

# le knit

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## Vita sweater



*Vita sweater is an engaging lacy pattern, where pattern and fit work together closely. Therefore the pattern can only be found with a single stitch count, and the sweater's size and fit are dependent on which yarn and gauge it is made in. Here Vita is shown in 3 different yarn combinations, which gives it a circumference of 112, 119 and 133 cm [44, 47 and 52 inches] respectively.*

### Sizes

(A) B (C)

### Sweater measurements

Bust circumference:

(112) 119 (133) cm  
(44) 47 (52) inches

Length, approx.:

(50) 54 (59) cm  
(20) 21 (23) inches

Sleeve, approx:

(43) 38 (37) cm

### Yarn and yarn quantity

Yarn A, bust circumference 112 cm [44 inches]

Filcolana Tilia and Saga:

Tilia 336 latte: 250 g

Saga 977 marzipan: 200 g

Worked in 1 strand Saga and 2 strands Tilia.



Yarn B, bust circumference 119 cm [47 inches]

Filcolana Saga and Tilia:

Saga 977 marzipan: 350 g

Tilia 336 latte: 125 g

Worked in 2 strands Saga and 1 strand Tilia.

Yarn C, bust circumference 133 cm [52 inches]

Sandnes Garn Alpakka Ull and Tynn Silk Mohair

Alpakka Ull 2511 mandel: 550 g

Tynn Silk Mohair 2511 mandel: 250 g

Worked in 1 strand Alpakka Ull and 2 strands Tynn Silk Mohair.

### Yarn description

Filcolana Saga: 100% wool, 50 g = 300 m.

Filcolana Tilia: 70% kid mohair, 30% silk, 25 g = 210 m.

Sandnes Garn Tynn Silk mohair: 57% mohair, 28% silk, 15% wool, 25 g = 212 m.

Sandnes Garn Alpakka Ull: 65% alpaca, 35% wool, 50 g = 100 m.

### Recommended needles

Yarn A: Circular needles 5 mm, 40, 60 and 80 cm [US8, 16, 24 and 32 inches]. Circular needle 4 mm, 40 cm [US6, 16 inches].

Yarn B: Circular needles 5,5 mm, 40, 60 and 80 cm [US9, 6, 24 and 32 inches]. Circular needle 4,5 mm, 40 cm [US7, 16 inches].

Yarn C: Circular needles 7 mm, 40, 60 and 80-100 cm [US10,5, 16, 24 and 32-40 inches]. Circular needle 5 mm, 40 cm [US8, 16 inches].

### Gauge

Yarn A: 1 pattern = 8 cm [3 inches] x approx. 7,5 cm [3 inches] on needle 5 mm [US8].

Yarn B: 1 pattern = 8,5 cm [3,5 inches] x approx. 8 cm [3 inches] on needle 5,5 mm [US9].

Yarn C: 1 pattern = 9,5 cm [3,75 inches] x approx. 10 cm [4 inches] on needle 7 mm [US10,5].

### Swatch

Cast on 35 sts for a swatch and follow the chart for swatch. The outer st on both sides is an edge-st and knit on alle rows. Edge-sts are no included in the chart and do not form part of the lacy pattern. Work until the swatch approx. 15 cm [6 inches]. Bind off.

The lacework pattern will grow after washing, so wash and dry your swatch before measuring the gauge.

**M1R:** Pick up the strand of yarn between stitches with the left needle from back to front. Knit this stitch in the front leg of the stitch (like a normal knit stitch) = 1 st increased.

**M1L:** Pick up the strand of yarn between stitches with the left needle from front to back. Knit this stitch in the back leg of the stitch (like a twisted knit stitch) = 1 st increased.

**SSK:** Slip-slip-knit: Slip 1 stitch knitwise, then slip the next stitch knitwise as well (make sure you slip them one at a time). Pass the stitches back to the left needle and knit them together through the back loop = 1 st decreased.

**SSSK:** Worked like an SSK but slip 3 stitches one at a time (instead of 2).

**SSP:** Slip-slip-purl: Slip 2 stitches knitwise, return these 2 stitches to left needle, and purl them together through back loops.

### Construction note

Vita sweater is worked from the bottom up on circular needles. The body is worked first, then the sleeves. The sleeves have increases around the elbow.

The sts for the body and sleeves are then put on the same circular needle. The yoke is then worked in pattern with raglan decreases.

The yoke is finished with a neckband in rib, which can either be folded double as shown on sweater A and B or single without a fold as shown on sweater C.

The length is measured at the centre-back, not including the neckband.

Sleeve length is measured from the bottom edge to the start of the raglan.

### Body

Cast on 224 sts on circular needle (5) 5,5 (7) mm, 80 cm [US (8) 9 (10,5), 34 inches].

Work pattern following chart A = 14 patterns in the round.

Work (4) 3 (3) patterns in height (the work measures approx. (31) 29 (32) cm [(12) 11,5 (12,5) inches] or until the body is approx. (19) 21 (24) cm [(7,5) 8,25 (9,5) inches] shorter than the desired length. End with the chart's top round (by the arrow for "finish body").

Put the first 112 sts on one circular needle and the last 112 sts on another circular needle (or stitch cable). The work is now divided into back and front. Leave sts to rest while working the sleeves.

### Left sleeve

Cast on 50 sts on circular needle (5) 5,5 (7) mm, 40 cm [US (8) 9 (10,5) inches].

Work pattern following chart B = 3 patterns in the round + 1 st extra by the start of the round and 1 st extra by the end of the round (i.e. outside the pattern repeat). Follow the chart row by row.

Turn the paper a quarter to the right to read the chart.

When chart B is complete, the pattern should line up in the round again (= 6 patterns, 96 sts).

Continue following chart A (begin by the arrow for sleeve for the selected size). Work (1½) 1½ (½) patterns = (30) 30 (10) rounds, i.e.. end by arrow for "end sleeve".

Move the start of round marker 1½ pattern to left, i.e. move 24 sts from left to right needle without working or twisting them.

Leave all sts to rest while you work right sleeve.

### Right sleeve

Worked like the left sleeve. When the sleeves are worked, move the start of round marker 1½ pattern to right, i.e. move 24 sts from right to left row without working or twisting them.

### Yoke

Put all pieces on the same circular needle (or hold sts from each piece on its own circular needle until the first rounds of the yoke are worked, so you avoid difficulties at the joins): 112 sts for the back, 96 sts for the left sleeve, 112 sts for the front and 96 sts for the right sleeve = 416 sts.

The first st on every piece is now a raglan-st. Purl this sts on all rounds.

Continue following chart C. Follow the chart row by row. Turn the paper a quarter to the right to read the chart.

Note that raglan sts are not shown in the chart.

On every section, start at the right of the chart by "begin", work to "repeat" and work the repeat section as many times as possible, then work the last sts to the left of the repeat section, so you end where it says "end".

Note: Tighten the working yarn well by the start of the round. Also tighten well on the rounds in the pattern where you have 3 rounds of raglan decreases in a row.

When chart C has been worked once in height, work the marked rounds a further 3 times, but finish when one round of the chart remains = 104 sts. Work the charts top round but knit the purl-sts = 96 sts.

Change to circular needle (4) 4,5 (5) mm, 40 cm [US (6) 7 (8), 16 inches]. Decrease on next round: \*p1, k1, p2tog, k1, p1, k2tog, p1, SSK, p1, k1, SSP, k1\*. Work from \* to \* a total of 6 times = 72 sts.

Work in rib (p1, k1) for 9 cm.

Sizes A and B: now the neckband will be folded and knitted down. Pick up sts (with a thinner circular needle and without the yarn). Pick up 1 st in every second stitch (every purl-st) along cast-on edge = 36 sts. Hold the 2 circular needles together, so the rib section is folded in half. \*p1 (= 1<sup>st</sup> st from neckband), knit the 1<sup>st</sup> st from each needle together\*. Repeat from \* to \* to end of round and at the same time cast off all sts. Note: Make sure the folding of the neck band and cast-off are not too tight, or the sweater will not fit over your head.

Size C: Bind off sts in rib (p1, k1).

Swatch

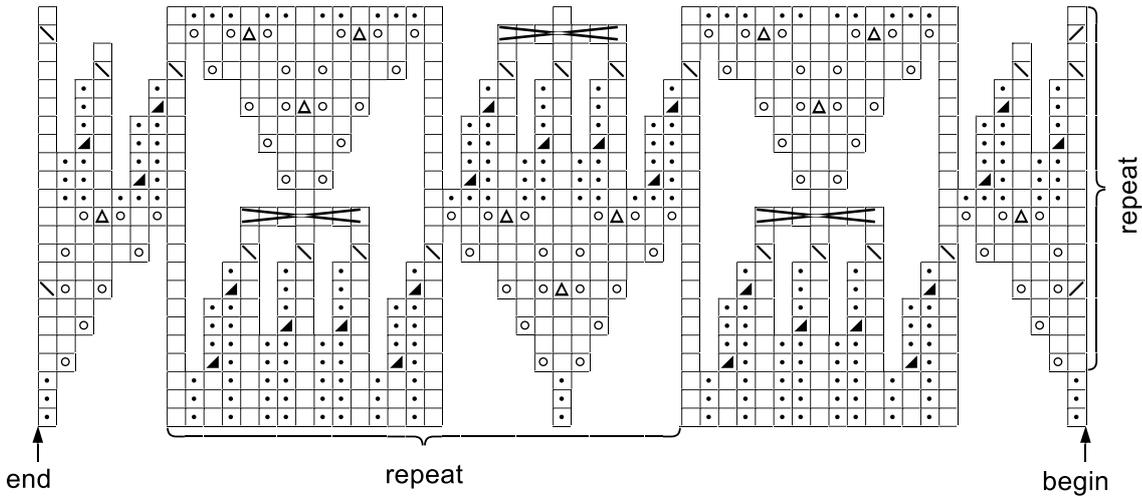


Chart A

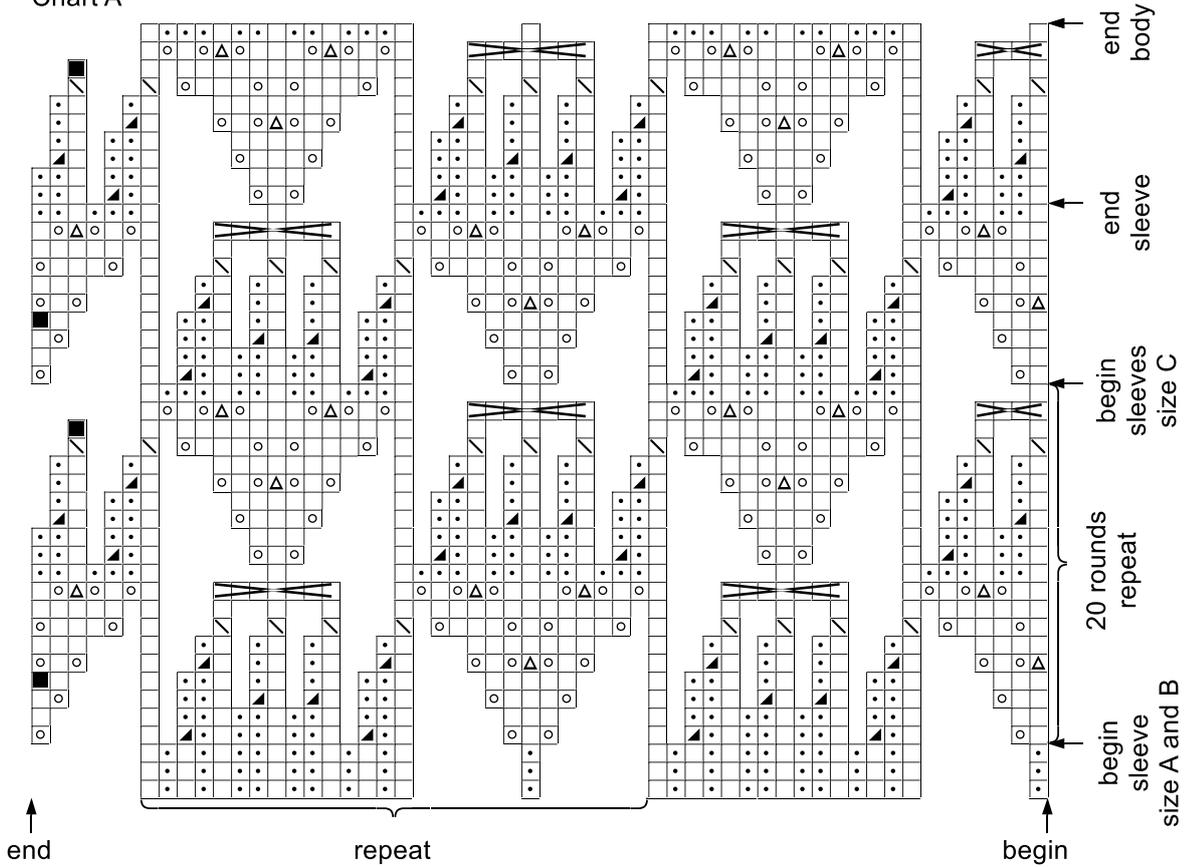


Chart B

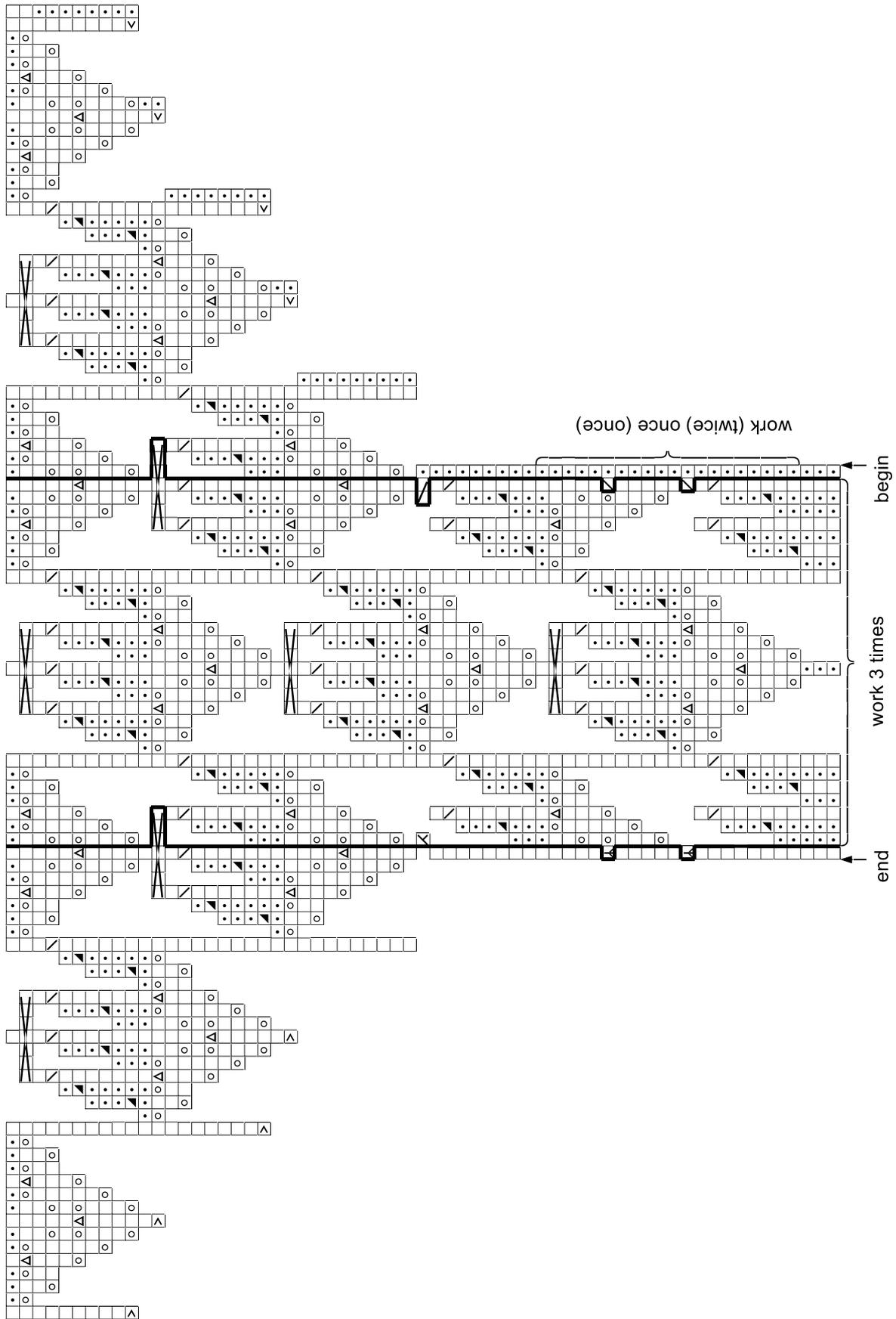
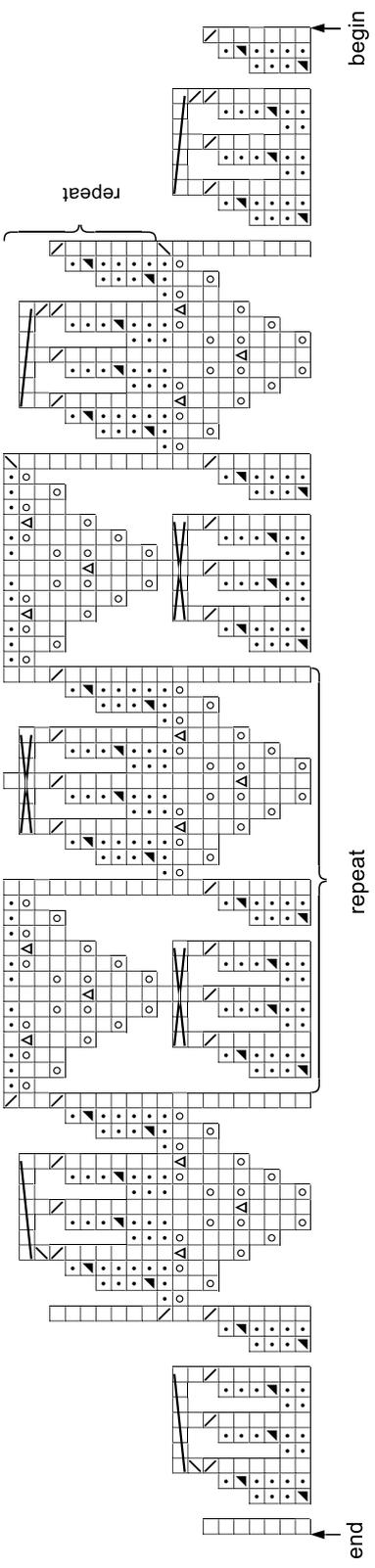


Chart C



- Knit on RS, purl on WS.
- Purl on RS, knit on WS.
- Yarn over.
- m1L.
- m1R.
- Slip 2 sts knitwise (as if to knit tog), k1, pass slipped sts over.
- p2together.
- k2together.
- SSK.
- Slip 2 sts knitwise (as if to knit tog), k1, pass slipped sts over. At the end of round work instead: Slip 1 st purlwise onto a cable needle, keep needle hang in front of work, k1, then knit st from cable needle
- Slip 2 sts knitwise (as if to knit tog), k1, pass slipped sts over. At the end of round work instead SSK.



Use last st from previous round to make this decrease, i.e. end previous round when 1 st remains. Then slip 2 sts knitwise (as if to knit tog), k1, pass slipped sts over. The marker is then moved back before this stitch.



Slip 2 sts knitwise (as if to knit tog), k1, pass slipped sts over.



k3together.



SSSK.



Slip 1 st purlwise onto a cable needle, keep cable needle in front of work, k1, then knit st from cable needle.



Do not work this st (last st in round) but use it in the decrease at the start of the next round. The marker will then be moved back before this stitch.

In the empty spaces there are no sts on your work, so these should be ignored.

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