

# Knitting for Olive



## Samsø Pullover

**Sizes:** XS (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL)

**Finished measurements:** Chest circumference: approx. 88 (94, 100, 107, 114, 124, 136, 146) cm [34¾ (37, 39¾, 42¼, 45, 48¾, 53½, 57½)]" to fit chest circumference: 76-83 (84-91, 92-99, 100-107, 108-116, 117-127, 128-139, 140-149) cm [30-32¾ (33-35¾, 36¾-39, 39¾-42¼, 42½-45¾, 46-50, 50½-54¾, 55-58¾)]"; Length from shoulder to edge: approx. 50 (53, 55, 58, 60, 63, 65, 68) cm [19¾ (20¾, 21¾, 22¾, 23½, 24¾, 25½, 26¾)]"; Sleeve length from underarm to cuff: approx. 46 (49, 49, 51, 51, 51, 51, 51) cm [18 (19¾, 19¾, 20, 20, 20, 20, 20)]"

**Yarn:** MC: Knitting for Olive Cotton Merino *or* Knitting for Olive Merino (250 m [273 yd] / 50 g [1.8 oz]), fingering-weight yarn, 3 (4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 7) balls, CC: Knitting for Olive Cotton Merino *or* Knitting for Olive Merino, 2 (2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4) balls. Sample is knit in (MC) Merino in Marzipan colorway and (CC) Merino in Deep Petroleum Blue colorway

**Needles:** 2.5 mm / US1.5 and 3 mm / US2.5 circular and double-pointed needles, or in size to obtain gauge

**Gauge:** 28 sts and 38 rows = 10 cm [4"] in stockinette stitch with 3 mm / US2.5 needles

**Notions:** Removable stitch markers, waste yarn or stitch holders, tapestry needle

## Special Techniques:

Our Knitting for Olive video tutorials clearly demonstrate the special techniques used in Samsø Pullover (in Danish):

- Provisional cast-on:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhPVrc9j2vc>
- German short rows:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9encEthft8E&t=135s>
- M1R and M1L increases on RS:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4bAF8eMcvM&t=7s>
- M1Rp and M1Lp increases on WS:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=muQPFIxpD84>
- Italian bind-off:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OzHgm6Gmhyc>

## Construction Notes

Samsø Pullover features a timeless and classic two-colored stripe pattern and wide sleeves. An elegant half-twisted rib finishes the hem, cuffs and neckline. It is knit top down, both flat and in the round with one strand of either Cotton Merino or Merino.

The front and back are worked separately back and forth down to the underarms where the two pieces are joined and the body subsequently continued in the round. Afterwards, sleeve stitches are picked up and worked in the round. A half-twisted rib in the main color finishes the neckline and edges on the body and sleeves. The stripe pattern is worked over 10 rows/rounds by alternating 4 rows/rounds in contrast color and 6 rows/rounds in main color throughout. The length of the body and sleeves can easily be adjusted.

Samsø Pullover is designed with positive ease. To choose the correct size, look at the 'to fit chest circumference' measurements on the previous page. If your actual chest circumference is, say, 98 cm [38½"], you should choose to knit a size M in order to achieve the intended fit.

## Tips for Knitting Stripes

In order to knit jogless stripes in the round, you may want to try the following technique:

*At each color change, knit the first round like normal with the new color. On the next round, pick up the stitch below first stitch on your left needle and place it on left needle, then knit this stitch together with what was first stitch on the needle (i.e., knit the first two stitches you now have on left needle together), knit to end of round.*

We also recommend that you carry your yarns up along on the wrong side instead of cutting them each time you change color in order to avoid weaving in lots of loose ends when you finish.

## **Shoulders**

*Note: Each shoulder is worked separately. You will work back and forth in stockinette stitch for the stripe pattern while shaping the neck opening at the same time. You cast on with Provisional cast-on method and each shoulder piece is then worked from the back, over the shoulders and down the front where they are joined to form the bottom of the front neckline (see Special Techniques)*

### **Left shoulder**

With 3 mm / US2.5 circular needle and *either* Cotton Merino or Merino in MC, cast on 39 (43, 47, 50, 54, 58, 61, 65) sts using Provisional cast-on method

*Note: You will now work back and forth in stockinette stitch and shape the neck opening with decreases  
First row is from WS*

**Row 1 (WS):** P to end of row

**Row 2 (dec row, RS):** K1, k2tog, k to end of row [1 st decreased]

**Row 3 (WS):** P to end of row

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 one more time [1 st decreased] = 37 (41, 45, 48, 52, 56, 59, 63) sts

Change to CC

*Note: From here on, you will work the stripe pattern by alternating 4 rows in CC and 6 rows in MC*

Repeat Rows 2 and 3, 5 more times [5 sts decreased] = 32 (36, 40, 43, 47, 51, 54, 58) sts

Work even in st st and established stripe pattern for 8 (8, 8, 8, 13, 13, 13, 13) rows

Mark both sides by placing a removable m into both edge sts on both sides *on the row directly below* needle (= top of left shoulder m)

Work even in st st and established stripe pattern for 12 (12, 12, 12, 17, 17, 17, 17) more rows, ending with row 6 of stripe pattern in MC. Next row is from RS

*Note: You will now shape the front of the neck opening with increases*

**Row 1 (RS):** K to end of row

**Row 2 (inc row, WS):** P to last st, M1Lp, p1 [1 st increased]

Repeat Rows 1 and 2, 14 more times, ending with row 6 of stripe pattern in MC [14 sts increased] = 47 (51, 55, 58, 62, 66, 69, 73) sts

Break yarn, place left shoulder sts on hold

### **Right shoulder**

With 3 mm / US2.5 circular needle and using MC, cast on 39 (43, 47, 50, 54, 58, 61, 65) sts using Provisional cast-on method

*Note: You will now work back and forth in stockinette stitch and shape the neck opening with decreases  
First row is from WS*

**Row 1 (WS):** P to end of row

**Row 2 (dec row, RS):** K to last 3 sts, sl1k, k1, pss0, k1 [1 st decreased]

**Row 3 (WS):** P to end of row

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 one more time [1 st decreased] = 37 (41, 45, 48, 52, 56, 59, 63) sts

Change to CC

*Note: From here on, you will work the 10-row stripe pattern by alternating 4 rows in CC and 6 rows in MC*

Repeat Rows 2 and 3, 5 more times [5 sts decreased] = 32 (36, 40, 43, 47, 51, 54, 58) sts

Work even in st st and established stripe pattern for 7 (7, 7, 7, 12, 12, 12, 12) rows

Mark both sides by placing a removable m into both edge sts on both sides (= top of right shoulder m)

Work even in st st and established stripe pattern for 13 (13, 13, 13, 18, 18, 18, 18) more rows, ending with row 6 of stripe pattern in MC. Next row is from RS

*Note: You will now shape the front of the neck opening with increases*

**Row 1 (RS):** K to end of row

**Row 2 (inc row, WS):** P1, M1Rp, p to end of row [1 st increased]

Repeat Rows 1 and 2, 14 more times, ending with row 6 of stripe pattern in MC [14 sts increased] = 47 (51, 55, 58, 62, 66, 69, 73) sts

### **Front**

*Note: You will now join right and left front shoulders on one needle and create the front neck opening*

**Joining row (RS):** Change to CC, k across right shoulder sts, cast on 14 (14, 14, 16, 16, 16, 18, 18) new sts, with RS facing, transfer held left shoulder sts back onto left needle, k across left shoulder sts = 108 (116, 124, 132, 140, 148, 156, 164) sts

Continue back and forth in st st and established stripe pattern until work from top of shoulder measures approx. 15 (16, 17, 18, 19, 19, 19, 19) cm [6 (6¼, 6¾, 7, 7½, 7½, 7½, 7½)]", ending with a WS row. Place removable markers into edge sts on both sides

### Armhole shaping

*Note: You will now shape front of armholes with increases*

**Row 1 (RS):** K to end of row

**Row 2 (inc row, WS):** P1, M1Lp, p to last st, M1Rp, p1 [2 sts increased]

Repeat Rows 1 and 2, 4 more times [8 sts increased] = 118 (126, 134, 142, 150, 158, 166, 174) sts

Break yarn, let sts rest on a spare cable or place on hold

## **Back**

*Note: You will now join left and right back shoulders on one needle and create the back neck opening. Start with CC*

**Joining row (RS):** Transfer 39 (43, 47, 50, 54, 58, 61, 65) Provisional cast-on left shoulder sts onto 3 mm / US2.5 circular needle. Using CC, k across left shoulder sts, cast on 30 (30, 30, 32, 32, 32, 34, 34) new sts, with RS facing, transfer 39 (43, 47, 50, 54, 58, 61, 65) Provisional cast-on right shoulder sts onto left needle and k across = 108 (116, 124, 132, 140, 148, 156, 164) sts

Continue back and forth in st st and established stripe pattern until work from top of shoulder measures approx. 15 (16, 17, 18, 19, 19, 19, 19) cm [6 (6¼, 6¾, 7, 7½, 7½, 7½, 7½)]", ending with a WS row. Make sure that the row you end with is the same row of the stripe pattern as the row you marked on the front before the armhole. Place removable markers into edge sts on both sides

## **Armhole shaping**

*Note: You will now shape back of armholes with increases*

**Row 1 (RS):** K to end of row

**Row 2 (inc row, WS):** P1, M1Lp, p to last st, M1Rp, p1 [2 sts increased]

Repeat Rows 1 and 2, 4 more times [8 sts increased] = 118 (126, 134, 142, 150, 158, 166, 174) sts

## **Body**

*Note: You will now join front and back on one needle and start working in the round*

**Joining round:** K across back sts, cast on 4 (6, 6, 8, 10, 16, 24, 30) new sts, k across front sts, cast on 2 (3, 3, 4, 5, 8, 12, 15) new sts, place BOR m, cast on 2 (3, 3, 4, 5, 8, 12, 15) new sts, join for working in the round = 244 (264, 280, 300, 320, 348, 380, 408) sts

Continue in the round in st st and established stripe pattern until work from shoulder measures approx. 47 (49.5, 52, 54.5, 57, 59.5, 62, 64.5) cm [18½ (19½, 20½, 21½, 22½, 23½, 24½, 25½)]", or to approx. 3 cm [1¼"] short of desired finished length, ending with row 4 of the stripe pattern in CC

## **Ribbed edge**

Change to 2.5 mm / US1.5 circular needle and MC  
K 1 round in st st

*Note: You will now work the hem in half-twisted rib*

**Round 1:** (K1, p1) to end of round

**Round 2:** (K1tbl, p1) to end of round

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until the ribbing measures approx. 3 cm [1¼"], ending with Round 2  
Bind off all sts in pattern

## Sleeves

With 3 mm / US2.5 circular needle, using MC, with RS of work facing, and beginning at center of underarm, pick up and knit 7 (8, 8, 9, 10, 13, 17, 20) sts along underarm to first m (1 st in each st), rm, pick up and knit 40 (43, 47, 51, 51, 51, 51, 51) sts up along armhole to top of shoulder m (approx. 3 sts for every 4 rows), rm, pick up and knit 40 (43, 47, 51, 51, 51, 51, 51) sts down along armhole to next m (approx. 3 sts for every 4 rows), rm, pick up and knit 7 (8, 8, 9, 10, 13, 17, 20) sts along rest of underarm (1 st in each st). Join for working in the round and place BOR m = 94 (102, 110, 120, 122, 128, 136, 142) sts

*Note: You will now shape the sleeve using German short rows. Work double stitches as 1 stitch throughout (see Special Techniques)*

**Short Row 1 (RS):** K to last 7 (8, 8, 9, 10, 13, 17, 20) sts, tw

**Short Row 2 (WS):** Ds, p to last 7 (8, 8, 9, 10, 13, 17, 20) sts, tw

**Short Row 3 (RS):** Ds, k to last 3 (4, 4, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10) sts, tw

**Short Row 4 (WS):** Ds, p to last 3 (4, 4, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10) sts, tw

**Next row (RS):** Ds, k to BOR

Change to CC

K 1 round

**Short Row 5 (RS):** K to last 3 (4, 4, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10) sts, tw

**Short Row 6 (WS):** Ds, p to last 3 (4, 4, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10) sts, tw

**Next row (RS):** Ds, k to BOR

Change to MC

K 1 round

**Short Row 7 (RS):** K to last 7 (8, 8, 9, 10, 13, 17, 20) sts, tw

**Short Row 8 (WS):** Ds, p to last 7 (8, 8, 9, 10, 13, 17, 20) sts, tw

**Next row (RS):** Ds, k to BOR

K 2 rounds

Change to CC

K 4 rounds

Continue in the round in st st and established stripe pattern until sleeve measures approx. 30 (32.5, 32.5, 35, 35, 47.5, 47.5, 47.5) cm [11¾ (12¾, 12¾, 13¾, 13¾, 18¾, 18¾, 18¾)]" from underarm cast-on edge, ending with round 4 of stripe pattern in CC

Sizes 2XL, 3XL and 4XL only:

You can adjust your sleeve length now if necessary. Make sure you end with round 4 of stripe pattern in CC  
Continue to Ribbed Cuffs

Sizes XS, S, M, L and XL only:

*Note: You will now shape the sleeve with increases and add extra length*

Change to MC

**Round 1:** K to end of round

**Round 2 (inc round):** K1, M1L, k to last st, M1R, k1 [2 sts increased]

**Rounds 3-6:** K to end of round

Change to CC

**Rounds 7-10:** K to end of round

Change to MC

**Rounds 11-16:** K to end of round

Change to CC

**Rounds 17-20:** K to end of round

*Upon completion of this section, you will have 96 (104, 112, 122, 124, -, -, -) sts*

Repeat Rounds 1-20, 1 (1, 1, 1, 1, -, -, -) more time [2 sts increased] = 98 (106, 114, 124, 126, -, -, -) sts

Repeat Rounds 1-10, 1 (1, 1, 1, 1, -, -, -) more time [2 sts increased] = 100 (108, 116, 126, 128, -, -, -) sts

Ribbed Cuffs

*Note: You will now work the cuffs in half-twisted rib. Continue using 3 mm / US2.5 needle*

Change to MC

**Round 1:** K to end of round

**Round 2:** (K1, p1) to end of round

**Round 3:** (K1tbl, p1) to end of round

Repeat Rounds 2 and 3, 4 more times. Then repeat Round 2 only, one more time

Bind off with Italian bind-off

Work the second sleeve the same

### **Ribbed Neckband**

With 3 mm / US2.5 circular needle, using MC, with RS of work facing, and beginning at top of right shoulder, pick up and knit 15 (15, 15, 15, 18, 18, 18, 18) sts down along back of right shoulder (approx. 2 sts for every 3 rows), pick up and knit 31 (31, 31, 33, 33, 33, 35, 35) sts along back (1 st in each st), pick up and knit 15 (15, 15, 15, 18, 18, 18, 18) sts up along back of left shoulder to top of shoulder (approx. 2 sts for every 3 rows), pick up and knit 27 (27, 27, 27, 30, 30, 30, 30) sts down along front of left shoulder (approx. 2 sts for every 3 rows), pick up and knit 15 (15, 15, 17, 17, 17, 19, 19) sts along front (1 st in each st), pick up and knit 27 (27, 27, 27, 30, 30, 30, 30) sts up along front of right shoulder (approx. 2 sts for every 3 rows). Join for working in the round and place BOR m = 130 (130, 130, 134, 146, 146, 150, 150) sts

*Note: You will now work the neckband in half-twisted rib. Continue using 3 mm / US2.5 needle*

**Round 1:** (K1, p1) to end of round

**Round 2:** (K1tbl, p1) to end of round

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2, 4 more times. Then repeat Round 1 only, one more time  
Bind off with Italian bind-off

### **Finishing**

Weave in all loose ends

Block

We hope you enjoy knitting the Samsø Pullover!

We would love to see your finished projects! If you would like to share your work with us on Instagram, please use the hashtags #knittingforolive and #samsøbluse and #samsoepullover, or tag us @knittingforolive

## **Abbreviations**

Approx. – approximately

BOR – beginning of round

K1tbl – knit 1 stitch through back loop

K – knit

P – purl

Dec – decrease

Inc – increase

Ds – double stitch (for German short row technique)

Tw – turn work (for German short row technique)

K2tog – knit 2 stitches together [1 stitch decreased]

MC – main color

CC – contrast color

M1L – make 1 new left twist stitch on the knit side: insert right needle, from back to front, under the bar running between first stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needle, pick up bar and knit this stitch into the back loop [1 stitch increased]

M1Lp – make 1 new left twist purl stitch: insert right needle, from front to back, under the bar running between first st on left needle and last stitch on right needle, pick up bar in twisted position and purl this stitch [1 stitch increased]

M1R – make 1 new right twist stitch on the knit side: insert right needle, from front to back, under the bar running between first stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needle, pick up bar in twisted position and knit this stitch [1 stitch increased]

M1Rp – make 1 new right twist purl stitch: insert right needle, from back to front, under the bar running between first stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needle, pick up bar and purl this stitch through the back loop [1 stitch increased]

M – marker

Rm – remove marker

Pssso – pass slipped stitch(es) over

RS – right side

WS – wrong side

Sl1k – slip 1 stitch knitwise

St/sts – stitch/stitches

St st – stockinette stitch