

# Svalbardsweater



The inspiration for this sweater came on a wonderful trip to Svalbard. We were lucky to see many polar bears, at a safe distance of course. A wonderful experience, to see those big beautiful animals on the ice. The ice in the area were often broken up into smaller pieces, and the small ice floes had all different hues of blue, while the rims were white with frozen snow or ice. The colors were bright turquoise, turquoise, sea green, light blue and dark blue. We found these colors in the yarn "Tinde Pelsull" from Hillesvåg. We used Unbleached White "Ask" yarn for the polar bears and ice. You can buy the yarn on this website: [www.ull.no](http://www.ull.no).

The sweater is knitted top-down. If you wish, the sweater can be shaped with decreases just below the yoke, and formed into A-shape afterwards. The length of the sweater is easily adjusted. It is recommended to read through the whole pattern before you begin.

Sizes, cm/inches	S	(M)	L	(XL)	2 XL	(3 XL)
A. Yoke length	25/9.8	27/10.6	27/10.6	29/11.4	30/11.8	30/11.8
B. Bust width	91/35.8	100/39.4	109/42.9	118/46.5	118/46.5	127/50
C.Length	64/25.2	66/26	66/26	68/26.8	69/27.2	69/27.2
D. Upper sleeve width	32/12.6	36/14.2	41/16.1	41/16.1	45/17.7	45/17.7
E: Sleeve length	45/17.7	45/17.7	46/18.1	46/18.1	46/18.1	46/18.1
F: Width with A-shape	105/41.3	114/44.9	127/50	136/53.5	136/53.5	145/57.1



### Yarn and yarn amounts

We have used Tinde Pellsull by Hifa (100% wool, 100 g, 260m/284 yds), but you can use any yarn with a gauge of 22 stitches and 28 rounds in stranded color work measuring 10 cm/4" square.

Color suggestions	S	(M)	L	(XL)	2XL	(3XL)
Tinde pellsull 652130 Light Turquoise	300	300	300	400	400	400
Tinde pellsull 652135 Medium Blue	50	50	50	100	100	100
Tinde pellsull 652106 Turquoise	50	50	100	100	100	100
Tinde pellsull 652107 Lime	50	50	50	50	50	50
Ask 316057 Unbleached White	100	100	150	150	200	200
A remnant of black yarn	-	-	-	-	-	-

### Notions

Stitch marker, waste yarn and darning needle.

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## Needles

3 mm/US 2.5 and 3.5 mm/US 4 small and large circular needles (40 cm/16" and 80 cm/32").

3 mm/US 2.5 and 3.5 mm/US 4 double pointed needles. Adjust needle size as needed to match gauge. We do recommend that the triangular pattern of the yoke and bottom sleeves and sweater is knitted at least with needles ½ or even 1 size larger, because this pattern tends to be knitted quite dense.

## Gauge

22 stitches and 28 rounds in stockinette stitch measures 10 cm/4" square.

## Yoke

You begin knitting at center of back neck. Using Light Turquoise and 3.0 mm/US 2.5 short circular needle, cast on 90 (96) 102 (108) 114 (120) stitches and join for knitting in the round, making sure no stitches are twisted. Place a marker at the start of the round (which is center of back neck). Continue according to chart and increase as indicated in the chart. Work 15 (16) 17 (18) 19 (20) pattern repeats on each round. Join in contrast colors as necessary and work stranded knitting.

Increases are marked with this symbol  .

1. Increasing round	*work 1 make 1, work 2 make 1* repeat to end
2. Increasing round	*work 2 make 1, work 3 make 1* repeat to end
3. Increasing round	*work 3 make 1, work 4 make 1* repeat to end
4. Increasing round	*work 9 make 1* repeat to end

The neatest way of increasing a stitch is by picking up the thread between two stitches from the round below, twist it and knit it as a new stitch = make 1.

Replace the small circular needles with the larger ones when needed. At the end of the yoke, you will have 300 (320) 340 (360) 380 (400) stitches on the needle.

## Short rows

After the first increase according to the chart, work short rows on the back, see the mark in the chart. Short rows are rounds where you turn before you have worked the round to the end, and work back so that you will make a few short extra rows at the center back. This makes the sweater higher at the back neck than the front and makes it fit better.

First short row (see mark in chart) is worked as follows:

<b>S</b>	<b>(M)</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>(XL)</b>	<b>2 XL</b>	<b>(3 XL)</b>
Work 33 stitches, wrap & turn	Work 35 stitches, wrap & turn	Work 38 stitches, wrap & turn	Work 40 stitches, wrap & turn	Work 43 stitches, wrap & turn	Work 45 stitches, wrap & turn
Purl 66 stitches back, wrap & turn	Purl 70 stitches, wrap & turn	Purl 76 stitches, wrap & turn	Purl 80 stitches, wrap & turn	Purl 86 stitches, wrap & turn	Purl 90 stitches, wrap & turn
Work 71 stitches, wrap & turn	Work 75 stitches, wrap & turn	Work 81 stitches, wrap & turn	Work 85 stitches, wrap & turn	Work 91 stitches, wrap & turn	Work 95 stitches, wrap & turn
Purl 76 stitches, wrap & turn, work to end	Purl 80 stitches, wrap & turn, work to end	Purl 86 stitches, wrap & turn, work to end	Purl 90 stitches, wrap & turn, work to end	Purl 96 stitches, wrap & turn, work to end	Purl 100 stitches, wrap & turn, work to end

Second short row (see mark in chart) is worked as follows:

<b>S</b>	<b>(M)</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>(XL)</b>	<b>2 XL</b>	<b>(3 XL)</b>
Work 48 stitches, wrap & turn	Work 51 stitches, wrap & turn	Work 55 stitches, wrap & turn	Work 58 stitches, wrap & turn	Work 62 stitches, wrap & turn	Work 65 stitches, wrap & turn
Purl 96 stitches back, wrap & turn	Purl 102 stitches, wrap & turn	Purl 110 stitches, wrap & turn	Purl 116 stitches, wrap & turn	Purl 124 stitches, wrap & turn	Purl 130 stitches, wrap & turn
Work 101 stitches, wrap & turn	Work 107 stitches, wrap & turn	Work 115 stitches, wrap & turn	Work 121 stitches, wrap & turn	Work 129 stitches, wrap & turn	Work 135 stitches, wrap & turn
Purl 106 stitches, wrap & turn, work to end	Purl 112 stitches, wrap & turn, work to end	Purl 120 stitches, wrap & turn, work to end	Purl 126 stitches, wrap & turn, work to end	Purl 134 stitches, wrap & turn, work to end	Purl 140 stitches, wrap & turn, work to end

To avoid holes when turning, make a wrap. You wrap a stitch by slipping the stitch purlwise, bring the yarn towards you to front of the work, slip the stitch back to the left needle and turn work and work back. On the next round you remove the wrap by working it together with the stitch as one stitch to avoid making a hole. See a video of how to do this here:

<http://www.garnstudio.com/lang/us/video.php?id=72&sort=2&thumbnails=on>

## Yoke increases - see chart

Size	S	(M)	L	(XL)	2 XL	(3 XL)
Number of stitches at start	90	96	102	108	114	120
1. Increasing round, increase	60	64	68	72	76	80
Stitches after 1. increasing round	150	160	170	180	190	200
2. Increasing round, increase	60	64	68	72	76	80
Stitches after 2. increasing round	210	224	238	252	266	280
3. Increasing round, increase	60	64	68	72	76	80
Stitches after 3. increasing round	270	288	306	324	242	360
4. Increasing round, increase	30	32	34	36	38	40
Stitches after 4. increasing round	300	320	340	360	380	400

## Set aside stitches for sleeves

Follow the table according to your size.

S	Work 45 stitches, place 60 stitches on waste yarn, cast on 10 stitches (underarm), work 90 stitches, place 60 stitches on waste yarn, cast on 10 stitches (underarm) and work last 45 stitches on round. Now you have 200 stitches on your needle.
M	Work 47 stitches, place 65 stitches on waste yarn, cast on 15 stitches (underarm), work 95 stitches, place 65 stitches on waste yarn, cast on 15 stitches (underarm) and work last 48 stitches on round. Now you have 220 stitches on your needle.
L	Work 50 stitches, place 70 stitches on waste yarn, cast on 20 stitches (underarm), work 100 stitches, place 70 stitches on waste yarn, cast on 20 stitches (underarm) and work last 50 stitches on round. Now you have 240 stitches on your needle.
XL	Work 55 stitches, place 70 stitches on waste yarn, cast on 20 stitches (underarm), work 110 stitches, place 70 stitches on waste yarn, cast on 20 stitches (underarm) and work last 55 stitches on round. Now you have 260 stitches on your needle.
2 XL	Work 55 stitches, place 80 stitches on waste yarn, cast on 20 stitches (underarm), work 110 stitches, place 80 stitches on waste yarn, cast on 20 stitches (underarm) and work last 55 stitches on round. Now you have 260 stitches on your needle.
3 XL	Work 60 stitches, place 80 stitches on waste yarn, cast on 20 stitches (underarm), work 120 stitches, place 80 stitches on waste yarn, cast on 20 stitches (underarm) and work last 60 stitches on round. Now you have 280 stitches on your needle.

Continue knitting pattern according to chart. When the pattern is finished, change to smaller needle size to maintain gauge and continue knitting in stockinette stitch with Light Tourquoise.

## Shaping

When you have worked 10 cm/4" you can shape the sweater if you prefer. Decrease 14 (15) 16 (17) 18 (20) stitches, to do this: \*work 12 stitches, knit 2 together\* repeat \*-\* to end of round. Now you have 186 (205) 223 (242) 242 (260) stitches on your needle.

Work 3 cm/1.2" with this stitch number. Then increase again the 14 (15) 16 (17) 18 (20) stitches.  
\*Work 13 stitches, make 1\*; repeat \*-\* to end of round. Now you have 200 (220) 240 (260) 260 (280) stitches on your needle.

Continue knitting for another 7 - 8 cm/3". You may now make increases for A-shape. To do so, \*work 15 stitches, make 1\* repeat \*-\* to end of round. You have 213 (234) 256 (277) 277 (298) stitches on your needle. Continue knitting for another 7 - 8 cm/3", and make one more increase, \*work 15 stitches, make 1\*, repeat \*-\* to end of round. You have 227 (249) 273 (295) 295 (317) stitches on your needle.

Continue knitting, until the sweater is the length you want it to be, minus 14 cm/5.5" (length of the last border and neck and bottom rib). If you have increased for A-shape, adjust number of stitches in the last round before the last border: increase evenly 3 (1) 7 (5) 5 (3) stitches, you have now 230 (250) 280 (300) 300 (320) stitches on the needle. Change to needles number 3 ½ mm/US 4 before knitting the last border, and change to needles number 3 mm/US 2.5 before knitting the last rib. Bind off.

### Sleeves

Move the 60 (65) 70 (70) 80 (80) stitches from the waste yarn to a 3 ½ mm/US 4 short circular needle. Using Unbleached White, cast 10 (15) 20 (20) 20 (20) stitches on the inside of the sleeve, you will have 70 (80) 90 (90) 100 (100) stitches on the needle. Place marker underneath sleeve, and join for working in the round. Work in pattern according to where in the chart you set aside stitches for sleeves. When you are done with the border, change yarn to Light Turquoise and small circular needle 3 mm/US 2.5. Continue knitting, at the same time decreasing on the sleeve. Decrease 1 stitch on each side of the marker approximately every 8 (5-6) 5-6 (6) 5 (5) round, 10 (15) 15 (15) 20 (20) times. Change from the circular needle to double pointed needles when the circular needle becomes too large. Now you have 50 (50) 60 (60) 60 (60) stitches on the needle. Continue until the sleeves have the desired length minus 11 cm/4.3" (last border + rib). Change to needle size 3 ½ mm/US 4, and work last border, but change again to needles 3 mm/US 2.5 before starting at ribbing. Bind off and knit the second sleeve identical.

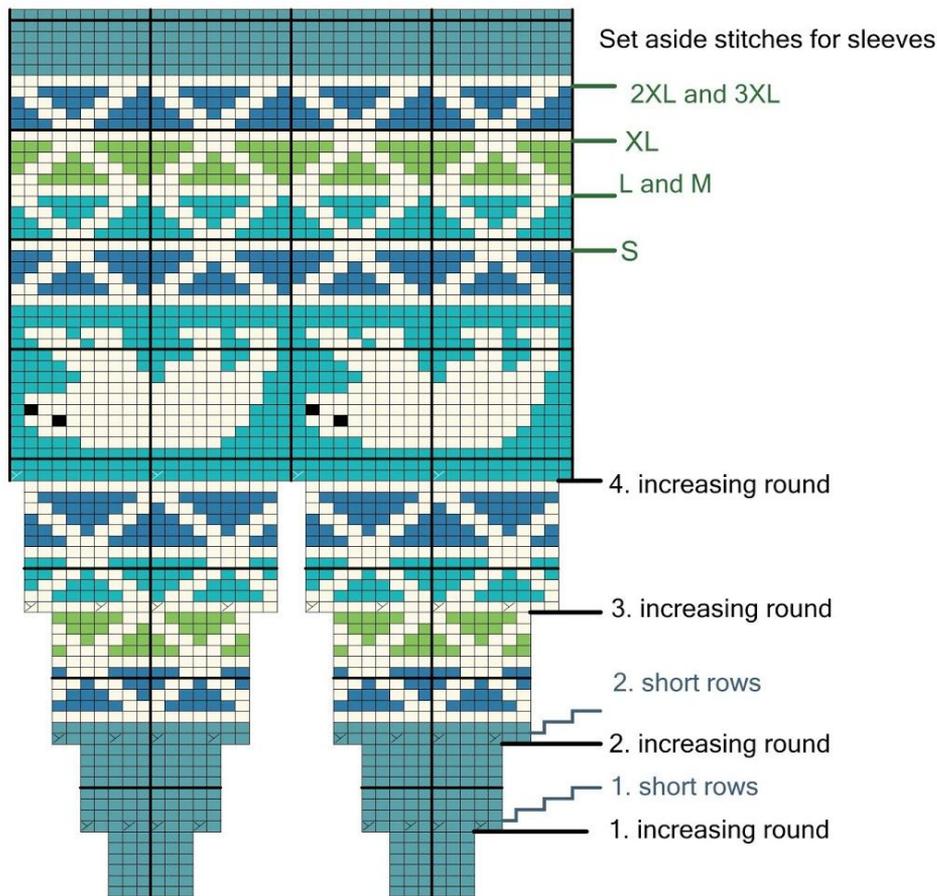
### Neckband and finishing

With small circular needle 3 mm/US 2.5, pick up 90 (96) 102 (108) 114 (120) stitches with Light Turquoise, and knit rib knit 1 purl 1 in 10 rounds. Bind off.

Embroider on the eyes and nose on the polar bears with black wool yarn. Sew in ends, wash or steam the sweater and shape while damp. Leave it to dry flat.



## Svalbardswearer yoke



- Tinde 2130 Light Turquoise
- Tinde 2105 Medium Blue
- Tinde 2106 Turquoise
- Tinde 2107 Lime
- Ask 6057 Unbleached White
- Black

## Svalbardswearer bottom borders

