

Líepa sweater

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Sizes: XS [S] M [L] XL [2X] 3X [4X] 5X.

Finished Bust Circumference: 86 [100] 106 [116] 126 [136] 151 [156] 166 cm;
 34" [39.25"] 41.75" [45.5"] 49.75" [53.25"] 59.25" [61.25"] 65.5".

Yarn: **300 [300] 300 [400] 450 [450] 500 [550] 550 grams of Light/Fingering** weight yarn (**50 g ~ 175 m**) in your main colour, such as Filcolana Pernilla, Rosa Pomar Mondim, Sandnes Garn Tynn Merinoull, DROPS Baby Merino;
 held together with **125 [125] 150 [175] 175 [175] 200 [225] 225 grams of Lace** weight yarn (**25 g ~ 200 m**) in your main colour, such as Filcolana Tilia, Sandnes Garn Tynn Silk Mohair, DROPS Kid-Silk.
100 grams (XS-L) or 150 grams (XL-5X) of Light/Fingering weight yarn (**50 g ~ 175 m**) in your accent colour, such as Qing Fibre Merino Single, La Bien Aimée Mondim, Malabrigo sock.

Sample is in size M, Filcolana Pernilla (Marzipan) held with Filcolana Tilia (Snow White) as the main colour, LitYarn (on etsy) hand-dyed 100% fingering wool as the accent.

Needles: 4.0 mm (US 6) 40 cm (16") & 80 cm (31") circular needles;
 3.5 mm (US 4) 80 cm (31");
 3.0 mm (US 2.5) DPNs, short circular needles or magic loop;
 or size to obtain gauge.

Gauge: 26 stitches x 30 rows = 10 x 10cm (4 x 4") in stockinette on 4 mm needles, lightly blocked.

Notions:	1 stitch marker; tapestry needle.
Special techniques:	Long-tail cast on; 1x1 ribbing; M1 increases; Colourwork; Picking up stitches; Backwards loop cast on; Tubular bind off.

CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

The yoke is worked top down in the round with 4 mm (US 6), 40 cm (16") and 80 cm (31") circular needles.

The colourwork is followed from a chart in stockinette stitch.

Increase as shown in the chart.

When sufficient yoke length is reached, it is divided for the body and sleeves.

The colourwork chart is continued and finished on the body in the round.

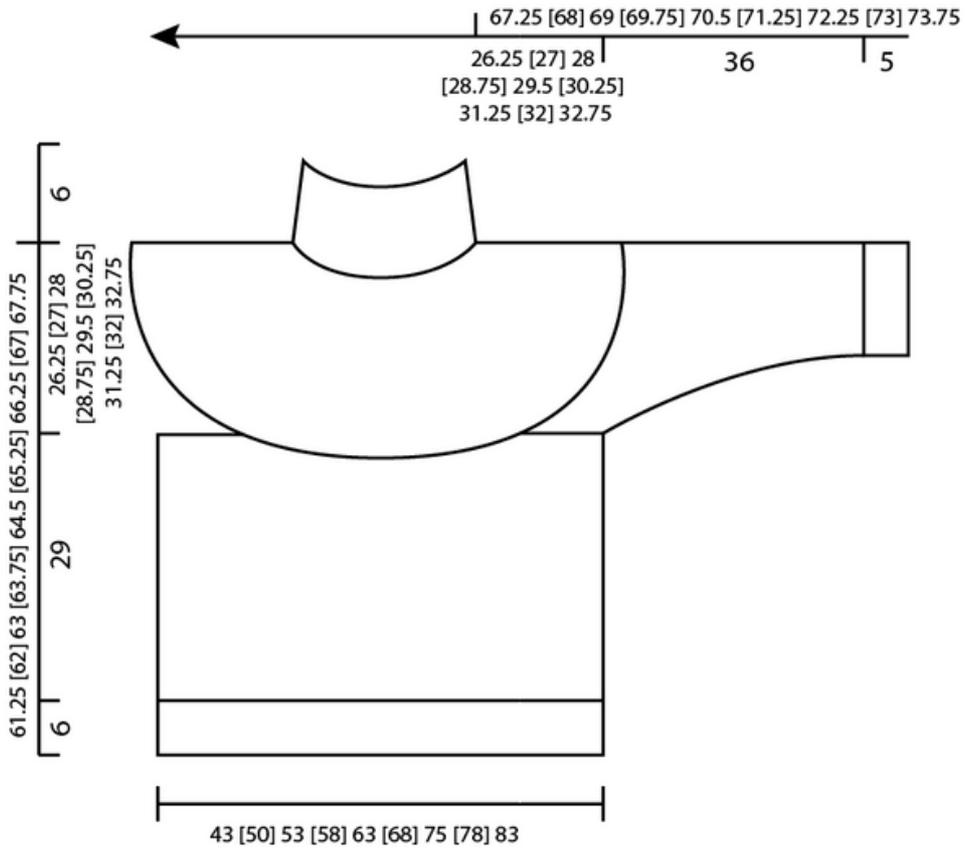
The body is continued in the round with the main colour in stockinette, then finished with rib on 3.5 mm (US 4) 80 cm (31") circular needles and bound off.

The sleeves are knit seamlessly top down on 4 mm (US 6) short circular needles/DPNs/magic loop in the round.

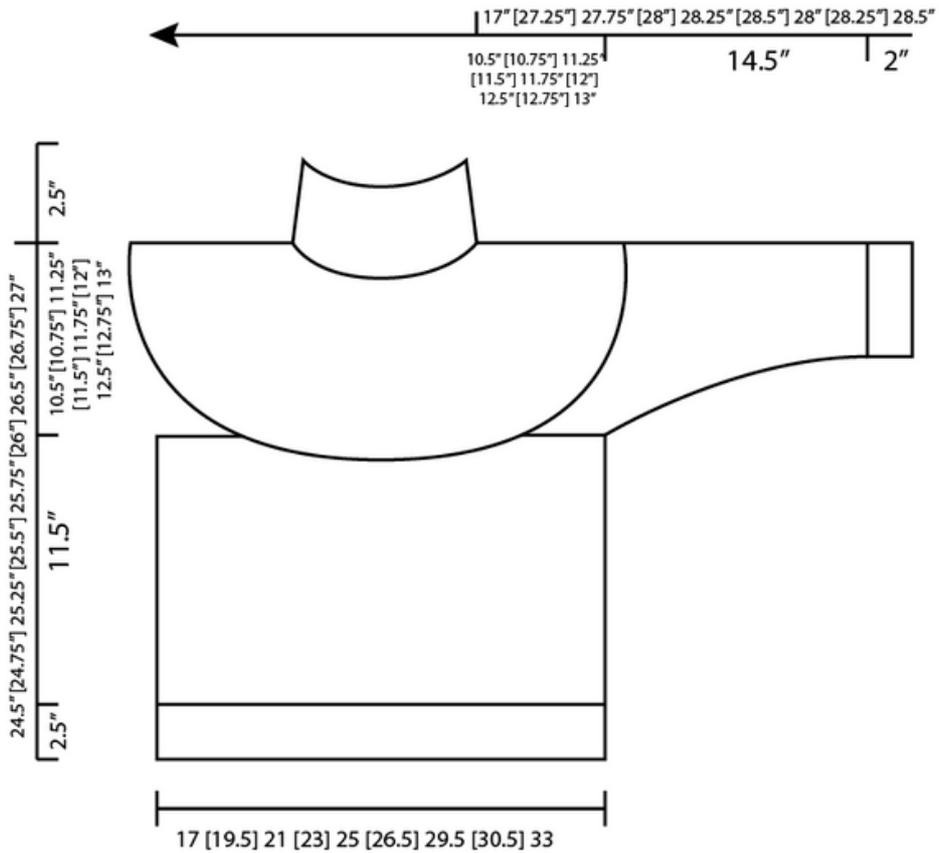
The chart is continued and finished on the sleeves as well, then they are worked in stockinette in the main colour, finished with ribbing on 3 mm (US 2.5) short circular needles/DPNs/magic loop and bound off.

Stitches are picked up for the high neck, the neck is knit in 1x1 rib on 3 mm (US 2.5) short circular needles/DPNs/magic loop and bound off.

CM



INCHES



INSTRUCTIONS

YOKE

Cast on 140 [160] 160 [180] 200 [200] 220 [240] 260 sts using long-tail cast-on on 4 mm (US 6) 40 cm (16") circular needles. Join in the round and place a stitch marker to mark the beginning of the round.

Work 5 [5] 5 [5] 5 [5] 5 [5] 5 rounds in stockinette stitch. Then, begin working from the chart in the round (= 14 [16] 16 [18] 20 [20] 22 [24] 26 repeats of 10 sts).

Note: you can place stitch markers between each repeat to help yourself keep track of the stitches. Remember to have one unique marker for the beginning of the round.

Try not to tighten up your gauge when doing colourwork, or go up a needle size for the duration of the chart.

Work your increases as marked in the chart (M - Make 1; or your increase method of choice).

Switch to an 80 cm (31") cord whenever needed.

Continue working from the chart until the piece measures 26.25 [27] 28 [28.75] 29.5 [30.25] 31.25 [32] 32.75 cm / 10.25" [10.75"] 11" [11.25"] 11.5" [12"] 12.25" [12.5"] 13" from the cast on edge (as marked in the chart). All increases from the chart have been worked.

For sizes XS to 2X, the entire chart will not be worked. You will continue working from the chart on the body and the sleeves separately.

For sizes 3X to 5X, you will have finished the chart before separating for the body and sleeves. After finishing the chart, work with your main colour for the remainder of the yoke.

Divide the yoke for the body and sleeves as directed below:

Keep your beginning of the round stitch marker in place.

Work the chart (or in your main colour, if the chart is already finished) over the first **2 [2] 2 [2] 3 [3] 3 [3] 4** chart repeats (from mid-back to the underarm).

Place the next **3 [3] 3 [4] 4 [4] 4 [5] 5** repeats on a stitch holder cord or thread.

Cast on **8 [0] 8 [20] 8 [20] 14 [20] 8** new stitches in the underarm using backwards loop cast on.

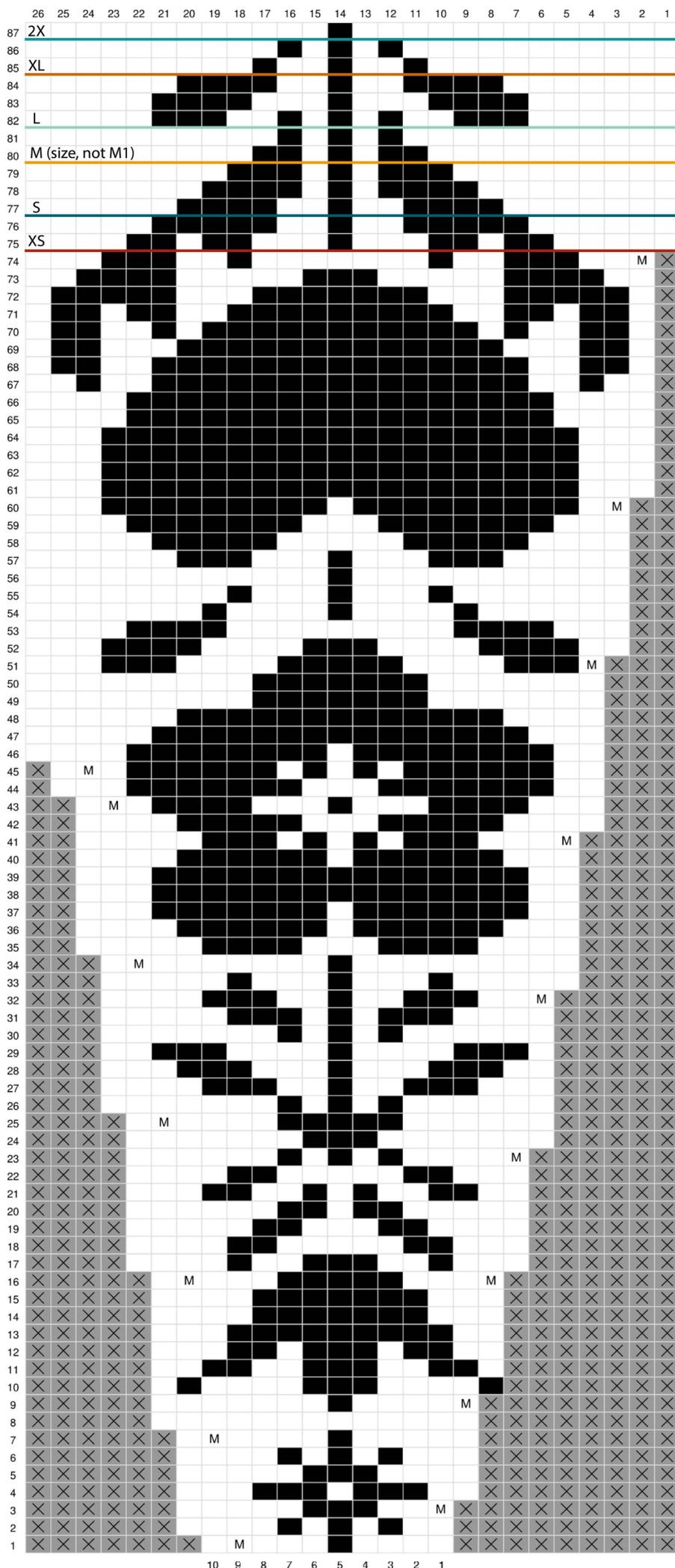
Continue the chart over the next **4 [5] 5 [5] 6 [6] 7 [7] 8** repeats.

Place the next **3 [3] 3 [4] 4 [4] 4 [5] 5** repeats on a stitch holder cord or thread.

Cast on **8 [0] 8 [20] 8 [20] 14 [20] 8** new stitches in the underarm using backwards loop cast on.

Work the chart over the remaining **2 [3] 3 [3] 3 [3] 4 [4] 4** repeats. Body and sleeves are finished separately.

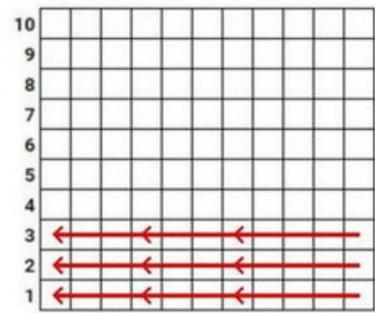
The body will have 224 [260] 276 [300] 328 [352] 392 [404] 432 sts total.



Work until you reach the coloured separation line for your size, then refer to the page before on how to divide for the body and sleeves. After that, return to finish the chart from the separation line.

Sizes 3X to 5X will have finished the entire chart before separating the body and sleeves.

Note: Read the chart from the bottom up, from right to left.



BODY

Continue working the chart in the round where you left off, but the new stitches under each sleeve are worked in your main colour. When the chart is finished, cut the tail of the accent colour and work continue knitting the body in stockinette stitch in the main colour over all stitches.

Work until the piece measures 29 cm / 11.5" from the underarm (there is approx. 6 cm = 2.5" left to finished length; you can try the sweater on and work to your desired length).

Change to 3.5 mm (US 4) 80 cm (31") circular needles and work 1x1 rib (knit 1, purl 1) for 6 cm = 2.5". Bind off using tubular bind-off.

The sweater measures approximately 61,25 [62] 63 [63.75] 64.5 [65.25] 66.25 [67] 67.75 cm / 24.5" [24.75"] 25.25" [25.5"] 25.75" [26"] 26.5" [26.75"] 27".

SLEEVE (see next page for decreasing at the same time)

Place the 3 [3] 3 [4] 4 [4] 4 [5] 5 repeats on the one side of your sweater from your stitch holder cord onto 4 mm short circular needles. Pick up and knit 1 stitch in each of the 8 [0] 8 [20] 8 [20] 14 [20] 8 cast-on stitches in the underarm. You can pick up more stitches at the sides of the underarm and decrease them on the next round the avoid holes.

You will have 94 [78] 94 [144] 120 [144] 132 [170] 146 sts.

Insert a marker in the middle of the newly picked-up underarm stitches. Cut your yarn and begin working from this marker.

Start the round and continue working the chart, but the new stitches in the underarm are worked in your main colour. Simultaneously start working the decreases as directed on the next page. When the chart is finished, cut the tail of the accent colour and continue working in the main colour.

AT THE SAME TIME

On the first round, decrease 2 stitches mid underarm: K2tog at the beginning of the round, K to last 2 sts, SSK.

(Knit 2 stitches together, knit to last 2 stitches in the round, slip 2 stitches knitwise, knit these 2 stitches together through back loops.)

Continue decreasing like this every 7th [13th] 7th [3rd] 4th [3rd] 4th [2nd] 3rd round

or

every 2.25 [4.25] 2.25 [1] 1.25 [1] 1.25 [0.75] 1 cm /

0.5" [1.25"] 0.5" [0.25"] 0.25" [0.25"] 0.25" [0.15"] 0.15";

a total of 17 [9] 17 [36] 24 [36] 24 [43] 31 times = 60 [60] 60 [72] 72 [72] 84 [84] 84 stitches left.

Continue in stockinette until the sleeve measures 36 cm / 10.25" from the underarm, or 5 cm / 2" shorter than your desired sleeve length,

for 0 [2] 0 [1] 7.25 [1] 7.25 [4.5] 6 cm or

2.25" [0.25"] 2.25" [1.5"] 4.5" [1.5"] 4.5" [4"] 5.75".

If you want sleeves shorter than 41 cm / 12.25" from the underarm, knit to 5 cm / 2" shorter than your desired sleeve length, then on the last round, decrease your stitches down to 60 [60] 60 [72] 72 [72] 84 [84] 84 sts, evenly spaced.

If you want longer sleeves, continue in stockinette after you have finished all the decreases above to 5 cm / 2" shorter than your desired sleeve length.

Switch to 3 mm (US 2.5) short circular needles or DPNs. Work in 1x1 rib (knit 1, purl 1) for 5 cm / 2". Bind off using tubular bind-off.

The sleeve measures approx. 41 cm / 12.25" Work the other sleeve in the same way.

HIGH NECK

Using 3 mm short circular needles or DPNs, pick up 94 [108] 108 [122] 136 [136] 148 [162] 176 sts around the neckline. Knit for 6 cm / 2.5" or until you reach your desired neck height. Bind off using tubular bind-off, loosely enough so the sweater fits over your head. Weave in any loose ends and gently block.

ABBREVIATIONS

K - knit

P - purl

St/sts - stitch/stitches

SSK - slip, slip, knit [1 stitch decreased]

K2tog - knit 2 together [1 stitch decreased]

M - Make 1 (either right or left) [1 stitch increased]