

PetiteKnit

STOCKHOLM SWEATER



Sizes:	XS (S) M (L) XL
Bust circumference:	100 (105) 110 (115) 125 cm
Length:	Measured at the centre back incl. rib neckband: 54 (56) 58 (62) 65 cm
Gauge:	21 sts x 31 rows in stockinette stitch on 4 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm
Suggested needle size:	4 mm and 3.5 mm / 80-100 cm circular needles, 3 mm / 40 cm circular needles, 4 mm and 3.5 mm double pointed needles (DPNs) if not using magic loop for the sleeves
Materials:	200 (225) 250 (275) 325 g Silk Mohair from Isager Yarn (25 g = 212 m) or Brushed Lace from Mohair By Canard (25 g = 210 m) or Tilia from Filcolana (25 g = 210 m) or Kid Seta from Gepard Garn (25 g = 210 m)

PATTERN

The Stockholm Sweater is knit from the top down in stockinette stitch with two strands of silk/mohair lace weight yarn held together. You begin by working the top of the back flat, after which stitches are picked up along the cast on edge for the shoulders. Each shoulder is knit separately and shaped using short rows, so they slope neatly. The front and back of the sweater are joined under the armholes, thereafter the body is knit in the round. For the sleeves, stitches are picked up along the arm holes, and then knit in the round to the cuff on DPNs or a circular needle using *Magic Loop*. Finally stitches are picked up along the neck opening, and a rib collar is knit, folded over, and sewn down on the wrong side. The Stockholm Sweater requires no other finishing than sewing down the neckband.

Please knit and wet block a gauge swatch before starting to find the right needle size that gives you the required gauge.

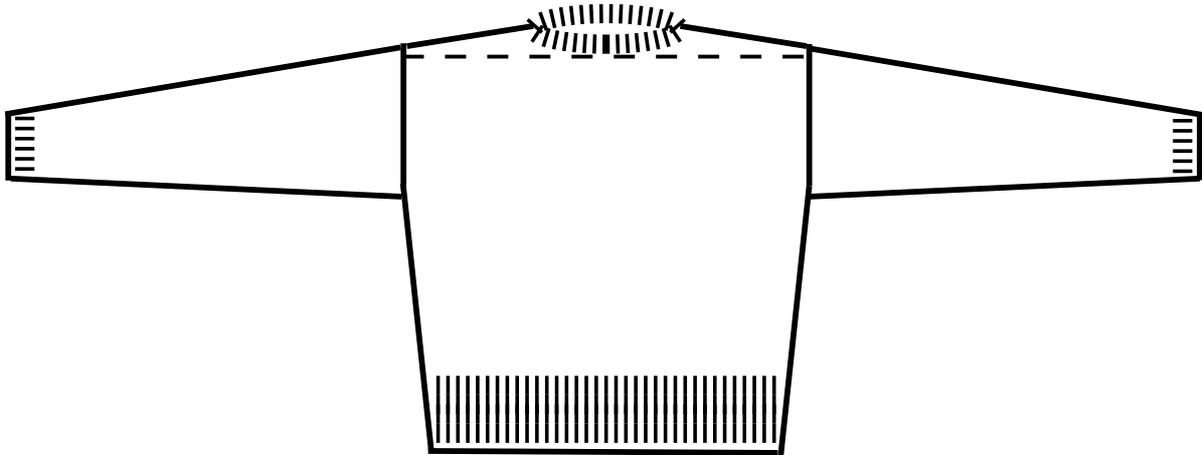
Size guide

The Stockholm Sweater is designed to be worn with a positive ease of approximately 15 cm at the bust. The sizes XS (S) M (L) XL correspond to bust measurements of around 85 (90) 95 (100) 110 cm, and have those extra 15 cm of positive ease built into the pattern (as you can see from the finished measurements). Measure yourself before starting this project to find out which size will fit your body best.

The Stockholm Sweater is meant to be a short sweater, but you can try it on while knitting it and figure out which length is right for you. Keep in mind that if you decide to make the sweater longer you might need more yarn than specified by the pattern.

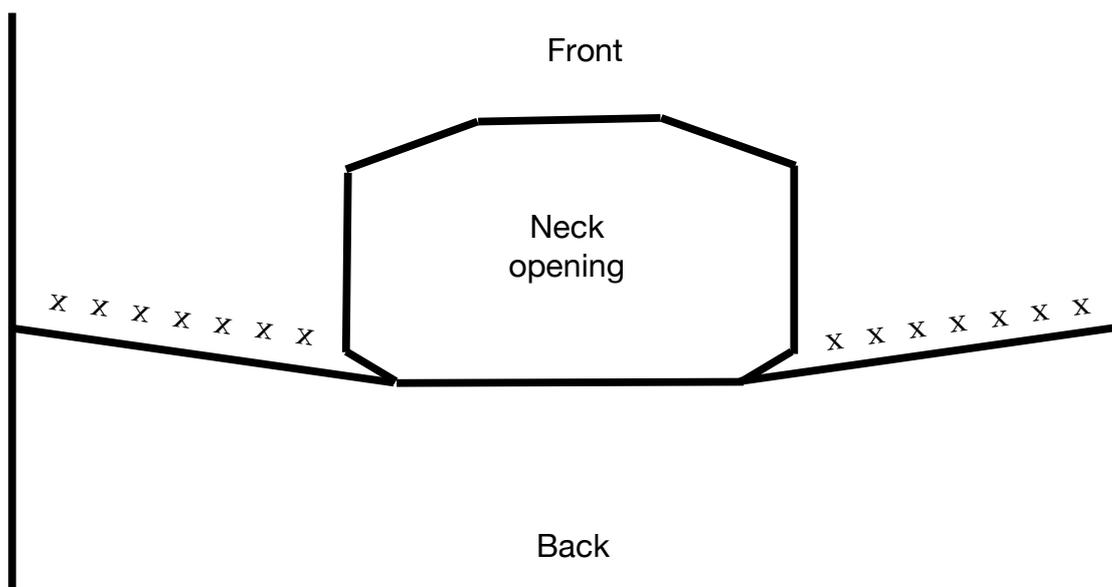
Construction

The sketch below shows the construction of the Stockholm Sweater. The dashed line marks the cast on edge at the top of the back. The slopes of the shoulders are shaped by short rows.



Yoke

The yoke is begun by knitting the top of the back as a rectangle back and forth. Then stitches are picked up at both sides along the cast on edge, and the shoulders are knit from these using short rows so that they slope. The cast on edge thus become a line at the top of the back, as depicted by the dashed line above (and not the top of the shoulders). From the shoulders, the top of the front is knit downwards and joined under the neck, after shaping the neck opening. The front is then worked flat on one piece to the bottom of the arm holes, where it is joined with the back for the body. The yoke (before it is joined into a round) is sketched below. The X-s mark the placement of the short rows (note that the number of X-s is just a representation and doesn't correspond to the real number of short rows).



Back

With the yarn held double, cast on 106 (110) 116 (122) 132 sts on a 4 mm / 80 cm circular needle. The first row is a WS row.

Work flat back and forth in stockinette stitch until the work measures 18 (19) 21 (24) 25 cm (about 55 (59) 65 (74) 78 rows, if you have the correct gauge), ending with a WS row. Leave the sts on hold (if you have an extra needle, use this for the next bit and leave the sts on hold on the original needle or cable, this will make it easier to continue working in the round when the body is joined).

Left shoulder

RS facing, using a 4 mm / 80 cm needle, pick up the outermost left 40 (42) 45 (48) 52 sts along the cast on edge of the back. **Use the short end of the yarn** for picking up, so that you can slide the stitches back and begin knitting from the right side with the "live" end of the yarn (the direction for picking up sts is from the neck towards the shoulder).

NOTE: The new sts are picked up and knit **between** the stitches from the cast on edge, and not in the stitches themselves – that way you'll get a continuous stitch picture and the cast on edge will almost disappear.

Now work the short rows and decreases for shaping the shoulder and neck opening. You can use any short row technique you want – I recommend *German Short Rows*. Knit as

follows:

Row 1: Bind off 1 st (neck opening), k5, turn work (= 39 (41) 44 (47) 51 sts).

Row 2: P to end of row.

Row 3: Bind off 1 st (neck opening), k7, turn work (= 38 (40) 43 (46) 50 sts).

Row 4: P to end of row.

Row 5: Bind off 1 st, k9, turn work (= 37 (39) 42 (45) 49 sts).

Row 6: P to end of row.

Next row is a RS row.

Work short rows without binding off as follows:

* K to 3 sts after last turn, turn work, p to end of row *

Repeat from * to * a total of 9 (9) 10 (11) 12 times (i.e. the last time you turn, there are 1 (3) 3 (3) 4 sts left on the left needle).

Work 6 (6) 8 (8) 8 rows in stockinette stitch over all sts. Next row is a RS row.

Continue working in stockinette stitch while at the same time increasing for the neck opening as follows:

* K1, inc 1 by picking up the loop between the sts from the front and knitting it through the back loop, k to end of row. P all sts on the next row *

Repeat from * to * a total of 8 (8) 8 (8) 8 times (= 45 (47) 50 (53) 57 sts).

Break the yarn and leave the sts on hold while you knit the right shoulder (as for the back you can use an extra needle or cable to leave the sts on hold).

Right shoulder

The right shoulder is worked like the left shoulder, but mirrored (the short rows and the decreases are thus worked from the wrong side):

RS facing, using a 4 mm / 80 cm needle, pick up the outermost right 40 (42) 45 (48) 52 sts along the cast on edge of the back (this time do so by using the “live” end of the yarn as usual) (the direction is from the edge toward the neck). Remember to pick up and knit the sts between the sts of the cast on. First row is a WS row. Work as follows:

Row 1: Bind off 1 st (neck opening), p5, turn work (= 39 (41) 44 (47) 51 sts).

Row 2: K to end of row.

Row 3: Bind off 1 st (neck opening), p7, turn work (= 38 (40) 43 (46) 50 sts).

Row 4: K to end of row.

Row 5: Bind off 1 st, p9, turn work (= 37 (39) 42 (45) 49 sts).

Row 6: K to end of row.

Next row is a WS row.

Work short rows without binding off as follows:

* P to 3 sts after last turn, turn work, k to end of row *

Repeat from * to * a total of 9 (9) 10 (11) 12 times (i.e. the last time you turn, there are 1 (3) 3 (3) 4 sts left on the left needle).

Work 6 (6) 8 (8) 8 rows in stockinette stitch over all sts. Next row is a RS row.

Continue working in stockinette stitch while at the same time increasing for the neck opening, as follows:

* P1, inc 1 by picking up the loop between the sts from the back and purling it, p to end of row. K all sts on the next row *

Repeat from * to * a total of 8 (8) 8 (8) 8 times (= 45 (47) 50 (53) 57 sts).

Front

Cast on 16 (16) 16 (16) 18 sts in continuation of the 45 (47) 50 (53) 57 sts on the right shoulder, knit the held 45 (47) 50 (53) 57 sts from the left shoulder onto the same needle (= 106 (110) 116 (122) 132 sts).

Work flat in stockinette stitch across all sts of the front until the front has the same length as the back (measured at the armhole), i.e. 18 (19) 21 (24) 25 cm (count the rows to get exactly the same length). End with a WS row.

Body

RS facing, knit across the front, place a marker, knit across the held sts for the back RS facing (thus ending with all sts on the same needle), place a marker and join to knit in the round (= 212 (220) 232 (244) 264 sts). The beginning of the round is now under the right armhole.

If required to accommodate the large number of sts, change to a longer circular needle (100 cm) for the body.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch until the body measures 24 (25) 25 (26) 28 cm from the bottom of the armhole, **while at the same time** decreasing 2 sts at either side of the markers every 15 (13) 11 (12) 14 rounds a total of 4 (5) 6 (5) 5 times as follows:

K1, k2tog, k to 3 sts before next marker, k2tog tbl, k1, slip marker to right needle, k1, k2tog, k to 3 sts before next marker, k2tog tbl, k1 (= 4 sts decreased).

There are now 196 (200) 208 (224) 244 sts on the needle.

Change to 3.5 mm / 80-100 cm needle and work 10 cm in rib (k1, p1). Bind off in established rib pattern (or using the Italian bind off).

Tip: Before knitting the rib, try on the Stockholm Sweater to assess the desired length.

Sleeves

Sleeves are knit in stockinette stitch in the round on 4 mm DPNs or using the *Magic Loop* technique. RS facing, pick up sts along the armhole, and prepare to knit in the round, but begin by working some short rows to shape the slope of the sleeve, as follows:

Pick up and knit 36 (40) 43 (49) 52 sts along both the front and back piece of the armhole, and place a marker in between at the top of the shoulder (= 72 (80) 86 (98) 104 sts in total). You will have to pick up approx. 2 sts every 3 rows.

Join to knit in the round and place a marker that indicates the beginning of the round at the bottom of the armhole. The marker at the top is used for easier knitting of the short rows.

K to 6 sts after the top marker, turn work, p to 6 sts after the top marker, turn work.

Continue the short rows as follows:

* K to 6 sts after the last turn, turn work, p to 6 sts after last turn, turn work *

Repeat from * to * 4 (5) 6 (7) 7 times. K to end of round. You can remove the top marker now.

Continue knitting in the round in stockinette stitch across all sts until the sleeve measures 37 (38) 40 (42) 44 cm at the underarm, **while at the same time** decreasing 2 sts every 9 (7) 6 (5) 5 rounds a total of 12 (15) 18 (23) 24 times as follows: work 2 sts k2tog after the first stitch of the round, and the last 2 sts as k2tog tbl (= 48 (50) 50 (52) 56 sts).

Change to 3.5 mm needles and work 8 cm in rib (k1, p1). Bind off in established rib pattern (or using the Italian bind off). Work the second sleeve identically to the first.

Neck band

The neck band is worked in the round on the 3 mm / 40 cm needle.

Starting at one side of the neck and RS facing, pick up and knit approx. 126 (128) 130 (134) 138 sts along the neck opening (pick up sts **in** the stitches). Join to knit in the round and place a marker to indicate the beginning of the round.

Work 15 rounds in rib (k1, p1).

Work 1 round in purl (folding edge).

Work 14 rounds in rib (k1, p1). Bind off loosely in established rib pattern.

Tip: There are many good videos on YouTube, which show how to pick up sts neatly along a neckline.

Finishing

Fold the neckband over the folding edge (toward the inner side of the sweater) and sew it down with small stitches on the WS.

Weave in all ends.

Tip: I recommend that you place a thin elastic thread inside the neckband when folding it. That way, the size of the neck opening will remain the same with wear, and the rib will remain neat.

Abbreviations

DPN(s)	double pointed needle(s)
inc	increase
k	knit
k2tog	knit two stitches together
k2tog tbl	knit two stitches together through the back loop
p	purl
RS	right side of your work
st(s)	stitch(es)
tbl	through the back loop
WS	wrong side of your work

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