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First of all, thank you so much for test knitting this pattern! I am already overwhelmed by how many have shown interest in this pattern, and it just feels incredible.

The inspiration for this pattern was a blouse that I bought when I moved to Gothenburg many years ago - It was a black chiffon thing with the most beautiful snake print on it. I wore it as often as I could, and it has been my favorite thing in my wardrobe for a very long time...aaand after many years, it's falling apart at the seams and the size barely fits me anymore. Long story short, I needed to replace it, and knitting a sweater with snakes on it felt like the best idea.

Tools

- ★ Circular knitting needle, 80 cm or longer, 4,5 mm or any size that gets you the correct gauge. Referred to in pattern as stockinette needle.
- ★ Circular knitting needle, any length, 3,5 mm, two sizes smaller than the stockinette needle. Used for the 1x1 rib sections on the neckband , hem and cuffs. Referred to in pattern as “rib needle”
- ★ Tapestry needle for weaving in ends
- ★ Scissors

Abbreviations

- ★ K - knit
- ★ P - purl
- ★ K2tog - knit 2 stitches together
- ★ Ssk - slip one stitch knitwise, slip it back to the left hand needle purlwise, knit 2 stitches together through the back loop
- ★ M1 - make a new stitch. I use the M1L technique for all my new stitches, but you can use any preferred method of creating new stitches, as long as it won't leave holes in the fabric.
- ★ BOR - beginning of round
- ★ SM - slip marker
- ★ RS/WS - right side, wrong side
- ★ MDS - make double stitch (used in the short row section)
- ★ DS - double stitch

Sizes

This pattern comes in 6 sizes.

To find your size, measure the circumference of your bust using a tape measure. If you usually wear bras, wear one while measuring. Then, choose whichever sweater size below that is 10-15 cm/4-6 inches larger than your bust measurement. If another area of your torso is larger than your bust (stomach/upper pelvis), measure that area and use it to find your size instead of your bust measurement.

- ★ A: 90 cm/35 inches
- ★ B: 100 cm/39 inches
- ★ C: 110 cm/43 inches
- ★ D: 120 cm/47 inches
- ★ E: 129 cm/50 inches
- ★ F: 135 cm/53 inches

Yarn and gauge

Horizontal gauge: 20st=10cm/4" in stockinette stitch, after washing and blocking.

Vertical gauge: 20 rows=10cm/4" in stockinette stitch, after washing and blocking.

(If you can't get your horizontal and vertical gauge to match up perfectly, what matters most is that your horizontal gauge is accurate! If your horizontal gauge is somewhere around 18-22 rows=20 cm, your sweater will still fit well)

Your gauge should be the exact same for both the colorwork section and the plain stockinette sections. You may need to use different needle sizes for the different sections of the sweater, so make sure to get gauge swatches for both the colorwork chart and the plain stockinette.

This pattern uses sport weight yarn, I used Järbo 2 tr Ull which is a 100% wool yarn, 100 gram=300 meters. I held it double with a silk mohair yarn (25 gram=210 meters), for added fuzz and softness.

Since this pattern will require blocking, I recommend that you use a yarn with a high wool content.

Recommended amount of yarn:

Color A is the base color for the whole sweater, and color B is used for the snakes.

- ★ A: 900 meters of color A, 150 meters of color B
- ★ B: 1000 meters of color A, 150 meters of color B
- ★ C: 1100 meters of color A, 150 meters of color B
- ★ D: 1200 meters of color A, 175 meters of color B
- ★ E: 1300 meters of color A, 175 meters of color B
- ★ F: 1400 meters of color A, 200 meters of color B

The required amount of yarn will vary based on the preferred length of your sweater and the height of the person it's made for - I can never guarantee that the yarn estimation is 100% accurate.

Casting on

Using the tubular cast on method, cast on the following number of stitches onto your rib needle:

Sizes A-C: 90 st

Sizes D-F: 96 st

Video guide for the tubular cast on: [\(6\) Tubular Cast On - YouTube](#)

Join your work in the round, and place a marker at the beginning of the round.

Knit in 1x1 rib until your work measures 6-12 cm, depending on personal preference.

1x rib: (K1,P1), repeat until end of round

Short rows

Switch to your stockinette needle and knit one row before working the short rows.

This pattern uses German short rows to add some height to the back of the sweater.

Video guide for German short rows: [\(6\) German Short Rows Tutorial | Purl Soho - YouTube](#)

Short row 1(RS): Knit 10, turn

Short row 2(WS): MDS, Purl back to BOR, SM, P10, turn

Short row 3(RS): MDS, Knit back to BOR, SM, K14, turn

Short row 4(WS): MDS, Purl back to BOR, SM, P14, turn

Short row 5(RS): MDS, Knit back to BOR, SM, K18, turn

Short row 6(WS): MDS, Purl back to BOR, SM, P18, turn

Short row 7(RS): MDS, Knit back to BOR, SM, K22, turn

Short row 8(WS): MDS, Purl back to BOR, SM, P22, turn

Short row 9(RS): MDS, Knit back to BOR, SM, K26, turn

Short row 10(WS): MDS, Purl back to BOR, SM, P26, turn

Short row 11(RS): MDS, Knit back to BOR, turn

Work one round of stockinette, resolving all double stitches as you go. You should still have the same amount of stitches as before the short rows.

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All sizes: Knit one more round in stockinette stitch.

Increase round: (Size A-E)

Size A: (K10, M1), (9 st increased, 99 st)

Size B-C: K4, (K3, M1), repeat until last 5 st, K5 (27 st increased, 117 st)

Size D-E: (K2, M1, K3, M1), repeat until last 6 st, (K2, M1), repeat 3 times (39 st increased, 135 st)

After knitting increase round 1, knit 2 rounds in stockinette, and move on to the colorwork chart.

Increase rounds: (Size F)

Increase round 1: (K3, M1, K2, M1, K2, M1), repeat to last 5 st, K3, M1, K2 (40 st increased, 136 st)

After knitting increase round 1, knit 3 rows in stockinette.

Increase round 2: (K8, M1)(17 st increased, 153 st)

After knitting increase round 1, knit 2 rounds in stockinette, and move on to the colorwork chart.

Colorwork

Size A,B,D and F:

Work row 1-49 on chart A.

Size C and E:

Work row 1-49 on chart B.

In the charts, color A is shown in white, and color B is green.

Stitch count after knitting chart A/B:

- ★ A: 275
- ★ B: 325
- ★ C: 352
- ★ D: 375
- ★ E: 405
- ★ F: 425

After working the entire colorwork chart, it's time to split up the body and sleeves. Before doing that, measure your work from the neckband edge to the bottom of your work to ensure that it's long enough to fit comfortably. Measure your work at the middle of the front side, not including the neckband.

Your work should be at least 26/28/28/28/30/30 before you split up the body and sleeves. If you need to add more length, knit a few more rounds until your work is long enough. I recommend trying on the yoke to ensure that it fits right, before splitting the body and sleeves.

Splitting the body and sleeves

At this point, we are knitting one round in stockinette, moving the sleeve stitches over to waste yarn or spare needles. Directly after moving the sleeve stitches off your needle, the underarm stitches are added.

Size A:

Knit 41 st, move 55 st, CO 8, knit 83 st, move 55 st, CO 8, knit 41 st

Size B:

Knit 46 st, move 70 st, CO 8, knit 93 st, move 70 st, CO 8, knit 46 st

Size C:

Knit 51 st, move 73 st, CO 8, knit 103 st, move 73 st, CO 8, knit 51 st

Size D:

Knit 56 st, move 75 st, CO 8, knit 113 st, move 75 st, CO 8, knit 56 st

Size E:

Knit 61 st, move 81 st, CO 8, knit 121 st, move 81 st, CO 8, knit 61 st

Size F:

Knit 65 st, move 82 st, CO 8, knit 131 st, move 82 st, CO 8, knit 65 st

Body

After splitting the body and the sleeves, you should have the following amount of stitches on your needles:

181 st/201 st/221 st/241/259 st/277 st

Knit in stockinette until the body section is long enough for your preferred fit.

When the body section of your sweater is done, switch to your rib needle and knit the waistband.

Setup row for the waistband: K2tog, P1, (K1,P1), repeat until end of round. (1 st decreased, the sleeve now has an even number of stitches)

Keep knitting in 1x1 rib until the waistband is long enough for your preferred fit. I recommend making the waistband 6-12 cm, although this depends on personal preference.

Bind off the waistband using the Italian bind off technique:

Video guide: [\(593\) Invisible Ribbed Bind Off, for 1x1 Knit Ribbing - YouTube](#)

Sleeves

Pick up 4/4/4/4/4/6/6 stitches from the cast on edge at the arm hole, starting at the middle. Knit in stockinette stitch until the end of the round, and pick up another 4/4/4/4/4/6/6 stitches. (63/78/81/83/89/90/100/107/117 stitches)

To knit the sleeves, repeat the rows below until your sleeve is long enough to reach 10 cm above your wrist. Try on your sleeves as you go - if you feel that your sleeve is getting too tight, don't do any more decreases, just knit in stockinette until the sleeve is long enough.

Size A-C:

Row 1-9: Knit all stitches.

Row 10: Ssk, knit until 2 st before end of round, K2tog. (2 stitches decreased for every 10 rows)

Size D-F:

Row 1-7: Knit all stitches.

Row 8: Ssk, knit until 2 st before end of round, K2tog. (2 stitches decreased for every 8 rows)

Cuffs

Setup row for Size A/C/D/E: (K1,P1), repeat until 3 st before end of round, K1, P2tog (1 st decreased, the sleeve now has an even number of stitches)

Knit in 1x1 rib until the cuff is 12 cm.

Finishing the sweater

Weave in the yarn tails using a tapestry needle. Wash and block the sweater to smooth out the colorwork section. Wear your sweater, brag about how you made it yourself, and enjoy the compliments :)

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