



RENAISSANCE SWEATER

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The Renaissance Sweater is a top-down knitted sweater with a large colourwork motif that extends over the yoke and further over the front, back and sleeves.

As I wanted to see the motif in the middle of the upper arm in all available sizes, the sweater is available in 5 sizes which, with 2 different stitch samples, result in a wide range of sizes.

My sweater is size 2 with a gauge swatch of 27 stiches x 36 rounds.

I recommend a positive ease of approx. 4-6" / 10-15 cm

SIZES

1, 2, 3 (4, 5)

Finished bust circumference in gauge 1: 35.4, 44, 51 (61.4, 71)" / 90, 112, 131 (156, 180) cm

Finished bust circumference in gauge 2: 32, 40.2, 47.2 (56.8, 64.4)" / 82, 103, 121 (145, 165) cm

Gauge

1) 25 sts x 33 rnds = 4" or 10 x 10 cm in one-colour stockinette and in fair isle pattern, after wet blocking.
OR

2) 27 sts x 36 rnds = 4" or 10 x 10 cm in one-colour stockinette and in fair isle pattern, after wet blocking.

MATERIAL

Yarn

Gauge 1 (gauge 2):

Merino Single Garn: ca 400 yards/366 m/100gr (437 yards/400m /100gr):

MC (in Chart brown): ca. 787, 896, 1050 (1190, 1340)" / 720, 820, 960 (1080, 1220) m

CC (in Chart turquoise): ca. 273, 328, 382 (437, 492)" / 250, 300, 350 (400, 450) m

Needles

1) 3.25mm and 3.5mm 40cm (or a set of 3.25 and 3.5mm double-pointed needles) and 80cm-long circular needles

OR

2) 2.75mm and 3.00mm 40cm (or a set of 2.75 and 3.00mm double-pointed needles) and 80cm-long circular needles

1 stitch marker, 1 tapestry needle

ABBREVIATION AND EXPLANATIONS

st/sts	stitch(es)
k	knit
ktbl	knit through the back loop
p	purl
rnd/rnds	round(s)
RS	right side of the work
WS	wrong side of the work
BoR	beginning of the round
ndl	needle(s)
M / slM	stitch marker / slip marker
MC	main colour
CC	contrasting colour
inc	increase(s)
mlr	right-leaning increase. With the left needle, lift the running thread (of the specified colour) between the stitch just worked and the next stitch from back to front and knit into the front loop (twisted st).
mll	left-leaning increase. With the left needle, lift the running thread (of the specified colour) between the stitch just worked and the next stitch from front to back, and knit through the back loop (twisted st).
DS	DS: double stitch, used in German short rows. Knit the indicated number of stitches, turn your work. Bring the yarn to the front of the work, slip the first stitch as if to purl, then bring the yarn up and over the right needle to the back and pull tight to create a double stitch. When you reach this double stitch later, knit or purl through both legs of the stitches as if it were one stitch.
GSR (German short rows)	see explanations for the DS and tips below.
* ____ *	repeat the instructions between the asterisks to the end of the round.

GENERALITIES

Different information for gauge 2 is given in brackets!

Fair isle pattern

The motif is knit using the fair isle stranded colourwork technique with two colours. The yarn not in use must be carried loosely across the back of the work and caught by twisting it with the working yarn every 5 st maximum. On the following round, make sure to twist the yarns in a different place to avoid little bumps showing on the right side.

German short rows

You can find a detailed tutorial on how to work German short rows here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Bz7YhiXuA8>

How to knit the underarm increases

After separating the sleeves, the yoke pattern continues on the front and back, and over the sleeves.

This means that the underarm increases must be incorporated into the pattern. There is no complete pattern repeat in the sleeves, the sleeve pattern ending at the fake seam (see picture 1).

Pic.1

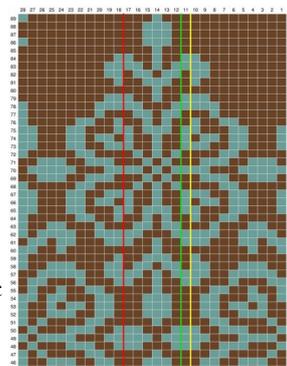


Tip: Draw a line on the chart to indicate the place where the sleeves are separated from the body (pic.2, red line) then go 5, 8, 9 (11, 13) sts further to the right in the chart (pic. 2, yellow line). You start knitting

in pattern, purl the first st after yellow line (to create a fake seam, see pic.1).

Knit in pattern after green line to BoR.

Pic.2



INSTRUCTIONS

Yoke:

With the MC and shorter 3.25mm (2,75mm) needles, cast on 108, 112, 116 (120, 120) sts and join in the round, being careful not to twist the stitches.

Rnd 1: k to end, place M. The beginning of the rnd is in middle back, and further referred to as BoR.

Rnd 2: p to end.

Rnd 3: k to end.

Rnd 4: (Inc rnd):

all sizes: *mlr, k4* (27, 28, 29 (30, 30) increases)

There are now 135, 140 145 (150, 150) sts on the ndl.

Rnds 5 and 6: knit.

Rnd 7:(German short rows):

Row 1 (RS): k30, 32, 33 (35, 35) turn,
(WR): DS, p to BoR, slM, p30, 32, 33 (35, 35), turn.

Row 2 (RS): DS, k to BoR, slM, k to DS, kDS, k3, turn.
(WR): DS, p to BoR, slM, p to DS, pDS, p3, turn.

Row 3 (RS): DS, k to BoR, slM, k to DS, kDS, k3, turn.
(WR): DS, p to BoR, slM, p toDS, pDS, p3, turn.

Row 4 (RS): DS, k to BoR, slM.

Rnds 8 and 9: knit to end (knitting the DS as you reach them).

Rnd 10: (inc rnd)

Size 1: k3, *mlr, k4* (33 increases)

Size 2: k3, *mlr, k5*, 27 times, mlr, k2, BoR (28 increases)

Size 3: k3 *mlr, k4* 35 times, mlr, k2, BoR (36 increases)

Size 4, 5: k2 *mlr, k4* 37 times, BoR (37 increases)

There are now 168, 168, 181 (187, 187) sts on the ndl.

Rnds 11 to 15: knit.

Size 1 only: continue with All Sizes

Sizes -, 2, 3 (4, 5)

Rd. 16 (inc rnd):

Size 2: *mlr, k6 * BoR (28 increases)

Size 3: k7, *mlr, k4* 43 times, k2, BoR (43 increases)

Sizes 4, 5: k2, *k5, mlr * 37 times, BoR (37 increases)

There are now -, 196, 224 (224, 224) sts on the ndl.

Rnds 17 to 21: knit.

Sizes 2, 3 only: continue with All Sizes

Size 4 only:

Rnd 22 (inc rnd): k4, *mlr, k8 * 27 times, mlr, k4, BoR (28 increases)

There are now 252 sts on the ndl.

Rnds 23 to 26: knit.

Continue with All Sizes

Size 5 only:

Rnd 22 (inc rnd): *mlr, k4* , BoR (56 increases)

There are now 280 sts on the ndl.

Rnds 23 to 28: knit.

Continue with All Sizes

All Sizes:

There are now 168, 196, 224 (252, 280) sts on the ndl.

Switch to 3.5mm (3.00mm) ndl and work the chart.

The pattern is repeated 12, 14, 16 (18, 20) times around.

As indicated in the chart, two increases are worked in each pattern repeat on rnds 1, 5, 9, 13, 18, 23, 29.

In rnd 29 there are 336, 392, 448 (504, 560) sts on the ndl.

LEGEND

-  MC / brown
-  CC / turquoise
-  no stitch
-  m1r
-  m1l

Continue in chart,
until the yoke measures
7.9, 8.6, 9.5 (10.25, 11) /
20, 22, 24 (26, 28) cm

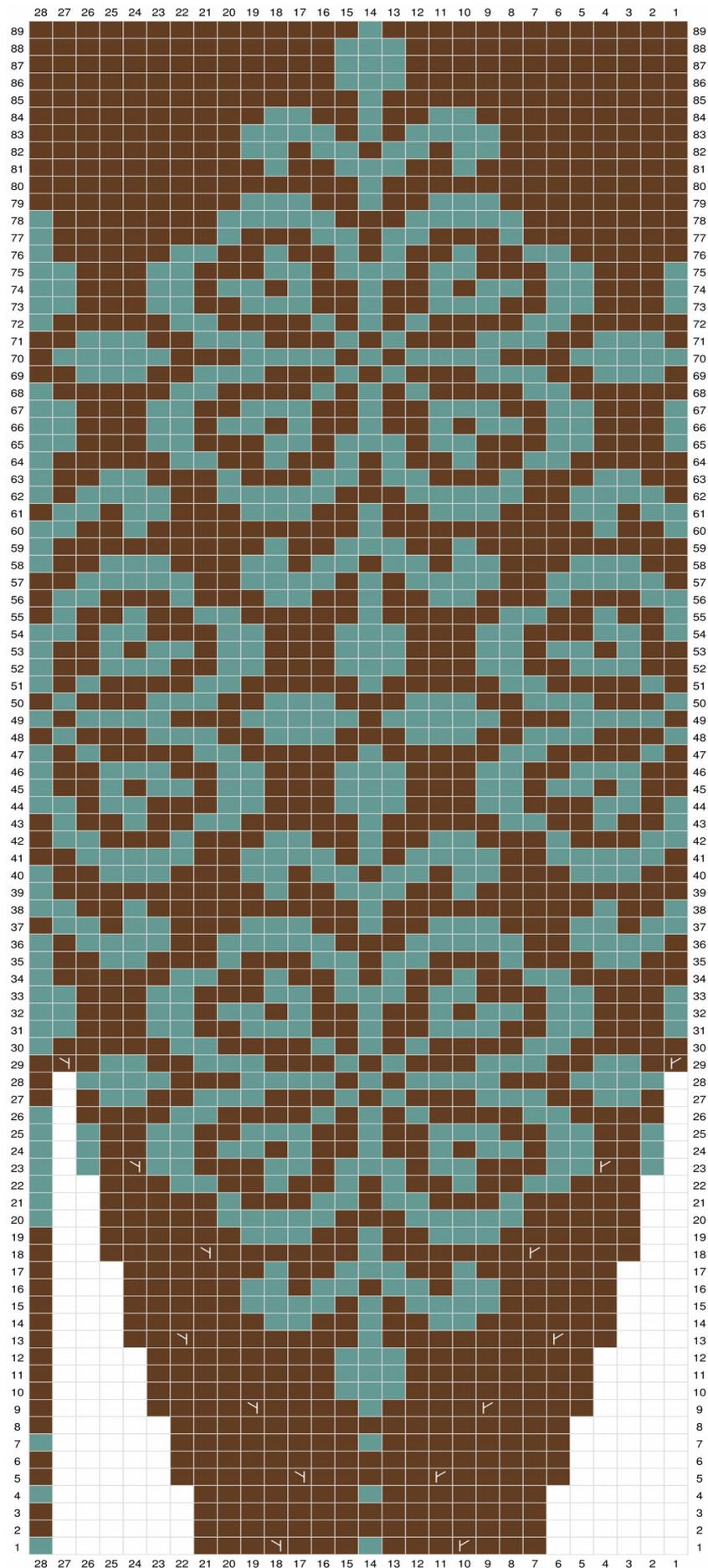
((7.5, 8.25, 9 (9.8, 10.6)) /
19, 21, 23 (25, 27) cm)

(measured at the centre front).

This is now a good time for a try-on.



CHART



Separate the sleeves

k51, 63, 75 (87, 99) (1st half-back),
transfer 65, 69, 73 (77, 81) sts for the first sleeve on a piece of scrap yarn with a tapestry needle, or on a stitch holder,
cast on 9, 13, 17 (21, 25) new sts following the chart k103, 127, 151 (175, 199) (front)
transfer 65, 69, 73 (77, 81) sts for the second sleeve on a piece of scrap yarn with a tapestry needle, or on a stitch holder,
cast on 9, 13, 17 (21, 25) new sts following the chart k52, 64, 76 (88, 100) (2nd half-back), BoR.

Front and back

There are now 224, 280, 336 (392, 448) sts on the ndl.
Continue to knit in the rnd according to the chart, continue in pattern over the underarm sts.
After rnd 89, break CC yarn and carry on knitting in the round in stockinette (with the “fake seam”) until the body measures 11.8 ″ / 30cm, measured from the underarm, or to the desired length minus 1.9 ″ / 5cm.

Ribbing

Switch to 3.25mm (2.75mm) ndl.

knit 1.9 ″ / 5cm in ribbing pattern
p1, k1 to end.
Next rnd: knit
Then bind off by loosely knitting all the sts.

Sleeves

With shorter 3.5mm (3.00mm) circular needle, or a set of 3.5mm (3.00mm) double-pointed needles, and beginning at the centre of the underarm, pick up and purl 1 stitch, then pick up and knit 4, 7, 8 (10, 12) sts, beginning the chart pattern with stitch 20, 1, 12 (22, 4). Be careful not to create any holes.
Transfer the 65, 69, 73 (77, 81) sts on hold for the sleeve back on the needle and knit them in chart pattern, then pick up and knit 4, 7, 8 (10, 12) sts at the second half of the underarm, being careful not to create any holes. Join in the round and place M.

The st after the marker is purled all along to the cuff ribbing, thereby creating the illusion of a seam.

There are now 74, 84, 90 (98, 106) sts on the ndl.

Continue to knit in the rnd according to the chart, continue in pattern over the underarm sts.

After rnd 89, break CC yarn and carry on knitting in the round in stockinette (with the “fake seam”) until the sleeve measures 7.9 ″ / 20cm or the desired length minus 1.9 ″ / 5cm.

Cuffs

Switch to 3.25mm (2.75mm) ndl.

knit 1.9 ″ / 5cm in ribbing pattern
p1, k1 to end.
Next rnd: knit
Then bind off by loosely knitting all the sts.

Cut and carefully weave in all yarn ends. Wet block your knitting.

MEASUREMENTS

Bust circumference (half)
17.7, 22, 25.5 (30.7, 35.5) ″ /
45, 56, 65.5 (78, 90) cm

(16, 20.1, 23.6 (28.4, 32.2) ″ /
41, 51.5, 60.5 (72.5, 82.5) cm)

Upper arm circumference
11.6, 13, 14 (15.3, 16.6) ″ /
29.5, 33.5, 35.5 (39, 42.2) cm

(10.8, 12.2, 13 (14.25, 15.5) ″ /
27.5, 31, 33 (36.2, 39.2) cm)

length from underarm
13.7 ″ / 35cm

D: sleeve length from underarm
9.8 ″ / 25cm

total length
22.4, 23.2, 24 (24.8, 25.6) ″ /
57, 59, 61 (63, 65) cm

(22, 22.8, 23.6 (24.4, 25.1) ″ /
56, 58, 60 (62, 64) cm)

Enjoy knitting and wearing your sweater!

I will be very happy to see photos of your sweater on Instagram using hashtag #renaissancesweater.

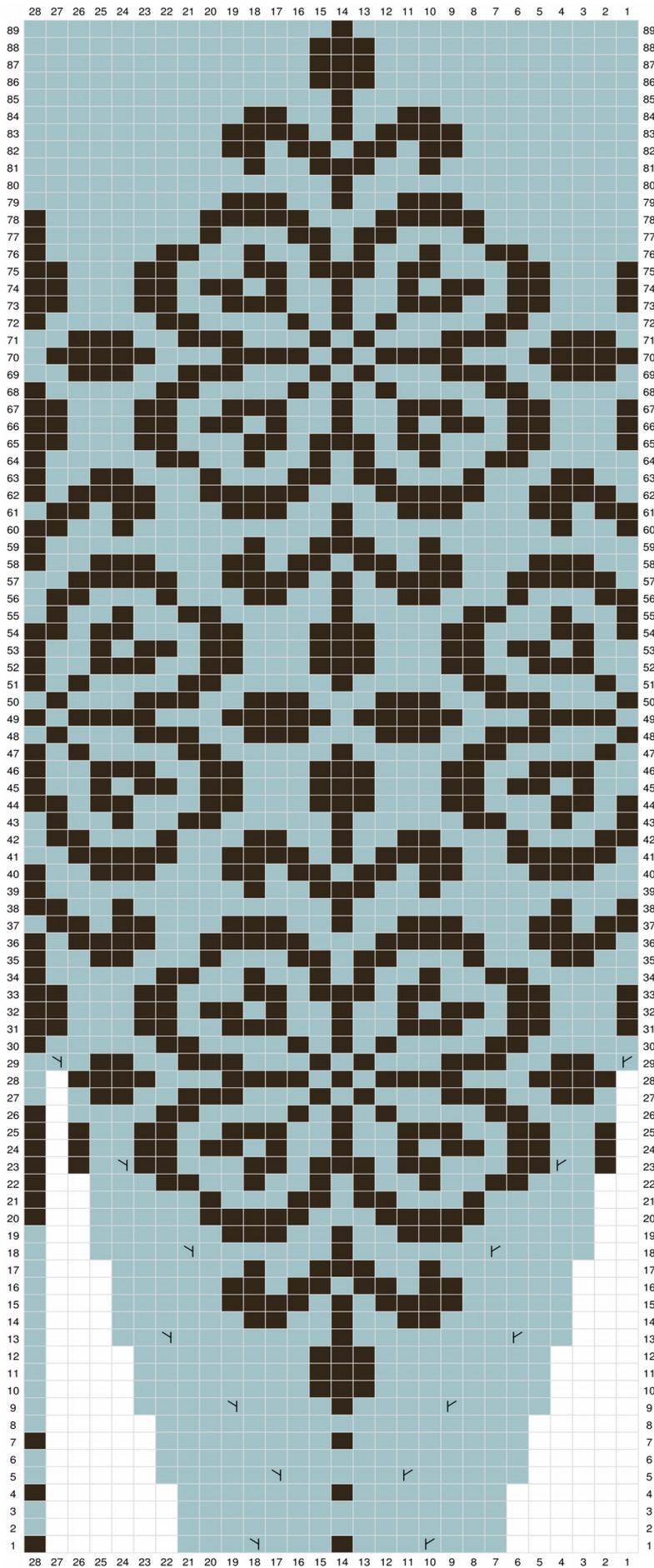


CHART in reversed contrast



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