

# NINILCHIK SWONCHO

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A cozy sweater/poncho hybrid, this sweater is meant to be worn with 14-43" (35.5-109 cm) of positive ease. There are 2 sizes offered. Please refer to the measurements shown below when choosing which size to knit. The body and sleeve lengths are easily adjustable, with notes in the pattern on where to add or subtract length as desired.

Knit from the top down with short row shapening at the back neck. The colorwork is designed so you have no floats that are carried for more than 9 sts, though some knitters may choose to catch floats of more than 5 sts.

Sizes: 1 (2)

Size 1 will fit XS-M, size 2 will fit L-3XL

Body Circumference: 69 (83)" [175 (211) cm]

Sleeve Circumference at elbow: 11 (15.5)" [28 (39.5) cm] -Note that the sleeve is worked in 2x2 rib, which offers a great amount of stretch, allowing a wide range of arm sizes to fit.

Measurements:

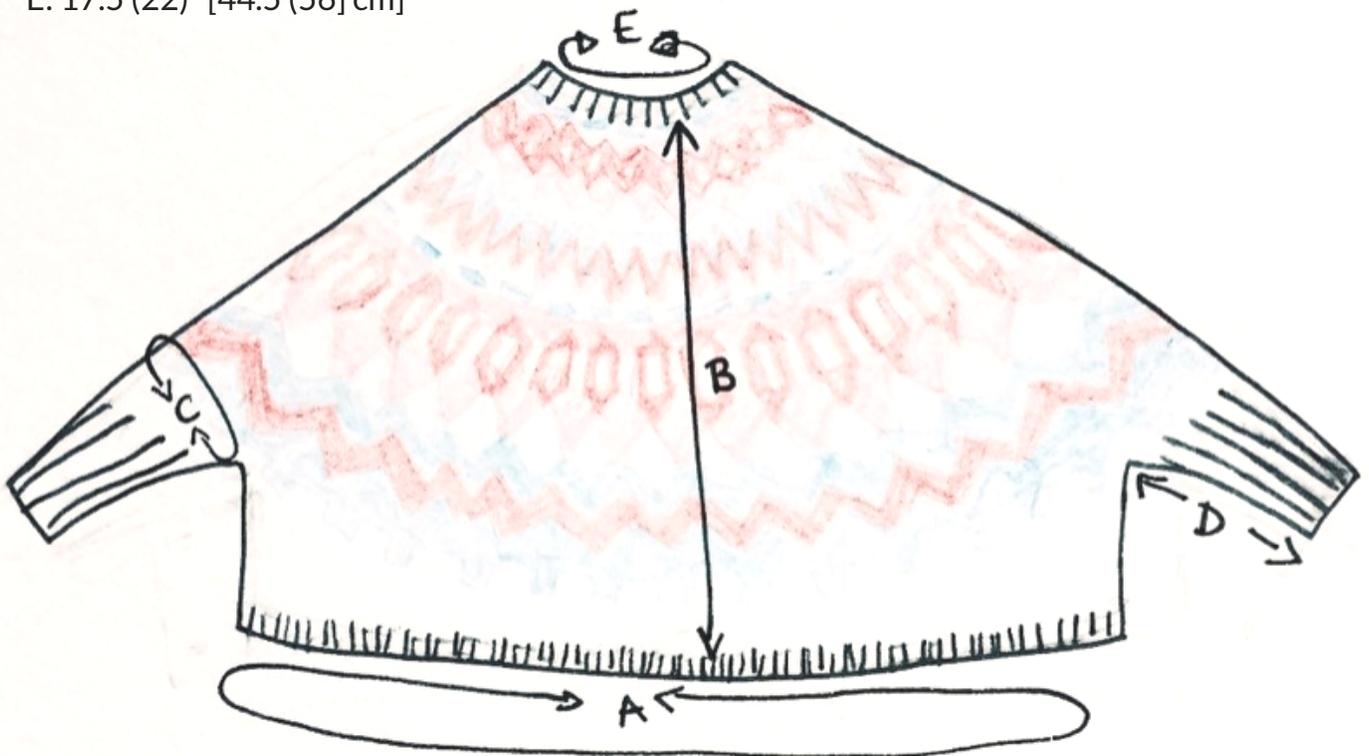
A: 69 (83)" [175 (211) cm]

B: 24.5 (26.5)" [62 (67.5) cm]

C: 11 (15.5)" [28 (39.5) cm]

D: 8 (8)" [20.5 (30.5) cm]

E: 17.5 (22)" [44.5 (56) cm]



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## MATERIALS:

Yarn: DK weight yarn 1,460 (2020) yards

MC: 800 (1100) yards

CC1: 230 (320) yards

CC2: 230 (320) yards

CC3: 200 (280) yards

Sample shown in Craggy Tweed DK from The Farmer's Daughter Fibers in

MC: Horse Belly

CC1: Buffalo Gal

CC2: Pukuni

CC3: Castle Rock

Needles: US #4 / 3.5 mm and US #6 / 4.0 mm (or as required to meet gauge) 24" and 40" circulars and DPNs (or longer cables for magic loop) in both sizes.

Notions: stitch marker, darning needle, waste yarn or stitch holders

## GAUGE:

20 sts and 24 rounds / 4" in stockinette and colorwork pattern on larger needles (you may need to adjust needle size to maintain the same gauge in colorwork and plain stockinette). Gauge is measured after blocking.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**k-** knit

**p-** purl

**co-** cast on

**BOR-** beginning of round

**m-** marker

**m1L:** make one

left- pick up the bar between the stitch you knit and the one you're about to knit, bringing the needle from front to back. Then knit into the back of the stitch

**pm-** place marker

**sm-** slip marker

**ssk-** slip, slip, knit

**st(s)-** stitch(es)

**MC-** main color

**CC1:** contrast color 1

**CC2:** contrast color 2

**CC3:** contrast color 3

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## DIRECTIONS:

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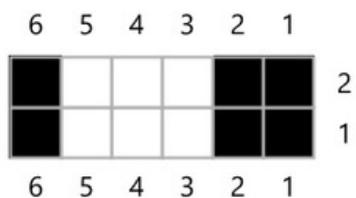
With smaller needles using MC, cast on 96 (120) sts.  
Join in the round, making sure your sts are not twisted. Place marker for beginning of round. This marks the center back of your sweater.

Work 1x1 ribbing (k1, p1) for 8 rounds.

Switch to larger needles.

Work Chart A as shown, starting from bottom right.

Chart A



### Key



With CC1, knit one round.

Short Rows:

Still using CC1, begin short row shaping to raise back neck for a better fitting garment. For help with the wrap and turn method, see this helpful tutorial

<https://www.purlsoho.com/create/2008/06/18/short-rows>,

Row 1 (RS): From BOR, k30, wrap and turn.

Row 2 (WS): P60 (30 sts past BOR), wrap and turn.

Row 3 (RS): K to 4 sts before wrapped st, wrap and turn.

Row 4 (WS): P to 4 sts before wrapped st, wrap and turn.

Repeat rows 3 and 4 twice more.

END SHORT ROWS. Resume knitting in the round.

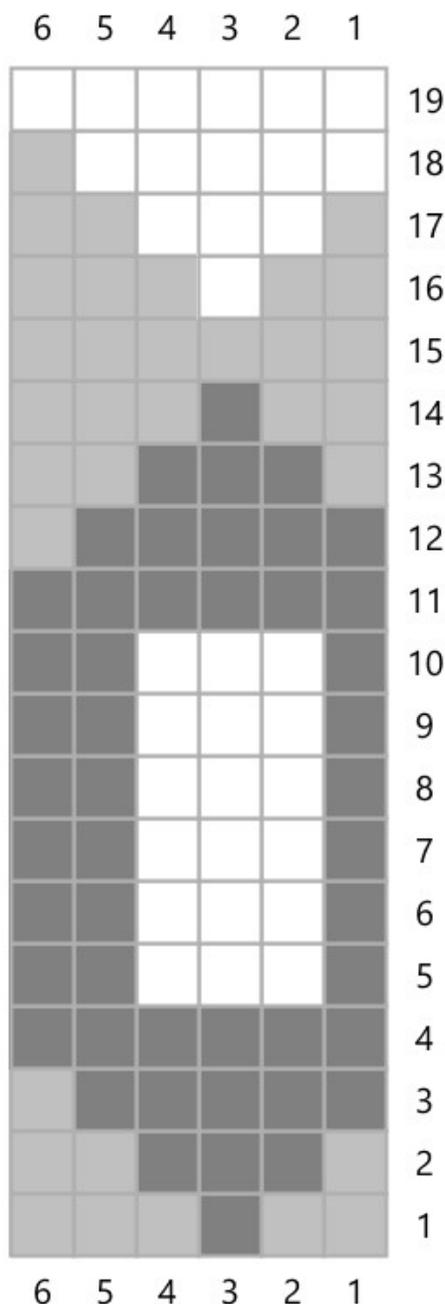
Next round: K to BOR, picking up wraps as you come to them.

Next round: K one more round, picking up any remaining wraps.

INCREASE ROUND 1: With CC1, \*k2, m1L; repeat from \* to beginning of round. [144 (180) sts]

Work Chart B, starting from bottom right.

Chart B



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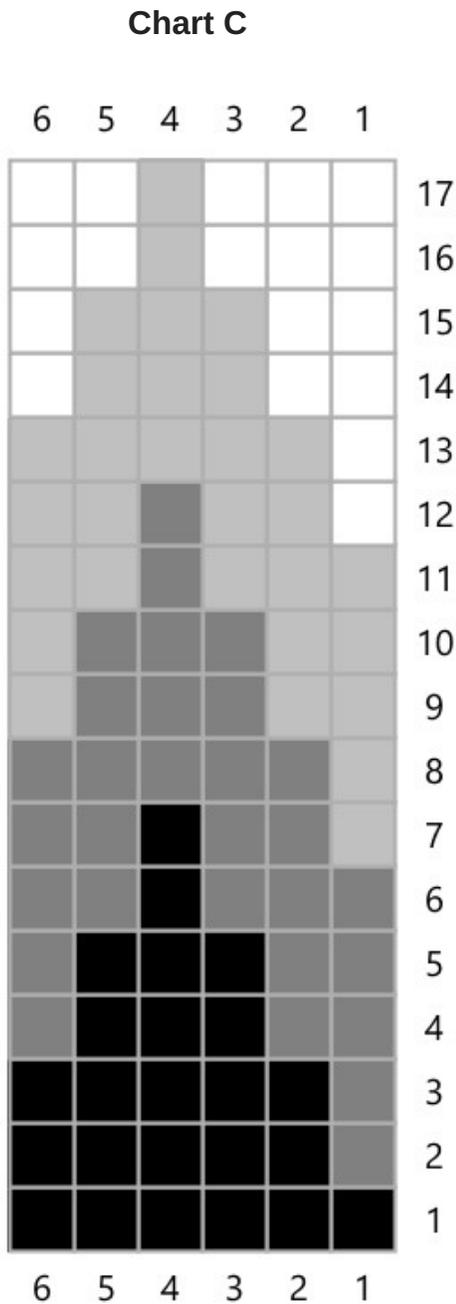


INCREASE ROUND 2: With MC, \*k2, m1L; repeat from \* to beginning of round. [216 (270) sts]

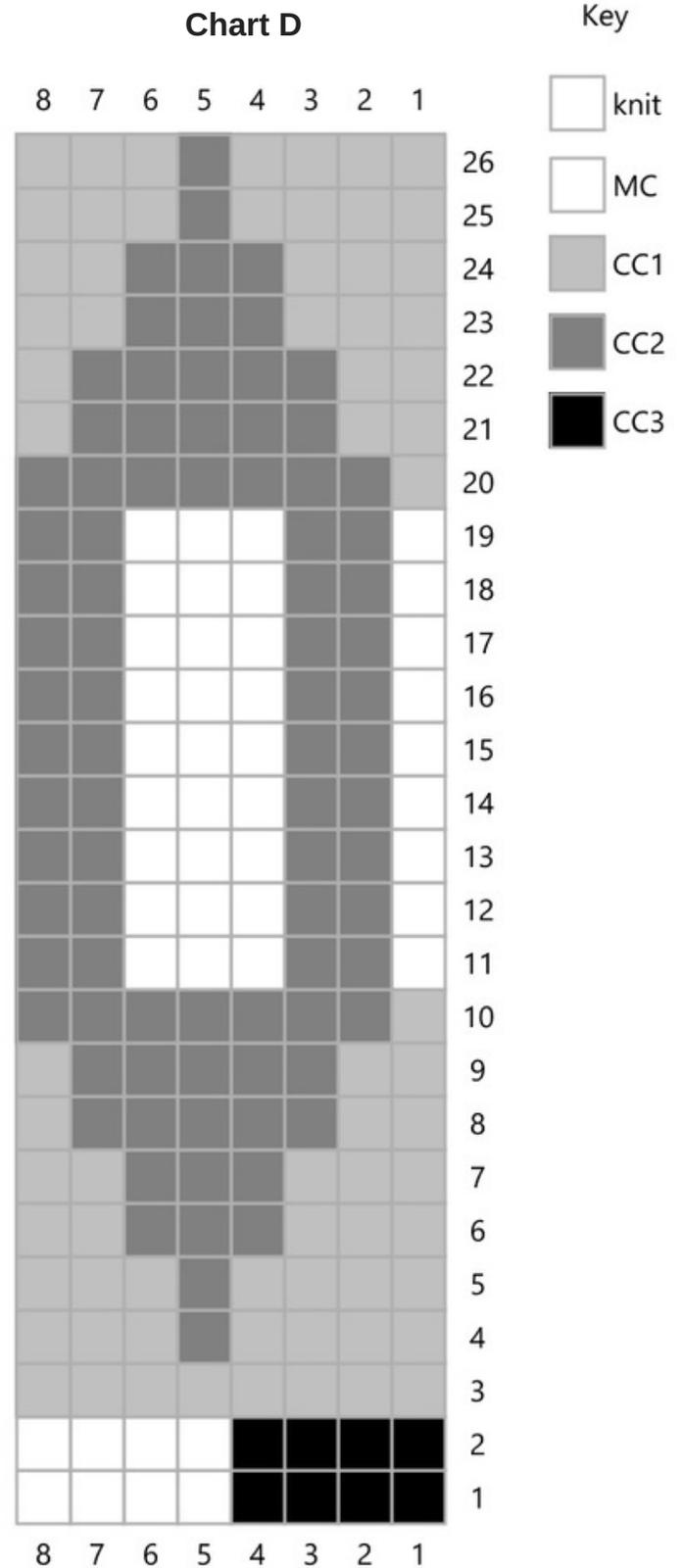
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Work Chart C, starting from bottom right.

Work Chart D, starting from bottom right.



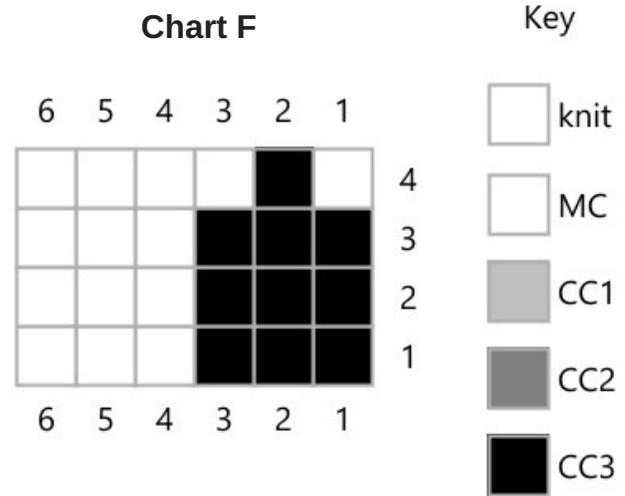
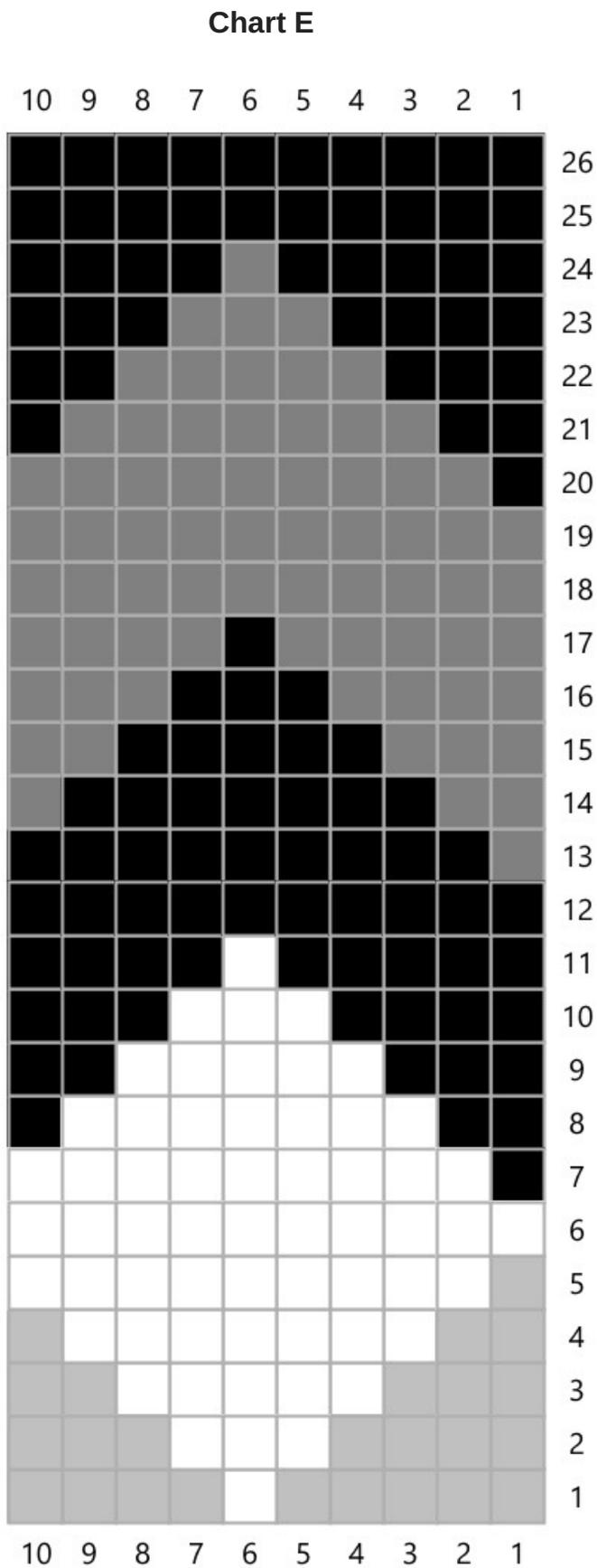
INCREASE ROUND 3: With MC, \*k3, m1L;  
repeat from\* to beginning of round. [288 (360)  
sts]



INCREASE ROUND 4: With CC1, \*k4, m1L; repeat  
from \* to beginning of round. [360 (450) sts]

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Work Chart E, starting from bottom right, then work chart F, starting from bottom right.



**INCREASE ROUND 5:** With MC, \*k5, m1L; repeat from \* to beginning of round. [432 (540) sts]  
Break all CCs. With MC, knit for 1" (2") [2.5 (5) cm].

## SEPARATE BODY AND SLEEVES

Next the body and sleeves are separated. Sleeve sts are placed on hold on waste yarn (using a darning needle, thread scrap yarn through live sleeve sts).

From beginning of round, k83 (100), place next 50 (70) sts on stitch holder or scrap yarn (without knitting them). Using backwards loop method, cast on 6 (8) sts, k166 (200), place next 50 (70) sts on stitch holder or scrap yarn (without knitting them). Using backwards loop method, cast on 6 (8) sts, k to beginning of round. [344 (416) sts]

## BODY

You now have 344 (416) body sts on the needles. Continue to knit in stockinette for 5 (6)" [13 (15) cm] more. You can knit more or less here, depending on the length desired. Note that your yardage requirements will change if you adjust the length.

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## HEM

With smaller needles, work in 1x1 ribbing (k1, p1) until hem measures 1" [2.5 cm]. Bind off in pattern, using a stretchy bind off method.

## SLEEVES (both sleeves worked the same)

Place 50 (70) held sts onto larger DPNs or 32" (or longer) circular needle for magic loop. Knit across these sts then pick up and knit 3 (4) sts from body at underarm, place marker to indicate beginning of round, pick up and knit 3 (4) more sts from body at underarm, then join for working in the round. [56 (78) sts]

Knit 2 rounds.

Decrease round: K1, k2tog, k to 3 sts before beginning of round, ssk, k1. [54 (76) sts]

Knit 2 rounds.

SIZE 1 ONLY- Decrease round: K1, k2tog, k to 3 sts before beginning of round, ssk, k1. [52 sts]

Both sizes- Knit one round.

Change to smaller DPNs, or circular needle for magic loop.

Work in 2x2 ribbing (k2, p2) until sleeve measure 7" [18 cm], or desired length. Knit more if you wish to cuff your sleeves. Bind off in pattern, using a stretchy bind off method.

## FINISHING

Weave in ends and block. Enjoy your swoncho!





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