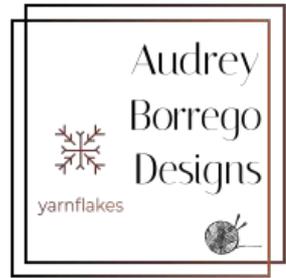


# Riu



## Notes

Riu is a top-down raglan which offers multiple shape options. Opt for a ribbed or an I-cord neckline, a straight body or curve in some waist and hip shaping and choose being a regular hem or a high-low curved bottom.

All these options can be mixed and matched along with a colour-block idea. Knit in DK weight, it's a quick project that makes a customizable wearable garment. Its subtle texture on the sides adds a bit of interest to this simple knit.

The raglan instructions are set in a cheat sheet and the pattern includes a video explaining how to read and understand the construction technique.

*Use the hashtag #riusweater to share your project.*

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## **Yarn :**

You will need :

800 (**850** / 900 / **1050** / 1100 / **1200**), 1250 (**1300** / 1400 / **1500** / 1600 / **1700**) meters  
875 (**930** / 985 / **1150** / 1205 / **1315**), 1370 (**1425** / 1535 / **1640** / 1750 / **1860**) yards  
total of DK weight yarn or of a fingering and a lace weight yarn each.

## **Version A :**

Sample used Drops Cotton Merino in Black (MC) and Light Gray (CC).  
Plan about 60% of total yarn requirement in MC, and the rest in CC.

## **Version B :**

Sample used Drops Flora in Natural and Holst Garn Titicaca in Sandstone held together.

## **Needles :**

*Main Fabric* : 4 mm (US 6) circular needles with appropriate length to knit in the round and magic loop or DPNs.

*Ribbing* : 3.5 mm (US 4) circular needles with appropriate length to knit in the round  
or sizes required to get gauge

## **Gauge :**

20 st x 27 rnds per 10 cm – 4" with larger needles in stockinette stitch after blocking

## **Notions :**

Stitch markers, tapestry needle and scissors  
Stitch holder or scrap yarn to put sleeves stitches on hold  
Row counter recommended

## **Techniques used :**

Top down in the round raglan shaping with simple increases  
Version A : straight body, plain hem and ribbed neckline  
Version B : waist shaping, curved hem with German short-rows and I-cord neckline  
Textured motif with slipped stitches  
Pattern includes written and charted instructions as well as a table for the raglan

## **Sizes :**

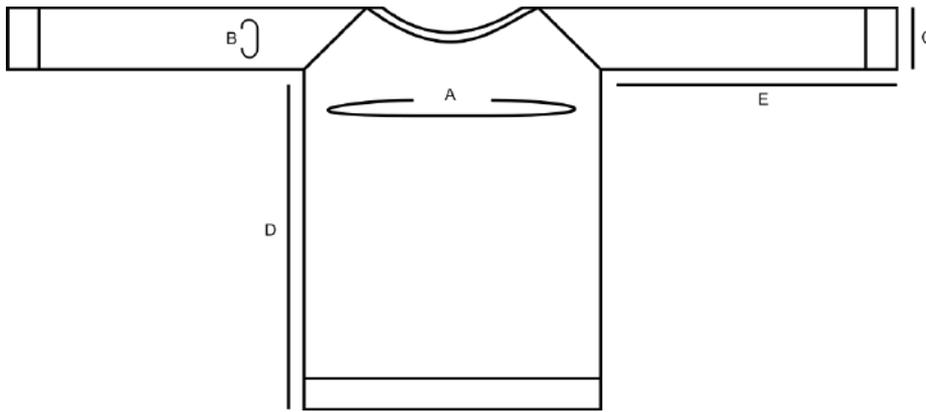
1 (**2** / 3 / **4** / 5 / **6**), 7 (**8** / 9 / **10** / 11 / **12**)

All measurements are those of the finished sweater.

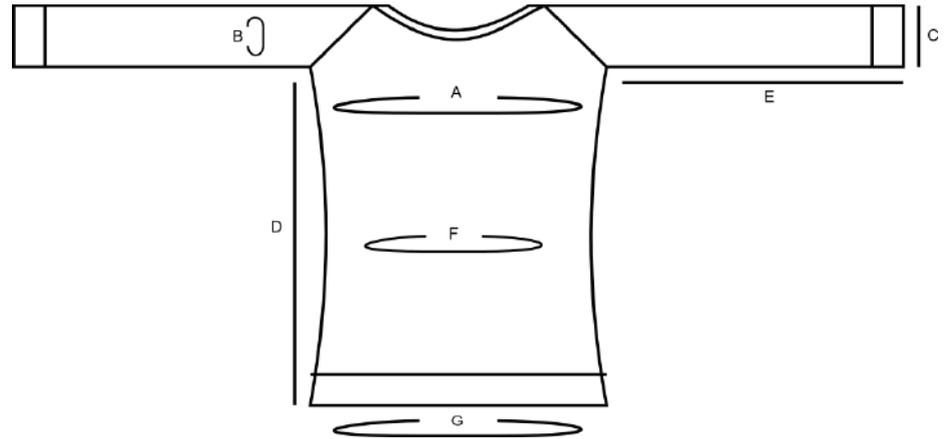
Choose a size with - 2 to +8 cm – - ¾ to +3 ¼" ease.

Version A (black & grey) : shown in size 4 on a 96 cm – 37 ¾" bust

Version B (alpaca cream) : shown in size 3 on a 84 cm – 33" bust



Version A



Version B

Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>A Finished bust circ</b>	80 cm 31 1/2"	86 cm 33 3/4"	92 cm 36 1/4"	100 cm 39 1/4"	106 cm 41 3/4"	114 cm 45"
<b>B Upper arm circ.</b>	28 cm 11"	28 cm 11"	30 cm 12"	32 cm 12 1/2"	34 cm 13 1/2"	36 cm 14 1/4"
<b>C Armhole depth</b>	16 cm 6 1/4"	16.5 cm 6 1/2"	17.5 cm 7"	18 cm 7"	19 cm 7 1/2"	20 cm 7 3/4"
<b>D Body length (adjustable)</b>	40 to 45 cm 15 3/4 to 17 3/4"	40 to 45 cm 15 3/4 to 17 3/4"	40 to 45 cm 15 3/4 to 17 3/4"	40 to 45 cm 15 3/4 to 17 3/4"	40 to 45 cm 15 3/4 to 17 3/4"	40 to 45 cm 15 3/4 to 17 3/4"
<b>E Sleeve length (adjustable)</b>	47 cm 18 1/2"					
<b>F Waist circ (version B)</b>	72 cm 28 1/4"	78 cm 30 3/4"	84 cm 33"	92 cm 36 1/4"	98 cm 38 1/2"	106 cm 41 3/4"
<b>G Hem circ (version B)</b>	82 cm 32 1/4"	88 cm 34 3/4"	94 cm 37"	102 cm 40 1/4"	108 cm 42 1/2"	116 cm 45 3/4"

Size	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>A Finished bust circ</b>	120 cm 47 1/4"	128 cm 50 1/2"	134 cm 52 3/4"	142 cm 56"	148 cm 58 1/4"	154 cm 60 3/4"
<b>B Upper arm circ.</b>	38 cm 15"	40 cm 15 3/4"	42 cm 16 1/2"	44 cm 17 1/4"	46 cm 18 1/4"	46 cm 18 1/4"
<b>C Armhole depth</b>	22 cm 8 1/2"	23.5 cm 9 1/4"	24 cm 9 1/2"	27 cm 10 1/2"	27.5 cm 10 3/4"	29 cm 11 1/2"
<b>D Body length (adjustable)</b>	40 to 45 cm 15 3/4 to 17 3/4"	40 to 45 cm 15 3/4 to 17 3/4"	40 to 45 cm 15 3/4 to 17 3/4"	40 to 45 cm 15 3/4 to 17 3/4"	40 to 45 cm 15 3/4 to 17 3/4"	40 to 45 cm 15 3/4 to 17 3/4"
<b>E Sleeve length (adjustable)</b>	47 cm 18 1/2"					
<b>F Waist circ (version B)</b>	112 cm 44"	120 cm 47 1/4"	126 cm 49 1/2"	134 cm 52 3/4"	140 cm 55"	146 cm 57 1/2"
<b>G Hem circ (version B)</b>	122 cm 48"	130 cm 51 1/4"	136 cm 53 1/2"	144 cm 56 3/4"	150 cm 59"	156 cm 61 1/2"

## Abbreviations :

- CO : cast-on
- st : stitch / rnd : round
- BOR : beginning of round
- RS : right side / WS : wrong side
- m : marker / pm : place marker / sm : slip marker / rm : remove marker
- dec : decrease / inc : increase
- k : knit stitch
- p : purl stitch
- sl wyib : slip the next st purlwise holding the yarn in the back of the work
- m1L : make 1 left, lift the bar between the stitches onto the left needle from front to back, knit through the back loop (1 inc)
- m1R : make 1 right, lift the bar between the stitches onto the left needle from back to front, knit through the front loop (1 st inc)
- k2tog (k3tog) : knit the next two (three) st together (1 (2) dec)
- ssk (sssk) : slip 2 (3) stitches knitwise and knit them together through their back loop (1 (2) st dec)
- k2togtbl : knit the next two st together through their back loop (1 dec)
- DS : double stitch for German short rows
- \*-\* : repeat instructions between asterisks

## Texture motif :

rnds 1, 2 : (p2, sl1 wyib) x4, p2

rnds 3, 4 : knit all st

														4
														3
●	●	v	●	●	v	●	●	v	●	●	v	●	●	2
●	●	v	●	●	v	●	●	v	●	●	v	●	●	1
										10	5	1		

knit       v slip with yarn in back

● purl

note : knitting in the round, always read the Chart from right to left.

## Back Neck :

The back of the neck and the beginning of the raglan will be worked flat.

With larger needles, CO 60 (**60** / 60 / **64** / 64 / **68**), 72 (**76** / 80 / **80** / 84 / **84**) st using a stretchy cast-on method like the [German Twisted Cast-on](#).

(*German Twisted Cast-on tutorial by Very Pink Knits*)

set-up row (WS) : p2, pm, p2, pm, p8 (**8** (8 / **8** / 8 / **8**), 10 (**10** / 10 / **10** / 10 / **10**), pm, p2, pm, p32 (**32** / 32 / **36** / 36 / **40**), 40 (**44** / 48 / **48** / 52 / **52**), pm, p2, pm, p8 (**8** (8 / **8** / 8 / **8**), 10 (**10** / 10 / **10** / 10 / **10**), pm, p2, pm, p2

*Fronts : 2 st each*

*Back : 32 (**32** / 32 / **36** / 36 / **40**), 40 (**44** / 48 / **48** / 52 / **52**) st*

*Sleeves : 8 (**8** (8 / **8** / 8 / **8**), 10 (**10** / 10 / **10** / 10 / **10**) st each*

*Raglan : 2 st each, 8 total*

*Total : 60 (**60** / 60 / **64** / 64 / **68**), 72 (**76** / 80 / **80** / 84 / **84**) st*

row 1 (RS) : (k1, m1R) x2, (sm, k2, sm, m1L, knit to m, m1R) x3, sm, k2, sm, (m1L, k1) x2 (*10 inc*)

row 2 (WS) : purl all st

row 3 : k1, m1R, (knit to m, m1R, sm, k2, sm, m1L) x4, knit to last st, m1L, k1 (*10 inc*)

row 4 : purl all st

Work rows 3-4 three more times.

*Fronts : 12 st each*

*Back : 42 (**42** / 42 / **46** / 46 / **50**), 50 (**54** / 58 / **58** / 62 / **62**) st*

*Sleeves : 18 (**18** / 18 / **18** / 18 / **18**), 20 (**20** / 20 / **20** / 20 / **20**) st each*

*Raglan : 2 st each, 8 total*

*Total : 110 (**110** / 110 / **114** / 114 / **118**), 122 (**126** / 130 / **130** / 134 / **134**) st*

row 11 (RS) : (k1, m1R) x2, (knit to m, m1R, sm, k2, sm, m1L) x4, knit to last 2 st, (m1L, k1) x2 (*12 inc*)

row 12 : purl all st

Work rows 11-12 once more.

*Fronts : 18 st each*

*Back : 46 (**46** / 46 / **50** / 50 / **54**), 54 (**58** / 62 / **62** / 66 / **66**) st*

*Sleeves : 22 (**22** / 22 / **22** / 22 / **22**), 24 (**24** / 24 / **24** / 24 / **24**) st each*

*Raglan : 2 st each, 8 total*

*Total : 134 (**134** / 134 / **138** / 138 / **142**), 146 (**150** / 154 / **154** / 158 / **158**) st*

## Joining in the round :

You will now join in the round by casting on extra st for the front. To do so, you can use a simple [backwards loop cast-on](#).

(*Backwards Loop Cast-on tutorial by Very Pink Knits*)

next row (RS) : (knit to m, m1R, sm, k2, sm, m1L) x4, knit to end, CO 18 (**18** / 18 / **22** / 22 / **26**), 26 (**30** / 34 / **34** / 38 / **46**) st, **pm for BOR**

next rnd : knit all st

*Front : 56 (**56** / 56 / **60** / 60 / **64**), 64 (**68** / 72 / **72** / 76 / **84**) st*

*Back : 48 (**48** / 48 / **52** / 52 / **56**), 56 (**60** / 64 / **64** / 68 / **68**) st*

*Sleeves : 24 (**24** / 24 / **24** / 24 / **24**), 26 (**26** / 26 / **26** / 26 / **26**) st each*

*Raglan : 2 st each, 8 total*

*Total : 160 (**160** / 160 / **168** / 168 / **176**), 180 (**188** / 196 / **196** / 204 / **212**) st*

## Raglan :

The sweater is now separated into four big sections : the front, the back and the two sleeves. These sections are separated by the raglan lines.

For the raglan shaping you will be increasing on the body, on the sleeves or on both following the table on pages 10 to 12.

Here is a [video](#) showing you how to read the table and make the increases.

<https://youtu.be/AFjIW1ds8N4>

The increases are made around the raglan markers.

If you are increasing before a marker : do a m1R.

If you are increasing after a marker : do a m1L.

In the table, the blank case means that you don't increase on this round : simply knit all stitches.

You will end after round 28 (**30** / 32 / **34** / 36 / **40**), 45 (**49** / 51 / **59** / 61 / **63**).

*Front* : 70 (**76** / 82 / **90** / 96 / **104**), 110 (**118** / 124 / **132** / 138 / **148**) st

*Back* : 62 (**68** / 74 / **82** / 88 / **96**), 102 (**110** / 116 / **124** / 130 / **132**) st

*Sleeves* : 46 (**46** / 50 / **54** / 58 / **62**), 66 (**70** / 74 / **78** / 82 / **82**) st each

*Raglan* : 2 st each, 8 total

*Total* : 232 (**244** / 264 / **288** / 308 / **332**), 352 (**376** / 396 / **420** / 440 / **452**) st

## Separate body and sleeves :

You will now place the sleeve st on hold and cast-on new st at each underarm. To do so, you can use the simple [backwards loop cast-on](#).

You will move the BOR marker and remove most of the raglan markers.

next rnd : remove BOR m, (knit to m, sm, k2, **rm**, place next 46 (**46** / 50 / **54** / 58 / **62**), 66 (**70** / 74 / **78** / 82 / **82**) st on hold, CO 10 st, **rm**, k2, sm) x2

The last marker you slipped is your new BOR.

160 (**172** / 184 / **200** / 212 / **228**), 240 (**256** / 268 / **284** / 296 / **308**) body st

## Body :

next rnd : knit all st

You will start working the underarm motif on either side of the body.

You will find written instructions and a Chart on page 4.

body rnd : [knit to m, sm, motif to m, sm] x2

### Colour changing

For a colour block sweater like Version A sample, switch to CC after 20 cm – 7 ¾".

To avoid the colour jog :

Make sure to change colours on a round 3 or 4 of the motif.

At the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> rnd of CC : lift the right leg of the st below the first st and put it on the left needle. Then knit it together with the first st of the round. Here is a [helpful video tutorial](#) to show you.

(Correcting color change jog tutorial by Very Pink Knits)

## Version A (straight body) :

For a straight hem (version A) : Continue until body measures 40 cm – 15 ¾" from underarm or 5 cm – 2" less than desired length.

For a curved hem (version B) : Continue until body measures 32 cm – 12 1/2" from underarm or 8 cm – 3 1/4" less than desired length at the front.

### **Version B (waist shaping) :**

Continue until body measures body measures 10 cm – 4" from underarm or until you have reached the point where you want to start curving the body in for the waist.

Decreases :

rnd 1 : [k2tog, knit to 2 st before m, ssk, sm, motif to m, sm] x2 (4 dec)

rnds 2 to 6 : [knit to m, sm, motif to m, sm] x2

Work rnds 1 to 6 two more times.

Then work rnd 1 once more.

144 (156 / 168 / 184 / 196 / 212), 224 (240 / 252 / 268 / 280 / 292) body st

Continue until body measures body measures 25 cm – 9 1/4" from underarm or until you have reached the point where you want to start curving the body out for the hips.

Increases :

rnd 1 : [m1L, knit to m, m1R, sm, motif to m, sm] x2 (4 inc)

rnds 2 to 5 : [knit to m, sm, motif to m, sm] x2

Work rnds 1 to 5 three more times.

Then work rnd 1 once more.

164 (176 / 188 / 204 / 216 / 232), 244 (260 / 272 / 288 / 300 / 312) body st

For a straight hem (version A) : Continue until body measures 40 cm – 15 3/4" from underarm or 5 cm – 2" less than desired length.

For a curved hem (version B) : Continue until body measures 32 cm – 12 1/2" from underarm or 8 cm – 3 1/4" less than desired length at the front.

## **Hem :**

### **Version A (straight hem) :**

Switch to smaller needles.

You can remove all markers except the BOR m on the next rnd.

hem rnd : \*k2, p2\* to end

Repeat the hem rnd until hem measures 5 cm – 2" or desired length.

Bind-off in pattern using a stretchy bind-off method like this [simple stretchy bind-off](#).

(*simple stretchy bind-off tutorial by Very Pink Knits*)

### **Version B (curved hem) :**

You will be working short-rows to curve the bottom of the sweater.

If you have never knit German short rows, here is a [helpful tutorial](#) on how to make Double Stitches.

(*German short-rows tutorial by Very Pink Knits*)

### **Front short-rows :**

row 1 (RS) : knit to 1 st before m, turn

row 2 (WS) : DS, purl to 1 st before m, turn

row 3 : DS, knit to 2 st before DS, turn

row 4 : DS, purl to 2 st before DS, turn

Sizes 1-2 : Work rows 3-4 six more times.

Sizes 3 to 12 : Work rows 3-4 seven more times.

next row (RS) : DS, (knit to m, sm) x2

You are now on the back.

### **Back short rows :**

row 1 (RS) : knit to 1 st before m, turn

row 2 (WS) : DS, purl to 1 st before m, turn

row 3 : DS, knit to 2 st before DS, turn

row 4 : DS, purl to 2 st before DS, turn

Size 1 : Work rows 3-4 nine more times.

Sizes 2 to 10 : Work rows 3-4 ten more times.

next row (RS) : DS, knit to end

## **Ribbing :**

Switch to smaller needles.

You can remove all markers except the BOR m on the next rnd.

hem rnd : \*k2, p2\* to end

Repeat the hem rnd until hem measures 3 cm – 1 ¼" or desired length.

Bind-off in pattern using a stretchy bind-off method like this [simple stretchy bind-off](#).

## **Sleeves :**

With larger needles and starting at the underarm

pick up 5 st from underarm CO + 1 or 2 extra st in the gap

work all 46 (**46** / 50 / **54** / 58 / **62**), 66 (**70** / 74 / **78** / 82 / **82**) held sleeve st

pick up again 1 or 2 extra st in the gap + 5 st from underarm CO, **pm (BOR)**

Knit 1 rnd.

Decrease the extra stitches on the following round as follows :

k1, k2tog (k3tog), knit to last 3 (4) st, ssk (sssk), k1

56 (**56** / 60 / **64** / 68 / **72**), 76 (**80** / 84 / **88** / 92 / **92**) st

### *Colour changing*

For a colour block sweater like Version A sample, switch to CC after 20 cm – 7 ¾", fixing the colour jog like you did on the body.

Continue even in stockinette, knitting every rnd until the sleeve measures 10 cm – 4" from the underarm.

DEC rnd : k1, k2tog, knit to last 3 st, ssk, k1 (2 dec)

Continue in stockinette, knitting every rnd and repeating the DEC rnd every 5 (**5** / 5 / **4** / 4 / **3**), 3 (**2.5** / 2.5 / **2** / 2 / **2**) cm – 2 (**2** / 2 / **1 ½** / 1 ½ / **1 ¼**), 1 ¼ (**1** / 1 / **¾** / ¾ / **¾**)"

5 (**5** / 5 / 7 / 7 / **9**), 9 (**11** / 11 / **13** / 13 / **13**) more times.

44 (**44** / 48 / **48** / 52 / **52**), 56 (**56** / 60 / **60** / 64 / **64**) st

Continue even in stockinette, knitting every rnd until the sleeve measures 43 cm – 17" from the underarm or 4 cm – 1 ½" less than desired length.

## **Cuff :**

Switch to smaller needles.

cuff rnd : \*k2, p2\* to end

Work cuff rnd until the cuff measures 4 cm – 1 ½" or desired length.

Loosely bind-off all st in pattern.

Repeat for second sleeve.

## **Neckline :**

With smaller needles and starting on the back of the right shoulder, pick up and knit 32 (**32** / 32 / **36** / 36 / **40**), 40 (**44** / 48 / **48** / 52 / **52**) st from back,

12 (**12** / 12 / **12** / 12 / **12**), 14 (**14** / 14 / **14** / 14 / **14**) st from left shoulder,

9 st from left front curve

18 (**18** / 18 / **22** / 22 / **26**), 26 (**30** / 34 / **34** / 38 / **46**) st from front

9 st from right front curve

12 (**12** / 12 / **12** / 12 / **12**), 14 (**14** / 14 / **14** / 14 / **14**) st from right shoulder

Join to work in the round and pm for BOR.

92 (**92** / 92 / **100** / 100 / **108**), 112 (**120** / 128 / **128** / 136 / **144**) st

**Version A (ribbed neckband) :**

neck rnd : \*k2, p2\* to end

Repeat the neck rnd until neckband measures 3 cm – 1 ¼" or desired length.

Bind-off in pattern using the stretchy bind-off method.

**Version B (I-cord) :**

CO 3 more st on the left needle, using a simple [backwards loop cast-on](#).

Make sure to work the following bind-off loosely.

\*k2, k2togtbl, slide last 3 st back to the left-hand needle\* until you only have 3 st left.

Graft the last 3 st together with the first 3 st of the I-cord.

Here is a [helpful video](#) to show you how to do it.

*(Grafting I-cord Bind-off by YYC Knits)*

**Finishing :**

Weave in all ends and block the sweater.

Rnd	Size 1		Size 2		Size 3		Size 4		Size 5		Size 6	
	body INC	sleeves INC										
1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2												
3		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
4												
5	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
6												
7		x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	x
8												
9	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
10												
11		x	x			x		x	x	x	x	x
12												
13		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
14												
15									x	x	x	x
16			x				x					
17	x	x		x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
18							x					
19				x					x		x	
20							x					
21	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
22							x					
23				x	x				x	x	x	x
24	x						x	x				
25		x		x	x	x			x	x	x	x
26			x				x	x				
27	x	x		x	x	x			x	x	x	x
28			x				x	x				
29				x	x	x			x	x	x	x
30			x				x	x				
31					x	x			x	x	x	x
32							x	x				
33									x	x	x	x
34							x	x				
35									x	x	x	x
36												
37											x	x
38												
39											x	x
40												

Rnd	Size 7		Size 8		Size 9		Size 10		Size 11		Size 12	
	body INC	sleeves INC										
1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2												
3	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
4												
5	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
6												
7	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
8												
9	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
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11	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
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15	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
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18												
19	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
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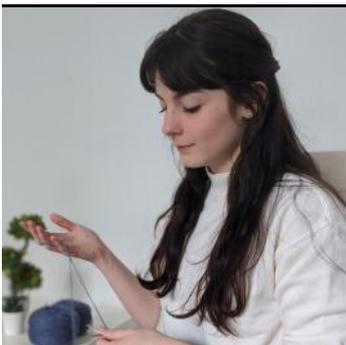
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45	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
46												
47			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
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49			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
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58												
59							x	x	x	x	x	x
60												
61									x	x	x	x
62												
63											x	

# Thank you

for choosing a Yarnflakes pattern !

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