

Cloudy Days

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Finished Bust Circumference: 41.5 (44, 48.5, 53, 56)[60.5, 63, 67.5, 70, 74.5, 77"] / 105.5 (111, 123, 135.5, 141.5)[153.5, 159.5, 171.5, 178, 190, 195.5] cm

Intended to be worn with 5-10" / 15-25 cm positive ease. To select your best size, add desired ease to full bust and then pick the closest size based on finished measurements on page 21. Sample shown in size 44" / 111 cm on a 34" / 86 cm bust with 10" / 25 cm positive ease.

Yarn: Isager Alpaca 3 [50% alpaca, 50% wool; 136 yds/ 125 m in 1.76 oz/ 50 g];

Yardage: 1060 (1120, 1235, 1380, 1455)[1605, 1670, 1825, 2105, 2275, 2350] yds/ 880 (935, 1030, 1145, 1210)[1335, 1390, 1515, 1750, 1890, 1955]m

Gauge: 14 sts & 24 rows = 4" / 10 cm in Stitch Pattern on larger needles, blocked

Needles: US 10/ 6.0 mm & US 8/ 5.0 mm. Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

Notions: 2 Stitch markers (m), stitch holders or waste yarn, darning needle, strong fingering to sport weight yarn for seaming

Construction Notes: Fronts and back are knit flat, joined at the shoulders with a 3 needle bind off, then seamed at the sides. Sleeves are picked up and knit in the round. Note: Row instructions are based off blocked gauge. Trust row instructions because fabric pulls in greatly when being worked due to bubble nature.

Helpful Tip: When you reach a stitch where a decrease or shortrow should be worked, and it lands on a k4b, work as if it is a standard stockinette stitch and omit the k4b.

Front

Using smaller needles and the long-tail method, CO 69 (73, 81, 89, 93)[101, 105, 113, 117, 125, 129] sts.

Note: Long-tail co creates the first RS row. Begin work with a WS row.

Work ribbing as est below for 1.5" / 4 cm, ending on a WS row.

Row 1 (RS): K2, *p1, k1* to last st, k1.

Row 2 (WS): P2, *k1, p1* to last st, p1.

Switching to larger needles, work adjustment row once. (This counts as row 1 of chart. You will start working body with Row B below, then rep A-B as written).

Adjustment Row: k1, pm, m1r, k to 1 st before end, m1l, pm, k1. 2 sts inc'd: 71 (75, 83, 91, 95)[103, 107, 115, 119, 127, 129] sts.

Work Body:

Note: You will have a 1 stitch selvedge on either side framing your work for seaming later. This will look like: selvedge stitch/place marker/extra stitch/chart repeat/place marker/selvedge stitch

Row A [RS]: K1, sm, work Puff Stitch (charted or written) to last st, sm, k1.

Row B [WS]: P1, sm, work Puff Stitch (charted or written) to m, sm, p1.

Work Rows A & B (slipping markers instead of placing them on all further repeats of Row A) until you've worked Rows 1-12 six (6, 6, 6, 6)[6, 6, 6, 7, 7, 7] times, then Rows 1-6 once more. Place a removable m on each end of the last row worked. These markers will be used later to line up sides for seaming.

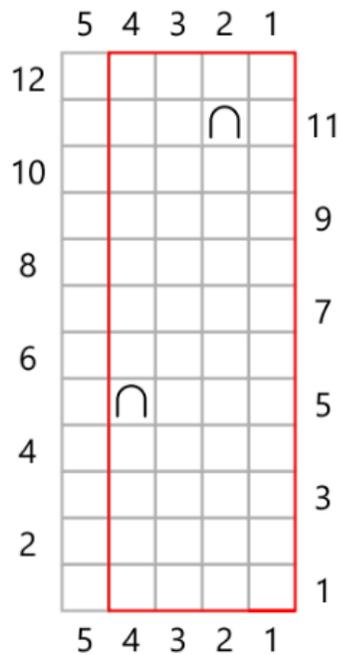
This should look like:

Row A (working Row 1 RS of chart)

Row B (working Row 2 WS of chart)

Row A (working Row 3 RS of chart)

Row B (working Row 4 WS of chart)

Puff Stitch (flat)

Key

□ RS: knit
 □ WS: purl

⌋ K4b: Drop stitch off lhn, unravel down 4 rows, insert rhn into live st, catching the strands on top of the needle. Knit into stitch, catching all live strands in the process.

□ Stitch Repeat

Puff Stitch (Flat) Written Directions:

Rows 1, 3, 7, 9: K to end.

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12: P to end.

Row 5: *k3, k4b* rep from ** to last st, k1.

Row 11: *k1, k4b, k2* rep from ** to last st, k1.

Armhole Shaping:

Note: If you run into needing to work a k4b on the same stitch as a decrease for shaping, forgo the k4b and simply work the decrease as written in stockinette.

Work Shaping Rows 1-10 (1-10, 1-10, 1-12, 1-12)[1-14, 1-14, 1-16, 1-16, 1-18, 1-18] once through.

10 (10, 10, 12, 12)[14, 14, 16, 16, 18, 18] sts dec'd: 61(65, 73, 79, 83)[89, 93, 99, 103, 109, 111] sts rem.

Shaping Row 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 (RS): K1, sm, k1, k2tog, work as est to last 4 sts, ssk, k1, sm, k1. (2 sts dec'd).

Shaping Row 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18: P to end, slipping m as you come to them.

Front Body & Neck Shaping:

Work 22 (22, 24, 24, 26)[26, 26, 26, 26, 24, 26] rows even as est in pattern, maintaining your 1 stitch stockinette selvedge on each edge, ending having just worked a WS row.

Work 24 (26, 30, 33, 34)[37, 38, 41, 43, 45, 47] sts as est in pattern, (place these sts on waste yarn), bo center 13(13, 13, 13, 15) [15, 17, 17, 17, 19, 19] sts, work as est in pattern to end, maintaining your 1 selvedge st on each edge.

Right Front:

Turn work, repeat Rows A & B 6 times total: 18 (20, 24, 27, 28) [31, 32, 35, 37, 39, 41] sts rem.

Row A (WS): Work as est to end.

Row B (RS): K2, k2tog, work as est to end. (1 st dec'd).

Work 14 (16, 16, 16, 16)[14, 16, 14, 14, 14, 14] rows in pattern. Bind off.

Left Front:

Rejoin yarn, WS facing at neckline. Repeat Rows A & B 6 times total: 18 (20, 24, 27, 28)[31, 32, 35, 37, 39, 41] sts rem.

Row A (WS): Work as est to end.

Row B (RS): Work in pattern to last 4 sts, ssk, k2. (1 st dec'd).

Work 14 (16, 16, 16, 16)[14, 16, 14, 14, 14, 14] rows in pattern. Bind off.

Back:

Work as for front from cast on to Armhole Shaping, finishing with Armhole Shaping Row 10 (10, 10, 12, 12) [14, 14, 16, 16, 18, 18]. 61(65, 73, 79, 83)[89, 93, 99, 103, 109, 111] sts total.

Work 28 (30, 34, 32, 34)[32, 34, 34, 34, 34, 36] Rows in pattern as est. Place a locking marker at either edge of fabric to aid with seaming later.

Shoulder Shaping: *Please note that you will want to work your edge sts and decreases a little loosely, or the fabric will pull slightly.*

Work Rows A & B 9 (10, 12, 13, 14) [15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20] times total: 25 (25, 25, 27, 27) [29, 29, 31, 31, 33, 33] sts rem.

Shaping Row A (RS): K2, p2tog, work as est to last 4 sts, ssp, k2. (2 sts dec'd).

Shaping Row B (WS): P2, ssk, work as est to last 4 sts, k2tog, p2. (2 sts dec'd).

Bind off.

Seam Sides:

Using removable markers to align sides, WS facing each other, use mattress stitch up side from hem to underarm shaping marker. DO NOT seam sweater together past this point.

Repeat for second side.

Seam Shoulders:

With RS facing out and WS facing each other, align bound off right shoulder edge with back right shoulder seam rows & use mattress stitch to seam. There should be approximately 1 stitch (or "v") for every side slanted row up the shoulder shaping. See pictures below. Repeat for left shoulder.

Please note in images below that sweater is being held as if front shoulder is closest to body and back shaping faces outwards, towards the room.

*Lay sweater flat, making sure that the underarms match up to each other. The fronts will fold over the top of the shoulder and the shoulder seam will sit about 1.5" [4 cm] below the top of the shoulder. **Use a locking marker to mark this top of shoulder on either side. This will help you work sleeve shortrows and will be your shortrow reference point.***



Picking up leg from back shoulder shaping for seaming



Picking up "v" from front shoulder shaping for seaming.



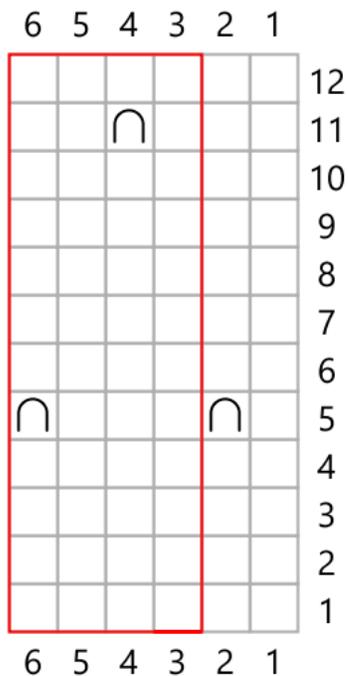
Figure 1: Front & Back, WS facing each other, ready for seaming



(Special Thanks to Agatadag for the wonderful pictures)

Sleeves: Note: to work in pattern while doing shortrows, you will have to read your stitches in rows versus rounds. For example, focus on what happens in the columns and not the rows to determine if it will be a knit or a k4b. Here, you are paying closer attention to how the repeats stack. All your initial stitch counts on sleeve pickup are a multiple of the chart, so you can count from center underarm if needed.

Puff Stitch In the Round, Sleeve 1



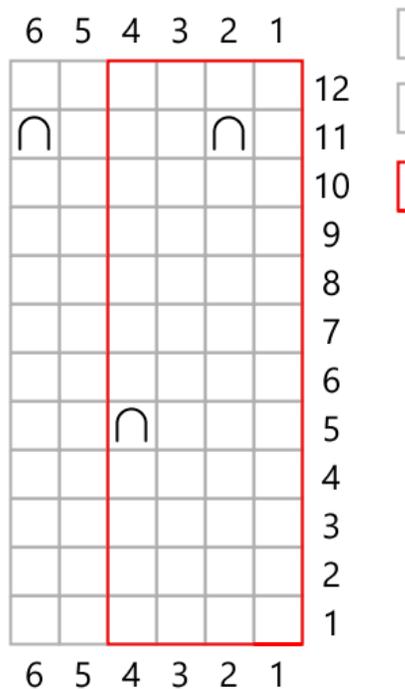
Puff Stitch In the Round, Sleeve 1 Written:

Rounds 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12: K to end.

Round 5: K1, k4b, *k3, k4b* rep from ** to end.

Round 11: K2, *k1, k4b, k2* rep from ** to end.

Puff Stitch In the Round, Sleeve 2



Puff Stitch in the Round, Sleeve 2:

Rounds 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12: K to end.

Round 5: *k3, k4b* rep from ** to last 2 sts, k2.

Round 11: *k1, k4b, k2* rep from ** to last 2 sts, k1, k4b.

Sleeves: Please note you will have a removable marker at the top of highest shoulder point from the “Seam Shoulders” section that is bolded. It does not matter which sleeve is which, they are mirror images of each other.

When you finish shortrows and work your first k4b round on the sleeves, you will have enough rounds to work them on the top of the sleeve but not the underarm. Treat the underarm sts as standard stockinette for the first set if you don't have enough rows to drop down.

With RS facing & gauge needle, starting at underarm center, pick up and knit approx. *1 of every 2 sts three times, then 2 of every 3 sts one time* (repeat this series up to shoulder cap area. It should look like one, skip, one, skip, one, skip, one, two, skip) to 6 (6, 6, 6, 6) [8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8] rows before top of shoulder marker, then 1 of every 2 for the next 12 (12, 12, 12, 12) [14, 14, 14, 14, 14] rows, then approx *1 of every 2 sts three times, then 2 of every 3 sts one time*, down to underarm, ending with a multiple of 4 plus 2. 54 (58, 62, 62, 66) [66, 70, 70, 70, 70, 74] sts total. Knit one row to establish pattern (ie knit all sts) until 7 sts past top of sleeve marker. This allows Row 1 of chart to be a RS row and the first row of Short Rows A.

Short Row Shaping: Please note shortrows will be worked flat

Sleeve 1:

Short Rows A: Work in pattern to 7 (8, 9, 9, 9) [9, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10] sts past m, JSR1, turn, work in pattern (from Chart for sleeve 1) to 7 (8, 9, 9, 9) [9, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10] sts past marker, JSR2.

Short Rows B: Work in pattern to 3 sts past previous JSR (resolving as you pass), JSR1, turn, work in pattern to 3 sts past previous JSR (resolving as you pass), JSR2, turn.

Work Short Rows A once, then Short Rows B until you've worked 4 turns total per side, including first short row.

On last side, work to end of round.

Pm & join for working in the round.

Work in pattern as established for 15 (11, 8, 8, 6)[6, 5, 5, 5, 5, 4] rounds. Work decrease round.

Decrease Round: K2tog, work in pattern to last 2 sts, ssk. (2 sts dec'd.)

Work decrease round every 16 (12, 9, 9, 7)[7, 6, 6, 6, 6, 5] round 5 (7, 9, 9, 11)[11, 13, 13, 13, 13, 15] times total: 44 (44, 44, 44, 44)[44, 44, 44, 44, 44, 44] sts.

Work 0 (8, 8, 8, 6) [6, 6, 12, 12, 12, 0] rounds more in pattern, or until sleeves reach 1.5"/3.5 cm less than desired length.

Switching to smaller needle, work *k1, p1* rib for 11 rounds.

Bind off gently in pattern.

Sleeve 2:

Work as for Sleeve 1, but use chart for Sleeve 2.

Neckline

Please note: You can easily pick up 2 of every 3 sts in certain areas to pull the neck even closer if desired. I suggest looking at the test versions to get an idea of fit.

Mock Turtleneck Option: With smaller needles and RS facing, starting at right back shoulder edge, pick up and knit all stitches across back, 3 of every 4 sts down neckline side, all stitches across front, 3 of every 4 sts up neckline side, making sure to end with a multiple of 2 sts. Place marker and join for working in the round. Work in 1 x 1 rib for approximately 2.5"/6cm from picked up edge. Bind off gently in pattern.

Crewneck Option: Work as above, but bind off after 1.5"/4 cm.

Double Crew Option shown on sample: Work as above, but fold neckline down into work & whipstitch live sts to inner picked up edge “seam”.

Finishing

Weave in all ends using duplicate stitch on wrong side. Block gently.

Abbreviations

** - repeat instructions between asterisks

bo - bind off

co - cast on

dec'd - decreased

est - established

inc'd - increased

jsr - Japanese Short Row

k2tog - knit 2 sts together as one; 1 st dec'd

k - knit

m - marker

p - purl

p2tog - purl 2 sts together as one; 1 st dec'd

pm - place marker

rem - remaining

rs - right side, the visible side of garment when worn

sm - slip marker

sl1 - slip 1 st knitwise

ssk - slip 1 st knitwise, slip 2nd st knitwise, knit both sts through back loops as one; 1 st dec'd

ssp - slip 1 st knitwise, slip 2nd st knitwise, slip both sts back onto left needle, insert right needle through back loops into the 2nd and then first st, purl them together as one; 1 st dec'd

st(s) - stitch(es)

k4b - tuck stitch. Drop stitch off lhn, unravel down 4 rows, insert rhn into live st, catching the strands on top of the needle. Knit into stitch, catching all live strands in the process.

ws - wrong side, the inside of garment when worn

yo- yarn over

Helpful links:

- [Mont Tricot Unspun Yarn Tips](#)

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Finished Measurements

Note: Measurements are rounded to the nearest 0.25 inch / 0.5 cm. Measurements will vary with any changes in gauge.

A. Back Neck Width: 8 (8, 8, 8.5, 8.5) [9, 9, 9.5, 9.5, 10 10]”/20 (20, 20, 21.5, 21.5)[23, 23, 24, 24, 25, 25]cm

B. Back Width at Underarms: 18.25 (19.5, 22, 23.75, 25)[26.75, 27.75, 29.75, 30.75, 32.5, 33.75]”/ 46.5 (49.5, 56, 60.5, 63.5)[68, 70.5, 75.5, 78, 82.5, 85.5] cm

C. Bust Circumference: 41.5 (44, 48.5, 53, 56)[60.5, 63, 67.5, 70, 74.5, 77]”/ 105(112, 123, 135, 142)[153.5, 160, 171, 178, 189, 195.5] cm

D. Armhole Depth: 7.75 (8.25, 8.75, 9, 9.5)[9.5, 9.75, 10, 10, 10.25, 10.5]”/19.5 (21, 22, 23, 24))[24, 25, 25.5, 25.5, 26, 26.5] cm

E. Side Length from Underarm: 14.25 (14.25, 14.25, 16)[16, 17.5, 17.5, 19, 19, 20.75]”/36 (36, 36, 36, 40.5) [40.5, 44.5, 44.5, 48.5, 48.5, 52.5] cm

F. Upper Sleeve Circumference: 14.8 (16, 17, 17, 18)[18, 19.5, 19.5, 19.5, 20.5, 20.5]”/37.5 (40.5, 43, 43, 46)[46, 49.5, 49.5, 49.5, 52, 52]cm

G. Lower Sleeve Circumference: 13”/33 cm

H. Sleeve Length from Underarm: 18”/45.5 cm

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