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SWEATER NO. 24 #SWEATERNO24

ABOUT SWEATER NO. 24

Sweater No. 24 is an oversize sweater worked in bouclé yarn.

The shoulder and neck are constructed in a way that ensures a great fit. The neckline is opened up for a feminine touch. The shape of the sweater is slightly asymmetrical with extra length added to the back. The sweater is worked from the top down with no additional finishing required.

SIZES

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

MEASUREMENTS

Length (measured at the center front below the neck rib): 46 (48) 50 (52) 56 (60) 63 (65) cm [18 (19) 19.75 (20.5) 22 (23.5) 24.75 (25.5) inches]

Circumference: 116 (123) 128 (132) 136 (141) 148 (157) cm [45.75 (48.5) 50.5 (52) 53.5 (55.5) 58.25 (61.75) inches]

SUGGESTED NEEDLES

5 mm [US 8] circular needles (80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 inches])

4.5 mm [US 7] circular needles (80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 inches])

4 mm [US 6] circular needles (40 or 80 cm [16 or 32 inches])

GAUGE

In stocking stitch using 5 mm [US 8] needles.

15 sts / 23 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches].

MATERIALS

400 (500) 500 (500) 600 (600) 700 (700) gr Mohair Bouclé, Mohair by Canard, 175 m. / 100 gr.

held together with...

100 (150) 150 (150) 150 (150) 150 (150) gr Alpaca 1, Isager Yarn, 400 m. / 50 gr.

Work the sweater holding the two strands of yarn together. One strand of Mohair Bouclé and one strand of Alpaca 1.

or...

300 (300) 350 (400) 400 (400) 450 (500) gr Alpaca Bouclé, Kremke Sool Wool, 250 m / 50 gr.

Shown in colour 'Mid Brown'.

Work the sweater holding two strands of the yarn together.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Remember to work a gauge swatch to ensure that you achieve gauge using the suggested needles. If your gauge differs, this will result in the wrong proportions of your sweater.

Size guide

Sweater No. 24 has an oversize fit. The smaller sizes have a greater positive ease than the larger sizes in order to complement the individual body the best. Calculate a positive ease of approx. 35 cm [13.75 inches] in size XS-XL and 25-30 cm [10-12 inches] in size 2XL-4XL.

The sizes XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL) 3XL (4XL) are equivalent to European standard sizes and suit a bust circumference of approx. 80-85 (85-90) 90-95 (95-100) 100-110 (110-120) 120-130 (130-140) cm [31.5-33.5 (33.5-35.5) 35.5-37.5 (37.5-39.5) 39.5-43.25 (43.25-47.25) 47.25-51.25 (51.25-55) inches].

For example: You measure 88 cm [35.75 inches] at your bust + 35 cm [13.75 inches] = 123 cm [48.5 inches]. Meaning you would choose a size S with a circumference of 123 cm [48.5 inches].

Introduction to the work flow

First, work the back neck and shoulders. The back is shaped by working short rows, which slant the shoulders and help in shaping the sweater. Then, pick up and knit stitches along the shoulder seams and work the top parts of the front separately. Then join the two fronts by casting on stitches at the center front and finish working the front section. Then join the front and back section to work the body in the round, and finish with a rib.

The sleeves are worked from stitches picked up around the armhole and the same method is used for the folded neck rib.

Increases

The increases are worked to lean either towards the right (M1R) or left (M1L).

Usually you will work a M1L at the beginning of your row and M1R at the end.

M1R: With your left needle, pick up the bar (between the sts on the right and left needles) from back to front and knit.

M1L: With your left needle, pick up the bar from front to back and knit through the back loop.

Rib

All ribbed edges are worked in 1x1 rib. I.e.: *k1, p1*.

Decreases

Decreases (dec) are worked as either k2tog or k2tog tbl.

k2tog: Knit 2 stitches together.

k2tog tbl: Use 'SSK' = slip, slip, knit.

Slip 2 sts knitwise, *one at a time*, and then knit the 2 sts together through the back loop.

SHORT ROWS

To shape the back, work short rows.

You can use your preferred method, but *German Short Rows* create a beautiful, nearly invisible result.

TIP! Are you not familiar with this method? Have a look here for instructions:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-E3YSHPOQYs&t=4s>

ABOUT KNITTING IN BOUCLE YARN

Knitting in bouclé yarn can be tricky, as it is very difficult to see and count your stitches.

To make it easier, it can be helpful to:

- To place markers as you go to help measure the lengths of sections
- To keep track of the number of rows/rounds worked using a row/round counter. This is to ensure that you work the decreases in the right place and that they end up symmetrical.
- To note down how far you have come in your pattern if having to put your work down whilst working sections of decreases or increases.

BEGIN WORKING YOUR SWEATER HERE

BACK

Cast on 80 (84) 85 (87) 88 (92) 94 (98) sts using 5 mm [US 8] circular needles.

TIP! The cast on edge runs along the back neck and shoulders of the sweater, so make sure that you don't tighten the cast on too much, as your shoulder seam otherwise will pull.

Break the yarn and turn your work to have the WS facing you. Transfer the first 27 (29) 29 (30) 30 (32) 33 (35) sts (=left shoulder sts) to your right needle.

Now shape the back and shoulders by working short rows. For each row that you work, include 2 new sts into the back neck and shoulders.

1st step (WS row): Join in a new strand of yarn and purl the next 26 (26) 27 (27) 28 (28) 28 (28) sts (= back neck sts), so you have 27 (29) 29 (30) 30 (32) 33 (35) sts remaining on your left needle. Turn.

Next row is a RS row.

2nd step (RS row): Knit across the next 27 (27) 28 (28) 29 (29) 29 (29) sts = 25 (27) 27 (28) 28 (30) 31 (33) sts remaining on your left needle. Turn.

3rd step (WS row): Purl across the next 29 (29) 30 (30) 31 (31) 31 (31) sts, until you have 25 (27) 27 (28) 28 (30) 31 (33) sts remaining on your left needle. Turn.

Next row is a RS row.

Continue working short rows by turning 2 sts after the last turn on each row. I.e.: work to where you last turned, work the double stitch from your previous turn, then work another 2 sts, turn.

1st row (RS row): K to 2 sts after your last turn. Turn.

2nd row (WS row): P to 2 sts after your last turn. Turn.

Work **1st and 2nd row** a total of 12 (13) 13 (13) 13 (14) 15 (16) times. This means that you will have turned 13 (14) 14 (14) 14 (15) 16 (17) times at each side in total, and you have worked a total of 27 (29) 29 (29) 29 (31) 33 (35) rows.

The last turn happens 1 (1) 1 (2) 2 (2) 1 (1) st before the end of row on a WS row.

Next row is a RS row.

Your work now measures approx. 12 (13) 13 (13) 13 (14) 15 (16) cm [4.75 (5.25) 5.25 (5.25) 5.25 (5.5) 6 (6.25) inches] as measured from the cast on edge at the center back.

Attach a marker in the edge stitch at each end of your work towards the armholes before you continue. This marker indicates where to pick up and knit stitches for the fronts.

Continue working back and forth in stocking stitch until the back section - again as measured from the cast on edge at the center back - measures 22 (23) 24 (24) 24 (26) 27 (27) cm [8.75 (9) 9.5 (9.5) 9.5 (10.25) 10.5 (10.5) inches].

Now begin increasing for the back armhole.

1st row (RS row): K4, M1L, k to 4 sts remaining, M1R, k4.

2nd row (WS row): P all sts.

Work **1st and 2nd row** a total of 2 (2) 3 (4) 5 (5) 6 (7) times.

You now have 84 (88) 91 (95) 98 (102) 106 (112) sts on your needles.

Break the yarn and leave the back stitches on hold using a helping needle or waste yarn while working the front shoulders.

LEFT FRONT

Pick up and knit 27 (29) 29 (30) 30 (32) 33 (35) sts along the left shoulder (left when wearing the sweater) using 5 mm [US 8] circular needles.

Make sure to pick up and knit *between the stitches*. This ensures the neatest possible shoulder seam.

TIP! Have a look here for how to pick up and knit between the stitches: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ltM0GQrAcGI>

Purl 1 row.

Now shape the neckline by decreasing and increasing.

First, work decreases as follows:

1st row (RS row): K3, k2tog tbl, k to end of row.

2nd row (WS row): P all sts.

Work **1st – 2nd row** a total of 2 (2) 2 (2) 2 (3) 3 (3) times.

You now have 25 (27) 27 (28) 28 (29) 29 (32) sts on your needles.

Work 4 rows in stocking stitch.

Now increase as follows:

1st row (RS row): K4, M1L, k to end of row.

2nd row (WS row): P all sts.

Work **1st – 2nd row** a total of 5 (5) 6 (6) 6 (7) 7 (7) times.

You now have 30 (32) 33 (34) 34 (36) 36 (39) sts on your needles.

Break the yarn, and leave the left front stitches on hold using a helping needle or waste yarn while working the right front.

RIGHT FRONT

Pick up and knit 27 (29) 29 (30) 30 (32) 33 (35) sts along the right shoulder (right when wearing the sweater) using 5 mm [US 8] circular needles.

Make sure to pick up and knit *between the stitches*. This ensures the neatest possible shoulder seam.

Purl 1 row.

Now shape the neckline by decreasing and increasing.

First, work decreases as follows:

1st row (RS row): K to 5 sts before the end of row, k2tog, k3.

2nd row (WS row): P all sts.

Work **1st – 2nd row** a total of 2 (2) 2 (2) 2 (3) 3 (3) times.

You now have 25 (27) 27 (28) 28 (29) 29 (32) sts on your needles.

Work 4 rows in stocking stitch.

Now increase as follows:

1st row (RS row): K to 4 sts remaining, M1R, k to end of row.

2nd row (WS row): P all sts.

Work **1st – 2nd row** a total of 5 (5) 6 (6) 6 (7) 7 (7) times.

You now have 30 (32) 33 (34) 34 (36) 36 (39) sts on your needles.

Now join the two front shoulders and finish working the front as one piece.

FRONT

Knit across the right front 30 (32) 33 (34) 34 (36) 36 (39) sts, cast on 20 (20) 19 (19) 20 (20) 22 (20) sts in extension using the backwards loop method, and knit across the left front 30 (32) 33 (34) 34 (36) 36 (39) sts.

You now have 80 (84) 85 (87) 88 (92) 94 (98) sts on your needles.

Work back and forth in stocking stitch (k on RS rows and p on WS rows), until the front – measured from the shoulder seam – measures 20 (21) 22 (22) 22 (24) 25 (25) cm [8 (8.25) 8.75 (8.75) 8.75 (9.5) 10 (10) inches]. Finish with a WS row. Next row is a RS row.

NOTE! Be aware that your outer edge (what will become your armhole) is longer on the front than it is on the back. This is intentional, as your shoulder seam will sit further towards the back.

Now increase to shape the front armhole.

1st row (RS row): K4, M1L, k to 4 sts remaining, M1R, k4.

2nd row (WS row): P all sts.

Work **1st and 2nd row** a total of 2 (2) 3 (4) 5 (5) 6 (7) times.

You now have 84 (88) 91 (95) 98 (102) 106 (112) sts on your needles.

On the next row, join the front and back sections and continue working the body in the round.

BODY

Knit across the front sts, cast on 3 (4) 5 (4) 4 (4) 5 (6) sts in extension using the backwards loop method. Then knit across the back sts and cast on 1 (2) 2 (2) 2 (2) 2 (3) new st(s) in extension of the back, place a marker = beginning of rnd. Then cast on another 2 (2) 3 (2) 2 (2) 3 (3) sts.

Join to work in the round. All 174 (184) 192 (198) 204 (212) 222 (236) sts are now joined on the same needle.

Work stocking stitch in the round until your work measures 42 (44) 46 (47) 52 (54) 59 (61) cm [16.5 (17.25) 18 (18.5) 20.5 (21.25) 23.25 (24) inches], as measured at the center front from where you joined the two front shoulders.

TIP! It can be helpful to try on your sweater as you go to ensure that the length suits you, before you begin working your rib. If you have a longer upper body, you can add an extra couple of cm [inches] before you begin the rib.

Change to 4.5 mm [US 7] circular needles.

Work your 1x1 rib in the round: *k1, p1*, until the ribbed edge measures 4 cm [1.5 inches].

Bind off using the Italian/tubular bind off method.

NECK RIB

Work the neckline in the round using 4 mm [US 6] circular needles in 1x1 rib, ie. *p1, k1*.

You can either use 40 cm [16 inches] circular needles or 80 cm [32 inches] circular needles, combined with the magic loop technique.

Pick up and knit 82 (82) 86 (86) 88 (90) 92 (94) sts around the neckline using 4 mm [US 6] circular needles.

The number of sts is equivalent to picking up 1 st for each st/row all the way around.

TIP! Make sure that you pick up your sts in the gap right after your edge stitch. This ensures the neatest possible result.

Now work your 1x1 rib in the round *p1, k1* until the neck rib measures 3.5 cm [1.25 inches] from the pick up rnd.

NOTE! Be aware that the rnd begins with a purl st.

Now decrease to help shape the neckline.

K2tog throughout the rnd.

You now have 41 (41) 43 (43) 44 (45) 46 (47) sts on your needles.

Knit 1 rnd.

On the following rnd increase as follows:

yarn over, k1 repeat to end of rnd.

You now have 82 (82) 86 (86) 88 (90) 92 (94) sts on your needles.

On the following rnd purl the yarn overs through the back loop to avoid holes.

p1 tbl, k1 to the end of rnd.

Continue working in rib, *p1, k1*, until the neck rib measures 8 cm [3 inches] from the pick up edge.

Now fold and attach your neck rib.

Fold the ribbed edge inwards and knit attached to the inside of the neckline by knitting 1 st from your needle together with 1 st from the pick up edge.

Remember to bind off fairly loosely to be able to fit your head through the opening.

Have a look here for how to do it: <https://vimeo.com/302919280>

TIP! Make sure you attach the neckline straight, so your ribs are not skewed or twisted. It can be helpful to secure with a couple of pins to prevent any twisting whilst knitting.

It can be an advantage to use knitting elastic in your neck rib, as the bouclé can have a hard time 'settling in' on its own. The elastic helps round the rib and at the same time maintains the shape with use.

SLEEVES

Now work the sleeves. Pick up and knit the sleeve stitches around the armhole using 5 mm [US 8] circular needles. You can either use 40 cm [16 inches] circular needles or 80 cm [XX inches] circular needles in combination with the magic loop technique.

Pick up and knit 54 (56) 60 (66) 70 (72) 80 (84) sts around the armhole. The frequency of picking up stitches is in approx. 2 out of 3 sts (ie.: Pick up and knit in 2 sts, skip 1 st and repeat).

Join to work in the round. Place a marker in the the middle underneath the armhole to mark the beginning of round.

On the first round, reduce the total number of stitches by 2 (2) 4 (4) 6 (6) 10 (10) sts, by working k2togs evenly spaced on your round.

You now have 52 (54) 56 (62) 64 (66) 70 (72) sts on your needles.

Work stocking stitch in the round until the sleeve measures 42 (42) 42 (42) 41 (41) 40 (40) cm [16.5 (16.5) 16.5 (16.5) 16 (16) 15.75 (15.75) inches] along the inside seam *and at the same time* work decreases every 5 cm [2 inches] a total of 8 times.

Work the decrease rnds as follows:

Slip the marker, k1, k2tog, k to 3 sts remaining, k2tog tbl, k1.

Change to 4.5 mm [US 7] circular needles.

Work 1x1 rib in the round, *k1, p1*, until the ribbed edge measures 4 cm [1.5 inches].

Bind off using the Italian/tubular bind off method.

FINISHING

Now weave in all loose ends.

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