



The Secret Life of Trees

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Sweater chest sizes:

31 (36, 41, 46, 51, 56)".
-1 to 3" ease recommended.
If between sizes, follow instructions for the closest size, adjusting gauge up or down for desired chest size. Shown in size 36 worn with 2" ease.

Yarn:

Sunday Knits 3 ply (light sport weight - 246 yds / 225 m per 50g skein) in Angelic (merino angora), Eden (merino), Nirvana (merino cashmere), or Brigadoon (merino tweed); 5 (6, 7, 8, 9, 10) skeins. Shown in Eden mist.

Substitute any light sport weight yarn that makes a nice loose fabric when worked to gauge.
1120 (1330, 1540, 1770, 2010, 2260) yds.

Needles:

Size 6 US / 4 mm straight or circular needles with a long cable for sweater body, and double-pointed or circular needles with a short cable for sleeves.
Adjust needle size if necessary.

Notions:

Stitch markers, tapestry needle, 1 size 2-4 US / 3-3.5 mm crochet hook for working inside closure; two 9/16" buttons, one 9/16" flat button for inside closure.

Gauge:

22 sts and 28 rows = 4" in St st.
Stitch pattern A measures 2¾" per pattern repeat; pattern B measures 2½" per pattern repeat.

Techniques used:

Lace knitting, reading charts, attached I-cord (explained).

Pattern includes:

Written instructions, stitch patterns in charted format only, schematics, glossary.

Leaves and branches are enchanting in this light weight lace and ribs cardigan. Knit in one piece with minimal finishing and size-specific raglan shaping. Wear it double-breasted or let it fall open in a waterfall.



Construction: The Secret Life of Trees is knit flat from the bottom up in one piece to underarms; sleeves are knit in the round; sleeves and body are joined and worked in one piece shaped with raglan-style decreases to the top. The raglan decreases are not straight slants, but are shaped specific to each size for a lovely fit. Neckline edging is worked similar to attached I-cord.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SWEATER

BOTTOM

Cast on 232 (277, 322, 367, 397, 442) sts.

WS: Knit 1 row.

RS: K3 (edge sts), work patt A Row 1 Sts 1-16, rep Sts 2-16 to last 3 sts, k3 (edge sts).

WS: P3 (edge sts), work patt A Row 2 Sts 16-2, rep Sts 16-2 to last 4 sts, work St 1, p3 (edge sts).

Cont to work patt A and edge sts as established through Row 21.

Work Rows 2-20 one more time.

RS: Switch to patt B and cont with edge sts as established work Rows 1-21.

Work Rows 2-21 one more time.

Work Rows 2-5.

WS: P3, *k1, p6, k1, p2tog, p5; rep from * to last 4 sts, k1, p3. 217 (259, 301, 343, 371, 413) sts.

RS: K3, p1, [k6, p1] to last 3 sts, k3.

WS: P3, [k1, p6], to last 4 sts, k1, p3.

Rep last 2 rows until piece measures 13" or desired length to underarm.

Set piece aside and work sleeves

SLEEVES - make 2 the same

Cast on 49 (51, 53, 55, 57, 61) sts, join for working in the round and pm for beg of rnd.
Knit 1 rnd, sl m.

Rnd 1: K2 (3, 4, 5, 6, 8), pm for patt, work patt A Rnd 1 Sts 1-16, rep Sts 2-16 two times, pm for patt, k1 (2, 3, 4, 5, 7).

Slip markers every round.

Rnd 1: Knit to patt m, work patt A Rnd 2 Sts 1-16, Rep Sts 2-16 two times, knit to end.

Cont to work patt A and St st as established through patt Rnd 19 (17, 17, 13, 11, 7).

Increases

Note 1: Begin increases on the very next rnd. Throughout increases and AT THE SAME TIME cont with St st and patt, working patt A through Rnd 20, then switch to patt B and work Rnds 1-21 one time, then see further instructions at **.

Note 2: While increasing, partial pattern may be worked beyond pattern markers as desired. Be sure to balance every increase with a companion decrease and vice versa. Maintain at least 1 stockinette stitch after beg-of-rnd marker. When in doubt, default to stockinette stitch.

Note 3: Move pattern markers outward by 14/15 sts (a full patt rep) once stitch count allows.

Next Rnd - Inc Rnds (includes 2 rnds): Work to last st, k1, LLI, sl m, k1, RLI, work to end.

Work 16 (10, 8, 6, 4, 4) rnds even then rep Inc Rnds.

Rep Inc Rnds every 16 rnds (meaning fourteen rounds even followed by two increase rounds) 4 (0, 0, 0, 0, 0) more times, then every 12 rnds 0 (6, 0, 0, 0, 0) times, then every 10 rnds 0 (1, 5, 0, 0, 0) times, then every 8 rnds 0 (0, 5, 8, 0, 0) times, then every 6 rnds 0 (0, 0, 6, 18, 14) times, then every 4 rnds 0 (0, 0, 0, 0, 7) times.

****After** patt B Rnd 21 and while **AT THE SAME TIME** cont with increases, work patt B Rnds 2-21 four more times.

Work patt B Rnds 2-5.

Next Rnd: K1, and **if possible:** knit to 7 sts before 1st m then [p1, k6]; **or if not possible then:** knit to first 1st m; **for all:** after slremove m, *p1, k5, k2tog, p1, k6; rep from * 2 (2, 2, 4, 4, 4) more times; then, removing 2nd m, [p1, k6] as far as possible to end.

Next Rnds: K1, knitting in knit sts and purling in purl sts work in [p1-k6] rib as far as possible to end.
58 (66, 74, 82, 92, 102) sts after all increases (note that 3 (3, 3, 5, 5, 5) sts were decreased in transition from patt B to rib.)

Cont in rib until sleeve measures 18 (18, 18¼, 18½, 18¾, 18¾)" or desired length to underarm, ending 1 (2, 3, 4, 5, 6) sts before end of rnd; bind off 3 (5, 7, 9, 11, 13) sts (see Glossary - Resources for a tidy way to work an underarm bind off), place rem 55 (61, 67, 73, 81, 89) sts on holder.

Underarm shaping

Return body sts to needles with RS facing; work edge sts and rib over 65 (78, 91, 104, 110, 123) sts for right front, pm; bind off 3 (5, 7, 9, 11, 13) sts; return sleeve sts to left needle, foll rib work sleeve to end, pm; foll rib work back over 81 (93, 105, 117, 129, 141) sts, pm; bind off 3 (5, 7, 9, 11, 13) sts; return sleeve sts to left needle, foll rib work sleeve to end, pm; foll rib work front to end working edge sts. 4 markers.
321 (371, 421, 471, 511, 565) sts.

Slip markers every row.

RAGLAN SHAPING

All WS Rows: *Knit in knit sts and purl in purl sts (kkpp) to 2 sts before m, p4; rep from * through all markers, kkpp to end. **Maintain 2 sts of St st on either side of each marker for rem of sweater.**

RS - Dec Row A: *Kkpp to 3 sts before m, ssk, k2, k2tog; rep from * through all markers, kkpp to end. 8 sts dec'd.

Rep Dec Row A every RS row 3 (4, 8, 11, 16, 19) more times.

Rep Dec Row A every 4th row 2 (2, 1, 1, 0, 0) time(s). 273 (315, 341, 367, 375, 405) sts.

Sizes 31-46 only:

****RS - Dec Row B:** *Kkpp to m, k1, k2tog, kkpp to 3 sts before next m, ssk, k1; rep from * once more, kkpp to end. 4 sts (sleeve sts only) dec'd.

RS - Dec Row A: *Kkpp to 3 sts before m, ssk, k2, k2tog; rep from * through all markers, kkpp to end. 8 sts dec'd.

Rep Dec Row B 1 (1, 1, 0, -, -) more time(s).

All sizes:

Make buttonhole

RS - Dec Row A with buttonhole: K2, kfb, p1, pass 2nd st on right needle over st just purled, ytb slip st on right needle back purlwise to left needle, k2tog;

*kkpp to 3 sts before m, ssk, k2, k2tog; rep from * through all markers, kkpp to end.

WS: Work as established to last 3 sts, cast on 1 st, p3.

Sizes 31, 36 and 41 only:

****RS - Dec Row B:** *Kkpp to m, k1, k2tog, kkpp to 3 sts before next m, ssk, k1; rep from * once more, kkpp to end.

RS - Dec Row A: *Kkpp to 3 sts before m, ssk, k2, k2tog; rep from * through all markers, kkpp to end.

Rep from ** 2 (2, 1, -, -, -) more time(s).

All sizes:

Rep Dec Row A every RS row 0 (1, 3, 7, 8, 8) more times.

RS - Dec Row A with 2 buttonholes: K2, kfb, p1, pass 2nd st on right needle over st just purled, ytb, slip st on right needle back purlwise to left needle, k2tog;

*kkpp to 3 sts before m, ssk, k2, k2tog; rep from * through all markers, kkpp to last 5 sts, kfb, p1, pass 2nd st on right needle over st just purled, ytb slip st on right needle back purlwise to left needle, k2tog, k2. (Left buttonhole is for inside closure.)

WS: P3, cast on 1 st, work as established to last 3 sts, cast on 1 st, p3.

205 (239, 261, 283, 295, 325) sts rem: 53 (64, 73, 81, 83, 93) sts rem between front edge and 1st m 21 (23, 23, 25, 27, 29) sts rem for each sleeve, 57 (65, 69, 71, 75, 81) sts rem for back.

NECKLINE SHAPING

Right Front Neckline

***Next RS row:** K3, sl 3 sts just worked purlwise back to LH needle. (Alternatively, sts may be worked using dpn's, sliding sts to right tip of needle at end of row. Also see Glossary - Tip for slipping I-cord.)

RS: K2, ssk, sl 3 sts just worked purlwise back to LH needle.

Rep from * 2 more times.

RS: K2, ssk, sl 3 sts just worked purlwise back to LH needle.

Rep last row until 32 (37, 40, 43, 46, 49) sts rem before 1st m.

RS: K2, ssk, work rem of row as Dec Row A, that is: *work to 3 sts before m, ssk, k2, k2tog; rep from * through all markers, work to end.

Begin Left Front Neckline on the very next row. While working Left and Right Neckline AT THE SAME TIME work raglan Dec Row A every complete RS row 7 (8, 8, 8, 8, 8) more times.

Left Front neckline

***WS:** P3, sl 3 sts just worked purlwise back to LH needle. (Also see Glossary - Tip for slipping I-cord.)

WS: P2, p2tog, sl 3 sts just worked purlwise back to LH needle.

Rep from * 2 more times.

WS: P2, p2tog, sl 3 sts just worked purlwise back to LH needle.

Rep last row until 30 (35, 38, 41, 44, 47) sts rem before 1st m.

WS: P2, p2tog, kkpp to last 4 sts, ssp, p2.

Neckline shaping - Right and Left together

RS: K2, ssk, sl 3 sts just worked purlwise back to LH needle.

Rep last row 3 (3, 3, 6, 6, 9) more times.

RS: K2, ssk, work (following raglan shaping) to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2.

WS: P2, p2tog, sl 3 sts just worked purlwise back to LH needle.

Rep last row 3 (3, 3, 6, 6, 9) more times.

WS: P2, p2tog, kkpp to last 4 sts, ssp, p2.

***RS:** K2, ssk, sl 3 sts just worked purlwise back to LH needle.

Rep last row 1 (1, 2, 2, 3, 3) more time(s).

RS: K2, ssk, work to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2.

WS: P2, p2tog, sl 3 sts just worked purlwise back to LH

needle.

Rep last row 1 (1, 2, 2, 3, 3) more time(s).

WS: P2, p2tog, k2pp to last 4 sts, ssp, p2.

Rep from * 1 (2, 2, 2, 2, 2) more time(s).

***RS - Dec Row:** K2, ssk, work to end.

WS - Dec Row: P2, p2tog, work to end.

Rep from * 3 more times ending after a WS row. Last RS row of Neckline Shaping should correspond with last RS row of Raglan Shaping. 4 sts rem for each front section, 5 (5, 5, 7, 9, 11) sts rem for each sleeve, 41 (47, 51, 53, 57, 59) sts rem for back.

Attached I-cord

Work attached I-cord along back neckline as follows:

RS: K2, ssk, sl 3 sts just worked purlwise back to LH needle.

Rep last row until 6 sts rem. Graft or stitch 3 right sts together with 3 left sts.

FINISHING

Inside Closure

With crochet hook, make slip knot and slip stitch just inside right shoulder. Chain 16 (adjust count to fit). Cut yarn, leaving a 24" tail. Use tapestry needle to stitch flat button to end of chain. With crochet hook and remainder of yarn tail, slip stitch along chain back to seam. Secure.

Sew remaining buttons in place.

Stitch underarm seams.

Weave in loose ends. Wash or rinse and lay flat to dry.

GLOSSARY

Tip for binding off stitches at sleeve underarm and sweater body underarm

For a tidier bind off that seams together nicely at the end, kfb into the last stitch before the first stitch to be bound off; work the first stitch to be bound off then pass the knit-in-back portion of the previous stitch over it (this doesn't count as a bound off stitch since the stitch passed over was an "extra" stitch; its presence eliminates the usual gap that can occur at the beginning of a bind off). Continue to bind off until 1 stitch remains to be bound off, slip that already worked stitch back purlwise to the left needle where it will be worked behind the next stitch in a k2tog.

Tip for slipping I-cord

When slipping the 3 I-cord stitches, slipping the first 2 together will prevent the first stitch from getting stretched out of shape. When working the Left Front the third stitch may remain on the right needle, inserting the left needle into it to complete the first purl of the next row.

Abbreviations

beg: beginning

cont: continue

dec('d): decrease(ed)

dpn's: double-pointed needles

fol: follow(ing)

inc('d): increase(ed)

k: knit

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together (1 stitch decreased)

kfb: knit in front then in back of the same stitch (1 stitch increased)

kkpp: knit in knit stitches and purl in purl stitches, working all stitches as the appear

LH: left hand

LLI: (left lifted increase): with left-hand needle, pick up stitch 2 rows below stitch just worked, and knit into it (1 stitch increased)

m('s): marker(s)

p: purl

p2tog: purl 2 together (1 stitch decreased)

patt: pattern

pm: place marker

rem: remaining

rep: repeat

RLI: (right lifted increase): with left-hand needle, pick up stitch in row below next stitch and knit into it (1 stitch increased)

rnd: round

RS: right side

sl: slip

ssk: slip 2 stitches separately and knitwise, insert left needle knitwise into 2 slipped stitches knitting those 2 stitches together (1 stitch decreased)

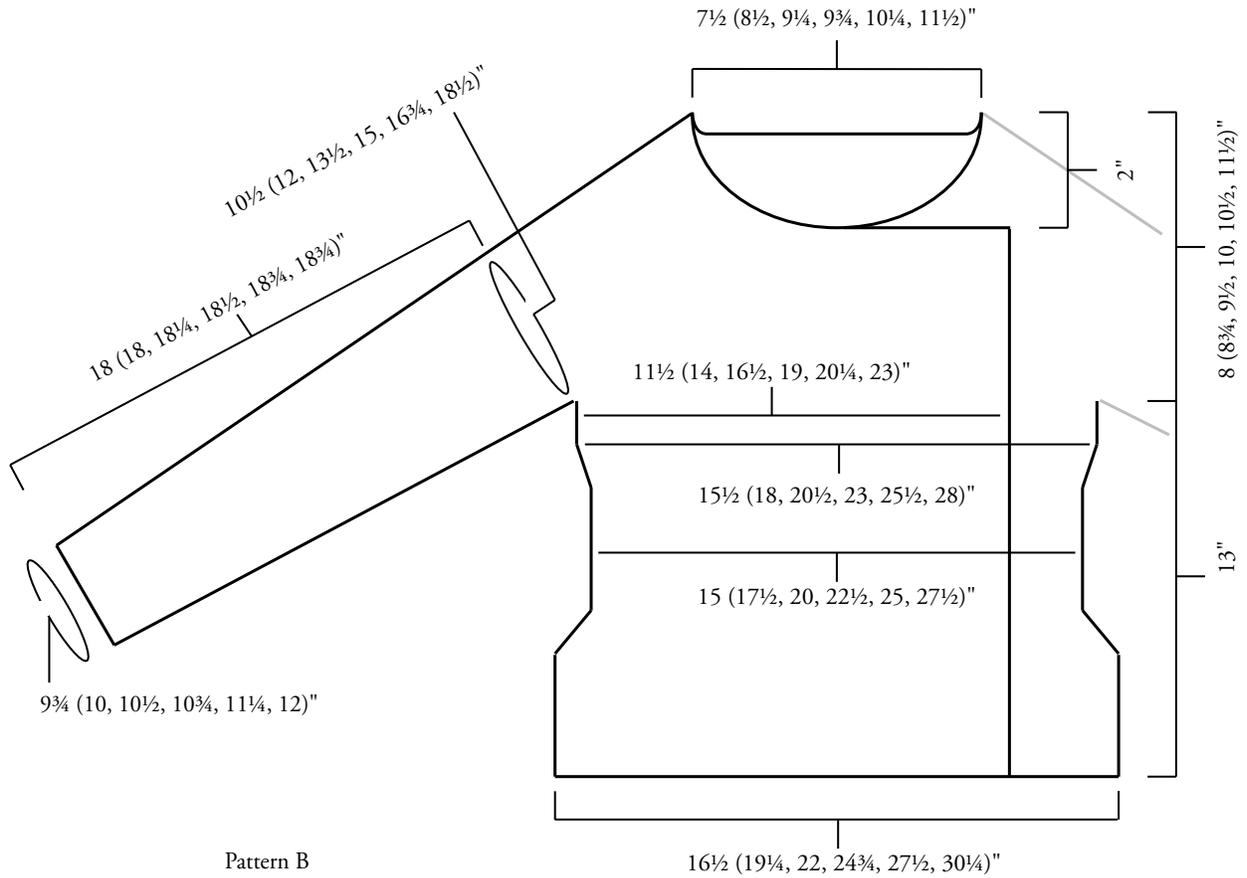
ssp: slip 2 stitches separately and knitwise, slip 2 slipped stitches together knitwise back to left needle, purl those 2 stitches together (1 stitch decreased)

st(s): stitch(es)

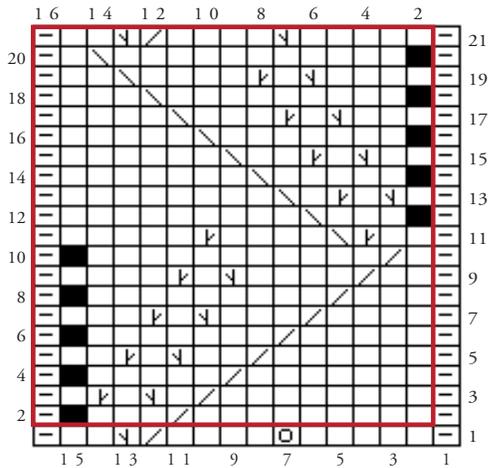
St st: stockinette st, or knit on right side and purl on wrong side of fabric

yfb: bring yarn to the back of the fabric

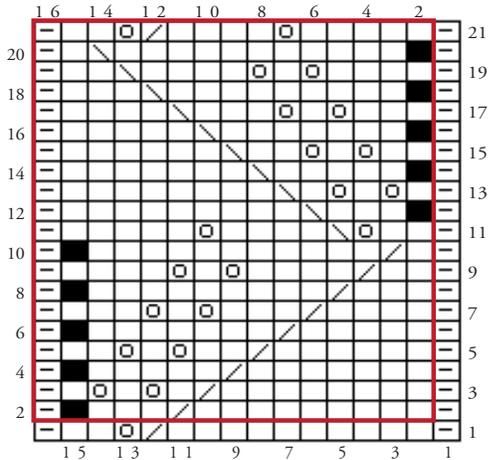
WS: wrong side



Pattern B



Pattern A



Legend

- knit on odd rows and all rounds, purl on even rows
- purl on odd rows and all rounds, knit on even rows
- k2tog on odd rows and all rounds, p2tog on even rows
- ssk on odd rows and all rounds, ssp on even rows
- yarnover
- LLI (left lifted increase)
- RLI (right lifted increase)
- empty space holder - no stitch
- pattern repeat

Read charts from right to left on odd rows and all rounds;
read charts from left to right on even rows.

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