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ZIPPER SWEATER



ABOUT PATTERN

The Zipper Sweater is worked from the top down on circular needles. First work the top of the back, then the shoulders, then the neckline and finally the body. Work the sleeves in the round. Rib edges are worked along the cuff and the body. Work the neckline in double knitting and sew the zipper.

SIZES

XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL)

Sizes above correspond with the following chest measurements :

75-80 (81-86) 87-92 (93-98) 99-104 (105-110) cm

Measure your own chest circumference to determine which size will fit you the best.

MEASUREMENTS

The Zipper Sweater is designed to have approx. 10 to 38 cm of positive ease depending of the size. Meaning the fit should be 10 to 38 cm larger in circumference than your actual bust measurements (see diagram page 8).

Pictures above: Size M, chest circumference 90 cm.

GAUGE

After blocking: 21 stitches x 28 rows = 10 x 10 cm stockinette stitch on needle size 4 mm

Make a swatch to achieve the same gauge as indicated above. Needle size is only a guide. If you get too many stitches on 10 cm = 4", change to a larger needle size. If you get too few stitches on 10 cm = 4", change to a smaller needle size.

The Basket weave stitch is difficult to count below is a diagram of my gauge before blocking:

YARN AND MATERIALS

Approx. 550 (600) 600 (650) 650 (700) g of Friends Wool from HOBBI (50 g = 100 m)

Colors: OFF WHITE n°02, EMERALD n°105

For all sizes, count 1 ball of Emerald more than Off white (ex: XS = 6 balls of Emerald, 5 balls of Off White)

Circular needles 3 mm [80 cm] for the neckline

Circular needles 3.5 mm [60 and/or 80 cm] for ribbing along the cuffs

Circular needles 3.75 mm [80 and/or 100 cm] for ribbing along the body

Circular needles 4 mm [80 and/or 100 cm]

Double pointed needles 3.5 mm [optional]

Zipper " Laiton Antique "Black 45 cm from HOBBI

Tapestry needle

STRIPES

16 rows = 6 cm color A: Emerald

16 rows = 6 cm color B: Off white

STITCHES & TECHNIQUES

LONG TAIL CAST-ON

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXA3gBNiSiM>

STOCKINETTE STITCH BACK AND FORTH

Row 1 (RS): knit all sts

Row 2 (WS): purl all sts

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jDkmzq5_UGI

STOCKINETTE STITCH IN THE ROUND

* Knit all sts around * rep *_* on every rounds

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=99NXt42mGZc>

JOGLESS STRIPES IN THE ROUND

This method will be used to switch colors

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9vBgAuKxUco&t=143s>

PICK UP AND KNIT STITCHES ALONG THE EDGE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eHbP11wG9K0&t=68s>

1x1 RIB STITCH IN THE ROUND

* k1, p1 * rep *_* all the way around.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M9u9rC6oAK8>

INCREASES

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).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2nf-iBQJCV8>

DOUBLE STOCKINETTE STITCH (OR DOUBLE KNITTING)

Rang 1: * k1, sl1p wyif, * repeat *_* to end of row

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iAtTtF3qTqA&t=5s>

DOUBLE STOCKINETTE STITCH INCREASE (DS INC)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_T08WJphDY

BACK NECK INCREASE

Knit 1 without releasing it (the stitch must remain on the left needle), then work a knit 1 twisted into the same stitch. There are now 2 loops in 1 stitch.

TUBULAR BIND OFF FOR 1/1 RIB

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UY0xEX7A6RQ&t=142s>

ABBREVIATIONS

cn: circular needle - ndls: needles - rs: right side - ws: wrong side - r: rows - k: knit - p: purl - w: work - st: stitch - sts: stitches - rep: repeat - sm: slip marker - pm: place marker - sl1p wyif: slip 1 purlwise with yarn in front - sl1k wyib: slip 1 knitwise with yarn in front - yo: yarn over - ds inc: double stockinette stitch increase

PATTERN

Read all the instructions above and watch the video tutorials before beginning your work. All the instructions and videos used for this pattern are English knitting techniques.

The left and right sides are shown as when the sweater is worn.

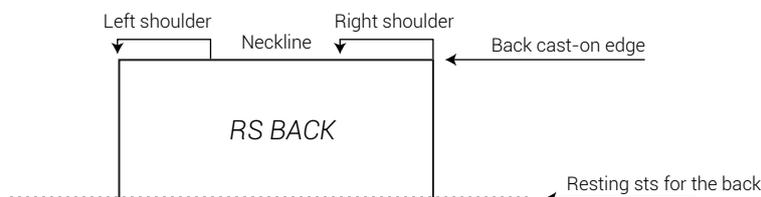
BACK

With 4 mm [80 cm] circular needles, cast-on 84 (94) 104 (114) 124 (134) sts with color A using the long tail cast-on method. Purl across 1 row, then work in stockinette stitch back and forth until work measures 21 (20) 20 (21) 21 (21) cm measured from the cast-on edge. Remember to switch color every 16 rows using the " jogless stripes in the round method " (video tutorial page 2). Break the yarn leaving about 20 cm long tail to weave in the ends, and let the back sts rest while shoulders and front are being worked. You can let these sts rest on another circular needle as it makes it easier to knit when moving on the next step.

FRONT

From here, work both shoulders at the same time by picking sts along cast-on edge of the back. Work few rows and start the neckline increases.

NOTE: Remember switching color every 16 rows.



RS facing (see scheme above), with 4 mm [80 cm] circular needles, pick up 28 (33) 38 (40) 45 (48) sts with color A starting from the right shoulder and working towards the neckline, pass the next 28 (28) 28 (34) 34 (38) sts for the neckline without working them, and with the same 4 mm needle pick up 28 (33) 38 (40) 45 (48) sts along the back cast-on edge starting from the neckline and working toward the left shoulder. Turn.

Purl 28 (33) 38 (40) 45 (48) sts for the left shoulder, and purl 28 (33) 38 (40) 45 (48) for the right shoulder. Work back and forth in stockinette stitch for 6 extra rows, then start the neckline increases as follows:

SIZE XS

Row 1 (RS): Right Shoulder: k to 4 sts before end of row, M1R, k4.

Left Shoulder: k4, M1L, k to end of row.

Row 2-8: work back and forth in stockinette stitch

Repeat these 8 rows a total of 6 times, then work row 1 and row 2 only, meaning you work a total of 50 rows.

Work measures 21 cm from the where sts were picked up along the cast-on edge.

There are now 70 sts on your 4 mm [80 cm] circular needles.

SIZE (S) M

Row 1 (RS): Right Shoulder: k to 4 sts before end of row, M1R, k4.

Left Shoulder: k4, M1L, k to end of row.

Row 2-8: work back and forth in stockinette stitch

Repeat these 8 rows a total of 6 (6) times, meaning a total of 48 rows.

Work measures 20 cm from the where sts were picked up along the cast-on edge.

There are now 78 (88) sts on your 4 mm [80 cm] circular needles.

SIZE (L) XL (2XL)

Row 1 (RS): Right Shoulder: k to 4 sts before end of row, M1R, k4.

Left Shoulder: k4, M1L, k to end of row.

Row 2-6: work back and forth in stockinette stitch

Repeat these 6 rows a total of 8 (8) 8 times, then work row 1 and row 2 only, meaning you work a total of 50 rows.

Work measures 21 (21) 21 cm from the where sts were picked up along the cast-on edge.

There are now (98) 108 (114) sts on your 4 mm [80 cm] circular needles.

BODY

Now cast-on new sts to form the armhole and continue back and forth in stockinette stitch and at the same work the neckline increases just as seen previously.

Switch to 4 mm [100 cm] circular needles. Before joining front and back, place the 35 (39) 44 (49) 54 (57) sts for the right shoulder and the 84 (94) 104 (114) 124 (134) sts for the back onto the same needles. Break the right shoulder's yarn as the work start from the left shoulder when moving on the next step.

SIZE XS

K 35 sts for the left shoulder, cast-on 6 new sts using the backward loop method, place a marker after the 3rd st, then k 84 sts for the back, cast-on 6 new sts using the backward loop method, k 35 sts for the right shoulder.

There are now 166 sts on your 4 mm [100 cm] circular needles.

Work 5 rows in stockinette stitch back and forth then work the neckline increase as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Starting from the left shoulder, k4, M1L, k to 4 sts before end of row, M1R, k4.

Row 2-8: work in stockinette stitch back and forth

Repeat these 8 rows a total of 2 times, then work row 1 only.

Work measures 29 cm from the where sts were picked up along the cast-on edge.

There are now 172 sts on your 4 mm [100 cm] circular needles. Do not turn your work.

SIZE (S) M

K 4 sts, M1L, k to end of left shoulder, cast-on (6) 6 new sts using the backward loop method, place a marker after the 3rd st, then knit (94) 104 sts for the back, cast-on (6) 6 sts using the backward loop method, knit to 4 sts before end of right shoulder sts, M1R, k4.

There are now (186) 206 sts on your 4 mm [100 cm] circular needles.

Work 7 rows back and forth in stockinette stitch then work the neckline increase as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Starting from the left shoulder, k4, M1L, k to 4 sts before end of row, M1R, k4.

Row 2-8: work in stockinette stitch back and forth

Repeat these 8 rows a total of 2 times, then work row 1 only.

Work measures 29 cm from the where sts were picked up along the cast-on edge.

There are now (192) 212 sts on your 4 mm [80 cm] circular needles. Do not turn your work.

SIZE (L) XL (2XL)

K (49) 54 (57) sts for the left shoulder, cast-on (6) 6 (8) new sts using the backward loop method, place a marker after the (3rd) 3rd (4th) st, k (114) 124 (134) for the back, cast-on (6) 6 (8) new sts using the backward loop method, k (49) 54 (57) sts for the right shoulder.

There are now (224) 244 (264) sts on your 4 mm [100 cm] circular needles. Do not turn your work.

Work 3 rows back and forth in stockinette stitch then work the neckline increases as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Starting from the left shoulder, k4, M1L, k to 4 sts before end of row, M1R, k4.

Row 2-6: work in stockinette stitch back and forth

Repeat these 6 rows a total of 1 time, then work from row 1 to 5 only.

Work measures 27 cm from the where sts were picked up along the cast-on edge.

There are now (228) 248 (268) sts on your 4 mm [100 cm] circular needles. Do not turn your work.

ALL SIZES

Now cast-on new sts to join the shoulders and work in the round as follows:

RS facing, cast-on 8 (8) 8 (12) 12 (16) new sts in extension of the right shoulder sts, join to left shoulder and work in the round in stockinette stitch until work measures 43 (43) 43 (49) 49 (49) cm in total length.

Note: now the color switch is made from the armhole marker.

Now switch to 3.75 mm [100 cm] and color B (off white). Knit 1 round in stockinette stitch, then work 8 cm in (k1, p1) rib.

Break the yarn leaving approx. 2.5 to 3 meter long tail and bind off sts using the tubular bind off method (video tutorial page 2).

SLEEVES

With 4 mm [80 cm] circular needles and color A, pick up 122 (118) 118 (122) 122 (124) sts along the armhole edge by picking up 1 st in every st all the way around. Place a marker to indicate the beginning of the round, join and work in stockinette stitch in the round.

NOTE: switch color every 16 rounds

Work a total of 6 rounds (including the picked up round) then start the sleeves decrease as follows:

Round 1: k1, k2tog, k to 3 sts before end of round, SSK, k1.

Round 2-6: knit all sts around

Repeat these 6 rounds a total of 22 times.

There are now 78 (74) 74 (78) 78 (80) sts on circular needles 4 mm [80 cm].

Switch to circular needles 3.5 mm [60 cm], work 1 round in stockinette stitch, then work 6 cm of 1/1 rib (k1, p1) in the round.

Break the yarn leaving about 100 cm long tail and bind off sts using the tubular bind off method.

NECKLINE

RIGHT SIDE

The neckline is worked from the bottom up in double stockinette stitch back and forth on 3 mm [80 cm] circular needles and color A.

Before starting the neckline, unwind approx. 120 cm of yarn from the ball. This yarn will only be used to pick up stitches along the neck edge.

REMINDER: the left and right sides are shown as when the sweater is worn.

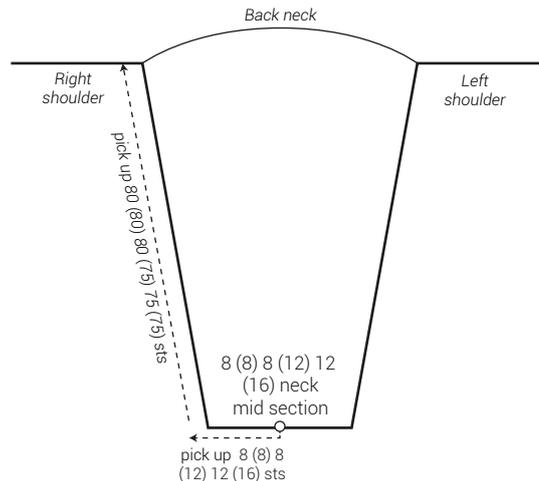
Place the RS of work in front of you, meaning the neck is up and the body rib edge is down.

With 3 mm [80 cm] circular needles, pick up 8 (8) 8 (12) 12 (16) sts along the neck mid section starting from the (4th) 4th (6th) 6th (8th) toward the left side (see scheme below).

NOTE: to pick up 8 (8) 8 (12) 12 (16) sts into 4 (4) 4 (6) 6 (8) sts, sts must be picked into and inbetween each sts along the edge.

Now pick up 80 (80) 80 (75) 75 (75) sts along the neck edge by picking up 1 st in every st along the neck edge.

There are now 88 (88) 88 (81) 81 (83) sts on your circular needles. Break the yarn leaving about 20 cm long tail to weave in the ends.



Now, work the 8 (8) 8 (12) 12 (16) mid section sts and the 80 (80) 80 (75) 75 (75) picked up sts in double stockinette stitch back and forth.

To help, I invite you to watch this video before you start working on the neckline.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hGh85mRaiY&t=434s>

NOTE: This video is only a guide. Continue to follow the pattern instructions.

Slide the needle so that the the right hand needle tip is ready to knit from the neck mid section as follows:

Row 1 (RS): * k1, sl1p wyif, * repeat *_* across 8 (8) 8 (12) 12 (16) sts, sl1k wyib, k1, pass sl1k wyib over k1. Turn.

Row 2 (WS): * sl1p wyif, k1 * repeat *_* to end of row.

Repeat these 2 rows a total of 7 (7) 7 (2) 2 (2) times, meaning a total of 14 (14) 14 (4) 4 (4) rows.

Now start the neckline increases as follows:

Row 1 (RS): * k1, sl1p wyif * repeat *_* to 3 sts before the transition between the neck mid section and the neck edge, DS INC, sl1p wyif, place the yarn in back, sl1k wyib, k1, pass sl1k wyib over k1. Turn.

Row 2 (WS): * sl1p wyif, k1 * repeat *_* to end of row.

NOTE: Work the increases as they appear: if the stitch before the increase is a knit stitch, the first stitch of the increase should be a sl1p wyif, but if the stitch before the increase is a sl1p wyif, the first stitch of the increase must be a knit st.

Row 3 (RS): * k1, sl1p wyif, * repeat *_* across 8 (8) 8 (12) 12 (16) sts, sl1k wyib, k1, pass sl1k wyib over k1. Turn.

Row 4 - 14: repeat rows 2 and 3

Repeat these 14 rows a total of (10) 10 (10) 10 (10) 10 times. Then work from row 1 to 6.

There are now 30 (30) 30 (34) 34 (38) sts on your 3 mm [80 cm] circular needles. All sts along the left edge have been worked with the mid section sts.

Now, work 30 (30) 30 (34) 34 (38) for the right neckline in double stockinette stitch, place a marker, pick up and knit 28 (28) 28 (34) 34 (38) sts along the back cast-on edge (back neckline), place a marker, pick up 80 (80) 80 (75) 75 (75) sts along the left edge, pick up 8 (8) 8 (12) 12 (16) sts along the neck mid section. Turn and work back and forth as follows:

Row 1 (WS): * sl1p wyif, k1 * repeat *_* across the mid neck section sts, sl1p wyif, p1, pass sl1p wyif over p1. Turn.
Row 2 (RS): sl1k wyib, * sl1p wyif, k1 * repeat *_* to end of row.

NOTE: When turning at the end of row 1, and slipping the first stitch into row 2, pull the yarn tightly to avoid gaps.

Repeat these 2 rows a total of 6 (6) 6 (1) 1 (1) time, meaning a total of 12 (12) 12 (2) 2 (2) rows, then repeat row 1 only. Meaning a total of 13 (13) 13 (3) 3 (3) rows.

Now, start the neckline increase as follows:

Row 1 (RS): sl1k wyib, sl1p wyif, DS INC, work in double stockinette stitch to end of row.

Row 2 (WS): * sl1p wyif, k1 * repeat *_* across 8 (8) 8 (12) 12 (16) sts, sl1p wyif, p1, pass sl1p wyif over p1. Turn.

Row 3 (RS): sl1k wyib, * sl1p wyif, k1 * repeat *_* to end of row.

Row 4 - 14: repeat rows 2 and 3.

Repeat these 14 rows a total of 10 (10) 10 (10) 10 (10) times, then repeat from row 1 to row 7 only. Do no turn and do not break the yarn as the next step will start from here.

There are now 30 (30) 30 (34) 34 (38) sts on your 3 mm [80 cm] circular needles.

NECK

Take off the marker, then work the back neck sts by increasing 1 st in every 28 (28) 28 (34) 34 (38) st along the neck (see section " back neck increase " page 2) - the back neck goes from 28 (28) 28 (34) 34 (38) to 56 (56) 56 (68) 68 (76) sts - then work 30 (30) 30 (34) 34 (38) sts for the right neckline in double stockinette stitch.

There are now 116 (116) 116 (136) 136 (152) sts on your 3 mm [80 cm] circular needles.

Place a stitch marker into the last st, this marker will be used as a guide to measure the neck.

Work 30 (30) 30 (34) 34 (38) sts for the right neckline in double stockinette stitch, then work 55 (55) 55 (67) 67 (75) for the back neck in double stockinette stitch, K2TOG, work 30 (30) 30 (34) 34 (38) for the left neckline in double stockinette stitch. Turn.

Continue to work the neck in double stockinette stitch back and forth until it measures 4.5 cm measured from the stitch marker. Break the yarn leaving approx. 150 cm long tail, and bind off sts using the following method:

<https://www.garnstudio.com/video.php?id=515&lang=en>

ZIPPER BAND

LEFT

Turn the sweater inside out so that the wrong side (the inside of the sweater) is facing you. The neck should be up and the ribbed edge down.

With 3.5 mm [60 cm] circular needles or 3.5 mm double pointed needles, pick up 6 sts along the neckline. (see photos)

To pick up these stitches, pass the needle tip in the right strand of the neck stitches 1 row below the grafting row.

Turn and work as as follows:

Row 1 (WS): sl1p wyif, p4, k1

Row 2 (RS): sl1p wyif, k5

Repeat these 2 rows until the left band measures 30 (30) 30 (28) 28 (28) cm Ending with a WS row. Break the yarn and let the sts rest on a safety pin while the right band in being worked.

RIGHT

Unwind about 150 cm of yarn from the skein. DO NOT KNIT WITH THIS THREAD, it will only be used to sew on the zipper and the band.

With 3.5 mm [60 cm] circular needles or double pointed needles, pick up 6 sts along the neckline. (see photos)

To pick up these stitches, pass the needle tip in the left strand of the neck stitches 1 row below the grafting row.

Work the right band in the same way as the left band until it measures 30 (30) 30 (28) 28 (28) cm.

Now place the left band resting sts on the same 3.5 mm [60 cm] circular needles or on the 3.5 mm double pointed needles and work 6 row in stockinette stitch back and forth.

Remember to work an edge stitch as above at either end of RS and WS rows.

Bind off sts using the classic bind off method, break the yarn leaving about 20 cm long tail to weave in the ends.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends, wash and block before sewing the zipper.

ZIPPER SEWING

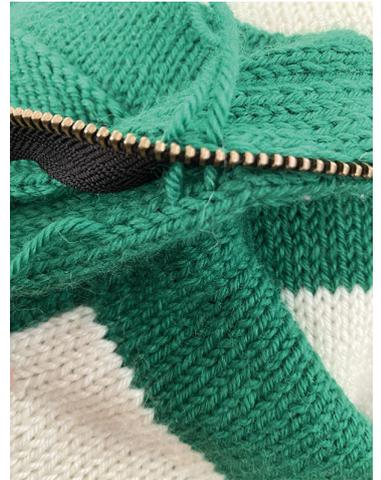
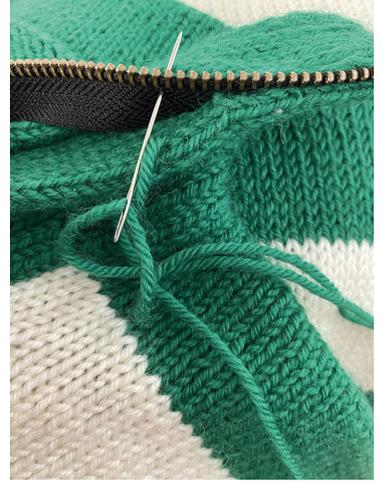
Pin zipper along the neckline. Cut the zipper if it is too long. Open and close the zipper several times to see if it doesn't get stuck in the neck.

Zipper is sewn in back stitch as follows:

Insert the 1m50 unwound thread into a tapestry needle. Slide it into the stitches up to the zipper.

Then prick the tapestry needle 2 mm from the zipper teeth, then prick it in the double knit part of the neckline, bring out the tapestry needle 4 sts further, prick it again in the zipper, and bring out the tapestry needle in the right band 1 stitch higher. (see photos above)

Continue until the end of the right band, turn and repeat on the left band. To finish, sew the central part (right band + left band).



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