

Roomy Raglan

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Materials:

Needles-

4.5 mm, 6 mm, 6.5 mm

50 cm cable, 80 cm cable

Yarn-

Cascade Yarn Ecological Wool (Bulky) 500g
(2) 250g/478 yards skeins

Held with

Blue Sky Fiber Woolstock Light (Fingering)
200g (4) 50g/218 yards skeins

Other-

Tapestry Needle

Measuring tape

Stitch Markers- One unique, 4 for raglan
increases and 7 for sleeve decreases

Gauge-

14 stitches x 22 rows in stockinette on

6.5 mm needles

Sizing-

As this is a Babaà inspired piece, this is designed to be one size. There are many opportunities in this pattern to modify as you need to increase or decrease the size. The sample has a finished length of 24” and width of 27” when laid flat

Dimensions-

From top of collar to hem- 24”

Width of body- 27”

Top of collar to sleeve hem- 28”

Underarm to sleeve hem- 13”

Construction-

This is a raglan style sweater that is worked top down. First the collar is knit then German short rows are worked to shape the neckline. Then you’ll continue the raglan shaping in the yoke. The yoke is knit quite deep to mimic the proportions of a Babaà sweater. There are additional rows knit in the back before splitting for sleeves to help raise the back and to create a more oversized roomy fit. The sleeves are designed to be bracelet length but can be modified to be longer as needed.

Abbreviations -

C/O – Cast on

BOR- Beginning of the round

M- Marker

M1R- make one right

M1L- make one left

M1LP- make one left purl

M1RP- make one right purl

K2TOG- Knit two stitches together

SSK- Slip slip knit

Notes-

If your two strands are the same color you can skip knitting the cast on edge, cuff hem, and body hem in the single strand of bulky yarn. This is done to create a contrasting edge with the marled knit and is unnecessary if the two strands are the same color.

When you switch from the 4.5 mm needle to the 6.5 mm needle after finishing the collar. The stitches will feel tight on the needles. Metal needles can help with keeping the stitches moving. Or if you work with interchangeable needles, you can put a smaller tip on your left side but just remember to switch them as you turn your work to do the short rows.

To modify the sweater to be larger, once you've knit the yoke to 12" you can continue working rounds but only work the increases on the body not the sleeves. With the raglan construction you're able to try it on as you go to achieve your desired fit.

To modify sleeve length, you can either add another row of decreases which will make the cuff a little tighter. Or do decrease every (7) rows instead of (6) to gain an extra 1.25" in the sleeve.

Pattern begins here

Collar-

Using the long tail cast on method C/O 80 stitches on 4.5 mm needles on the smaller cable with only the Bulky yarn. Place a BOR marker and join in the round and knit in 1x1 rib for one round with a single strand. Start the next round by adding the second strand then continue to work in 1x1 ribbing holding double. Work collar until the ribbing measures 2.5".

Work one round of stockinette with the 4.5mm needles while placing raglan markers. K13, place M1, K14, place M2, K26, place M3, K14, place M4, K13 to return to the BOR.

Neckline shaping-

Now you will work the German short rows to shape the neck. Change your needle tips to 6.5mm and transfer to the larger cable when needed.

Round 1- K to 2 stitches before M1, M1R, K2 slip marker, K2 M1L, K to 2 stitches before M2, M1R, K2 slip marker K2 M1L K2 Turn

Round 2- P to BOR slipping markers as you work them. P to 2 stitches before M4 M1LP, P2, slip marker, P2 M1RP, P to 2 stitches before M3 M1LP, P2, slip marker, P2 M1RP, P2 turn

Round 3- K to BOR slipping markers as you work them. Work this round as you did in round 1 working your double stitch then K2 turn.

Round 4- P to BOR slipping markers as you work them. Work this round as you did in round 2 working your double stitch then P2 turn.

Round 5- Work this round as you did round 3

Round 6- Work this round as you did round 4

After the last turn K to the BOR.

Yoke-

Continue working in the round to shape and create the Yoke

Round 1- K to 2 stitches before M1, M1R, K2 slip marker, K2 M1L. Repeat raglan increases at each marker the same way.

Round 2- K all stitches slipping markers as you work them.

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until the yoke measures 12” along the raglan seam, Or until desired depth.

Next Round-

K to M1, remove marker, K2 turn and work the wrong side by P to M4 remove marker, P2. Work flat across the back in stockinette for 4 rows total to make the neckline higher and create more ease.

Splitting for sleeves-

K to end of the back section then place sleeve stitches on an extra cable or scrap yarn stopping 2 stitches before M2. Using backwards loop method C/O 12 underarm stitches, K the front section to M3, remove marker K2. Place sleeve stitches on an extra cable or scrap yarn stopping 2 stitches before M4. Using backwards loop method C/O 12 underarm stitches, K to the BOR.

You should have about 65 stitches resting on your scrap yarn at this point, depending on the depth of the yoke.

Body-

You should have about 196 stitches on the needles for the body at this point, depending on how deep you knit your yoke.

Work in stockinette in the round until the work measures 20” from the base of the collar to the bottom. Switch to size 6mm and work one round of stockinette.

Work 1x1 rib for 3”

On the last round of ribbing and bind off rounds, only knit with the Bulky/main color

Bind off using the Italian bind off, first working two rounds of double knitting.

Sleeves-

Using your 6.5mm needle, pick up the stitches that are resting on your scrap yarn or cable, there should be about 65 stitches depending on the depth of your yoke. Then pick up the 12 stitches from the underarm cast on, as well as 3 of the 4 stitches along the back where you knit the 4 extra rows for a total of 15 picked up stitches. Be sure you have an even number of stitches. Place a BOR marker in the middle of the underarm.

Work decreases every 6th round while continuing to knit in stockinette.

Decrease round- K2 k2tog, K until 4 stitches before BOR marker, SSK, K2

Continue until you have knit (7) decrease rounds, the sleeves should measure 9” from the underarm cast on at this point. Switch to 6mm needle knit one round in stockinette then work in rib for 3”. On the last row of ribbing and bind off rounds only knit with the bulky/main color yarn.

Bind off using the Italian bind off, first working two rows of double knitting.

Weave in your ends and sew up any gaps in the arm pit.

Block according to the dimensions listed at the beginning of the pattern.

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