



THE CAFÉ SWEATER

KNITTING PATTERN

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PT. 1

SUPPLIES

The supplies below are linked to online places to purchase for convenience.

- **Knitting Needles:** U.S. Size 4 (3.5 mm) circular knitting needles in the following lengths: 16" (40.64 cm), 24" (60.96 cm), and 36"+ (91.44 cm) and Four U.S. Size 4 (3.5 mm) double-pointed knitting needles, to work the sleeve cuffs. *Or any needle size to obtain the gauge measurements provided below.*
- **Yarn:** Light-Weight (Category 3) yarn **held together** with Super-Fine (Category 1) yarn. The yarn used in the photographed sweater is Sugarbush "Drizzle" yarn in the color "Mudpie" held together with Yarn Bee 44th Street yarn in the color "Camel". **Approx. Number of skeins per size:** **XS:** Sugarbush: 4, 44th Street: 2; **S:** Sugarbush: 4, 44th Street: 2; **(M: Sugarbush: 5, 44th: 2);** **L:** Sugarbush: 5, 44th Street: 2; **XL:** Sugarbush: 5, 44th Street: 3; **2XL:** Sugarbush: 5, 44th Street: 3; **3XL:** Sugarbush: 5, 44th Street: 3; **4XL:** Sugarbush: 5, 44th Street: 3; **5XL:** Sugarbush: 6, 44th Street: 3.
- **Yarn Yardage** (*approximates per size; the measurements provided are the total yardage including both yarns held together*): **XS:** 1395 yards (1275.588 meters); **S:** 1420 yards (1298.448 meters); **(M: 1452 yards (1327.7088 meters));** **L:** 1520-1595 yards (1389.888-1458.468 meters); **XL:** 1650-1695 yards (1508.76-1549.908 meters); **2XL:** 1725-1800 yards (1577.34-1645.92 meters); **3XL:** 2090 yards (1911.096 meters); **4XL:** 2195 yards (2007.108 meters). **5XL:** 2240 yards (2048.256 meters).
- Scissors
- 8 stitch markers (*7 regular stitch markers to place around the raglan stitches and 1 unique stitch marker to mark the end-of-the-round. Alternately, use 4 open crochet stitch markers to attach inside the raglan stitch to locate it; so long as you have a system*)
- Tapestry/Darning Needle (*to slip the sleeve stitches onto scrap yarn and to weave in any loose ends*)
- Two pieces of approx. 20" (50.8 cm) long scrap yarn that is Light-Weight (Category 3) (*to slip the sleeve stitches onto using a tapestry needle*)

RECOMMENDED BUT NOT REQUIRED

- Row counter (*to count each round/row knitted and to stay on track*)
- Knitting Needle Point Protectors (*to prevent the stitches from slipping off the needles*)
- U.S. Size 4 (3.5 mm) 9" (22.86 cm) circular knitting needles (*as an alternate method of knitting the sleeves*)





ABBREVIATIONS + STITCH GLOSSARY

Some of the stitches and techniques below are linked to corresponding video tutorials for reference.

- **CO:** Cast on
 - **Note:** The beginning of the sweater may be cast on using the Long-Tail CO method or any preferred method. But to cast on the stitches at the underarm, use the Single Cast On method.
- **St(s):** Stitch(es)
- **K:** Knit
- **P:** Purl
- **Invisible Join Technique on Circular Needles**
- **Yo:** Yarn over (an increase stitch)
 - **Note:** A yarn over ("YO") is worked identically on the right side and the wrong side of the work.
- **German Short Rows ("GSR")** ([Pattern Pt. 2] Creates neck shaping for the back neck/shoulders of the sweater, which results in a naturally scooped neckline in the front for proper fitting of the sweater)
- **K1tbl:** Knit one stitch through the back loop (a twisted stitch)
- **Creating The Double-Knit Collar** (Pattern Pt. 1: Collar/Neck; Rnd 26)
- **Sleeve And Body Division** (Pattern Pt.4)
- **Picking Up Stitches At The Underarm & Joining For Sleeves** (Pattern Pt. 6)
- **1x1 Half Twisted Rib(bing):** Created by alternating one knit stitch through the back loop (k1tbl) with one regular purl stitch.
- **Pw wyif:** Purl-wise with the working yarn in the front of the work (refers to the method of slipping a stitch)
- **Stockinette Stitch**



ABBREVIATIONS + STITCH GLOSSARY CONTINUED

Some of the stitches and techniques below are linked to corresponding video tutorials for reference.

- **K2tog**: Knit two stitches together (*a decrease stitch*)
- **P2tog**: Purl two stitches together (*a decrease stitch*)
- **“ / Cm(s)**: Inch(s) / Centimeter(s)
- **Stockinette Stitch** (*the stitches comprising most of the sweater; achieved in the round by knitting each stitch in each round*)
- **WS/ RS**: Wrong side of the work / Right side of the work
- **Rep**: Repeat
- **Rem**: Remain
- **Pm**: Place marker (*place down one stitch marker*)
- **Sm(s)**: Stitch marker(s)
- **Ssm**: Slip the stitch marker over. When reaching a stitch marker, simply slip that stitch marker over from the left needle to the right working needle and continue with the work. This effectively keeps/holds the location of the stitch marker in the work throughout.
- **Ribbing Bind Off** (*creates a slightly more stretchy bind off edge*)
- **Rnd(s)**: Round(s)
- **Weaving in loose ends**
- **BO**: Bind off

For information about other terms within the knitting pattern, such as asterisks, brackets, and parenthesis, visit our [Learn](#) page [here](#).



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PT. 4

METHOD + OTHER

- **Overview:** The Café Sweater is classic raglan sweater that is knitted seamlessly top-down on circular knitting needles. The sweater first begins with the collar/neck, then the yoke and raglan increases are worked next, then the sleeves are divided from the body, then the body is worked, and lastly the sleeves are worked.
- **Shaping:** There is neck shaping for this sweater that is worked via German Short Rows. These short rows create neck shaping for the back neck/shoulders of the sweater, which results in a naturally scooped neckline in the front, so the sweater fits and lays properly when worn. This sweater is worked straight, with the bust circumference remaining the same down to the hips, so there is no bust or waist shaping. The sleeves of the sweater are tapered for a more natural sleeve, while remaining a relaxed fitted, with decreases worked every few rounds.
- **Ease:** The sweater has approximately 6.5"-9" (16.51-25.4 cm) of positive-ease at the bust and is designed as a relaxed-fitting, slightly oversized sweater with a boxy shape.
- **Sizing:** The sizes of the sweater – XS, S, **(M)**, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL – correspond sequentially to the numbers provided within the pattern. *Tip: Highlight all the numbers corresponding to the size you plan to knit for quick referencing.* The number bolded inside the parenthesis “**()**” corresponds to a size **Medium**. The Essential Sweater in the photos was knitted in the size Medium on a model with an approx. bust of 34” (86.36 cm) and waist of 26” (66.04 cm).
- **Yarn Held Together:** The sweater is knitted with two yarns held together at the same time: one strand of Light-Weight (Category 3) will be held together with one strand of Fine-Weight (Category 1) yarn throughout the entire pattern.
- **Sizing:** The sizes of the sweater – XS, S, **(M)**, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL – correspond sequentially to the numbers provided within the pattern. *Tip: Highlight all the numbers corresponding to the size you plan to knit for quick referencing.* The number bolded inside the parenthesis “**()**” corresponds to a size **Medium**. The Café Sweater in the photos was knitted in the size Medium on a model with an approx. bust of 34” (86.36 cm) and waist of 26” (66.04 cm).

GAUGE

- Approx. 27 rounds x Approx. 20 sts = Approx. 4” (10.16 cm).
 - *Note: Gauge was measured after briefly steam-blocking the finished Café Sweater, on the front body Stockinette Stitches. Gauge is not particularly critical for this pattern.*



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PT. 5

SIZING + DIMENSIONS

- **Size Guide:** The sweater has approx. 6.5"-9" (16.51-25.4 cm) of positive-ease, meaning it is designed to be 6.5"-9" (16.51-25.4 cm) larger in circumference than your bust measurement. To determine your size, measure yourself with a measuring tape around your bust, then refer to the two sections below, "Your Bust Circumference" and "Bust Circumference of Finished Sweater" to determine which size to knit. *Example: If you measure 34" bust, choose a size M to knit because a size M has a bust circumference of 42" (106.68 cm) which would give you 8" (20.32 cm) of positive ease.* **Note:** The sizes and measurements are approximates only. The sweater in the photos was knitted in the size Medium on a model with an approx. bust of 34" (86.36 cm).
- **Your Bust Circumference:** 27"-30" (68.58 cm - 76.2 cm), 30 ½" -33" (77.47 cm - 83.82 cm), **(33 1/2" -36") (85.09" cm - 91.44" cm)**, 37 ½"-39 ½" (95.25 cm - 100.33 cm), 40"-43" (101.6 cm - 109.22 cm), 43 ½"-47 ½" (110.49 cm - 120.65 cm), 48"-51" (121.92 cm - 129.54 cm), 52"-58" (132.08 cm - 147.32 cm), 59"-64" (149.86 cm - 162.56 cm).
- **Bust Circumference of Finished Sweater** (*measurements are approximates*): Approx. 37" (93.98 cm), 39" (99.06 cm), **42" (106.68 cm)**, 45" (114.3 cm), 50" (127 cm), 52" (132.08 cm), 55" (139.7 cm), 60" (152.4 cm), 64" (162.56 cm).
- **Note:** The sizes of the sweater – XS, S, **(M)**, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL—correspond sequentially to the numbers provided within the pattern. The number bolded inside the parenthesis "**()**" corresponds to a size **Medium**. The Café Sweater in the photos was knitted in the size Medium on a model with an approx. bust of 34" (86.36 cm) and waist of 26" (66.04 cm). **Tip:** Highlight all the numbers corresponding to the size you plan to knit for quick referencing.



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PT. 6

SIZING TIP

- When working the raglan increases for the yoke of the sweater, the sweater may be continually tried on to assess if it is the appropriate size (*see photos below*). The yoke of The Café Sweater should fit comfortably over the shoulders and underneath the arms with approx. 6.5"-9" (16.51-25.4 cm) of positive ease. For example, if knitting a size Medium, the sweater may be tried on after Rnd 46 (Size XS), Rnd 48 (Size S), and **Rnd 52 (Size M)** to see if it is fitting comfortably. To size up, work a few more repeats in the Raglan Increases section of the pattern or work up to Rnd 60 (Size L).



PATTERN



PT. 1

COLLAR / NECK

- With 16" (40.64 cm) circular knitting needles, cast on 90, 90, **(90)**, 94, 98, 98, 100, 102, 106 stitches. Join in the round. If joining in the round using the Invisible Join Technique (*a video tutorial is linked to in the Stitch Glossary section above*), then first cast on 91, 91, **(91)**, 95, 99, 99, 101, 103, 107 stitches. Place down a unique end-of-the-round stitch marker to mark the end of each round. *[90, 90, (90), 94, 98, 98, 100, 102, 106 sts rem]*
- **Collar Rnds 1-25:** *K1tbl, p1, repeat from * around (*i.e., Half Twisted Rib*). *[90, 90, (90), 94, 98, 98, 100, 102, 106 sts rem]*
- **Collar Rnd 26:** * Tuck/fold the bottom cast on edge inside where the live stitches on the knitting needles are. Line up the stitches evenly, so that one stitch from the cast on edge lines up with the corresponding live stitch on the knitting needle. Slip the first stitch from the cast on edge onto the left knitting needle. Then k2tog (*i.e., knit the slipped stitch and the second stitch on the left knitting needle together*). Then repeat from * around until all the stitches have been worked. ***A helpful video tutorial is linked to in the Stitch Glossary above and [here](#).** *[90, 90, (90), 94, 98, 98, 100, 102, 106 sts rem]*
- **Collar Rnd 27 (Yoke Setup):** All the stitches will be knitted in the round, and stitch markers will be placed down periodically to divide the front and back panels and sleeves accordingly:
 - **Begin:** Place down a unique end-of-the-round stitch marker, knit 9, 9, **(9)**, 10, 11, 11, 11, 12, 13 sts, pm, k1, pm, knit 34, 34, **(34)**, 35, 36, 36, 37, 37, 38 sts, pm, k1, pm, knit 9, 9, **(9)**, 10, 11, 11, 11, 12, 13 sts, pm, k1, pm, knit 34, 34, **(34)**, 35, 36, 36, 37, 37, 38 sts, pm, k1. *[90, 90, (90), 94, 98, 98, 100, 102, 106 sts rem]*
 - ✓ **Tip:** *The raglan stitches are the stitches located inside the stitch markers. One raglan stitch is flanked by two stitch markers.*
 - ✓ **Note:** *Alternately, use 4 open crochet stitch markers to attach inside each raglan stitch to locate the raglan stitch. So long as you have a system for identifying the raglan stitches, so you know where to work the increase stitches (*i.e., "yo"*) around it.*





GERMAN SHORT ROWS

Note: For the German Short Rows (“GSR”), only some of the stitches in a round will be worked before turning the work over and working back in the other direction on the WS of the work (i.e., “short rows”). This creates neck shaping for the back neck/shoulders of the sweater, which results in a scooped neckline in the front, so the sweater fits and lays properly when worn. ***A helpful video tutorial is linked in the Stitch Glossary section above and [here](#).**

Step 1

- **Row 1 (RS):** Yo, knit to the next stitch marker, yo, ssm, k1, ssm, yo, k2 *. Turn the work and wrap the first stitch via the GSR Technique. *[3 sts increased]*
 - **Wrapping The Stitch Via The GSR Technique On The RS:** Slip the first stitch on the left knitting needle onto the right knitting needle *pw wyif*. Then pull the working yarn up and over the slipped stitch that is now on the right knitting needle (i.e., wrapping the stitch). Then proceed forth with Row 2 (WS).
- **Row 2 (WS):** Purl to the end-of-the-round stitch marker. Slip over the end-of-the-round stitch marker, p1, ssm, yo, purl to the next stitch marker, yo, ssm, p1, ssm, yo, purl to the next stitch marker, yo, ssm, p1, ssm, yo, p2 *. Turn the work and wrap the first stitch via the GSR Technique. *[5 sts increased]*
 - **Wrapping The Stitch Via The GSR Technique On The WS:** Slip the first stitch on the left knitting needle onto the right knitting needle *pw wyif*. Then pull the working yarn up and over the slipped stitch that is now on the right knitting needle (i.e., wrapping the stitch). Then proceed forth with Row 3 (RS). **Note:** The yarn over (“yo”) stitches are worked identically on the RS and WS of the work.
- **Row 3 (RS):** Knit back to the end-of-the-round stitch marker. *[0 sts increased]*

Step 2

- **Row 1 (RS):** Repeat Step 1 Row 1 (RS) above up to the *, then knit up to the wrapped GSR stitch and knit the GSR stitch. Then k3, k3, **(k3)**, k3, k3, k3, k4, k4 past the knitted GSR stitch. Turn the work and wrap the first stitch via the GSR Technique. *[3 sts increased]*
- **Row 2 (WS):** Repeat Step 1 Row 2 (WS) above up to the *, then purl up to the wrapped GSR stitch and purl the GSR stitch. Then p3, p3, **(p3)**, p3, p3, p3, p4, p4 past the purled GSR stitch. Turn the work and wrap the first stitch via the GSR Technique. *[5 sts increased]*
- **Row 3: (RS)** Knit back to the end-of-the-round stitch marker. *[0 sts increased]*

Next: Repeat Step 2 Rows 1-3 above 4, 4, **(4)**, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, more times. *[138, 138, (138), 142, 146, 146, 148, 150, 162 sts rem]*

RAGLAN INCREASES

Next, the yoke of the sweater will be worked. This is comprised of two rounds; one increase round that is worked **every other round** by increasing on either side of each raglan stitch with a yarn over (“yo”) followed by one round in Stockinette Stitch. **Eight** stitches are increased on every increase round.

- **Raglan Rnd 1 (Increase rnd):** Yo, knit to the next stitch marker, yo, ssm, k1, ssm, yo, knit to the next stitch marker, yo, ssm, k1, ssm, yo, knit to the next stitch marker, yo, ssm, k1, ssm, yo, knit to the next stitch marker, yo, ssm, k1. [146, 146, **(146)**, 150, 154, 154, 156, 158, 170 sts rem]
- **Raglan Rnd 2:** Knit all the stitches in the round (i.e., Stockinette Stitch). [146, 146, **(146)**, 150, 154, 154, 156, 158, 170 sts rem]
- **Raglan Rnds 3 – Rnd 46, 48, (52), 60, 68, 74, 82, 90, 104:** Repeat Raglan Rnds 1 and 2. [314, 322, **(338)**, 374, 410, 434, 468, 502, 570 sts rem]
 - **Tip:** Do not fret if your stitch count is not exact to the stitch count provided within the pattern. It will not make a noticeable difference in the overall fit and look of the finished Café Sweater.
 - **Note:** When working the yoke raglan increases, the stitch count will continually grow, so the circular knitting needle lengths will need to be long enough to accommodate the stitches on the needles. The needle lengths will need to be switched out from 16” (40.64 cm), 24” (60.96 cm), and 36”+ (91.44 cm) and so on to accommodate the growing stitches as more rounds of the sweater are knitted.
 - **Tip:** To make The Café Sweater larger, simply work more repeats of Rnd 1 & 2 to grow the yoke of the sweater to the preferred size. The sweater can be continually tried on to assess the size. See “Sizing Tip” section on the third page of the pattern for reference.





SLEEVE + BODY DIVISION

Next, the sleeve stitches will be slipped onto scrap yarn by threading the scrap yarn into a darning/tapestry needle, weaving that darning/tapestry needle through all the live sleeve stitches, and then slipping all those live sleeve stitches onto that scrap yarn and holding those stitches aside to be worked later. The rest of the body of the sweater will continue to be worked in the round. ***A helpful video tutorial is linked to [here](#)**

- **Sleeve + Body Division Step 1:** Remove the end-of-the-round stitch marker. Slip the sleeve stitches (*not including the next raglan stitch*) onto scrap yarn using the tapestry needle. **Cast on 8 stitches** via Single Cast On at the underarm and join via the Invisible Join Technique (*video tutorials for both techniques are provided in the Stitch Glossary section above*) [7 sleeve sts rem]. Knit the body stitches, which includes the raglan stitches. When the other sleeve is reached, slip those sleeve stitches onto scrap yarn (*not including any raglan stitches*) in the same manner. **Cast on 8 stitches** via Single Cast On and join via the Invisible Join Technique [7 sleeve sts rem]. Then knit the body stitches, which include the raglan stitches. Remove the last stitch marker and replace it with the unique end-of-the-round stitch marker. [65, 67, **(71)**, 80, 89, 95, 103, 111, 129 sleeve stitches per sleeve rem]
 - **Note:** During this portion of the pattern, take off the rest of the stitch markers as the round is worked, keeping only the unique end-of-the-round stitch marker.
 - **Note:** The body stitches include the raglan stitches; therefore, do not slip the raglan stitches onto the scrap yarn with the rest of the sleeve stitches. Instead, knit the raglan stitches with the body stitches.
 - **Tip:** Do not fret if your stitch count is not exact to the stitch count provided in the pattern. It will not make a noticeable difference in the overall fit and look of the finished Café Sweater.
- **Body Step 2:** Continue knitting the body of the sweater in Stockinette Stitch (*i.e., knitting every stitch in the round*) until the length starting at the underarm reaches approx. 11" (27.94 cm), 11.5" (29.21 cm), **11.5" (29.21 cm)**, 11.75" (29.845 cm), 12" (30.48 cm), 12" (30.48 cm), 12.50" (31.75 cm), 12.50" (31.75 cm), 13" (33.02 cm), or to any desired length. [188, 202, **(210)**, 218, 230, 238, 252, 264, 286 body sts rem]
 - **Tip:** The body of the sweater can be made longer or shorter by knitting more or less rounds in Stockinette Stitch before beginning the bottom ribbing on the next page.





BOTTOM RIBBING

- **Ribbing Setup:** Knit all the stitches around, while decreasing 6, 6, **(6)**, 6, 8, 10, 12, 12, 14 stitches via k2tog. [192, 196, **(204)**, 222, 238, 258, 248, 264, 280, 312 body sts rem]
 - **Tip:** Try to space out the decrease stitches (i.e., “k2tog”) around as evenly as possible. They do not need to be spaced out perfectly; it will not make an overall difference in the look and size of the finished sweater.

Next, the bottom ribbing of the sweater will be worked. To work the bottom 1x1 Half Twisted Ribbing, an even-number of stitches are required on the knitting needles. If at this time, an odd-number of stitches are currently on the knitting needles, work one decrease stitch (e.g., k2tog) before continuing on with the pattern instructions below.

- **Ribbing Rnds 1-21:** *K1tbl, p1, repeat from * around (i.e., 1x1 Half Twisted Rib). [192, 196, **(204)**, 222, 238, 258, 248, 264, 280, 312 body sts rem]
- **Ribbing Rnd 22:** Bind off all stitches in ribbing, or any preferred bind off method. Break yarn, and weave in any loose ends.



SLEEVES + CUFFS

- **Sleeves Setup:** With 16" (40.64 cm) circular knitting needles, pick up **9 stitches** at the underarm, and then pick up the rest of the arm stitches that were held on the scrap yarn. Remove the scrap yarn, and then join at the underarm using the Invisible Join Technique so that **8 stitches remain** at the underarm. [73, 75, **(79)**, 88, 97, 103, 111, 119, 137 sleeve stitches on each sleeve rem] ***A helpful video tutorial is linked to [here](#).**
- **Next:** Place down the unique end-of-the-round stitch marker. Then knit all the stitches in the round (*i.e.*, *Stockinette Stitch*) until the length starting at the underarm reaches approx. 14" (35.56 cm), 14.5" (36.83 cm), **14.5" (36.83 cm)**, 15" (38.1 cm), 15 ¼" (38.735 cm), 15.5" (39.37 cm), 15.75" (40.005 cm), 15.75" (40.005 cm), 16" (40.64 cm) or to any desired length. [73, 75, **(79)**, 88, 97, 103, 111, 119, 137 sleeve stitches rem]
- **Next:** Knit all the stitches in the round, while decreasing 19, 19, **(21)**, 30, 39, 43, 50, 58, 75 sts via k2tog. [54, 56, **(58)**, 58, 58, 60, 61, 61, 62 sleeve stitches rem]
 - **Tip:** Try to space out the decrease stitches (*i.e.*, "k2tog") as evenly as possible. The location of the decrease stitches is not critical, but it is best to space them out every few stitches to avoid the fabric from bunching.
 - **Tip:** If preferred, switch from using the 16" (40.64 cm) circular needles to using DPNs or 9" (22.86 cm) circular knitting needles to accommodate the smaller number of stitches currently being knitted.

Next, the cuff of the sleeve will be worked. To work the bottom 1x1 Half Twisted Ribbing, an even-number of stitches are required on the knitting needles. If at this time, an odd-number of stitches are currently on the knitting needles, work one decrease stitch (*e.g.*, k2tog) before continuing on with the pattern instructions below.

- **Cuff Rnds 1-15:** *K1tbl, p1, repeat from * around (*i.e.*, *1x1 Half Twisted Rib*). [54, 56, **(58)**, 58, 58, 60, 61, 61, 62 sleeve stitches rem]
- **Cuff Rnd 16:** Bind off all stitches in ribbing, or any preferred bind off method. Break yarn and weave in any loose ends.

Next: Repeat the sleeve instructions on this page for the other sleeve to complete the sweater.





BLOCKING, CARE, + OTHER NOTES

- **Identifying the front from the back of the sweater when wearing:** When the sweater is lying flat or hung up with the raglan yarn over stitches aligned on the front and back sides, the neckline for the front of the sweater will dip/scoop slightly downward, which is an indication of the front of the sweater. The back of the sweater will not have a pronounced scoop and will lay slightly above the front neckline instead. **Tip:** *Attach a handmade tag [like this one](#) to the inside back of the sweater for easy identification of the back from the front of the sweater.*
- **Steam-blocking:** The photographed sample Café Sweater was briefly and gently steam-blocked using [an electric steamer](#). Although steam or wet blocking is unnecessary for the finished sweater, it is recommended to at least gently steam-block the finished Café Sweater to allow the fabric to soften and for the stitches to look neater once it is completed. Swiftly move the steamer across the fabric of the sweater, holding it approx. 5" (12.7 cm) away from the fabric.
- **Wet-blocking:** Soak the finished sweater in cool water with a squirt of fabric softener or [wool soap](#) for approx. 20-30 minutes, then gently towel-wring out the excess water and lay the sweater flat pinned onto [blocking mats](#) to dry for a few hours or overnight.
- **Cleaning:** As with all hand-knitted items, it is best to gently hand-wash the item and lay it flat to dry. If using the recommended yarn listed in the "Supplies" section above, the finished sweater may be washed on the delicate cycle only with cold water and then laid flat to dry. It is always recommended to use a laundry delicates' bag [like this one](#) to wash all hand-knitted garments in. Refer to the yarn label for specific instructions on washing and care for the yarn you chose to knit The Café Sweater with.
- **Video Tutorial + Tips:** Watch a video tutorial of our favorite wet-blocking process [here](#). To learn more about the blocking process we recommend, including items and tools we use to block, visit our page [here](#).

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