Plucky Braids

XS – S – M – L – XL – XXL

A Contemporary Classic. A braided pattern of upgrading width, combined with a modern shoulder solution and displaced slit hem.
This Pullover is knit completely seamless from the top down. Cables are worked without cable needle.
The cable-pattern automatically creates a slight waist shaping without constricting.
The length can be adapted to your personal preferences.

Material

The Plucky Knitter Primo Worsted
Consumption approximately
950-1050-1150-1270-1390-1530m/ 1050-1150-1260-1390-1530-1680y

2 circular knitting needles of same size, US 6 or 7 (4 or 4.5 mm)
or size to obtain gauge
Thin helping needle to pick up stitches,
Tapestry Needle to weave in ends. 4 stitch markers

Gauge

20 sts x 28 R = 10cm / 4 inch in stockinette stitch
Try different needle sizes to obtain gauge.

Please consider that you will spend many hours knitting this sweater …
… but **only ten minutes** to **make a gauge swatch**…. **It is worth the time!**
A difference of only 1 stitch may cause a width difference of one size up to 2 inches.
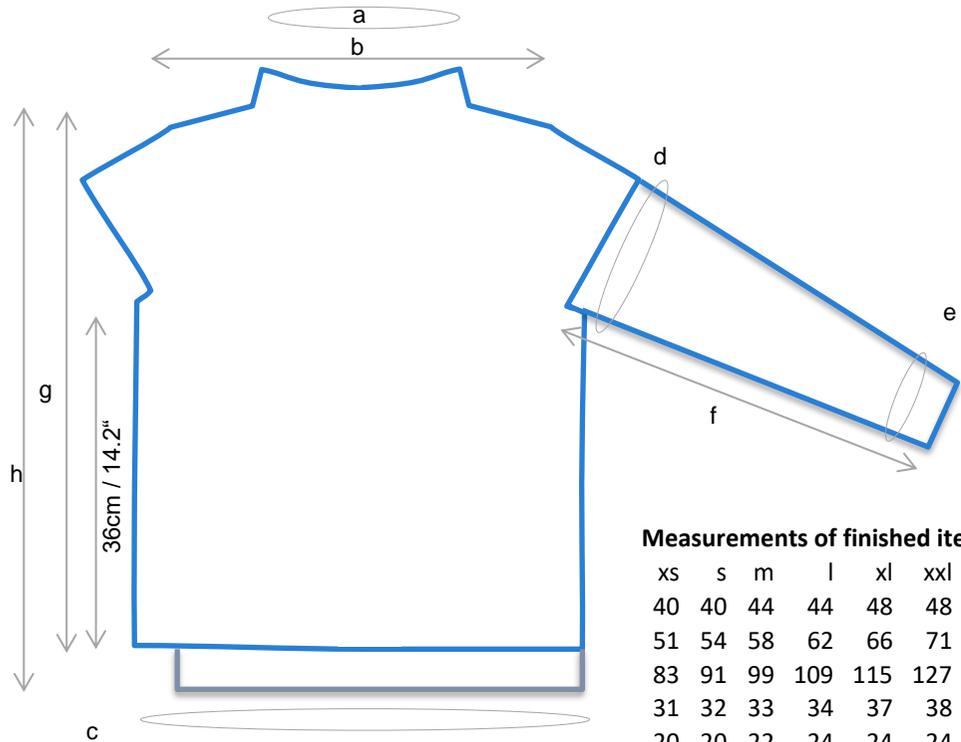To understand the construction, please read the whole pattern and mark the numbers for your size.

All stitches and rows are specified in **XS – S – M – L – XL – XXL.**
Measurements, schematic, abbreviations and techniques can be found on page 2-3.

For help and motivation check out my **ravelry group**.
This pattern has been carefully reviewed and tested by experienced knitters, but I must make reservation for possible mistakes. Should you have problems following the instructions or find any errors, please do not hesitate to send me a personal message on **ravelry**. As English is not my mother tongue, please excuse anything that is not grammatically correct. Thank you in advance for your indulgence.

Draft and Measurements

Abbreviations
co = cast on,
R = row / round,
st, sts = stitch, stitches,
k = knit,
p = purl,
x = times,
m = Marker,
pm = place marker,
sm = slip marker,
rm = remove marker,
ssk = slip, slip, knit,
k2tog = knit 2 together,
m1R = make one right,
m1L = make one left,
bo = bind off
DS = double stitch,
DSasa = DS as it appears,
m1p = increase a purl stitch,
RS = right side,
WS = wrong side,
bef = before,
asa = all sts as they appear
x = times (2x=2 times)

Measurements of finished item in cm / inch

xs	s	m	l	xl	xxl			xs	s	m	l	xl	xxl
40	40	44	44	48	48	a	collar	15,8	15,8	17,3	17,3	18,9	18,9
51	54	58	62	66	71	b	upper back	19,9	21,1	22,7	24,2	25,8	27,8
83	91	99	109	115	127	c	bust	32,7	35,9	39,0	42,9	45,3	50,0
31	32	33	34	37	38	d	sleeve	12,2	12,6	13,0	13,4	14,6	15,0
20	20	22	24	24	24	e	cuff	7,9	7,9	8,7	9,5	9,5	9,5
46	48	48	51	51	52	f	sleeve length	18,3	18,9	19,0	20,3	20,3	20,5
59	61	63	66	67	70	g	Front length	23,1	24,1	24,9	26,0	26,3	27,6
65	68	70	73	73	76	h	Back length	25,6	26,6	27,4	28,6	28,8	30,1

Measurements of finished item.
Please compare with a matching garment. Add 3-5cm / 1-2inch ease to body measures.
All measures may differ up to 1cm due to rounding.
Yarn consumption may differ due to material.

Increase leaning to right (m1R)

Insert the left needle from back to front under the horizontal strand between two stitches and knit through the front loop (crossed to avoid a hole)

m1R: increase a knit stitch   **m1Rp**: increase a purl stitch

Increase leaning to left (m1L)

Insert the left needle from front to back into the horizontal strand between two stitches and knit through the back loop (crossed)

m1L: increase a knit stitch   **m1Lp**: increase a purl stitch

DECREASE:

K2tog/p2tog: (Decrease leaning to right) knit/purl 2 sts together

Ssk/ssp: (Decrease leaning to left) slip 2 sts as if to knit one at a time, slip them back to the left needle and knit/purl both together

Picking up stitches

Insert the right needle from front to back between the first and second stitch from edge, wrap the yarn around the needle and draw the yarn through. A neater result can be achieved using a smaller needle than the fabric is knit with.

DS – German Short rows … quick and easy

Turn, bring yarn forward as if to purl, slip first stitch as if to purl and pull the yarn over the top towards the back (this creates a double stitch = DS). Work the following stitch according to pattern (firmly to avoid holes).

In the next row knit/purl (according to pattern) the DS as one stitch.

Knitting in the round with two circulars

You work only with one needle at once. The second needle gives flexibility to the remaining round.

Knit half of your work with needle no. 1, then continue until end with the second needle. Change to first needle, Pull the needle through and work from 1st stitch to last stitch on this needle, using only this one needle. Then change needles and work the remaining sts with the second needle, starting with pulling the needle through the end where you want to start.

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1. Collar

Work in the round with 2 needles.

Cast on 40-40-44-44-48-48 sts, change to 2nd needle,
cast on 40-40-44-44-48-48 sts
Join in the round.

> *Tip for a neat round joint: change to 1st needle, CO 1st, slip this additional st to left needle and purl tog with first stitch of R1*

R1   [p1, k3] repeat to end
R2-5   =1
R6   **braid-row:** {[p1, c3, p1, c3, [p1, k3]2x, p1, c3, [p1, k3]3x, p1, c3, [p1, k3]1-1-2-2-3-3x} repeat on 2nd needle
Repeat R1-6 for 2 more times, then R1 once. =19R

> *c3 – cable 3 sts: knit 3rd st through back loop, leaving on left needle, then knit 1st and 2nd st; slip all 3sts off needle.*

OPTION: *If you prefer a higher collar, work 1 or 2 more repeats (6 or 12 R).*

2. Shoulder Band
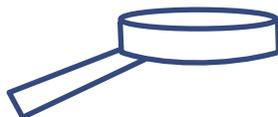
First needle:
R1   (RS) p1, m1p, k3, p1, m1p, k3, m1p, p1, turn
From here on work these 12sts for the shoulder-band back and forth (all other sts may remain on needle).
R2-4   asa
R5   (RS) p2, c3, p2, c3, p2

R 6 until R45-49-52-57-60-67: asa, working braids every 6 rows
Place 12 sts on holder. Cut yarn.

Second needle:
Repeat as on 1st needle.
Place 12 sts on holder,
continue with ongoing yarn or cut yarn (depending on size – M, XL) .
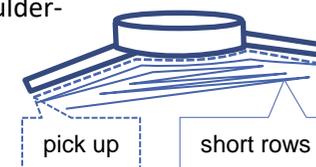
3. Upper Back - Setting

R1   RS facing, pick up and knit from side of shoulder-band (3sts per 4R):
14-17-19-23-25-30 sts, pm, 20 sts, pm,

work 31-31-35-35-39-39 sts from collar as follows:
k7, p1, m1p, k15, p1, m1p, k7-7-11-11-15-15, pm,

pick up and knit from 2nd shoulder-band:
20 sts, pm, 14-17-19-23-25-30 sts.

= 101-107-115-123-131-141 sts

R2   (WS) Setting:
        p to m, sm, p6-6-10-10-14-14, k2, p to m (12-12-8-8-4-4sts), sm, p7-7-11-11-15-15, k2, p15, k2, p to m, (7sts), sm, p4, k2, p7, k2, p3, k2, sm, p to end
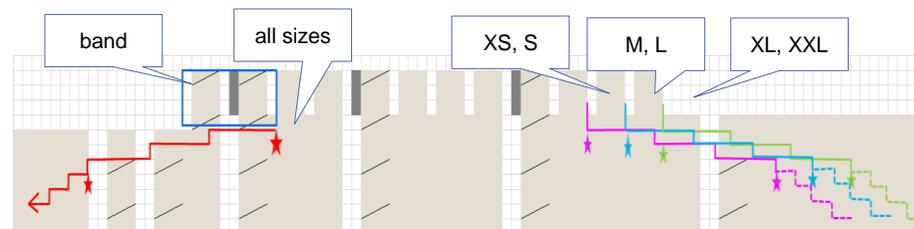R3   [asa to m, sm] 3x, asa7, turn.
R4   DS, [asa to m, rm] 2x, rm, asa7, turn.

R5   **Braid-R:** DS, p2, c3, k8, p2, c3, k12, p2, c3, k to DS, DSasa, asa7, turn.

R6   DS, asa to DS, DSasa, asa7, turn.
R7-8   DS, asa to DS, DSasa, asa to m, turn (73-73-77-77-81-81sts worked).

pick up   short rows

band   all sizes   XS, S   M, L   XL, XXL

4.   Upper Back – Shoulder triangle and Armhole

R1   (RS) DS, asa to DS, DSasa, k2-3-3-3-3-5, turn.

R2   DS, asa to DS, DSasa, p2-3-3-3-3-5, turn.

R3   (RS): **setting-row for braids**: <u>repeat braids every 6 rows from here on</u>
        DS, k to m, sm, p2**, c3**, p2, **c3**, k4, p2, **c3**, k8, p2**, c3**, k12, p2, **c3**, k16, p2
        c3, k to m, sm, k to DS, DSasa, k2-3-3-3-3-5, turn.

R4   DS, asa to DS, DSasa, p2-3-3-3-3-5, turn.

                                        = 101-107-115-123-131-141 sts

<u>4.1</u>   Start decreases for shoulder-triangle (dec. every 4 rows) / Continue
Short rows for shoulder shaping / Continue braids in every 6 R

R1   (RS) DS, asa to 2 bef m, **ssk**, sm, asa to m, sm, **k2tog**, k to DS, DSasa,
        k2-3-3-3-3-5, turn

R2   DS, asa to DS, DSasa, p2-3-3-3-3-5, turn,

R3   DS, asa to DS, DSasa, k2-3-3-3-3-5, turn.

R4   =2
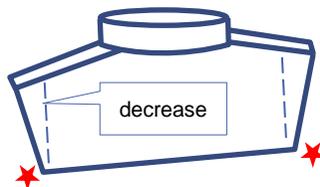
Repeat R1-4 until you reach the lateral ends (all sts are worked), while working
braids in every 6 R.

<u>4.2</u>   Continue decreases at marker every 4R: 10-10-11-11-13-13 times in
total (counted from 4.1 on) / continue braids in every 6 R

Dec-R: (RS) asa to 2 bef m, ssk, sm, asa to m, sm, k2tog, k to end

                                        = 81-87-93-101-105-115 sts

Work 3-5-5-7-7-7 R asa (=32-36-38-38-42-44 R at lateral edge)
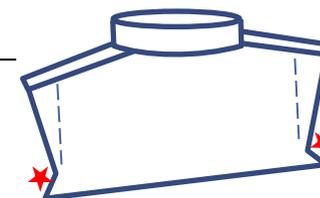Set removable markers at both sides (for armhole)

Armhole:

R1   k1, m1R, asa to 1 before end, m1L, k1 (continue pattern every 6 rows)

R2   asa

Repeat R1-2 for 0-1-2-3-4-5 more times
Place all sts on holder, cut yarn.

                                        = 83-91-99-109-115-127 sts

5.   Upper Front

Work as for back, repeating step 3 and 4.
Leave sts on needle, do not cut yarn.

6.   Body

With ongoing yarn, (adapt stitch count for cuff, multiple of 4)
Sizes XS, S, M, XL, XXL: m1, asa to end, m1,
Size L: ssk, asa to 2 before end, k2tog
Pick up sts from back and join in the round
Work approximately 100R or until wished length, ending with a R5 of braid-
pattern (4cm for cuff will be added), continuing pattern every 6R

Option for Cuff without slits and longer bottom:
Work until start of first braid, start following rounds from here on.

R1   { <u>c3</u>, p2, <u>c3</u>, p1, k3, p2, <u>c3</u>, [p1, k3]2x, p2, <u>c3</u>, [p1, k3]3x, p2, <u>c3</u>,
        [p1, k3]4x, p2, <u>c3</u>, [p1, k3] repeat until next braid } repeat once

R2-6   asa

Repeat R1-6, then bind off.

OPTION with slit and longer bottom
*Divide into front and back (displaced, starting below
shoulder, not at side!) and continue working back and forth.
Work until start of first braid, start following rows from
here on.*

Front (12R):
Work 84-92-100-108-116-128 sts:

Cuff:

R1*   *c3, p2, c3, p1, k3, p2, c3, [p1, k3]2x,*
        p2, c3, [p1, k3]3x, p2, c3, [p1, k3]4x,
        p2, c3, [p1, k3] repeat to next braid

R2-6   *asa*

Repeat R1-6 once, then bind off.

Back (24R):
12 rows asa, continuing braids
Work Cuff as for front.

7.   Sleeves

Right Sleeve: RS facing, using a thin helping needle, pick up
sts from armhole, beginning at marker at back:
pick up and knit 26-27-28-29-32-33 sts from side (3sts per
4R), asa 12sts from shoulder-band, 26-27-28-29-32-33sts
from side until marker (3sts per 4R), rm, 1-2-3-4-5-6sts (1st
per 2R) until under arm, pm, 1-2-3-4-5-6sts (1st per 2R), rm.
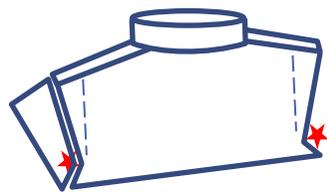
back

R1   k2, pm², k to 1 st bef band, k2tog, k1, k3 (or c3, cable every 6R), p2, k3
        (or c3), k1, ssk, k to 3-4-5-6-7-8 bef m (under arm), pm³, ssk, k1, turn,
R2   slip1, asa to m², sm, p2tog, p1, turn

Only sizes S – XXL (not for Size XS):
R3   slip1, asa to m³, sm, ssk, k1, turn
R4   slip1, asa to m², sm, p2tog, p1, turn

Repeat R3-4 for 0-1-2-3-4 more times, continuing the braid pattern every 6R
(all sts until side-marker are worked), remove m² and m³
                                = 60-62-64-66-72-74 sts

Sleeve shaping:
Join in the round, asa, continuing the braids every 6R.
At the same time decrease for sleeve shaping 10-11-10-9-12-15 times every
10-10-11-13-10-9 R (if you wish shorter sleeves, dec. every 9-9-10-12-9-8R)

Decreasing-Round: k2, ssk, asa to 4 bef m, k2tog, k2, sm
Last decreasing-round: k2, ssk, asa to m, rm
                                = 41-41-45-49-49-49 sts

Continue for 8-2-2-2-2-8 R or until wished length (try on - consider 4cm cuff)

Cuff:
R1 Setting-round:
XS, S: c3, p1, k3, p1, c3, p1, k3, p1, c3, p2, c3, p1, k3, p1, c3, p1, k3, p1, k3,
         p1, sm
M: k1, p1, c3, p1, k3, p1, c3, p1, k3, p1, c3, p2, c3, p1, k3, p1, c3, p1, k3,
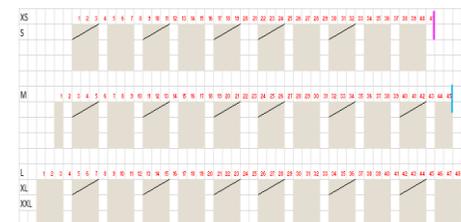   p1, c3, p1, k2, sm
L-XXL: k3, p1, c3, p1, k3, p1, c3, p1, k3, p1, c3, p2, c3, p1, k3, p1, c3, p1, k3,
         p1, c3, p1, k3, p1, sm

R2-5   asa
Repeat R1-6 once more, then bind off.

Work the left sleeve in the same way.
Start to pick up at front marker.

8.   Finishing

Wave in ends…
                                …and enjoy your new PLUCKY BRAIDS sweater! ☺