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SEPTEMBER SWEATER



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- Sizes:** XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL) 3XL (4XL) 5XL
- Bust circumference:** 98 (103) 107 (113) 120 (133) 140 (150) 160 cm [35½ (40½) 42¼ (44½) 47¼ (52¼) 55 (59) 63 inches]
- Length:** 56 (58) 60 (64) 70 (72) 75 (77) 77 cm [22 (22¾) 23½ (25¼) 27½ (28¼) 29½ (30¼) 30¼ inches]
(measured mid back incl. folded neck edge)
- Gauge:** 12 sts x 38 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches] in brioche stitch on 5 mm [US8] needles (please note that 38 rows in brioche stitch are counted as 19 knit sts)
- Needles:** Circular needles: 5 mm [US8] / 40, 60, 80 and/or 100 cm [16, 24, 32 and/or 40 inches] and 4.5 mm [US7] / 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 inches] and 3.5 mm [US4] / 40 cm [16 inches]
Double-pointed needles: 4.5 mm [US7]
- Materials:** **Suggestion 1:** 550 (600) 650 (700) 750 (850) 900 (950) 1000 g Peer Gynt by Sandnes Garn (50 g = 91 m [98 yds]) (one strand) **held together with** 100-125 (125) 125 (150) 150 (175) 175 (200) 200 g Tynn Silk Mohair by Sandnes Garn (25 g = 212 m [232 yds]) (one strand) **or** Brushed Lace by Mohair By Canard (25 g = 212 m [232 yds]) **or** Silk Mohair by Isager Yarn (25 g = 212 m [232 yds])
Suggestion 2: 250-275 (275) 325 (325-350) 350 (375) 400 (425) 450 g Tynn Silk Mohair by Sandnes Garn (25 g = 212 m [232 yds]) **or** Brushed Lace fra Mohair By Canard (25 g = 210 m [230 yds]) **or** Silk Mohair by Isager Yarn (25 g = 212 m [232 yds]). Note: Three strands of yarn are held together throughout (the given yardage amounts are the total yardage needed).

PATTERN

The September Sweater is worked from the top down in brioche stitch. First the back yoke is worked back and forth with increases at both ends of the work. Then stitches are picked up and knitted for the shoulders, which are worked separately and then joined to form the front yoke. At the bottom of the armhole, the back and front yoke are joined to form the body, which is worked in the round to the hem. After this, stitches are picked up and knitted along the armholes for the sleeves, which are worked in the round on a short circular needle and shaped with decreases. Finally, stitches are picked up and knitted along the neckline and a rib neck edge is worked. The neck edge is folded double and sewn down on the inner side of the sweater. The September Sweater has almost no finishing except for the neck edge which requires sewing.

Knit a swatch before beginning the project to check if the recommended needle size gives you the correct gauge. Take care when measuring the gauge of your swatch, as brioche stitch is difficult to measure correctly because it is so stretchy – take all measurements more than once.

Find a video of the brioche knitting technique on www.petiteknit.com.

Size guide

The September Sweater is designed to have approx. 15 cm [6 inches] of positive ease, meaning it is designed to be approx. 15 cm [6 inches] larger in circumference than your bust measurement. The sizes XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL) 3XL (4XL) 5XL are designed to fit a bust circumference of 80-85 (85-90) 90-95 (95-100) 100-110 (110-120) 120-130 (130-140) 140-150 cm [31½-33½ (33½-35½) 35½-37½ (37½-39½) 39½-43¼ (43¼-47¼) 47¼-51¼ (51¼-55) 55-59 inches].

The measurements for the finished garment are on the front page of the pattern. Before beginning your project, measure yourself to determine which size to knit. For example, if you measure 97 cm [38¼ inches] around your bust (or around the widest part of your upper body) you should knit a size L. A size L sweater has a bust circumference of 113 cm [(44½ inches)] which in the given example would give you 16 cm [6¼ inches] of positive ease.

The model in the photos is wearing a size XS and has a bust circumference of 82 cm [32¼ inches] and is 164 cm [approx. 5 feet 4 inches] tall.

Note that brioche stitch will expand slightly width-wise with wash and wear. For this reason, you should expect your September Sweater will grow approx. 4-8 cm [1½-3¼ inches] in circumference with wear compared to the bust measurement given at the top of the pattern.

Brioche knitting abbreviations

Sl1yo: Bring the working yarn to the front of the work, slip the next stitch purl-wise, then bring the yarn up and over the needle (and over the slipped stitch) to form the yarn over.

Brk: Brioche knit, knit the stitch that was slipped on the previous row together with its yarn over.

Brp: Brioche purl, purl the stitch that was slipped on the previous row together with its yarn over.

Increases in brioche stitch

Increases in brioche stitch are worked from the RS into a brioche knit stitch (meaning a slipped knit stitch with its yarn over). Brioche increases are always double increases, meaning 2 new sts are created, to maintain the pattern. Increases are worked as follows (see video on www.petiteknit.com):

Inc: Brk1 leaving the stitch on the left needle, yarn over around right needle, then brk1 in the same stitch again, then let the stitch fall off the left needle. On the following row, the yarn over is worked in pattern as a regular stitch.

Decreases in brioche stitch

Decreases in brioche stitch are worked to slant either left (L dec) or right (R dec). Decreases are always double decreases, meaning 2 stitches are decreased at the same time, to maintain the pattern. Decreases are worked from the RS as follows (see video on www.petiteknit.com):

R dec: The first stitch on left needle is a brioche knit stitch. Knit the brioche knit stitch and the next stitch together, slip the newly formed stitch back to the left needle and pass the next brioche knit stitch over this new stitch (as if binding off a stitch), then slip the stitch back on the right needle.

L dec: The first stitch on left needle is a brioche knit stitch. Slip the brioche knit stitch knit-wise to the right needle, knit the next 2 stitches together, then pass the slipped stitch over the newly formed stitch (as if binding off a stitch).

Back yoke

Selvedge sts (selv st), i.e. the first and last stitch on the row, are knitted on all rows to form “garter knot sts” along the edges.

Cast on 27 (27) 27 (27) 27 (27) 27 (27) 27 sts on a 5 mm [US8] / 80 cm [32 inches] circular needle with your preferred method, holding one strand of each yarn together.

Work brioche stitch as follows:

Row 1 (WS): K1 (selv st), *k1, sl1yo*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts, k1, k1 (selv st).

Row 2 (RS): K1 (selv st), *sl1yo, brk1*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts, sl1yo, k1 (selv st).

Row 3 (WS): K1 (selv st), *brk1, sl1yo*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts, k1, k1 (selv st).

Now work increases **every other RS row** as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K1 (selv st), work 5 sts in brioche stitch, **inc**, work brioche stitch to the last 7 sts, **inc**, work 5 sts in brioche stitch, k1 (selv st) (4 sts have been increased).

Row 2 (WS): K1 (selv st), work brioche stitch as established to the last stitch, k1 (selv st).

Row 3 (RS): Work as Row 2.

Row 4 (WS): Work as Row 2.

Work Rows 1 – 4 a total of 7 (8) 8 (9) 10 (12) 13 (14) 15 times. There are now a total of 55 (59) 59 (63) 67 (75) 79 (83) 87 sts on the needles for the back.

Now work brioche stitch back and forth without increases as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K1 (selv st), *sl1yo, brk1*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts, sl1yo, k1 (selv st).

Row 2 (WS): K1 (selv st), *brk1, sl1yo*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts, brk1, k1 (selv st).

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until the work measures 22 (23) 23 (24) 26 (27) 27 (29) 29 cm [$8\frac{3}{4}$ (9) 9 ($9\frac{1}{2}$) $10\frac{1}{4}$ ($10\frac{3}{4}$) $10\frac{3}{4}$ ($11\frac{1}{2}$) $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches] from the cast-on edge.

End on a WS row, so the next row is a RS row.

Break the yarn and let the sts rest on the circular needle, while each shoulder is worked separately.

Left shoulder

RS facing, using the short tail of the working yarn, pick up and knit 15 (17) 17 (19) 21 (25) 27 (29) 31 sts with a 5 mm [US8] / (60 cm) circular needle on the first 15 (17) 17 (19) 21 (25) 27 (29) 31 “garter knot sts” along the left shoulder counted from the neck opening. Push the sts to the opposite end of the circular needle, so the first row is worked from the RS (with the “correct” long end of the working yarn and not the tail) (see video on www.petiteknit.com).

Establish brioche stitch pattern as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K1 (selv st), *sl1yo, k1*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts, sl1yo, k1 (selv st).

Row 2 (WS): K1 (selv st), *brk1, sl1yo*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts, brk1, k1 (selv st).

Now work brioche stitch back and forth as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K1 (selv st), *sl1yo, brk1*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts, sl1yo, k1 (selv st).

Row 2 (WS): K1 (selv st), *brk1, sl1yo*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts, brk1, k1 (selv st).

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 9 (9) 9 (10) 11 (11) 11 (12) 12 times (the equivalent of counting 10 (10) 10 (11) 12 (12) 12 “garter knot sts” along each side of the shoulder). End on a WS row, so the next row is a RS row.

Now work increases **every other RS row** along the neck side of the work to shape the neckline as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K1 (selv st), work 3 sts in brioche stitch, **inc**, work brioche stitch to the last stitch, k1 (selv st) (2 sts have been increased).

Row 2 (WS): K1 (selv st), work brioche stitch to the last stitch, k1 (selv st).

Row 3 (RS): Work as Row 2.

Row 4 (WS): Work as Row 2.

Work Rows 1 – 4 a total of 4 times for all sizes. There are now a total of 23 (25) 25 (27) 29 (33) 35 (37) 39 sts on the needles for the left shoulder.

Break the yarn and let the sts rest, while the right shoulder is worked.

Right shoulder

The right shoulder is worked the same as the left shoulder until the increases are worked.

The increases on the right shoulder are worked as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K1 (selv st), work brioche stitch to the last 5 sts, **inc**, work 3 sts in brioche stitch, k1 (selv st) (2 sts have been increased).

Row 2 (WS): K1 (selv st), work brioche stitch as established to the last stitch, k1 (selv st).

Row 3 (RS): Work as Row 2.

Row 4 (WS): Work as Row 2.

Work Rows 1 – 4 a total of 4 times for all sizes. There are now a total of 23 (25) 25 (27) 29 (33) 35 (37) 39 sts on the needles for the right shoulder.

Do not break the yarn as the next step follows from here.

Front

Now join the right and left shoulder to form the front yoke. Begin with a RS row and the right shoulder and work on a 5 mm [US8] / 80 cm [32 inches] circular needle, as follows:

K1 (selv st), work brioche stitch across the right shoulder, cast on 9 new sts in extension of the right shoulder sts using the backward loop technique, continue in brioche stitch across the left shoulder to the last stitch, k1 (selv st). There are now a total of 55 (59) 59 (63) 67 (75) 79 (83) 87 sts on the needles for the front.

Work back and forth in brioche stitch as follows:

Row 1 (WS): K1 (selv st), *brk1, sl1yo*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts, brk1, k1 (selv st).

Row 2 (RS): K1 (selv st), *sl1yo, brk1*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts, sl1yo, k1 (selv st).

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until the work measures 28 (29) 29 (30) 32 (33) 33 (35) 35 cm [11 (11½) 11½ (11¾) 12½ (13) 13 (13¾) 13¾ inches] from where sts were picked up for the shoulders (note that the front yoke is longer than the back yoke due to the way the sweater is constructed).

End on a WS row, so the next row is a RS row.

Do not break the yarn as the next step follows from here.

Body

Now join the front and back yoke on the same circular needle (80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 inches]) (see below how to), so the body can be worked in the round on the circular needle. Please note that when brioche stitch is worked in the round on a circular needle, every other round is worked with brioche purl stitches (brp) instead of brioche knit stitches (brk) (see video on www.petiteknit.com). Please also note that at the marker that marks the beginning of the round, the last stitch before and the first stitch after the marker will be the same (example: if you end the round with sl1yo, then the first stitch of the next round will also be sl1yo).

RS facing, continue with the yarn from the front and work as follows:

Round 1: K1 (selv st), work brioche stitch across the front to the last stitch, k1 (selv st), cast on 3 (3) 5 (5) 5 (5) 5 (7) 9 new sts in extension of the front sts using the backward loop technique (left underarm), continue across the back yoke and work k1 (selv st), work brioche stitch across the back to the last stitch, k1 (selv st), cast on 3 (3) 5 (5) 5 (5) 5 (7) 9 new sts in extension of the back sts using the backward loop technique (right underarm). There are now a total of 116 (124) 128 (136) 144 (160) 168 (180) 192 sts on the needles.

Round 2: *Sl1yo, brp1*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Now place a marker after the first 1 (1) 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 (3) 5 of the cast on sts at the right underarm. This marks the beginning of the round.

Work in the round in brioche stitch as follows:

Round 1: *Brk1, sl1yo*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 2: *Sl1yo, brp1*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until the sweater measures 50 (52) 54 (58) 64 (66) 69 (71) 71 cm [19³/₄ (20¹/₂) 21¹/₄ (22³/₄) 25¹/₄ (26) 27¹/₄ (28) 28 inches] measured mid back (i.e. from the cast-on edge on the back yoke). I recommend trying your sweater on along the way so you can adjust the length to fit your body.

Now work increases in brioche stitch to adjust the number of sts before beginning the ribbed hem. Increases are worked on a brioche knit round. Work as follows:

Round 1: *Work 4 sts in brioche stitch, **inc**, sl1yo*, repeat from * to * 19 (20) 21 (22) 24 (26) 28 (30) 32 times, work brioche stitch to the end of the round. There are now a total of 154 (164) 170 (180) 192 (212) 224 (240) 256 sts on the needles.

Round 2: *Sl1yo, brp1*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Change to a 4.5 mm [US7] / 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 inches] circular needle and work 6 cm [2¹/₄ inches] in the round in rib (k1, p1) for all sizes.

Work double knitting before binding off using the Italian bind-off technique (see video on www.petiteknit.com), as follows:

Round 1: *K1, slip 1 stitch with the yarn held to the front*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 2: *Slip 1 stitch with the yarn held to the back, p1*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Bind off using the Italian bind-off technique (see video on www.petiteknit.com).

Sleeves

The sleeves are worked in the round in brioche stitch on a 5 mm [US8] /40 cm [16 inches] circular needle. RS facing and starting at the center of the underarm, pick up and knit 54 (54) 56 (58) 60 (60) 60 (64) 66 sts around the armhole edge. This is the approx. equivalent of picking up 2 sts for every 3 “garter stitch knots” all the way around the armhole and 1 stitch in each of the cast on backward loop sts at the underarm.

Place a marker for the beginning of the round at the bottom of the armhole.

Establish brioche stitch pattern as follows:

K1, sl1yo, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Work in the round brioche stitch as follows:

Round 1: *Sl1yo, brp1*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 2: *Brk1, sl1yo*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until the sleeve measures 42 (42) 44 (44) 43 (43) 43 (43) 42 cm [16½ (16½) 17¼ (17¼) 17 (17) 17 (17) 16½ inches] from the underarm, **while at the same time** working decreases every 7 cm [2¾ inches] on a round with brioche knit sts a total of 5 times, by working a decrease round as follows: **R dec**, work brioche stitch to the last 4 sts of the round, **L dec**, sl1yo (4 sts have been decreased). There are now a total of 34 (34) 36 (38) 40 (40) 40 (44) 46 sts on the needles.

Now work increases in brioche stitch to adjust the number of sts before beginning the ribbed cuff. Increases are worked on a brioche knit round. Work as follows:

Round 1: *Work 4 sts in brioche stitch, **inc**, sl1yo*, repeat from * to * 5 (5) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (7) 7 times, work brioche stitch to end of round. There are now a total of 44 (44) 48 (50) 52 (52) 52 (58) 60 sts on the needles.

Round 2: *Sl1yo, brp1*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Change to 4.5 mm [US7] double-pointed needles and work 6 cm [2¼ inches] in the round in rib (k1, p1) for all sizes. Work 2 rounds in double knitting the same as for the hem, then bind off using the Italian bind-off technique.

Neck edge

RS facing and starting at one shoulder, pick up and knit 76 (78) 78 (80) 82 (84) 86 (88) 88 sts along the neck edge with a 3.5 mm [US4] / 40 cm [16 inches] circular needle. This is the approx. equivalent of picking up 1 stitch in every “garter knit stitch” and every cast-on stitch all the way around. Work the neck edge as follows:

Work 11 rounds in rib (k1, p1).

Purl across 1 round (folding edge).

Work 10 rounds in rib (k1, p1).

On the next round, close the neck edge by knitting together the sts on the needle with every other stitch along where sts were picked up, while binding off at the same time. Work as follows (see video on www.petiteknit.com):

* Using the right needle, pick up a stitch from the pick-up edge and place it on the left needle, then knit together this stitch and the first stitch on the left needle. Pass the second stitch on the right needle over the just knitted one (i.e., bind off). K1. Pass the second stitch on the right needle over the just knitted one (i.e., bind off) *. Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Take care that the edge does not become slanted – check along the way to make sure that the picked-up stitch aligns with the next stitch on the needle.

Finishing

Weave in all ends.

Abbreviations

brk1	brioche knit one, see Brioche Knitting Abbreviations
brp1	brioche purl one, see Brioche Knitting Abbreviations
inc	increase, see Brioche Increases
k	knit
L dec	left-slanting decrease, see Brioche Decreases
p	purl
R dec	right-slanting decrease, see Brioche Decreases
RS	right side of your work
selv st	selvage stitch, the first and last stitch on the row is worked in garter stitch (knit on all rows)
sl1yo	slip one, yarn over, see Brioche Knitting Abbreviations
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	wrong side of your work



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