



Saga sweater

The Saga Sweater is a classic design with a simple silhouette. It features dropped shoulders that give a loose and boxy shape. Worked from the top down, you can easily adjust the length while knitting to make it suit your body. It is slightly oversized in the body and sleeves creating a wardrobe staple for the coldest days.

Difficulty ◆◆◇◇◇**Sizes:** (S) M (L) XL**Chest circumference:** (116) 125 (134) 142 [(45½) 49 (52¾)] 56**Length:** (56) 58 (60) 64 [(22) 23 (23½) 25 inches]

measured at the centre front

Saga sweater is designed to have approx. 25-35 cm [9-13 inches] of positive ease. The sizes (S) M (L) XL are designed to fit a bust circumference of (85-90) 90-95 (95-100) 100-110 cm.(33½-35½) 35½-37½ (37½-39½) 39½-43¼ inches

Needles:

Circular needles: 4,5 mm (US Size 7)40cm and 80 or 100 cm [16 and 32 or 40 inches]

Circular needles: 3,5mm [US4] / 40cm [16 inches]; Double-pointed needles: 3.5 mm [US4]

Optional:

Longer needles can be used for the neck and the sleeves if you use magic loop method.

Gauge: In stocking stitch using 4,5 mm [US 7] needles.

17 sts / 26 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches] after wash and blocking

Yarn:Work the sweater using two strands of yarn held together.

(200) 250 (250) 300g Filcolana Saga (color Oatmeal melange 978) [300m / 50g (328yds / 1.75oz) | 100% Wool | 3. Light Fingering 2. Lace]

held together with...

(300) 350 (350) 400 gr Tweed, Isager Yarn (color Oak) 200 m./50 gr.

Notions –Stitch marker, scrap yarn or extra cables, tapestryneedle**Techniques** - Knitting flat, knitting in the round, long tail cast-on,knit 2 together, decreasing, holding stitches, picking up stitches**Abbreviations**

approx. - Approximately

BOR - Beginning of round

CO - Cast-on

K – Knit

P-Purl

K2tog-L - Knit 2 together-Left

PM - Place Marker

RS - Right side

WS - Wrong side
ST(S) - Stitch(es)

M1R (RS) - insert the left hand needle under the bar formed by the stitch you just knit and the stitch you're about to knit from back to front and K normally (into the front leg of the stitch).

M1L (RS) - insert the left hand needle under the bar formed by the stitch you just knit and the stitch you're about to knit from front to back and K through the back loop.

The right front is the front piece that fits the right side of the body when garment is worn. Left front is the front piece that fits the left side of the body when garment is worn.

ABOUT THE PATTERN

Saga sweater is worked from the top down. First the back is worked back and forth, Then, pick up and knit stitches along both shoulder seams and work the two shoulder sections separately. Join the shoulder sections by casting on new stitches at the center front and finish working the front section. Now join the front and back sections and work the remainder of the body in the round and finish with a ribbed edge.

Once the body is finished, stitches will be picked up for the neckline and armholes to work the ribbed edges in the round.

BACK

CO (100) 108 (116) 124 sts on 4,5 mm [US 7] circular needles (80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 inches]) using the long tail cast-on method. You will work flat in stockinette st.

*The cast on edge creates the back neck and shoulder seams of the sweater.
Make sure not to tighten the cast on too much*

P across 1 row. You are now at RS.

Row 1 (RS) – Knit all sts. Turn.

Row 2 (WS) - Purl all sts. Turn.

Rows 3 – (50) 54 (60) 64 - Repeat Rows 1 and 2

End by working a WS row.

Break yarn and let sts rest on cable or scrap yarn while working Front.

LEFT FRONT (as worn)

With RS of back piece facing and CO sts on top, pick up (33) 37 (39) 43 sts along left edge, beginning at center back. *Make sure that the picking up of sts happens **between the stitches**.* This creates the neatest shoulder seam.

P across 1 row. You are now at RS.

Work back and forth as follows:

1st row – 6th row: K all sts on RS rows and P all sts on WS rows

Next work increases to shape the neck edge as follows:

Row 7 (RS) - K1, M1L, K across. (1 st increased).

Row 8(WS) - P across

Rows (9-20) 9-20 (9-22) 9-22 - Repeat Rows 7 and 8 for a total of (40) 44 (47) 51 sts.

Break yarn and let sts rest on cable or scrap yarn while working Right Front

RIGHT FRONT (as worn)

With RS of back piece facing and CO sts on top, pick up (33) 37 (39) 43 beginning from right edge.

Purl 1 row. Next row is a RS row.

Work back and forth as follows:

1st row – 6th row: K all sts on RS rows and P all sts on WS rows

Next work increases to shape the neck edge as follows:

Row 7 (RS) - K across until 1 st remains, M1R, K1. (1 st increased).

Row 8 (WS) - P across.

Rows (9-20) 9-20 (9-22) 9-22 - Repeat Rows 7 and 8 for a total of (40) 44 (47) 51 sts.

Do not break yarn.

We will now join both of the fronts together to complete our neckline.

Join Right Front and Left Front

Row (21) 21 (23) 23 (RS): K across Right Front, (40) 44 (47) 51 sts.

CO (20) 20 (22) 22 sts using the backwards loop cast-on method, place Left Front sts on needles and K across (40) 44 (47) 51 sts.

You have now created the neckline and have formed the single front panel of your sweater.

Row (22) 22 (24) 24 (WS) - P across.

Next you will work back and forth as follows:

Row 1 (RS) - K across.

Row 2 (WS) - P across.

Repeat this two Rows 1 and 2, for a total of (50) 54 (60) 64 rows from the start front (including (20) 20 (22) 22 neckline rows)

End by working a WS row.

BODY

Join the front panel to the back panel and form the arm holes as follows:

K across Front (100) 108 (116) 124, place Back sts on needles and K across , (100) 108 (116) 124, PM and join to work in the round. The BOR is now at the right underarm. (200) 216 (232) 248 sts

Work in the round in stockinette st (knit all sts) approx.

S size: Rounds 73

M size: Rounds 76

L size: Rounds 78

XL size: Rounds 83

Work in the round in stockinette st (knit all sts) until the body of your sweater measures 3"/8 cm less than your desired final length.

(I recommend trying your sweater before knitting the rib edge at the hem on to determine the perfect length for you), but keep in mind that making your vest longer than recommended might change the yardage requirements.

Hem

Purl 1 row.

Now work 20 rounds (all sizes) in 2x2rib: *k2, p2*.

Bind off in established rib pattern

Sleeves (same for both)

The sleeves are worked in the round. With RS facing and starting at the bottom of the armhole opening, use 4,5 mm (16") circular or on a longer circular needle using the Magic Loop technique needles, to pick up and knit (70) 74 (80) 84 sts around the armhole.

You will pick up approx. 2 sts every 3 rows or until sts are spread evenly. Place st marker at underarm to mark BOR.

Work in the round:

Rounds 1-2: Purl all sts

Rounds (2-19) 2-19 (2-9) 2-9: Knit all sts

Next work a decrease round as follows:

Decrease round - K1, K2tog, K in stockinette st until 3 sts remain before marker, K2tog-L, K1. (2 sts decreased).

Continue to work in the round in stockinette st while at the same time working a decrease round as established on every (10) rounds for a total of (7) 7 (8) 8 decrease rounds (including the first decrease round). At the conclusion of your final decrease round, you should have (56) 60 (64) 68 sts remaining.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch until the sleeve measures (35) 34 (33) 33 cm [(13^{1/2}) 13^{1/2} (13) 13 inches]

At this point, you may move on to knitting the sleeve cuff or you may continue working in stockinette until your sleeve measures 3^{1/2} inches/9 cm less than your desired final length.

Purl 1 row.

Finish your sleeve by working the cuff as follows:

Work 9 cm [3^{1/2} inches] in 2x2 rib (k2, p2) on 3.5 mm [US4] double-pointed needles.

Bind off in ribbing, k over k and p over p.

Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

NECK

Pick up and knit (94) 94 (104) 104 sts around the neckline using 3,5 mm [US 4] circular needles. Begin at the joint between the left shoulder and front section.

The number of stitches picked up is equivalent to picking up 1 st in each of the (34) 34 (38) 38 cast on sts, 1 st in each of the (20) 20 (22) 22 rows worked along the slanted edges of the neckline and 1 st in each of the (20) 20 (22) 22 sts at the center front.

Purl 1 round and increase (10) 10 (4) 4 stitches evenly spaced
S and M (*P8,Pfb* repeat from * to * to end of round.) = 104 sts

L and XL (*P25,Pfb* repeat from * to * to end of round.) = 108 sts

Now work 13 rounds of 2x2 ribbing *k2, p2* in the round.

Note: The stitch counts for the collar are suggestions. You may choose to pick up less stitches for a closely fitting collar or more stitches for a loosely fitting collar.

Bind off

Remember to bind off loosely to ensure that your head fits through the opening.

FINISHING

Weave in all loose ends.