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TOVE SWEATER

Tove is an oversized drop-shoulder sweater with a loose fit. The long and tight ribbed cuff and hem create a balloon-like silhouette on both body and sleeves.

It is worked with Mohair in fisherman's rib for a more trendy effect.

It is knitted bottom up and the sleeves are knitted by picking up the stitches from the body.

The shoulder seam is worked at the end by joining the live stitches to a saddle seam worked in stockinette stitch.

This shoulder construction adds a more steady and structured feel to the sweater.

The model on the picture is 169 cm tall and wears a size 2.

Yarn

12 (12, 13, 13, 14, 14, 15, 15, 15, 16) skeins of KidSilk Lace Gregoria Fibers (25g = 230 yards/210 m) (73% superkid mohair, 27% silk).

The sweater is worked holding three strands of yarn together. Sample shown in colourway Ballerina.

Needles

US 8 / 5 mm 32 or 40"/80 or 100 cm circular needles for pattern no.1.

US 6 / 4 mm 16 or 24"/40 or 60 cm circular needles for ribbing.

You will also need US 6 / 4 mm DPNs to work the shoulder seam.

Gauge

14 stitches x 14 rows = 4" / 10 cm on US 8 / 5 mm needles in pattern no.1 worked in the round after blocking.

Gauge is crucial for this project. Make sure you achieve gauge by changing needle size if necessary.

Sizes

1 (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)

The sweater is recommended to be worn with approximately 12-13.6" (30-34 cm) positive ease (already included in the pattern.)

Finished bust circumference: 47.6 (49.6, 51.6, 55.2, 59.2, 63.2, 67.2, 71.2)" [119 (124, 129, 138, 148, 158, 168, 178) cm].

Final body length from center front neckline 21.6 (22, 22.2, 22.6, 22.8, 23, 23, 23.6)" [54 (55, 55.5, 56.5, 57, 57.5, 57.5, 59) cm].

Sizes 1 (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8) are intended to fit a real bust circumference of about 85 (90, 95, 104, 114, 124, 134, 144) cm.

Notions

Stitch markers, scrap yarn or stitch holders, tapestry needle.



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ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
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| BO: bind off | P: purl |
| BOR: beginning of round | P1B: purl one below |
| cm: centimeter | pm: place a marker |
| CO: cast on | RS: right side |
| K: knit | rep: repeat |
| K2tog: knit 2 together | st/sts: stitch/stitches |
| K2tog tbl: knit 2 together through the back loop | WS: wrong side |
| K1B: knit 1 below | |
| m: marker | |
| M1R: make one right (increase) | |

INSTRUCTIONS

Knit 1 below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-IPfnvGQNk>

Saddle shoulders

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A52-qXCjWQE>

Tubular cast-on

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=agTSFhO_P_E

Pattern no.1 (knit in the round)

Row 1: *K1, P1* rep from * to end.
Row 2: *K1B, P1* rep from * to end.
Row 3: *K1, P1B* rep from * to end.
Repeat rows 2 & 3.

Pattern no. 2 (knit flat)

Row 1: *K1B, P1* rep from * to end.
Row 2: *K1B, P1* rep from * to end.
Repeat row 2 across.

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RIBBING

Using smaller needles, CO 132 (138, 144, 152, 160, 176, 184, 188) sts loosely using the tubular cast on. Join to work in the round. Be careful not to twist the stitches. Place a marker to indicate BOR and another one at 66 (69, 72, 76, 79, 87, 92, 94) sts. Work in ribbing *(K1tbl, P1) to end. Repeat until rib measures approx. 3.9" (10 cm).

BODY

Change to larger needles and work an increase of 32 (32, 32, 36, 42, 42, 46, 56) sts evenly.

Total 164 (170, 176, 188, 202, 218, 230, 244) sts.

Begin knitting in pattern no.1 in the round until body measures 10.6 (10.6, 10.6, 11, 11, 11.4, 11.8, 12.2)" [27 (27, 27, 28, 28, 29, 30, 31) cm] from CO edge.

Bind of 2 sts on both sides of markers. Remove markers. 8 sts dec'd

78 (81, 84, 90, 97, 105, 111, 118) sts for each piece

Divide for front and back

Divide the body and start knitting front and back flat.

BACK

Work in pattern no. 2 until your work measures 7.1 (7.1, 7.1, 7.5, 7.5, 7.9, 7.9, 8.3)" [18 (18, 18, 19, 19, 20, 20, 21) cm] from division. You can knit, purl, slip knitwise or purlwise the first stitch for a more clearly defined edge.

Note: make sure to stay in pattern. If your following st is a purl st, start working on a purl, or a knit if your following st is a knit st.

End with a WS row.

Total 78 (81, 84, 90, 97, 105, 111, 118) sts.

Next row (RS): K4 sts, place them on hold with some waste yarn, k2tog, work in pattern until last 6st, k2tog, place the last 4 sts on hold with some waste yarn.

Total 68 (71, 74, 80, 87, 95, 101, 108) sts on the needles.

Row 1 (WS): K2tog, work in pattern until 2 sts remain. Then, K2tog. (2 sts dec'd)

Row 2 (RS): K2tog, work in pattern until 2 sts remain. Then, K2tog. (2 sts dec'd)

Total: 64 (67, 70, 76, 83, 91, 97, 104) sts on the needles.

Repeat these two rows until there are 24 (27, 30, 32, 35, 35, 37, 36) sts on the needles.

Bind them off. These will be the back neck stitches.

NOTE.- The pattern requires you to work the neckband at the end. You can either leave these sts on hold using some waste yarn or bind them off and pick them up later (recommended).

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FRONT

Take the front 78 (81, 84, 90, 97, 105, 111, 118) sts and start working knit back and forth using pattern no. 2 until your work measures 7.1 (7.1, 7.1, 7.5, 7.5, 7.9, 7.9, 8.3)'' [18 (18, 18, 19, 19, 20, 20, 21) cm] from division. You can knit, purl, slip knitwise or purlwise the first stitch for a more clearly defined edge.

Note: make sure to stay in pattern. If your following st is a purl st, start working on a purl, or a knit if your following st is a knit st.

End with a WS row.

Next row (RS): K4, place these 4 sts on a scrap yarn, k2tog, continue working in pattern until 6 sts, k2tog, put the last 4sts on a scrap yarn.

Total 68 (71, 74, 80, 87, 95, 101, 108) sts on the needles.

Row 1 (WS): k2tog, work in pattern until 2 sts remain. Then, K2tog (2 sts dec'd).

Row 2 (RS): k2tog, work in pattern until 2 sts remain. Then, k2tog. (2 sts dec'd).

Repeat row 1 once more. (2 sts dec'd).

Total: 62 (65, 68, 74, 81, 89, 95, 102) sts.

NECK SHAPING

Next row (RS): K2tog, work in pattern over 22 (22, 23, 24, 26, 29, 32, 35) sts, BO 14 (17, 18, 22, 25, 27, 27, 28) sts, work in pattern over 22 (22, 23, 24, 26, 29, 32, 35) sts, K2tog. Place the first 22 (22, 23, 24, 26, 29, 32, 35) sts on hold using some waste yarn and continue working both sides separately.

Right front

Row 1 (WS): K2tog, work in pattern to the end.

Row 2 (RS): Work in pattern until 2 sts remain, K2tog.

Repeat these two rows a total of 7 (7, 8, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14) times.

Repeat row 1 once more.

Next row: K2tog and BO remaining sts.

Left front

Place the 22 (22, 23, 24, 26, 29, 32, 35) sts of your left front back on the needles. With the RS facing, rejoin yarn.

Row 1 (RS): k2tog, work in pattern to end.

Row 2 (WS): Work in pattern until 2 sts remain, k2tog.

Repeat these two rows a total of 7 (7, 8, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14) times.

Repeat row 1 once more.

Next row: K2tog, BO remaining sts.

SHOULDER SEAMS

Using DPNs, pick up 22 (22, 23, 24, 26, 29, 32, 35) sts from the front shoulder seam. Place the 8 live sts on hold with a second DPN, and pick up 22 (22, 23, 24, 26, 29, 32, 35) sts from the back shoulder seam with the third DPN.

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Set up row:

With both RS facing:

Move first st from DPN number 1 to DPN number 2, k3tog, knit until 2 sts remain, K3tog (2 sts from DPN number 2 and 1 st from DPN number 3).

Total 6 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2 (RS): Slip 1 st from DPN number 1, K2tog, knit until you have 2 sts on DPN number 2, k2tog (one stitch from DPN number 2 and one from DPN number 3).

Repeat these two rows until 6 sts remain. Then BO 6 sts.

Repeat the instructions for the other shoulder seam.



Using DPNs, pick up 22 (22, 23, 24, 26, 29, 32, 35) sts from the front shoulder seam. Place the 8 live sts on hold with a second DPN, and pick up 22 (22, 23, 24, 26, 29, 32, 35) sts from the back shoulder seam with the third DPN.



Set up row:
With both RS facing.
Move first st from DPN number 1 to DPN number 2.



K3tog.



Knit until 2 sts remain, K3tog (2 sts from DPN number 2 and 1 st from DPN number 3).



Total 6 sts



Row 1 (WS): Purl

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Row 2 (RS): Slip 1 st from DPN number 1, K2tog.



Knit until you have 2 sts on DPN number 2 (one st from DPN number 2 and one from DPN number 3).



K2tog.
Repeat these two rows until 6sts remain. BO 6 sts.

NECKLINE

With smaller needles, pick up 74 (78, 82, 90, 98, 102, 106, 110) sts evenly along the neckline.

Work in ribbing (k1tbl, p1) for 3.4" (9 cm).

Bind off loosely.

Fold the rib and sew the bind-off edge on the inside for a folded neckband.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXSHBWL4FKo>

SLEEVES

(Both sleeves are worked alike)

Pick up 52 (52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 60, 60) sts on larger needles evenly along the sleeve opening on the body and place a M at the underarm to indicate BOR.

Work in pattern no. 1 in the round until sleeve measures 12.8 (12.8, 12.8, 13.1, 13.1, 13.1, 13.5, 13.5)" [32.5 (32.5, 32.5, 33.4, 33.5, 33.5, 34.5, 34.5) cm] from underarm or until you reach 1.5" (4 cm) less than desired length.

Ribbing set up

Decrease round: Knit all sts while decreasing evenly a total of 22 (22, 24, 24, 24, 25, 25, 25) sts.

You now have 30 (30, 30, 32, 34, 35, 35, 35) sts on your needles.

Change to smaller needles and start working in rib (k1tbl, p1) until cuff measures 1.5" (4 cm).

Bind off in pattern.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Wet block your sweater by spraying it or gently placing it in lukewarm water. Dry flat.

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