

## Pretty Belinda

by Silke Ufer

### Yarn:

Drops “Baby Alpaca Silk“  
(70% Alpaca, 30% Silk) 50g = 167m  
in your favourite colour  
or any other kind of yarn in that weight and yardage

Size S 250 g  
Size M 300 g  
Size 2M 300 g  
Size L 350 g  
Size XL 350 g  
Size XXL 500 g



Plus: about 10g of a lace yarn in a contrasting colour for the crocheted lace

### Needles:

Circular needle (80-100 cm) and dpns size 2,5mm/US1,5  
or size to obtain gauge  
circular needle size 2,0mm US0 for cuff  
dpns 3,5mm/US4 for bo

### You also need:

4 markers, crochet hook size 0,75mm (US 14),  
crochet hook size 2,0mm (US 0),  
tapestry needle, scrap yarn, cable needle  
Fabric lace if you don't want to crochet  
2 tiny buttons (1 cm) for sleeves  
8-12 tiny buttons for buttonband (size S: 8, size XXL: 12)

### Bust measurements:

“Pretty Belinda” is a lightly shaped sweater  
with about 2” negative ease to fit:

Size S: 77 cm (nearly 30”)  
Size M: 87 cm (nearly 34”)  
Size 2M: 91 cm (nearly 36”)  
Size L: 97 cm (nearly 38”)  
Size XL: 101 cm (nearly 40”)  
Size XXL: 110 cm (nearly 43”)

### Gauge:

32 stitches/ 40 rounds = 10x10 cm (4”x 4”) stockinette stitch with needle-size 2,5mm (US1,5)

### Story:

“She lives in a boathouse down by the river...everyone called her Pretty Belinda”. That song came into my mind with the rhythm of my stockinette knitting.

The idea for that top-down-contiguous sweater (Susie-Meyers contiguous method) came when I saw an interview with Jennifer Lopez in which she wore a nude-tone blouse with a lace edging. I sat down to draw a first draft. While knitting this sweater more ideas came into my mind like the smocking under the breast and that cute Peter-Pan-like-collar or the small cables on both sides of the buttonbands.

I hope, you enjoy your knitting and perhaps it happens to you too...the rhythm of Pretty Belinda.

### Instructions:

My tip: highlight the instructions for your size, so you can be sure not to get confused with the instructions for other sizes. S is always first, M is second, (2M, L and XL follow in brackets) XXL comes last.

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### Start your knitting:

With circular-needle size 2,5mm (US 1,5) loosely co 38, 40 (44, 48, 48) 54 stitches.

### Set-up:

- k1, pm, k2, pm, k 32, 34 (38, 42, 42) 48, pm, k2, pm, k1
  - pfb, sm, p2, sm, pfb, p to 1 st bef. m, pfb, sm, p2, sm, pfb
- ① k to 1 st bef. m, kfb, sm, k2, sm, kfb, k7, 8 (7, 7, 7) 10, kfb, \*k8, 8 (10, 12, 12) 12, kfb\*, rep.\*to\* once more, k to 1 st bef. m, kfb, sm, k2, sm, kfb, k to end
  - ② p to 1 st bef. m, pfb, sm, p2, sm, pfb, p to 1 st bef. m, pfb, sm, p2, sm, pfb, p to end
  - ③ k to 1 st bef. m, kfb, sm, k2, sm, kfb, k10, 11 (10, 10, 10) 13, kfb, \*k9, 9 (11, 13, 13) 13, kfb\*, rep.\*to\* once more, k to 1 st bef. m, kfb, sm, k2, sm, kfb, k to end
  - ④ rep. row ②

### Only sizes 2M-XXL (size S + M skip to row \*)

- ⑤ k to 1 st bef. m, kfb, sm, k2, sm, kfb, k -, - (13, 13, 13) 16, kfb, \*k -, - (12, 14, 14) 14, kfb\*, rep.\*to\* once more, k to 1 st bef. m, kfb, sm, k2, sm, kfb, k to end
- ⑥ rep. row ②

### Only sizes S+M (knit both rows a total of 2 times, then go to "all sizes"):

\* k to 1 st bef.m, kfb, sm, k2, sm, kfb, k to 1 st bef. m, kfb, sm, k2, sm, kfb, k to end

\* rep. row ②

### All sizes:

⑦ k1, kfb, k to 1 st bef. m, kfb, sm, k2, sm, kfb, k to 1 st bef. m, kfb, sm, k2, sm, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1

⑧ rep. row ②

Repeat rows ⑦ and ⑧ a total of 11, 12 (8, 9, 10) 12 times.

Your stitch-table at that time:

Size	S	M	2M	L	XL	XXL
Front – each	43	46	32	35	38	44
Sleeves – each	2	2	2	2	2	2
back	100	106	93	101	105	119
Stitches total	190	202	161	175	185	211

### **To close the front-line (only sizes 2M to XXL): sizes S+M skip this part**

① k1, kfb, k to 1 st bef. m, kfb, sm, k2, sm, kfb, k to 1 st bef. m, kfb, sm, k2, sm, kfb, k to 2 sts bef. end, kfb, k1

② p1, pfb, p to 1 st bef. m, pfb, sm, p2, sm, pfb, p to 1 st bef. m, pfb, sm, p2, sm, pfb, p to 2 sts bef. m, pfb, p1

Rep rows ① and ② a total of 5 times.

### Again all sizes:

Your shoulder section should by now measure 8, 8,5 (8,5, 9, 9,5) 10,5 cm, measured over the 2 arm-stitches from co.

Your stitch-table at that time:

Size	S	M	2M	L	XL	XXL
Front – each	43	46	52	55	58	64
Sleeves – each	2	2	2	2	2	2
back	100	106	113	121	125	139
Stitches total	190	202	221	235	245	271

Add one knit row.

### Next row (set-up for shaping sleeves) is a WS-row:

With backward loop method co 13 sts. Over these sts you work the buttonhole band , turn work.

Over first 13 sts (buttonhole band): start with row 6 of chart A, then: \*p to 3 sts. Bef. m, pm, p8, remove old markers as you go, pm\* repeat \*to\*, at end of row co 13 sts with backward loop method. Over these last 13 sts you will work the button band.

Your stitch-table at that time:

Size	S	M	2M	L	XL	XXL
Front – each	53	56	62	65	68	74
Sleeves – each	8	8	8	8	8	8
back	94	100	107	115	119	133
Stitches total	216	228	247	261	271	297

**While working the next part:** be careful to work the **buttonholes every 10<sup>th</sup>** row as marked in the chart. Start with the first buttonhole in row 3, after that work the buttonhole in every 10<sup>th</sup> row.

From now on you only increase stitches between the sleeve-markers:

- ① follow chart B (13sts), k to m, sm, kfb, k to 1 st bef. m, kfb, sm, k to m, sm, kfb, k to 1 st bef. m, kfb, sm, k to last 13 sts, follow chart A
- ② follow chart A (13sts), \* p to m, sm, pfb, p to 1 st bef. m, pfb, sm\*, repeat \*to\*, p to last 13 sts, follow chart B

Repeat rows ① and ② a total of 5, 5 (6, 6, 7) 7 times.

After that: increase between sleeve-markers **only** in RS-row.

- ③ follow chart B (13sts), k to m, sm, kfb, k to 1 st bef. m, kfb, sm, k to m, sm, kfb, k to 1 st bef. m, kfb, sm, k to last 13 sts, follow chart A

- ④ follow chart A (13sts), \* p to last 13 sts, follow chart B

Repeat rows ③ and ④ a total of 15 times. Your sleeve should measure by now 10, 10 (10,5, 10,5, 11) 11 cm.

Your stitch-table at that time:

Size	S	M	2M	L	XL	XXL
Front – each	53	56	62	65	68	74
Sleeves – each	58	58	62	62	66	66
back	94	100	107	115	119	133
Stitches total	316	328	355	369	387	413



### First increase on front sides for bust shaping (all sizes):

To avoid “self-opening-buttons” at your “boobs”, increase as follows in next RS-row.

Follow chart B (13sts), k9, 10 (10, 12, 12) 13, kfb,\* k9, 10 (12, 13, 14) 16, kfb\*, rep. \*to\*, k to m, sm, kfb, k to 1 st bef. m, kfb, sm, k to m, sm, kfb, k to 1st bef. m, kfb, sm, k9, 10 (12, 12, 12) 13, kfb, \*k9, 10 (12, 13, 14) 16, kfb \* repeat \*to\*, k to last 13 sts, follow chart A

Your stitch account for each front: 56, 59 (65, 68, 71) 77

Turn work and purl back following the pre-written and blue highlighted row ④

Repeat rows ③ and ④ a total of 7, 8 (10, 9, 8) 8 times.

Your sleeve length by now:

Size	S	M	2M	L	XL	XXL
Length –cm-	14	14,5	16	15,5	15,5	15,5

! Sizes S, M and 2M go forward to “Set-up: setting sleeves to rest” on next page.

### Second increase on front sides for bust shaping (only sizes L - XXL):

Follow chart B (13sts), k -, - (-, 13, 13) 14, kfb,\* k -, - (-, 14, 15) 17, kfb\*, rep. \*to\*, k to m, sm, kfb, k to 1 st bef. m, kfb, sm, k to m, sm, kfb, k to 1st bef. m, kfb, sm, k -, - (-, 13, 13) 14, kfb, \*k -, - (-, 14, 15) 17, kfb \* repeat \*to\*, k to last 13 sts, follow chart A

Your stitch account for each front: sizes L-XXL: -, - (-, 71, 74) 80

Turn work and purl back following the pre-written and blue highlighted row ④.

Repeat rows ③ and ④ a total of -, - (-, 6, 8) 8 times.

Your sleeve length by now:

Size	S	M	2M	L	XL	XXL
Length –cm-	14	14,5	16	19	20	20

! Sizes L and XL go forward to “Set-up: setting sleeves to rest” on next page.

### Third increase on front sides for bust shaping (only size XXL):

Follow chart B (13sts), k15, kfb,\* k18, kfb\*, rep. \*to\*, k to m, sm, kfb, k to 1 st bef. m, kfb, sm, k to m, sm, kfb, k to 1st bef. m, kfb, sm, k 15, kfb, \*k18, kfb \* repeat \*to\*, k to last 13 sts, follow chart A

Turn work and purl back following the pre-written and blue highlighted row ④.

Repeat rows ③ and ④ (see above) once. The length of your sleeve measures by now 21 cm.

Your stitch-table at that time:

Size	S	M	2M	L	XL	XXL
Front - each	56	59	65	71	74	83
Arms - each	74	76	84	96	102	106
Back	94	100	107	115	119	133
Stitches total	354	370	405	449	471	511

### All sizes: Set-up "Setting sleeves to rest"

In next RS-row follow chart B and \*knit to m, remove m, k7, place next 30, 31 (35, 41, 44) 46 sts on scrap yarn, pm, place next 30, 31 (35, 41, 44) 46 sts on same scrap yarn and set this 60, 62 (70, 82, 88) 92 remaining sleeve stitches to rest, co 4, 4 (4, 5, 8) 8 sts with backward loop method, pm to divide front and back, co 4, 4 (4, 5, 8) 8 more sts, k7, remove m \*. Repeat \* to \*, knit to last 13 sts and follow chart A.

Next WS- and RS-rows follow chart A and B, all other sts are purled on the WS and knitted on RS until piece measures 1, 1 (1,5, 1,5, 2) 2 cm measured from underarm co.

Your stitch-table at that time:

Size	S	M	2M	L	XL	XXL
Front - each	67	70	76	83	89	98
Back	116	122	129	139	149	163
Stitches total	250	262	281	305	327	359

### Last increase on front sides for bust shaping (all sizes):

Follow chart B (13sts), k10, 11 (11, 14, 14 )16, kfb,\* k10, 11 (13, 15, 16) 19 kfb\*, rep. \*to\*, [k to m, sm] twice, k21, 22 (24, 26, 29) 31, kfb, \* k10, 11 (13, 15, 16) 18, kfb \*, rep. \*to\*, k to last 13 sts, follow chart A

Go on further knitting until piece measures about 7, 8 (9, 4, 4) 4 cm from underarm co.

### Front short-rows for bust (only sizes L - XXL):



Sizes S, M and 2M go forward to "Prepare to knit in the round" (see next page).

If you are a bigger girl, you know what happens when wearing a sweater... the backside is always a tiny bit longer than the front... your boobs "lift" up the front. To avoid this, I added this section for the bigger sized girls.

In next RS start with short rows on left front side:

- 1 Following chart B, k to 1st bef. m, w&t, purl back following chart B
- 2 Following chart B, k to 3 sts bef. wrapped st, w&t, purl back following chart B
- 3 rep. row 2

Only size XXL: repeat rows 2 and 3 once more.

Next row (knit over all sts): Following chart B knit last 13 sts of row, when you come to the w&t, knit the stitch with the wrap together, follow chart A over last 13 sts

In next WS start with short rows on right front side:

- 1 Following chart A, p to 1 st bef. m, w&t, k back following chart A
- 2 Following chart A, p to 3 sts bef. wrapped st, w&t, k back following chart A
- 3 rep. row 2

Only size XXL: repeat rows 2 and 3 once more.

From next WS-row on work again over all stitches.

When reaching the w&t on your first WS-row work them as follows: with right needle behind left needle, insert right needle into wrap an lift it onto the left needle, then purl it together with the stitch.

Knit until piece measures 10 cm from underarm co

## Prepare to start knitting in the round (all sizes):

In next RS-row:

13sts chart B, k to m, replace m with a marker that will from now on indicate the beginning of the round, k to next m, sm, k24, 26 (28, 30, 37) 40, [k2, k2tog] 5, 5 (6, 7, 7) 8 times, k to last 7 chart sts, place them on a dpn and lay in front of work, [k1 of dpn tog with 1 st of left needle] 7 times, k19, 20 (20, 21, 22) 22, [k2 tog, k2] 5, 5 (6, 7, 7) 8 times, k to m, end of round.

Next round: knit all sts

Next round: k to m, sm, k25, 27 (30, 28, 34) 34, [k2, k2tog] 4, 4 (4, 6, 6) 8 times, k41, 39 (47, 47, 45) 47, [k2 tog, k2] 4, 4 (4, 6, 6) 8 times, k to end of round.

Your stitch-table at that time:

Size	S	M	2M	L	XL	XXL
Front	115	121	129	139	149	163
Back	116	122	129	139	149	163
Stitches total	231	243	258	278	298	326

Sizes S and M should dec 1 st on back by k2tog to get a similar number of sts on front and backside.

Knit in stockinette until your piece measures 14, 14(14, 16, 16) 16cm from underarm co.

## Hip increases:

- ① \*k1, kfb, k to 2 sts bef. m, kfb, k1, sm\* rep. \*to\*
- ② k 10 rounds

Repeat ① and ② a total of 4, 5 (5, 5, 5) 6 times

Your total stitches count by now: 246, 262 (278, 298, 318) 350

Continue in stockinette stitch until your piece measures 25, 26 (28, 31, 33) 33 cm from underarm co.  
In last round dec evenly 2, 2 (2, 2, 2) 2 sts.

## Cuff:

Change to needlesize 2,0mm (US0)

\*k2tbl, p2tbl\* repeat \*to\* until cuff measures 5cm, bo with needlesize 3,5mm (US4)

## Sleeves (knitted flat):

Set-up:

With N 2,5mm (US1,5) starting at the marker (upper middle of your sleeve) slip the next 30, 31 (35, 41, 44) 46 sts onto needle. Pull the needle through these picked up sts so that you could start your knitting at your upper sleeve to create a "keyhole". Join new yarn and knit these 30, 31 (35, 41, 44) 46 sts, pick up and knit 10, 10 (10, 12, 16) 16 sts from underarm co. Now with the "free" end of your needle also starting at the marker, slip the last 30, 31 (35, 41, 44) 46 resting sts back onto needle, knit these sts, end of row.

Next row: purl all sts



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Next row: k 29, 30 (34, 40, 43) 45, skp, k8, 8 (8, 10, 16) 16, k2tog, k to end

Your sleeve stitches at that time: 68, 70 (78, 92, 104) 108

Knit in stockinette stitch until your sleeve measures 3, 3 (4, 4, 5) 5 cm from underarm co. End after a WS.

### I-Cord bind off:

With 2,5mm (US1,5) dpn co 4 sts, don't turn! Slide sts back to working end of needle and knit them. Again slide sts back to working end of needle.

\*k3 from dpn, then skp last st with 1 sleeve st (RS facing), you will have again 4 sts on dpn. Slide them back to working end of needle\*. Repeat \* to \* until all sleeve sts have been bo by creating an I-cord. Cut yarn, pull it through the loops and tighten. You might desire to crochet a button loop by chaining 6 and sling it to the first chain. Weave in all ends.

Work second sleeve the same way.

### Peter-Pan Collar:

With circular needle size 2,5mm (US1,5) and WS facing join yarn and pick up 3 sts for 4 rows from the right front, 32, 34 (38, 42, 42) 48 sts from the back and again 3 sts for 4 rows from your left front.

next row (WS of collar): p all sts

next row (RS of collar): k all sts.

Knit like this in stockinette stitch until your collar measures 1,5 cm. End after a RS.

Set-up for increases in next WS (place markers):

Because of your individually picked up frontside sts, you have to find your individual point for the first marker with this calculation (write into the frames):

sts collar total:  sts - 40, 44 (48, 54, 54) 62 sts =  sts .

This  sts / 2 =  sts to knit before first marker

#### **For example (size XL):**

Sts collar total: 114 sts  - 54 sts (for size XL) = 60sts

This 60 sts / 2 = 30 sts to knit before first marker.

this is a fictive amount of sts... if you knit size XL, your total sts might be different

So: Knit your individual sts, pm, k 40, 44 (48, 54, 54) 62 sts, pm, k to end

### Increases between the marker:

Evenly increase 16 sts by kfb sts. repeat this increase-row every 6<sup>th</sup> row for two more times. At the same time when collar measures 4 cm from co, increase at begin and end of row by k1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 (incr. 2 sts). Repeat this increase once more after 5 cm collar.

When collar measures 6 cm from co, bo 2 stitches at the start of the next two rows, then bo 3 stitches at the start of the next two rows, then bo all remaining stitches.

### Finishing:

With 2mm (US0) crochet hook start at bottom of button band (RS facing) crocheting with crab stitch while folding in about 3 sts of your button band to give it some extra strength. Crochet up the button band, around the collar and down the buttonhole band. Cut yarn and pull it through the loop. **Link for crab-stitch:** [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wE-ObvYb\\_Pk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wE-ObvYb_Pk)

Weave in all ends. Let sweater soak in warm water, press dry between towels and let it dry flat after you blocked it gently.

Sew the buttons on buttonband corresponding to the button holes.



### Crocheted lace:

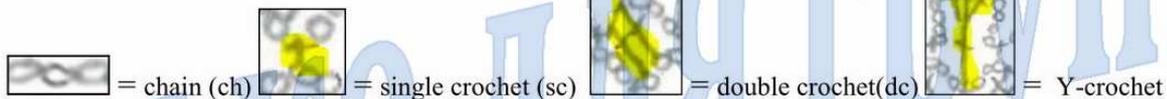
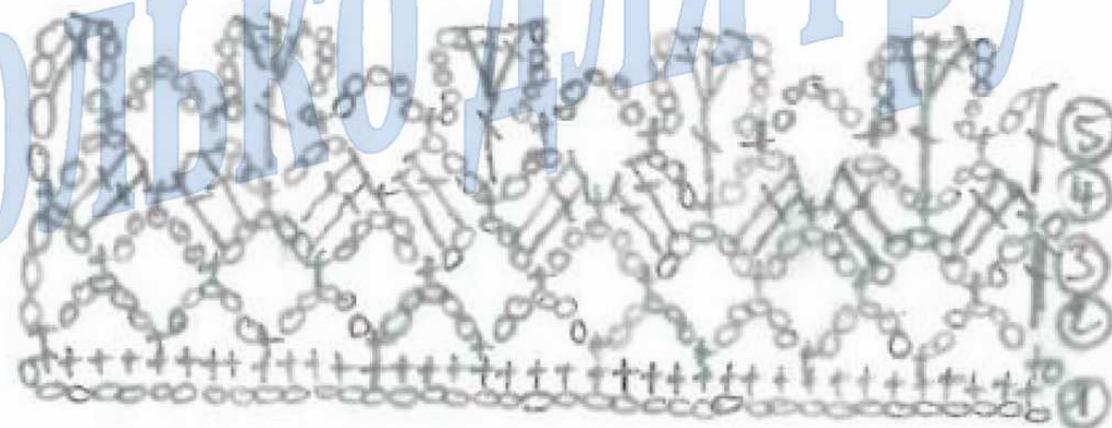
If you like to use some lace fabric, measure the correct length of your button- and buttonhole band. Sew the lace onto your sweater.

If you like to crochet your own lace, you might use any pattern of a crocheted lace band you desire. Here is my favourite from an old:

Measure your button- and buttonhole band after you blocked your sweater.

Use lace yarn and crochet hook size 0,75mm (US 14). Gauge: 46 sts unblocked 10 cm, blocked 11cm.

You need a multiple of 8+6 extra sts.

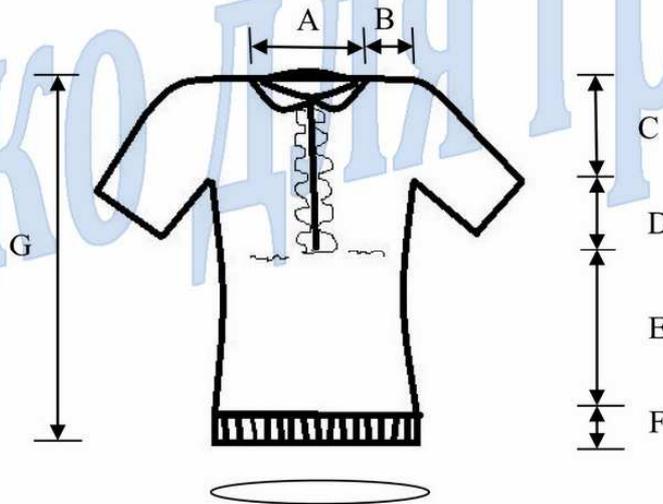


Explanation for Y-crochet: work 1 triple crochet into sc, then work 3 dc into halfway of triple crochet

Work desired length over 5 rows, cut yarn, pull through loop, weave in all ends and wet-block to measurements. Sew on next to button- and buttonhole band.



**Schematic:**



77, 87 (91, 97, 101) 110 cm  
30, 34 (36, 38, 40) 43 inches

Parts in cm	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Size S	16	8	14	7	18	5	44
Size M	17	8,5	14,5	8	18	5	45,5
Size 2M	17	8,5	16	9	19	5	49
Size L	18	9	19	10	21	5	55
Size XL	18	9,5	20	10	23	5	58
Size XXL	19	11	21	10	23	5	59

This garment is worked seamlessly from the top-down using the contiguous sleeve method developed by Susie Myers, SusieM on Ravelry (<http://www.ravelry.com/people/SusieM>).

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