



KATE DAVIES DESIGNS

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A light, simple pullover, updating the classic style of the maritime gansey with its ingeniously wearable shaping. "Seavaiger" is a Scots neologism meaning "seafarer". It is also the name of an inspiring musical collaboration between Sally Beamish, Chris Stout, Catriona McKay and the Scottish Ensemble.

<https://bit.ly/2JyFrsU>

YARN

Kate Davies Designs Milarrochy Tweed (70% Wool; 30% Mohair; 100m / 109yds per 25g ball) in the following shades and quantities:

A Cowslip: 6 (6, 7, 8, 8, 9) x 25g balls

B Smirr: 6 (6, 7, 8, 9, 9) x 25g balls

NEEDLES AND NOTIONS

Gauge-size and below gauge-size needles of your preferred length for working pullover body

Gauge-size and below gauge-size needle(s) of your preferred type for working small circumferences for sleeves, neck and cuffs

Above gauge-size needle (2 or 3 sizes larger than gauge-size) of any length for working three-needle bind-off

Lengths of waste yarn or spare needle cords (for holding stitches at shoulders and neck)

Stitch markers

Tapestry needle

GAUGE

24 sts and 32 rounds / rows to 10cm / 4in over stockinette in the round and back and forth

Use 3.75mm needle as a starting point for swatching.

SIZES

Finished hip circumference: 91.5 (101.5, 112, 122, 132, 142) cm / 36 (40, 44, 48, 52, 56) in. Pick the size above your actual hip measurement.

Shown in the first size.

PATTERN NOTES

Following a simple 2-shade stripe sequence, the body of this pullover is worked in the round, with simple dolman increases shaping the underarms. Front and back are divided, and the upper body, shoulders, and sleeve caps are worked back and forth, with a series of German short rows shaping the shoulders. After the shoulders are joined with a three-needle bind-off and the neck ribbing has been worked, sleeves are picked up around the armscyes and worked down to the wrists in the round. The sleeves are designed as bracelet length, but can be knitted longer as desired.

SIZING TABLE

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	
HIP CIRCUMFERENCE						
91.5	101.5	112	122	132	142	cm
36	40	44	48	52	56	in
BODY LENGTH TO DOLMAN SHAPING						
28	29	30.5	32	32	32	cm
11	11½	12	12½	12½	12½	in
TOTAL BODY LENGTH (NECK TO HEM)						
65	67.5	70	72.5	72.5	73.5	cm
25½	26½	27½	28½	28½	29	in
BODY CIRCUMFERENCE AT WIDEST POINT						
132	142	152.5	162.5	172.5	183	cm
52	56	60	64	68	72	in
ARM CIRCUMFERENCE AT JOIN						
25.5	28	28	30.5	30.5	33	cm
10	11	11	12	12	13	in
SLEEVE LENGTH FROM JOIN TO WRIST						
26.5	26.5	28	28	28	28	cm
10½	10½	11	11	11	11	in

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

German Short rows

On the RS (knit side)

1. Work to turning point (T), turn work.
2. S11 pwise wyif from lh to rh needle.
3. Pull yarn up over needle to back of work to form DS.
4. Purl next row as est.

On the WS (purl side)

1. Work to turning point (T), turn work.
2. Bring yarn forward between needles.
3. S11 pwise wyif from lh to rh needle.
4. Pull yarn up over needle to back of work to form DS.
5. Knit next row as est.

To close short rows, when you encounter DS, k or p both legs together and count as one stitch.

Short rows are worked back and forth to shape the shoulders, at 3-stitch intervals, always keeping the 2-shade stripe sequence correct. When working the short-row

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shoulders and changing shades between a purl and a knit row you may find it useful to work the first knit stitch of the next row with the working yarn from the previous row, before changing shades, and continuing the row as established.

This video provides a useful demonstration of German short rows

<https://verypink.com/2014/12/31/german-short-rows/>

And this tutorial from Åsa Tricosa is also useful

<http://asatricosa.com/german-short-rows/>

Three-needle bind-off

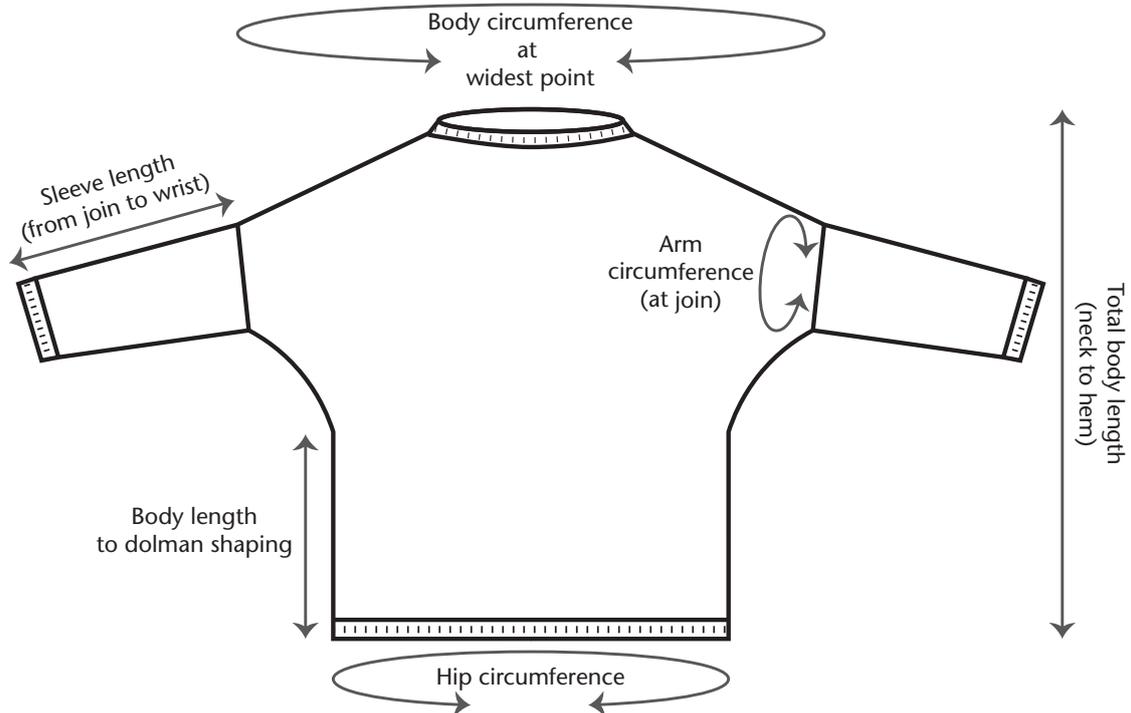
If you are unfamiliar with this technique, the following tutorial from Purl Soho will be useful

<https://www.purlsoho.com/create/3-needle-bind-off/>

ABBREVIATIONS

dec	Decrease(d)
DS	Double stitch (see short row instructions)
est	Established
fol	Follow(s)(ing)
k	Knit
k2tog	Knit the next two stitches together
lh	Left-hand
m1	Bring the tip of the left-hand needle under the strand between stitches, from front to back. Knit through the back of this loop.
p	Purl
pwise	Purlwise
pm	Place marker
puk	Pick up and knit
rh	Right-hand
RS	Right side
rem	Remain(s)(ing)
sl	Slip
slm	Slip marker
ssk	Slip two stitches knitwise one at a time, knit two slipped stitches together through the back of the loop
T	Turn (see short row instructions)
tbl	Through the back of the loop
WS	Wrong side
wyif	With yarn in front

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INSTRUCTIONS

1

CAST ON, WORK LOWER BODY

With below gauge-size needle and shade A, cast on 216 (240, 264, 288, 312, 336) sts, pm and join for working in the round.

Round 1: Change to B and establish rib as foll: *K1tbl, p1; repeat from * to end. Repeat last round 8 times.

Change to gauge-size needles and knit 1 round with B, placing a second marker after 108 (120, 132, 144, 156, 168) sts, dividing front and back.

Next round: Carrying yarns up the back of the work throughout, establish 2x2 stripe sequence as foll:

Knit 2 rounds A, knit 2 rounds B.

Continue as est until piece from cast-on edge measures 28 (29, 30.5, 32, 32, 32) cm / 11 (11½, 12, 12½, 12½, 12½) in or your preferred length (check garment dimensions in sizing table: if you wish to add length, you should do so here, working further rounds as necessary).

2

SHAPE DOLMAN, DIVIDE FRONT AND BACK

Next round: Continuing stripe sequence as est, work shaping as foll:

Step A: *Slm, k1, m1, k to 1 st before marker, m1, k1; repeat from * once. 4 sts inc.

Step B: Knit 1 round.

All sizes: Repeat steps A and B 23 times. 96 sts inc; 312 (336, 360, 384, 408, 432) sts

Moving sts around needle without knitting, sl156 (168, 180, 192, 204, 216) sts, then sl next 156 (168, 180, 192, 204, 216) sts to waste yarn or spare needle cord.

3

WORK FRONT, SHAPE SHOULDERS

Continuing on front sts only with gauge-size needle, keeping stripe sequence correct as est, and working stockinette back and forth (knitting and purling alternate rows), work until piece from underarm divide measures 12.5 (14, 14, 15, 15, 16.5) cm / 5 (5½, 5½, 6, 6, 6½) in, ending with a WS row.

Keeping stripe sequence correct, shape shoulders as foll:

Next Row (RS): K to last 3 sts, T.

Next Row (WS): DS, p to last 3 sts, T.

4

WORK BACK, SHAPE SHOULDERS

Slip back sts to gauge-size needle and, keeping stripe sequence correct as est, work until piece matches front, ending with a WS row.

Shape shoulders with short rows as for front.

Close short rows as for front.

Optional: If you wish to raise the back neck, when short rows are complete and closed, work a further 4 rows here in stripe sequence.

Slipping sts from the RS without knitting, sl51 (57, 63, 69, 75, 81) sts along needle; sl54 (54, 54, 54, 54) sts to a piece of waste yarn for neck; sl51 (57, 63, 69, 75, 81) shoulder sts to needle. 51 (57, 63, 69, 75, 81) sts set aside for each shoulder and 54 (54, 54, 54, 54) sts set aside for neck.

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JOIN SHOULDERS

Slip front shoulder sts to a second gauge-size needle.

Placing back and front pieces together (with RS facing each other, so you are working from the WS), using same shade worked on last row and a needle 2 or 3 sizes above gauge size, work three-needle bind-off across left shoulder sts. Repeat three-needle bind-off to join right shoulder sts.

Row C (RS): DS, k to last 3 sts before DS, T.

Row D (WS): DS, p to last 3 sts before DS, T.

Repeat rows C and D until there are 15 (15, 17, 17, 17, 17) DS at each side.

Close short rows as foll:

Next Row (RS): K to end of row working all DS as a single stitch.

Next Row (WS): P to end of row working all remaining DS as a single stitch.

Break yarn.

Slipping sts from the RS without knitting, sl1 (57, 63, 69, 75, 81) sts from needle to waste yarn for shoulder; sl54 (54, 54, 54, 54, 54) sts to a second piece of waste yarn for neck; sl51 (57, 63, 69, 75, 81) sts to a third piece of waste yarn for shoulder. 51 (57, 63, 69, 75, 81) sts set aside for each shoulder and 54 (54, 54, 54, 54, 54) sts set aside for neck.

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WORK NECK RIB

Slip 54 sts from waste yarn held for front, and 54 sts from waste yarn held for back to below gauge-size needle(s) of your preferred type for working small circumferences. With B, k54 back sts, puk3 sts in gap, k54 front neck sts, puk3 sts in gap, pm for start of round. *114 sts.*

With B, work 6 rounds in 1x1 twisted rib (as est for hem), then bind off in rib with A.

7

WORK SLEEVES

With gauge-size needle(s) of your preferred type for working small circumferences and A, beginning at underarm point, puk64 (70, 70, 76, 76, 78) sts around armhole, pm, and join for working in the round.

Knit 2 rounds.

Step E: Slm, k1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1.

Step F: Knit 7 (7, 7, 5, 5, 5) rounds.

Repeat steps E and F 5 (8, 8, 11, 11, 12) times.

12 (18, 18, 24, 24, 26) sts dec; 52 (52, 52, 52, 52, 52) sts rem.

Continue working further rounds (as necessary) until sleeve from armhole measures 24 (24, 25.5, 25.5, 25.5) cm / 9½ (9½, 10, 10, 10, 10) in, or desired length minus rib (2.5cm / 1in), ending with a stripe in shade A.

Change to below gauge-size needle.

Knit 1 round with B.

With B, work 8 rounds in 1x1 twisted rib, then bind off with A.

Repeat this step for the second sleeve.

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FINISHING

Weave in all ends to the back of the work.

Soak pullover in warm water to allow the stitches to relax and bloom. Press dry between towels. Pin out to dimensions given in sizing table, paying attention to the back and front neck and rib (which should be shaped to suit). Dry flat, and allow to fully dry.

Enjoy your Seavaiger!





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