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ZIPPER SWEATER LIGHT



Sizes:	XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL) 3XL (4XL) 5XL
Bust circumference:	107 (113) 117 (121) 129 (137) 145 (151) 161 cm [42¼ (44½) 46 (47¾) 50¾ (54) 57 (59½) 63½ inches]
Length:	59 (59) 60 (60) 61 (61) 62 (62) 63 cm [23¼ (23¼) 23½ (23½) 24 (24) 24½ (24½) 24¾ inches] (measured mid back excl. collar)
Gauge:	20 sts x 28 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches] in stockinette stitch on 4 mm [US6] needles after wash and blocking
Needles:	Circular needles: 3 mm [US2½] / 80 cm [32 inches], 3.5 mm [US4] / 80 cm [32 inches] and 4 mm [US6] / 40, 80 and/or 100 cm [16, 32 and/or 40 inches]. Double-pointed needles: 4 mm [US6] and 3.5 mm [US4] (unless the <i>Magic Loop</i> technique is used)
Materials:	650 (650-700) 700 (750) 800 (900) 950 (950) 1000 g Peer Gynt by Sandnes Garn (50 g = 91 m [98 yds]). 6 mm zipper, 35 cm [13¾ inches].

PATTERN

The Zipper Sweater Light is worked from the top down. The collar is worked in rib, then folded double and knitted together. The yoke is worked with raglan increases, first back and forth on circular needles to create the slit for the zipper, then in the round on the circular needles. The body and the sleeves are worked in the round. Finally, a facing for the zipper is worked from resting stitches, so the zipper, after being sewn in, also looks presentable from the WS. The zipper is sewn in between the two layers of knitting – either by hand or on a sewing machine.

Begin by working a swatch to determine which needle size you need to achieve the correct gauge.

Size guide

The Zipper Sweater Light is designed to have approx. 20 cm [7¾ inches] of positive ease, meaning it is designed to be 20 cm [7¾ inches] larger in circumference than your bust measurement. The fit is oversize. If you would like a sweater with a less oversize fit, knit a smaller size. The sizes XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL) 3XL (4XL) 5XL are designed to fit a bust circumference of 80-85 (85-90) 90-95 (95-100) 100-110 (110-120) 120-130 (130-140) 140-150 cm [31½-33½ (33½-35½) 35½-37½ (37½-39½) 39½-43¼ (43¼-47¼) 47¼-51¼ (51¼-55) 55-59 inches].

The measurements for the finished garment are on the front page of the pattern. Before beginning your project, measure yourself to determine which size to knit. For example, if you measure 90 cm [35½ inches] around your bust (or around the widest part of your upper body) you should knit a size S. A size S sweater has a bust circumference of 113 cm [44½ inches] which in the given example would give you 23 cm [9 inches] of positive ease.

About raglan increases

The raglan increases are worked on both sides of 3 raglan stitches (the raglan stitches are worked as regular stockinette stitch, meaning they are knitted on the RS and purled on the WS). Seen from the RS, the raglan increases on the right side of the raglan stitches slant right (M1R), and the raglan increases on the left side of the raglan stitches slant left (M1L). These increases are worked as follows (see video on www.petiteknit.com):

- M1R:** Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from back to front, then knit this strand.
- M1L:** Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from front to back, then knit this strand through the back loop (twisted).

Collar

The collar is worked in 1x1 rib. For the cast-on *Judy's Magic Cast On* technique is used (also known as a double cast-on on two needles), so the cast-on sts remain open (see video on www.petiteknit.com).

Cast on 210 (210) 218 (218) 226 (226) 234 (242) 242 sts on two sets of 3 mm [US2½] circular needles using *Judy's Magic Cast On* technique (so there are 105 (105) 109 (109) 113 (113) 117 (121) 121 sts on each needle set).

The 105 (105) 109 (109) 113 (113) 117 (121) 121 sts on one needle rest, while the collar rib is worked across the 105 (105) 109 (109) 113 (113) 117 (121) 121 sts on the other needle.

Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K1 (selvedge stitch), *p1, k1*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts on the needle, p1, k1 (selvedge stitch).

Row 2 (WS): P1 (selvedge stitch), *k1, p1*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts on the needle, k1, p1 (selvedge stitch).

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until the collar measures 21 cm [8½ inches].

The next row is a RS row.

Now slip the first and last 5 sts of the **resting sts from the cast-on edge** (the sts that are on a separate circular needle) to stitch holders. It is from these 5 sts that the facing for the zipper will be worked at the end. Until then, they will rest.

Now fold the collar double and knit it together – not including the before mentioned first and last 5 sts that are now on stitch holders. Work this as follows with a circular needle 4 mm [US6] / 80 cm [32 inches] (see video on www.petiteknit.com):

Fold the collar double (with the RS facing out), so the two circular needle sets with sts on are on top of each other (with the circular needle with the cast-on edge at the bottom). From the RS, work the first 5 sts in rib as they appear (knit the knit sts, purl the purl sts). Now knit the sts on the two needles together in rib (p2tog, k2tog) as the sts appear (meaning you work together one stitch from the top needle together with one stitch from the bottom needle) until there are 5 sts left on the top needle. Work the last 5 sts in rib as they appear.

You now have a folded collar and 105 (105) 109 (109) 113 (113) 117 (121) 121 sts gathered on one circular needle set. On the WS 5 sts are resting at either end (these sts will not be worked until the very end).

Yoke

The yoke is worked on 4 mm [US6] / 80 cm [32 inches] circular needles, first back and forth in stockinette stitch with raglan increases and then in the round on the circular needles. The neckline is shaped with short rows, so the back of the neck is higher than the front.

Divide the sts on the needles for working raglan increases by placing stitch markers on either side of the 3 raglan sts (a total of 8 stitch markers) as follows:

18 (18) 18 (18) 18 (18) 19 (19) 19 sts (left front), place marker, 3 sts (raglan), place marker, 12 (12) 14 (14) 16 (16) 16 (18) 18 sts (left sleeve), place marker, 3 sts (raglan), place marker, 33 (33) 33 (33) 33 (33) 35 (35) 35 sts (back), place marker, 3 sts (raglan), place marker, 12 (12) 14 (14) 16 (16) 16 (18) 18 sts (right sleeve), place marker, 3 sts (raglan), place marker, 18 (18) 18 (18) 18 (18) 19 (19) 19 sts (right front).

Note that the division of sts is “unbalanced”, meaning that there are fewer back sts than there are front sts – this will be adjusted when the short rows are worked.

The next row is a WS row.

Now shape the neckline with short rows. Use the *German Short Rows* technique for the turns (see video on www.petitetechnit.com) while working raglan increases at the same time, as follows:

Row 1 (WS): Purl to the last 25 (25) 25 (25) 25 (25) 26 (26) 26 sts on the needle, turn (the turn is on the left sleeve).

Row 2 (RS): Knit to marker, **M1R**, slip marker, knit the 3 raglan sts, slip marker, **M1L**, knit across back to marker, **M1R**, slip marker, knit the 3 raglan sts, slip marker, **M1L**, knit to the last 25 (25) 25 (25) 25 (25) 26 (26) 26 sts on the needle, turn (the turn is on right sleeve) (4 sts have been increased)

Row 3 (WS): Purl to 2 sts after last turn (meaning you work the short row stitch from the previous RS row and then purl the next 2 sts), turn.

Row 4 (RS): Knit to marker, **M1R**, slip marker, knit the 3 raglan sts, slip marker, **M1L**, knit across back to marker, **M1R**, slip marker, knit the 3 raglan sts, slip marker, **M1L**, knit to 2 sts after the last turn (meaning you work the short row stitch from the previous RS row and then knit the next 2 sts), turn (4 sts have been increased).

Row 5 (WS): Purl to 7 sts after last turn (meaning you work the short row stitch from the previous RS row and then purl the next 7 sts), turn (the turn is on the left front).

Row 6 (RS): *Knit to marker, **M1R**, slip marker, knit the 3 raglan sts, slip marker, **M1L***, repeat from * to * a total of 4 times, k2, turn (the turn is on the right front) (8 sts have been increased).

Row 7 (WS): Purl to 2 sts after last turn, turn.

Row 8 (RS): *Knit to marker, **M1R**, slip marker, knit the 3 raglan sts, slip marker, **M1L***, repeat from * to * a total of 4 times, knit to 2 sts after the last turn, turn (8 sts have been increased).

Work Rows 1-8 once, the work Row 7 and 8 another 3 times (on the last repeat you will turn with 8 (8) 8 (8) 8 (8) 9 (9) 9 sts left on the left needle).

There are now a total of 153 (153) 157 (157) 161 (161) 165 (169) 169 sts on the needles.

Purl to end of row.

The back of the neck has now been raised.

The next row is a RS row.

Distribution of sts:

23 (23) 23 (23) 23 (23) 24 (24) 24 sts (left front), 3 raglan sts, 24 (24) 26 (26) 28 (28) 28 (30) 30 sts (left sleeve), 3 raglan sts, 47 (47) 47 (47) 47 (47) 49 (49) 49 sts (back), 3 raglan sts, 24 (24) 26 (26) 28 (28) 28 (30) 30 sts (right sleeve), 3 raglan sts, 23 (23) 23 (23) 23 (23) 24 (24) 24 sts (right front).

Continue working the yoke back and forth in stockinette stitch with raglan increases on RS rows, as follows:

Row 1 (RS): *Knit to marker, **M1R**, slip marker, knit the 3 raglan sts, slip marker, **M1L** *, work from * to * a total of 4 times, knit to end of row (8 sts have been increased).

Row 2 (WS): Purl to end of row.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 22 times. There are now a total 329 (329) 333 (333) 337 (337) 341 (345) 345 sts on the needles.

Distribution of sts:

45 (45) 45 (45) 45 (45) 46 (46) 46 sts (left front), 3 raglan sts, 68 (68) 70 (70) 72 (72) 72 (74) 74 sts (left sleeve), 3 raglan sts, 91 (91) 91 (91) 91 (91) 93 (93) 93 sts (back), 3 raglan sts, 68 (68) 70 (70) 72 (72) 72 (74) 74 sts (right sleeve), 3 raglan sts, 45 (45) 45 (45) 45 (45) 46 (46) 46 sts (right front).

Now the yoke is joined to be worked in the round on the circular needle (see video on www.petiteknit.com).

Work as follows:

Work Row 1 as described above, cast on 1 stitch using the backward loop method in extension of the sts on the needle, join the work in the round.

This is now the beginning of the round and there are a total of 338 (338) 342 (342) 346 (346) 350 (354) 354 sts on the needles.

Knit across 1 round.

The rest of the yoke is worked in the round on the circular needles, while continuing to work increases. Work as follows:

Round 1: *Knit to marker, **M1R**, slip marker, knit the 3 raglan sts, slip marker, **M1L***, repeat from * to * 4 times, knit to end of round (8 sts have been increased).

Round 2: Knit to end of round.

Work Rounds 1 and 2 a total of 0 (2) 2 (2) 2 (2) 2 (2) 2 times. There are now a total of 338 (354) 358 (358) 362 (362) 366 (370) 370 sts).

The rest of the yoke is worked in the round on the circular needles, while continuing to work increases on the body and **not** on the sleeves (so the number of sleeve sts remains constant).

Work as follows:

Round 1: Knit to marker, **M1R**, slip marker, knit the 3 raglan sts, slip marker, knit across left sleeve, slip marker, knit the 3 raglan sts, slip marker, **M1L**, knit across back, **M1R**, slip marker, knit the 3 raglan sts, slip marker, knit across right sleeve, slip marker, knit the 3 raglan sts, slip marker, **M1L**, knit to end of round (4 sts have been increased).

Round 2: Knit to end of round.

Work Rounds 1 and 2 a total of 1 (1) 2 (3) 7 (10) 12 (15) 17 times. There are now a total of 342 (358) 366 (370) 390 (402) 414 (430) 438 sts on the needles.

Distribution of sts:

47 (49) 50 (51) 55 (58) 61 (64) 66 sts (left front), 3 raglan sts, 70 (74) 76 (76) 78 (78) 78 (80) 80 sts (left sleeve), 3 raglan sts, 95 (99) 101 (103) 111 (117) 123 (129) 133 sts (back), 3 raglan sts, 70 (74) 76 (76) 78 (78) 78 (80) 80 sts (right sleeve), 3 raglan sts, 48 (50) 51 (52) 56 (59) 62 (65) 67 sts (right front).

Body

The body is worked in the round on 4 mm [US6] / 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 inches] circular needles in stockinette stitch.

Begin by dividing the sts for body and sleeves, while at the same time casting on new sts at each underarm, as follows:

Knit 47 (49) 50 (51) 55 (58) 61 (64) 66 sts (left front), knit the 3 raglan sts, place the next 70 (74) 76 (76) 78 (78) 78 (80) 80 sts on a stitch holder or length of leftover yarn (left sleeve), cast on 6 (8) 10 (12) 12 (14) 16 (16) 22 new sts at the underarm using the backward loop method, knit the 3 raglan sts, knit 95 (99) 101 (103) 111 (117) 123 (129) 133 sts (back), knit the 3 raglan sts, place the next 70 (74) 76 (76) 78 (78) 78 (80) 80 sts on a stitch holder or length of leftover yarn (right sleeve), cast on 6 (8) 10 (12) 12 (14) 16 (16) 22 new sts at the underarm using the backward loop method, knit the 3 raglan sts, knit 48 (50) 51 (52) 56 (59) 62 (65) 67 sts (right front).

There are now 214 (226) 234 (242) 258 (274) 290 (302) 322 sts on the needles for the body. Place a marker for the beginning of the round in the middle of the left underarm sts.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch until the sweater measures 51 (51) 52 (52) 53 (53) 54 (54) 55 cm [20 (20) 20½ (20½) 20¾ (20¾) 21¼ (21¼) 21¾ inches] measured mid back from (but not incl.) the rib collar.

Work 8 cm [3¼ inches] in the round in 1x1 rib (k1, p1) on 3.5 mm [US4] / 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 inches] circular needles.

Now work 2 rounds of double knitting before binding off using the Italian bind-off technique, as follows (see video on www.petiteknit.com):

Round 1: *K1, sl1 wyif*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 2: *Sl1 wyib, p1*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Bind off using the Italian bind-off technique (see video on www.petiteknit.com).

Sleeves

The sleeves are worked in the round on 4 mm [US6] / 40 cm [16 inches] circular needle and double-pointed needles towards the cuff or with the *Magic Loop* technique when the decreased number of stitches requires it. Place the sts for one sleeve on the needles. Pick up and knit 6 (8) 10 (12) 12 (14) 16 (16) 22 sts along the sts that were cast on at the underarm for the body. There are now a total of 76 (82) 86 (88) 90 (92) 94 (96) 102 sts on the needles (see video on www.petiteknit.com). Place a marker for the beginning of the round after the first 3 (4) 5 (6) 6 (7) 8 (8) 11 of the newly picked up sts.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch until the sleeves measures 30 (30) 30 (30) 29 (29) 29 (28) 28 cm [11 $\frac{3}{4}$ (11 $\frac{3}{4}$) 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ (11 $\frac{3}{4}$) 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ (11 $\frac{1}{2}$) 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ (11) 11 inches], **while at the same time** working decreases every 7th (7th) 6th (6th) 6th (5th) 5th (5th) 4th round a total of 10 (10) 11 (12) 12 (13) 13 (14) 16 times, as follows: K1, k2tog, knit to the last 3 stitches of the round, k2tog tbl, k1.

There are now a total of 56 (62) 64 (64) 66 (66) 58 (68) 70 sts on the needle.

Work 12 cm [4 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches] in the round in 1x1 rib (k1, p1) on 3.5 mm [US4] needles.

Now work 2 rounds of double knitting before binding off using the Italian bind-off technique, as follows (see video on www.petiteknit.com):

Round 1: *K1, sl1 wyif*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 2: *Sl1 wyib, p1*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Bind off using the Italian bind-off technique (see video on www.petiteknit.com).

Work the other sleeve identically.

Installing the zipper

Now work the facing for the zipper from the 5 resting sts on either side of the neck edge. See video on www.petiteknit.com.

Place the 5 sts for the **left** side on a 4 mm [US6] needle (double-pointed or circular). Join the yarn so the end of the yarn is at the opposite side of the work than the front edge (this will look the neatest when the end is weaved in at the end) and knit across 1 row.

Work the facing as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Purl across.

Row 2 (WS): Knit across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 22 times (for a total of 44 rows). Note that RS and WS here refers to the RS and WS of the sweater. The facing for the zipper will have the RS of the stockinette stitch facing towards the WS of the sweater (see video on www.petiteknit.com).

Break the yarn and let the sts rest.

Place the 5 resting sts for the **right** side on a 4 mm [US6] needle. Join the yarn so the end of the yarn is at the opposite side of the work than the front edge.

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch the same as for the left side, but do not break the yarn, as the two sides of the facing are now joined for the bottom section of the facing.

The next row is a RS row, which is purled. Join the two sides of the facing as follows:

P5 across the right side, then p5 in extension of these sts across the left side. There are now a total of 10 sts on the needle.

Work 2 cm [$\frac{3}{4}$ inches] back and forth in stockinette stitch. Bind off.

Using a wool needle (darning needle or tapestry needle), sew the facings to the WS of the sweater with a strand of silk mohair yarn. Leave the front edges open as this is where the zipper will sit, between the two layers of fabric (see video at www.petiteknit.com).

Using a needle and sewing thread (the same color as the yarn), sew the zipper between the two layers of knitted fabric with either prick stitches or running stitches. Begin at the top and take care to place the zipper so it is as hidden by the fabric as possible. Hold the zipper in place with pins while sewing. Adjust the length of the zipper at the bottom of the opening, so it stops between the two layers of fabric. Before cutting the zipper to length, it is important to sew together the ends to hold them together. The place where the sides of the zipper has been sewn together should be hidden by the fabric (see video on www.petiteknit.com). If you prefer, the zipper can be sewn in place on a sewing machine.

Weave in all ends.



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