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# LEADING LINES SWEATER

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Cute raglan sleeved sweater with wide(ish) neckline, extra long sleeves and beautiful lace panel on front. The sweater is worked seamlessly from top down and requires minimal finishing.

The work begins with the neck ribbing. The neckline is then shaped with short rows. When the raglan increases are completed, sleeve stitches are placed on hold. The body is then worked in the round towards the hem. Body ribbing is worked separately for front and back, creating a slit on each side. Sleeve stitches are then placed back on the needles and the sleeves are worked in the round towards the cuffs.

The pattern includes photo tutorials for German short rows and M1b increase. The lace pattern is charted.

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## PATTERN INFORMATION

### SIZES

XS (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL)

Bust circumference of the finished sweater: 35 ¼ (39, 42 ½, 46 ¼, 49, 53 ½, 57, 60 ¾)" / 88 (97, 106.5, 115.5, 123, 133.5, 143, 152) cm.

To fit the actual bust 28 (32, 36, 40, 44, 48, 52, 56)" / 70 (80, 90, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140) cm.

Designed to be worn with approximately 5-7" / 13-18 cm of positive ease. Shown in size S.

### YARN

230 (260, 290, 310, 340, 360, 390, 420) g Filcolana Merci (219 yds / 200 m per 50 g skein; 50 % superwash merino wool, 50 % pima cotton), shown in color 101 Natural White  
**and**

115 (130, 145, 155, 170, 180, 195, 210) g Filcolana Tilia (230 yds / 210 m per 25 g skein; 70 % kid mohair, 30 % silk), shown in color 101 Natural White.

**One strand Merci and one strand Tilia are held together throughout the project.**

Please note that the given amounts are only an estimate.

If substituting yarns, you need the same amounts of fingering weight yarn (to replace Merci) and laceweight mohair (to replace Tilia).

### NEEDLES

**For main body, raglans and sleeves:**

US 6 / 4 mm circular needles, 16" / 40 cm and 32" / 80 cm

US 6 / 4 mm double-pointed needles (or a long circular needle if using magic loop technique)

**For ribbings:**

US 4 / 3.5 mm circular needles, 16" / 40 cm and 32" / 80 cm

US 4 / 3.5 mm double-pointed needles (or a long circular needle if using magic loop technique)

### NOTIONS

stitch markers

row counter

waste yarn for holding the sleeve stitches

tapestry needle

### GAUGE

22 sts and 29 rows in Stockinette stitch using larger needles and yarns held together = 4" / 10 cm after blocking.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**BOR** - beginning of round

**CO** - cast on

**DS** - double stitch

**k** - knit

**KDS** - knit the two loops of the double stitch together as one

**k2tog** - knit 2 stitches together [-1 st]

**M1b** - (backward loop increase) make a firm backward loop over right needle [+1 st]

**MDS** - make a double stitch using German short row technique

**M1L** - (left-slanting increase) insert left needle, from front to back, under a strand of yarn between needles and knit this stitch through the back loop [+1 st]

**M1R** - (right-slanting increase) insert left needle, from back to front, under a strand of yarn between needles and knit this stitch through the front loop [+1 st]

**M1pL** - (left-slanting purled increase) insert left needle, from front to back, under a strand of yarn between needles and purl this stitch through the back loop [+1 st]

**M1pR** - (right-slanting purled increase) insert left needle, from back to front, under a strand of yarn between needles and purl this stitch through the front loop [+1 st]

**p** - purl

**PDS** - purl the two loops of the double stitch together as one

**RS** - right side

**sk2p** - slip 1 stitch knitwise, knit two together, pass the slipped stitch over [-2 sts]

**sl** - slip

**sm** - slip marker

**ssk** - slip two stitches one at a time as if to knit, insert left needle into these stitches and knit them together through the back loops [-1 st]

**st / sts** - stitch / stitches

**tbl** - through the back loop

**WS** - wrong side

**wyif** - with yarn in front

**wyib** - with yarn in back

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

- Bust circumference: 35 ¼ (39, 42 ½, 46 ¼, 49, 53 ½, 57, 60 ¾)" / 88 (97, 106.5, 115.5, 123, 133.5, 143, 152) cm
- Raglan depth, measured down the middle of back neck, without neck ribbing: 7 ¼ (7 ¾, 8 ½, 9, 9 ½, 10 ½, 11 ½, 12 ¼)" / 18 (19.5, 21.5, 22.5, 24, 26, 28.5, 30.5) cm
- Total length, measured down the middle of back neck, without neck ribbing: 21 (21 ½, 22 ½, 23, 23 ½, 24 ¼, 24 ¾, 25 ½)" / 53.5 (55, 57, 58.5, 59.5, 61.5, 63, 65) cm
- Upper sleeve circumference: 11 (13, 14 ¾, 15 ½, 16 ½, 17 ¼, 19, 20 ½)" / 28 (32, 37, 38.5, 41.5, 43, 48, 51.5) cm
- Sleeve length to underarm: 19" / 48 cm in every size

## PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

### Neck ribbing

Holding one strand Merci and one strand Tilia together and using the shorter size US 4 / 3.5 mm circular needle, CO 124 (124, 124, 128, 132, 132, 132, 136) sts.

Join in the round and place the BOR marker. The round begins at the middle of back.

Work 2 ½" / 6.5 cm in (k1 tbl, p1) ribbing.

Fold the neckband in half, wrong sides together. With the right needle, pick up the first stitch of the CO-round and place it on the left needle. Knit this stitch together with the first live stitch on the left needle. Continue in this manner, until all stitches from the CO-round are knitted together with the live stitches.

### Change to the shorter size US 6 / 4 mm circular needle and place raglan markers:

- k24 (24, 24, 26, 27, 29, 29, 30) sts for the first half of the back, place raglan marker,
- k13 (13, 13, 11, 11, 7, 7, 7) sts for the right sleeve, place raglan marker,
- k49 (49, 49, 53, 55, 59, 59, 61) sts for the front, place raglan marker,
- k13 (13, 13, 11, 11, 7, 7, 7) sts for the left sleeve, place raglan marker,
- k25 (25, 25, 27, 28, 30, 30, 31) sts for the second half of the back, slip BOR marker.

### Shape the neck with short rows and begin raglan increases (photo tutorial for German short row technique can be found on page 9):

**Short row 1 (RS):** (knit to 1 st before raglan marker, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L) 2 times, k2 (2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3), turn.

**Short row 2 (WS):** MDS, purl to BOR marker and slip it, (purl to 1 st before raglan marker, M1pL, p1, sm, p1, M1pR) 2 times, p2 (2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3), turn.

**Short row 3 (RS):** MDS, knit to BOR marker and slip it, (knit to 1 st before raglan marker, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L) 2 times, knit to DS and KDS, k2 (2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3), turn.

**Short row 4 (WS):** MDS, purl to BOR marker and slip it, (purl to 1 st before raglan marker, M1pL, p1, sm, p1, M1pR) 2 times, purl to DS and PDS, p2 (2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3), turn.

**Short rows 5-6 (RS&WS):** work as Short rows 3-4.

**Short row 7 (RS):** MDS, knit to BOR marker and slip it, (knit to 1 st before raglan marker, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L) 2 times, knit to DS and KDS, k2 (2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3), turn.

**Short row 8 (WS):** MDS, purl to BOR marker and slip it, (purl to 1 st before raglan marker, M1pL, p1, sm, p1, M1pR) 2 times, purl to DS and PDS, p2 (2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3), turn.

**Next row (RS):** MDS, knit to BOR marker and slip it.

= 156 (156, 156, 160, 164, 164, 164, 168) sts total; 28 (28, 28, 30, 31, 33, 33, 34) sts for the first half of the back, 21 (21, 21, 19, 19, 15, 15, 15) sts for each sleeve, 57 (57, 57, 61, 63, 67, 67, 69) sts for the front and 29 (29, 29, 31, 32, 34, 34, 35) sts for the second half of the back.

Short rows are now completed. Continue working in the round with all sts, changing to the longer circular needle when necessary. Two double stitches remain on front. Work KDS on each of them when you come to them on the next round.



Repeat raglan increases in the same manner on every 2nd round 4 (12, 17, 21, 23, 28, 32, 37) more times and then on every 4th round 9 (6, 5, 4, 4, 3, 3, 2) times, working through the Chart between pattern markers as established and knitting all other sts.

When raglan increases are completed you have a total of 268 (308, 340, 368, 388, 420, 452, 488) sts; 42 (47, 51, 56, 59, 65, 69, 74) sts for the first half of the back, 49 (59, 67, 71, 75, 79, 87, 95) sts for each sleeve, 85 (95, 103, 113, 119, 131, 139, 149) sts for front and 43 (48, 52, 57, 60, 66, 70, 75) sts for the second half of the back.

The work measures approximately 7 ¼ (7 ¾, 8 ½, 9, 9 ½, 10 ½, 11 ½, 12 ¼)'' / 18 (19.5, 21.5, 22.5, 24, 26, 28.5, 30.5) cm at this point, measured down the middle of back neck, without the neck ribbing.

### **DIVIDE SLEEVES AND BODY**

- remove the BOR marker and knit the first half of the back,
- removing the raglan markers, place right sleeve sts on a piece of waste yarn to be worked later,
- CO 6 (6, 7, 7, 8, 8, 9, 9) sts for the underarm, place the side marker and CO another 6 (6, 7, 7, 8, 8, 9, 9) sts for the underarm,
- work the front sts as established,
- removing the raglan markers, place left sleeve sts on a piece of waste yarn to be worked later,
- CO 6 (6, 7, 7, 8, 8, 9, 9) sts for the underarm, place the new BOR marker and CO another 6 (6, 7, 7, 8, 8, 9, 9) sts for the underarm.

Now work across all sts until you come to the new BOR marker again. The round begins at the left side of the body from this point onwards.

= 194 (214, 234, 254, 270, 294, 314, 334) sts total; 97 (107, 117, 127, 135, 147, 157, 167) sts for each front and back.

### **BODY**

Continue working the Lace panel on front as established and all other sts in Stockinette stitch until the body measures approximately 19 ½ (20, 20 ½, 21, 21 ½, 22 ¼, 22 ¾, 23 ½)'' / 49.5 (51, 52, 53.5, 54.5, 56.5, 58, 60) cm, measured down the middle of back neck, without the neck ribbing or 1 ½ (1 ½, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2)'' / 4 (4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5) cm less than desired length, ending with Row 8 or 16 of Chart. You can remove the pattern markers now.

### **Ribbing**

Ribbing is worked separately for front and back, creating a slit on each side.

#### **Back ribbing:**

Change to the longer size US 4 / 3.5 mm circular needle and work as follows:

**Set-up row (RS):** Sl1 purlwise wyib, (p1, k1 tbl) to side marker, remove marker. Turn work.

**Row 1 (WS):** Sl1 purlwise wyif, (k1, p1 tbl) to end.

**Row 2 (RS):** Sl1 purlwise wyib, (p1, k1 tbl) to end.

Repeat Rows 1-2 until the ribbing measures approximately 1 ½ (1 ½, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2)'' / 4 (4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5) cm, ending with Row 1 (WS). Bind off stitches by using your preferred method for stretchy bind-off.

#### **Front ribbing:**

Join both strands of yarn at the beginning of front sts, on RS of work. Using the longer size US 4 / 3.5 mm circular needle, work as follows:

#### **Sizes XS, M and 3XL only:**

**Set-up row (RS):** ssk, p1, (k1 tbl, p1) to the last 2 sts, k2tog = 2 sts decreased.

**Row 1 (WS):** Sl1 purlwise wyif, (k1, p1 tbl) to end.

**Row 2 (RS):** Sl1 purlwise wyib, (p1, k1 tbl) to end.

Repeat Rows 1-2 until the ribbing measures approximately 1 ½ (1 ½, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2)'' / 4 (4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5) cm, ending with Row 1 (WS). Bind off stitches by using your preferred method for stretchy bind-off.

#### **Sizes S, L, XL, 2XL and 4XL only:**

**Row 1 (RS):** Sl1 purlwise wyib, (p1, k1 tbl) to end.

**Row 2 (WS):** Sl1 purlwise wyif, (k1, p1 tbl) to end.

Repeat Rows 1-2 until the ribbing measures approximately 1 ½ (1 ½, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2)'' / 4 (4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5) cm, ending with Row 2 (WS). Bind off stitches by using your preferred method for stretchy bind-off.

#### **SLEEVES, both**

Place 49 (59, 67, 71, 75, 79, 87, 95) sleeve sts on the size US 6 / 4 mm double-pointed needles or on a long circular needle if using magic loop technique.

Join both strands of yarn in the middle of underarm CO-sts. Pick up and knit 6 (6, 7, 7, 8, 8, 9, 9) sts from the first half of the underarm, then knit across the sleeve sts and pick up and knit another 6 (6, 7, 7, 8, 8, 9, 9) sts from the other half of the underarm = 61 (71, 81, 85, 91, 95, 105, 113) sts total. Join for working in the round and place the BOR marker.

Work 18 (1 ½, 1 ½, 1 ½, 1 ½, 1 ½, 1 ½, 1 ½)'' / 45.5 (4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4) cm in Stockinette stitch.

**Size XS only:** proceed to "Ribbing".

#### **All other sizes:**

**Work decrease round:** k1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts of round, ssk, k1 = 2 sts decreased.

Repeat decrease round on every - (35, 15, 13, 11, 10, 7, 6)th round - (2, 6, 8, 4, 5, 14, 14) more times and then on every - (34, 14, -, 10, 9, 6, 5)th round - (1, 1, -, 6, 6, 1, 4) times = - (63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75) sts total.

Work without decreases until the sleeve measures approximately 18'' / 45.5 cm.

**All sizes:**

**Ribbing**

**Adjust the stitch count for the ribbing:** k2tog, knit to end = 1 st decreased.

Change to the size US 4 / 3.5 mm needles and work in (k1 tbl, p1) ribbing for 1" / 2.5 cm.

Bind off stitches by using your preferred method for stretchy bind-off.

Make the other sleeve to match.

**FINISHING**

Weave in the yarn ends.

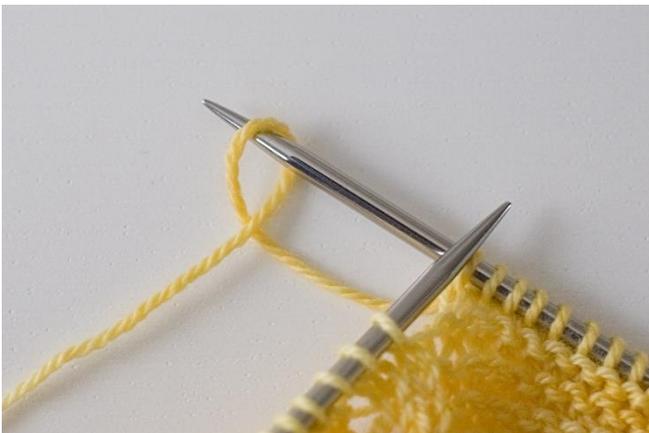
Place the sweater in lukewarm water and let it soak thoroughly. Gently squeeze out the excess water. Place the sweater on a towel and roll in to remove further moisture.

Lay on a flat surface and let dry completely.

**PHOTO TUTORIALS:**

**How to work M1b:**

Make a firm backward loop over your right needle as shown on photos below. This increase leaves no hole.



## German Short Rows:



### **MDS (worked identically on RS and WS rows):**

slip the first stitch on your left needle purlwise with yarn in front, then pull the yarn over the top of the stitch to the back of the work until the stitch turns around and starts to look like two stitches. The double stitch (DS) is always treated as a single stitch and counted as one.



**Knitting the two loops of a double stitch together as one (KDS, worked on RS):** knit to the double stitch and knit the two loops together.



**Purling the two loops of a double stitch together as one (PDS, worked on WS):** purl to the double stitch and purl the two loops together.