Knitting for Olive

Waffle Sweater

Sizes: XS (S, M, L, XL)

Finished measurements: Length from shoulder to edge: approx. 52 (54, 56, 58, 62) cm [20½ (21¼, 22, 22¾, 24½)]"; circumference at bust: approx. 86 (94, 102, 110, 118) cm [34 (37, 40, 43¼, 46½)]"; sleeve length from underarm to cuff: approx. 44 (45, 46, 45, 44) cm [17¼ (17⅕, 18, 17½, 17¾)]"

Yarn: 3 strands together of Knitting for Olive Soft Silk Mohair (70 % mohair, 30 % silk; 225 m [246 yd] per 25 gr [0.88 oz]) lace yarn; 10 (11, 12, 12, 13) balls

Sample is in size S, in Knitting for Olive Soft Silk Mohair, Trenchcoat colorway

Needles: 3.5 mm / US4, 4.5 mm / US7 and 5.5mm / US9 circular needles, and 3.5 mm / US4 and 5.5 mm / US9 double-pointed needles, in size to obtain gauge

Gauge: 14 sts and 23 rows = 10 cm [4"] in Waffle Stitch Pattern with 5.5 mm / US9 needles

Notions: Stitch holder or waste yarn, stitch markers, tapestry needle

Special techniques:

Our Knitting for Olive tutorial for German Short-Rows, clearly demonstrating the technique, can be found here (in Danish): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9encEthft8E&t=78s

Constructions notes:

Our Waffle Sweater, knit in pure silk mohair, is soft and light, and features an easy-to-make allover eyelet ribbing design that is neatly finished at the hems with a deep ribbed neckline and edges. The all-around relaxed ease at the body, sleeves and neckline compliments the sweater's airy texture.
The Waffle Sweater is worked seamlessly from the top down with 3 strands of our Soft Silk Mohair held together. Short rows shape the back, and the raglan construction adds an element of design to the lace pattern. The length of the body and sleeves can easily be adjusted.
Waffle Yoke and Waffle Stitch Pattern are charted only.

Waffle Yoke Chart notes:

The Waffle Yoke Chart shows the interplay between the Waffle Stitch Pattern repeat and the raglan shaping. The Waffle Stitch Pattern repeat is easily memorized, and is repeated a different number of times depending on sweater section and size. As stitches increase, you incrementally work additional repeats of Waffle Stitch Pattern throughout the yoke as required.

Ribbed Neckband

With 5.5 mm / US9 needle and using 3 strands of Soft Silk Mohair held together, cast on 84 sts
Join for working in the round, being careful not to twist sts. Place BOR marker

Change to 4.5 mm / US7 needle
Round 1: (k1, p1) to end of round
Repeat Round 1 until neckband measures 2 cm [¾"]

Change to 3.5 mm / US4 needle
Continue in rib pattern as established until neckband measures 8 cm [3"] from cast on edge

Change to 4.5 mm / US7 needle
Continue in rib pattern as established until neckband measures 10 cm [4"] from cast on edge

Fold neckband in the middle, and with left needle pick up first st from cast on edge, and knit this stitch together with next stitch on left needle; with left needle, pick up next stitch from cast on edge, and purl this stitch together with next stitch on left needle

Continue as described until all sts from the cast on edge have been worked together with the sts on your left needle. Work all sts in rib pattern

Yoke

Change to 5.5 mm / US9 needle
Raglan Set up Round (inc round): *K1, p2, yo, k1, p2; repeat from * 1 more time, pm; repeat from * 3 times, pm; repeat from * 4 times, pm; repeat from * 3 times, pm ; repeat from * 2 times, place BOR marker [14 sts increased] = 98 sts

Short row and Raglan shaping
Note: Work double stitches as 1 stitch (see Special techniques)

Short Row 1 (RS)*: *Work sts as they appear (i.e. knit the knits, purl the purls, and work yo as k1) to marker, m1, sm, k1, m1; repeat from * 1 more time, p1, tw [4 sts increased]

Short Row 2 (WS): Ds, p2, sm, p1, (k2, yo, p2tog, k2, p1) to 1 st before next marker, p1, sm, p1; (k2, yo, p2tog, k2, p1) to BOR m, sm, *work sts as they appear (i.e. knit the knits and purl the purls) to 1 st before next marker, m1p, p1, sm, m1p; repeat from * 1 more time, k1, tw [4 sts increased]

Short Row 3: Ds, k1, sm, k1, *(k1, p2, k2tog, yo, p2) to 1 st before next marker, k1, sm, k1, (k1, p2, k2tog, yo, p2) to BOR, sm, *work sts as they appear (i.e. knit the knits, purl the purls, and work yo as k1) to next marker, m1, sm, k1, m1; repeat from * 1 more time, k1, purl ds, p1, tw [4 sts increased]

Short Row 4: Ds, k1, p1, k1, p1, sm, k1, p1, (k2, p2tog tbl, yo, k2, p1) to 2 sts before next marker, k1, p1, sm, k1, p1; (k2, p2tog tbl, yo, k2, p1) to BOR, sm, *work sts as they appear (i.e. knit the knits, purl the purls, and work yo as p1) to 1 st before next marker, m1p, p1, sm, m1p; repeat from * 1 more time, p1, knit ds, k 1, tw [4 sts increased]

Short Row 5: Ds, p1, k1, p1, sm, k1, p1, (k1, p2, yo, sl1k, k1, psso, p2) to 2 sts before next marker, k1, p1, sm, k1, p1, (k1, p2, yo, sl1k, k1, psso, p2) to BOR, sm = 114 sts
Break yarns

Waffle Yoke Chart (be sure to read the Waffle Yoke Chart notes before continuing)

Remove BOR marker, and transfer 16 sts from left to right needle. Rejoin yarns, and take note of new BOR
Set up Round: *K1, m1, p1, work Waffle Stitch Pattern repeat as required to 2 sts before marker, k1, p1, m1, sm; repeat from * 3 more times [8 sts increased] = 122 sts
Beginning with Round 3, and ending with Round 28, *work Waffle Yoke Chart to marker, sm; repeat from * 3 more times [104 sts increased] = 226 sts

Beginning with Round 1, and ending with Round 6 (10, 14, 20, 26), work Waffle Yoke Chart as established [24 (40, 56, 80, 104) sts increased] = 250 (266, 282, 306, 330) sts

Divide body and sleeves

Divide Round: *Place next 59 (63, 67, 73, 79) sleeve sts on waste yarn or stitch holder, CO 4 (7, 10, 11, 12) underarm sts, and beginning with Round 3 (3, 3, 1, 3) and stitch 3 (1, 6, 3, 7) of Waffle Stitch Pattern, work pattern across all body sts to marker; repeat from * one more time = 140 (154, 168, 182, 196) sts

Body

Round 1: Working new underarm sts in st st, work in Waffle Stitch Pattern to end of round
Next Round: Work *all* sts in Waffle Stitch Pattern to end of round
Continue in pattern as established until body measures 45 (47, 49, 51, 55) cm [17¾ (18⅕, 19½, 20, 21¾)]" from shoulder, or desired length, ending with Round 2 or 4 of Waffle Stitch Pattern
Dec Round: Work in pattern to end of round and *AT THE SAME TIME* skip and do not work the yos in pattern [20 (22, 24, 26, 28) sts decreased] = 120 (132, 144, 156, 168) sts

Ribbed Edge
Change to 4.5 mm / US7 needle
Round 1: (k1, p1) to end of round
Repeat Round 1 until edge measures 7 cm [2¾"]
Bind off loosely in rib pattern

Sleeves
Transfer 59 (63, 67, 73, 79) sleeve sts from waste yarn onto 5.5 mm / US9 double-pointed needles Distribute sts evenly across needles
Round 1: Beginning with Round 3 (3, 3, 1, 3) and stitch 3, (1, 6, 3, 7) of Waffle Stitch Pattern, work Waffle Stitch Pattern across sleeve sts, and pick up and knit 4 (7, 6, 8, 10) underarm sts from CO edge. Join for working in the round, and place BOR marker = 63 (70, 73, 81, 89) sts
Size M, L and XL only:
Next Round (dec round): Work in Waffle Stitch Pattern to last - (-, 6, 8, 10) sts, k2tog to end of round [- (-, 3, 4, 5) sts decreased] = - (-, 70, 77, 84) sts
All sizes:
Work in Waffle Stitch Pattern across all sts until sleeve measures 38 (39, 40, 39, 38) cm [15 (15¼, 15¾, 15¼, 15)]" or desired length, ending with Round 2 or 4 of Waffle Stitch Pattern

Change to 3.5 mm / US4 double-pointed needles

Cuffs
Size XS only:
Dec Round: P1, k2tog, p2tog, *k1, p2tog, k2tog, p2tog; repeat from * to last 2 sts, k1, remove BOR marker, work last st and first st of next round as k2tog, and place marker for new BOR [27 sts decreased] = 36 sts
Next Round: (k1, p1) to end of round
Size S only:
Dec Round: *K1, p2tog, k2tog, p2tog; repeat from * to end of round [30 sts decreased] = 40 sts
Next Round: (k1, p1) to end of round
Size M only:
Dec Round: P2tog, *K1, p2tog, k2tog, p2tog; repeat from * to last 5 sts, k1, p2tog, k2tog [30 sts decreased] = 40 sts
Next Round: (p1, k1) to end of round
Size L only:
Dec Round: P1, k2tog, p2tog, *k1, p2tog, k2tog, p2tog; repeat from * to last 2 sts, k1, remove BOR marker, work last st and first st of next round as k2tog, and place marker for new BOR [33 sts decreased] = 44 sts

Next Round: (k1, p1) to end of round
Size XL only:
Dec Round: P1, *k1, p2tog, k2tog, p2tog; repeat from * to last st, remove BOR marker, work last st and first st of next round as k2tog, and place marker for new BOR 36 [sts decreased] = 48 sts
Next Round: (k1, p1) to end of round

All sizes:
Repeat last round until cuff measures 6 cm [2¼"]
Bind off loosely in rib pattern

Work second sleeve the same

Finishing
Weave in all loose ends
Wash and block

We hope you enjoy knitting the Waffle Sweater!
We would love to see your finished projects! If you would like to share your work with us on Instagram, please use the hashtag #knittingforolive or tag us @knittingforolive

Abbreviations
Approx. – approximately
BOR – beginning of round
K – knit
P – purl
Co – cast on
Dec – decrease
Ds – double stitch (for German short-row technique)
Inc – increase
Yo – yarn over
K2tog – knit 2 stitches together [1 stitch decreased]
M1 – make 1 new stitch: insert left hand needle, from front to back, under the bar between last stitch on left hand needle and first stitch on right hand needle, and knit this stitch through the back loop [1 stitch increased]
M1p – make 1 new purl stitch: insert left hand needle, from front to back, under the bar between last stitch on left hand needle and first stitch on right hand needle, and purl this stitch through the back loop [1 stitch increased]
Pm – place marker
P2tog – purl 2 stitches together [1 stitch decreased]
Psso – pass slipped stitch(es) over
RS – right side
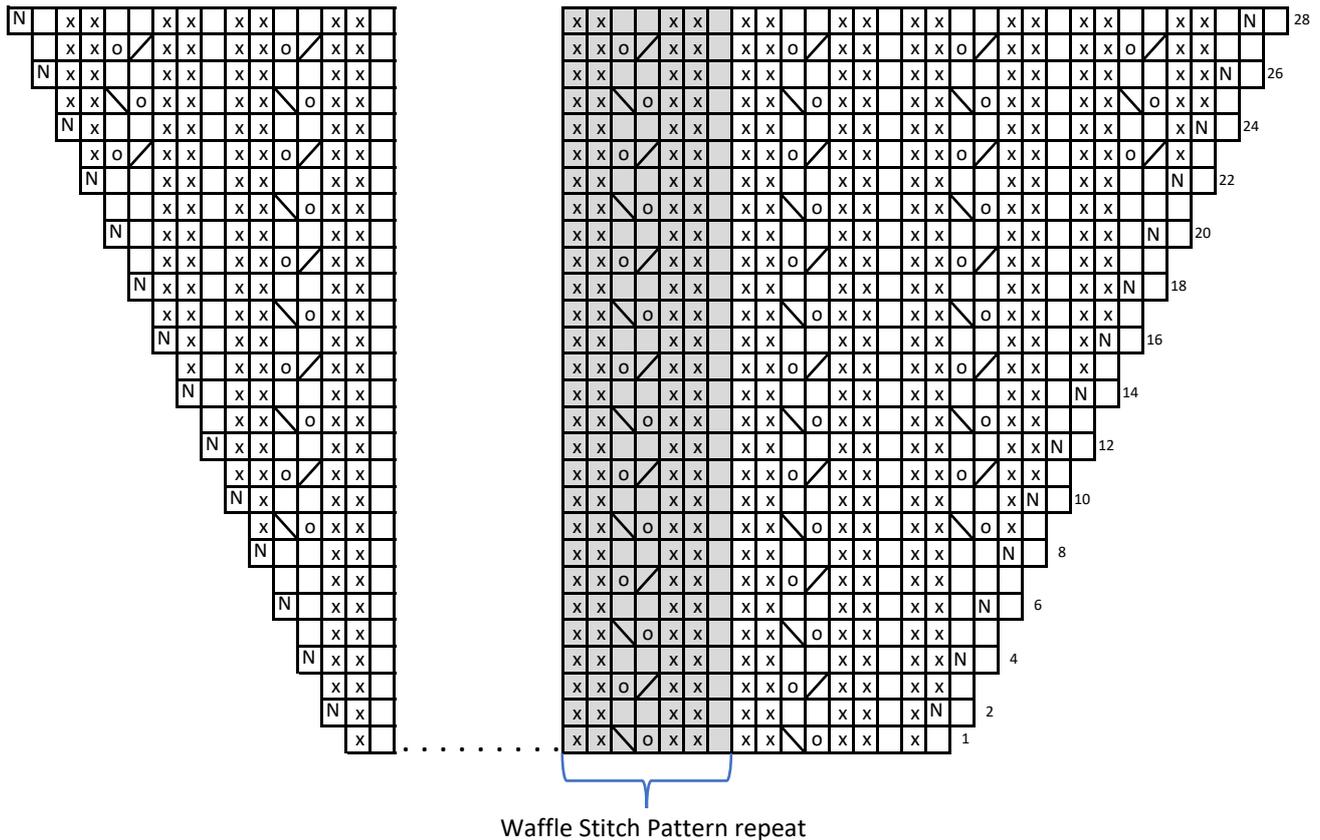WS – wrong side
Sl1k – slip 1 stitch knitwise
Sm – slip marker
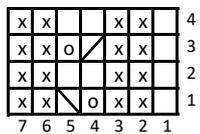St/sts – stitch/stitches
St st – stockinette stitch
Tw – turn work (for German short-row technique)
Tbl – through the back loop

Waffle Yoke Chart

Waffle Stitch Pattern repeat

Waffle Stitch Pattern

Key

☐	K
x	P
o	Yo
◣	Sl1k, k1, psso
◢	K2tog
N	M1

. . . .   Repeat Waffle Stitch Pattern as required