater Junior is designed to have approx. 20 cm [8 inches] of positive ease, meaning it is designed to be approx. 20 cm [8 inches] larger in circumference than the chest measurement. The sizes 1-2 (2-3) 3-4 (4-5) 5-6 (6-7) 7-8 (8-9) 9-10 (10-11) 11-12 (12-13) 13-14 years are designed to fit a chest circumference of approx. 53 (54) 56 (57) 59 (62) 64 (68) 72 (75) 78 (80) 82 cm [20¾ (21¼) 22 (22¾) 23½ (24¼) 25 (26¾) 28¼ (29¾) 30½ (31½) 32¼ inches]. The measurements for the finished garment are listed on the front page of the pattern (please note that these measurements are only achieved if the sweater is knitted in the correct gauge). If you/the recipient measures 62 cm [24¼ inches] around the chest, you should knit a size 6-7 years. Size 6-7 years has a chest circumference of 82 cm [32¼ inches] which will, in this example, give 20 cm [8 inches] of positive ease.

If the measured chest circumference deviates from the age guide, you can adjust the lengths to the person you're knitting for. The same applies if the child is short/taller than average.

### About increases

Increases are worked so they either slant to the right (M1R) or to the left (M1L). They are worked as follows (see video at [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)):

**M1L:** 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).

**M1R:** Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from back to front, then knit this strand.

### About the mélange

To achieve an even and consistent mélange, the two strands of yarn should be lightly twisted around each other, instead of running parallel to each other, while knitting (if the strands are parallel, the result will look striped instead of evenly marled). Take special care during the transition from yoke to body, when changing from working back and forth to working in the round.

### Back yoke

Cast on 72 (74) 76 (78) 80 (82) 84 (88) 92 (96) 98 (100) 102 sts on a 4 mm [US6] / 60 or 80 cm [24 or 32 inches] circular needle with your preferred method.

Purl 1 row. The next row is a RS row.

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit across.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Work Row 1 and 2 a total of 21 (22) 22 (23) 23 (24) 24 (25) 26 (27) 28 (28) 29 times (for a total of 42 (44) 44 (46) 46 (48) 48 (50) 52 (54) 56 (56) 58 rows). The work now measures approx. 14,5 (15) 15 (15,5) 15,5 (16,5) 16,5 (17) 17,5 (18,5) 19 (19) 19,5 cm [5¾ (6) 6 (6) 6 (6½) 6½ (6¾) 7 (7¼) 7½ (7½) 7¾ inches].

Break the working yarn and let the sts rest on a stitch holder or an extra circular needle while the shoulders are being worked.

### Left front

RS facing, pick up and knit the 23 (24) 24 (25) 26 (27) 28 (30) 32 (34) 35 (36) 37 sts furthest to the left along the back yoke cast-on edge. Pick up from the RS with a 4 mm [US6] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needle.

Pick up and knit *between* the sts so the knitting looks continuous (see video at [www.petitekmit.com](http://www.petitekmit.com)).

Purl 1 row, so the next row is a RS row.

Work back and forth as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit across.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Work Row 1 and 2 a total of 8 (9) 9 (9) 9 (9) 9 (9) 10 (10) 10 (10) 10 times (i.e. until a total of 16 (18) 18 (18) 18 (18) 18 (18) 20 (20) 20 (20) 20 rows have been worked).

Now work increases at the neck edge to shape the neckline, as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K3, **M1L**, knit to end of row (1 stitch has been increased).

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Work Row 1 and 2 a total of 6 times. There are now a total of 29 (30) 30 (31) 32 (33) 34 (36) 38 (40) 41 (42) 43 sts on the needles.

Break the working yarn and let the sts rest, while the right front is being worked.

### Right front

RS facing, pick up and knit the 23 (24) 24 (25) 26 (27) 28 (30) 32 (34) 35 (36) 37 sts furthest to the right along the back yoke cast-on edge. Pick up from the RS with a 4 mm [US6] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needle the same way as for the left shoulder.

Pick up and knit *between* the sts so the knitting looks continuous (see video at [www.petitekmit.com](http://www.petitekmit.com)).

Purl 1 row, so the next row is a RS row.

Work back and forth as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit across.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Work Row 1 and 2 a total of 8 (9) 9 (9) 9 (9) 9 (9) 10 (10) 10 (10) 10 times (i.e. until a total of 16 (18) 18 (18) 18 (18) 18 (18) 20 (20) 20 (20) 20 rows have been worked).

Now work increases for the neckline as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit to the last 3 sts on the needle, **M1R**, k3 (1 stitch has been increased).

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Work Row 1 and 2 a total of 6 times.

There are now a total of 29 (30) 30 (31) 32 (33) 34 (36) 38 (40) 41 (42) 43 sts on the needles.

Do not break the working yarn as the next step follows from here.

### **Front yoke**

Now join the left and right front to form the front yoke, while casting on new sts for the neck in between.

Work as follows:

Knit across right front, cast on 14 (14) 16 (16) 16 (16) 16 (16) 16 (16) 16 (16) 16 (16) 16 sts in extension of the right front using the backward loop method, knit across the left front.

There are now a total of 72 (74) 76 (78) 80 (82) 84 (88) 92 (96) 98 (100) 102 sts on the needles.

Purl 1 row, so the next row is a RS row.

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit across.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Work Row 1 and 2 a total of 7 (7) 7 (8) 8 (9) 9 (10) 10 (11) 12 (12) 13 times (i.e. until 14 (14) 14 (16) 16 (18) 18 (20) 20 (22) 24 (24) 26 rows have been worked and a total of 46 (48) 48 (50) 50 (52) 52 (54) 56 (58) 60 (60) 62 rows have been worked on the front incl. the row where sts were picked up and knitted).

Do not break the working yarn as the next step follows from here.

### **Body**

The body is worked in the round on a 4 mm [US6] / 60 or 80 cm [24 or 32 inches] circular needle. The body is formed by joining the front and back yoke. Work as follows:

Knit across the front yoke, knit across the back yoke.

There are now a total of 144 (148) 152 (156) 160 (164) 168 (176) 184 (192) 196 (200) 204 sts on the needle.

Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round at the right armhole. Work in the round in stockinette stitch until the sweater measures 31 (33) 35 (37) 39 (41) 43 (44) 46 (48) 49 (49) 50 cm [12¼ (13) 13¾ (14½) 15¼ (16) 17 (17½) 18¼ (19) 19½ (19½) 19¾ inches] mid back – or to the desired length.

Change to a 3.5 mm [US4] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needle and work 5 (5) 5 (5) 5 (5) 5 (6) 6 (6) 6 (7) 7 cm [2 (2) 2 (2) 2 (2) 2 (2¼) 2¼ (2¼) 2¼ (2½) 2¾ inches] in the round in 1 x 1 rib (k1, p1).

Work 2 rounds of double knitting before binding off using the Italian bind off method as follows (see video at [www.petitekmit.com](http://www.petitekmit.com)):

Round 1: \* K1, slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front \*, repeat from \* to \* to end of round.

Round 2: \* Slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in back, p1 \*, repeat from \* to \* to end of round.

Bind off using the Italian bind off technique (see video at [www.petitekmit.com](http://www.petitekmit.com)).

## Sleeves

The sleeves are worked in the round on double-pointed needles or on a circular needle using the *Magic Loop* technique.

RS facing, pick up and knit 58 (60) 62 (64) 64 (66) 68 (70) 72 (74) 78 (78) 80 sts along the armhole opening using a 4 mm [US6] needle. Start at the bottom of the armhole. This is the approx. equivalent to picking up and knitting 2 sts for every 3 rows all the way around (see video at [www.petitekmit.com](http://www.petitekmit.com)). Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch until the sleeve measures 19 (22) 23 (24) 25 (26) 27 (29) 30 (32) 33 (34) 35 cm [7½ (8¾) 9 (9½) 9¾ (10¼) 10¾ (11½) 11¾ (12½) 13 (13½) 13¾ inches], **while at the same time** working decreases on every 6th (6th) 7th (7th) 8th (8th) 8th (9th) 8th (9th) 8th (9th) 9th round a total of 9 (9) 9 (9) 9 (9) 10 (10) 11 (11) 11 times as follows: K1, k2tog, knit to the last 3 sts of the round, ssk, k1. There are now a total of 40 (42) 44 (46) 46 (48) 50 (52) 52 (54) 56 (56) 58 sts on the needles.

Change to 3.5 mm [US4] double-pointed needles and work 3 (3) 4 (4) 4 (5) 5 (5) 6 (6) 6 (7) 7 cm [1¼ (1¼) 1½ (1½) 1½ (2) 2 (2) 2¼ (2¼) 2¼ (2¾) 2¾ inches] in the round in 1 x 1 rib (k1, p1).

Work double knitting and bind off using the Italian bind off technique the same way as on the hem on the body.

Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

## Neck edge

The neck edge is worked in the round in rib on a 3.5 mm [US4] / 40 cm [16 inches] circular needle. The neck edge is folded double and knitted together.

RS facing, pick up and knit 90 (92) 94 (94) 96 (98) 98 (98) 98 (100) 100 (102) 104 sts along the neck opening using a 3.5 mm [US4] / 40 cm [16 inches] circular needle. This is the approx. equivalent to picking up and knitting 1 stitch in every stitch along the back of the neck, the front of the neck and along the slanted sides, and 2 stitches for every 3 rows along the straight sides of the neck.

Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round.

Work a rib edge with built in double knitting as follows:

Rounds 1-9: Work in 1 x 1 rib (k1, p1).

Round 10-12: \* K1, slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front \*, repeat from \* to \* to end of round.

Rounds 13-19: Work in 1 x 1 rib (k1, p1).

Now the rib edge is folded double and knitted together by knitting every other stitch of the next round together with a stitch from the round where stitches were picked up and knitted, while at the same time binding off. Work as follows (see video at [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)):

\* Pick up a stitch from the round where stitches were picked up and knitted and place it on the left needle. Knit the picked up stitch together with the first stitch on the left needle. Pass the second stitch on the right needle over the stitch that was just knitted (i.e. bind off the stitch). Knit 1 stitch. Pass the second stitch on the right needle over the stitch that was just knitted (i.e. bind off the stitch). \*

Repeat from \* to \* to the end of the round.

*Take that the neck edge doesn't become twisted – make sure to check along the way that each stitch is knitted together with the stitch directly below it.*

Weave in all ends.

## Abbreviations

k	knit
k2tog	decrease; knit two stitches together (right-slanting)
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
ssk	slip, slip, knit - decrease; slip one stitch knit-wise, slip another stitch knit-wise, return both stitches to the left needle, and knit them together through the back loops (left-slanting)
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	wrong side of your work



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