

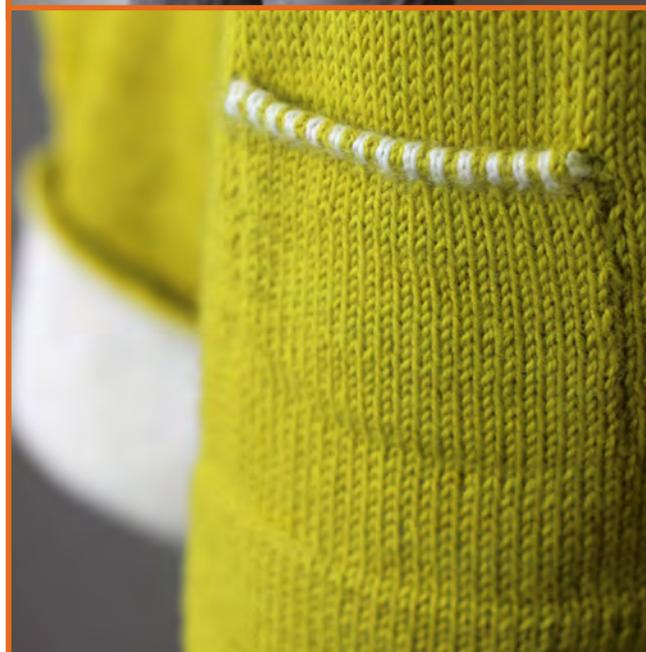
bento boksy

a ziggurat-ish sweater

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***Bento Boksy** is a boxy, stylish pullover with funky spots of colour detail. Like all Ziggurats, Bento is knitted in one piece and top down but with less zigging and zagging. It begins with a double funnel neck and ends at the curved hem and a contrasting lining. The drop shoulder sleeves are picked up and knitted last. They have optional striped piping at the join and end with an upturned cuff. The pocket with piping is also optional. As usual, there is not a seam in sight.*



SIZES

XS (S, M, L) [XL, XXL, XXL] / 32" (36", 40", 44") 48", 52", 54"]

Garment bust measurement

124.5 (135.5, 147.5, 157) [163, 169, 175.5] cm

49¼" (53½", 58¼", 62") [64¼", 66¾", 69¼"]

YARN

Wollmeise Blend (5ply, merino/cashmere/nylon, 499 m (546 yds)

per 150 grams; MC/Zarte Knospe x 3 (3, 4, 4) [4, 4, 5] skeins

CC/Natur x 1 (1, 1, 1) [1, 1, 1] skeins

ALTERNATIVE YARN SUGGESTIONS

Madelinetosh Sport, Outlaw Yarn Bohemia Sport

approx yardage

MC 1320 (1460, 1650, 1740) [1820, 1960, 2000] m

1440 (1590, 1800, 1900) [1985, 2140, 2200] yds

CC 180 (190, 200, 210) [215, 225, 230] m

195 (210, 220, 230) [235, 245, 250] yds

NEEDLES & NOTIONS

3 mm (US 2½) circular needle, 80 – 100 cm (32" – 40")

2.75 mm (US 2) circular needle, 80 – 100 cm (32" – 40")

2.5 mm (US 1½) circular needle 80 – 100 cm (32" – 40")

Stitch holder(s), stitch markers

GAUGE

26 sts x 36 rows = 10 cm / 4" over stocking stitch on 3 mm needle

PATTERN NOTES

Bento winds its way back and forth less than a normal **Ziggurat** sweater because of the drop shoulder. Step by step instructions (and photos) guide you from cast on to cast off.

HELPFUL LINKS

Crochet Cast On asatricosa.com/crochet-cast-on

German Short Rows asatricosa.com/german-short-rows

Lined hem asatricosa.com/lined-hem

M1R/M1L asatricosa.com/m1r

Magic Loop youtu.be/ldSp0EZpnk

Winding Provisional Cast On asatricosa.com/winding-cast-on

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ABBREVIATIONS

CC	Contrast colour
decr/s	Decrease/s
g1	Garner stitch: knit/purl on alternate rounds
Incr/s	Increase/s
k	Knit
k [^]	Knit through both legs of the short R stitch (sl1 [^]) from prev R as if it were a normal, single stitch
k2tog	Knit 2 stitches together
kwise	Knitwise
LN	Left needle
M1	Lifted Increase (knit into st 2 sts below previous st)
M1L(p)	Make 1 Left: with LN pick up bar between sts from below and from front, knit into back leg of this loop (on WS purl)
M1R(p)	Make 1 Right: with LN pick up bar between sts from behind, knit into front leg of this (twisted) loop (on WS purl)
MC	Main colour
p	Purl
p [^]	Purl through both legs of the short R stitch (sl1 [^]) from prev R as if it were a normal, single stitch
p2tog	Purl 2 stitches together
p2togtbl	(Sl1 kwise) twice, place 2 sts back on LN, p2tog tbl
p&k/p	Pick up and knit/purl
pm/rm/sm	Place/remove/slip marker
psso	Pass slipped stitch over (and off needle)
R	Row
RN	Right needle
Rnd/s	Round/s
RS	Right side
sk2p	Sl1 kwise, k2tog, psso
sl	Slip purlwise with yarn in back
sl1 [^]	With yarn in front, sl1 pwise, pull on yarn over and behind needle until both legs of st show (see link)
ssk	(Slip 1 kwise) twice, sl2 sts back to LN, k2tog tbl
st/s	Stitch/es
tbl	Through the back loop
WS	Wrong side
wyb	With yarn in back
wyf	With yarn in front
yf	Take yarn to front of work

HINTS & TIPS

STRETCHING YOUR SKEINS Work the sleeves before completing the body. Stop either at the end of a skein or a few rounds after joining front and back to knit in the round (Step 8).

WORKING THE SHOULDER SHORT ROWS Wrap and turn — but without the wraps. On RS: after turning, sl1[^] (= sl1wyf and pull on

yarn over and behind until stitch slips round and shows both its legs, knit next st(s) as usual. When purling back over the sl1[^] on next WS (when you'd normally pick up the wraps), p1[^] (= purl through both legs of the 'pulled-tight' st). On WS: after turning, sl1[^] (= sl1wyf, then pull down on yarn over/back of needle until the two legs of the st show on needle, purl next st(s) as usual). When knitting back over this stitch, k1[^] (= knit the two legs of the st tog as if it were a normal, single st). See links.

ÅSA'S PROVISIONAL WINDING CAST ON Note that most provisional cast ons produce an extra R of stitches, so take that into account (skip the first R in pattern if using another cast on). For the piping the colourwork begins on the first row, wherefore it's not a good idea to substitute another cast on here.

SLEEVE & FAUX SEAM Sleeve stitches are picked up next to the slipped faux-seam sts, one entire stitch in from the edge.

THE OPTIONAL POCKET begins with piping and is double knitted. It is rather involved — see photos for guidance. You may wish to substitute a simpler inline pocket (see [web tutorial](#)).

PIPING is used also for the upper sleeve. You'll find instructions for two easier alternative methods.

SLEEVES You can either use the Magic Loop Method (see link) or two circulars (or double pointed needles to knit in the round).

STEP 1: COLLAR

With **MC**, using Provisional Winding Cast On and 2.75 mm / US 2 needle wind on 140 (144, 144, 152) [152, 152, 152] sts, knit the wound sts, join to knit in the round.

Rnds 1 – 3: Knit.

Rnd 4: [Pm, M1, k64 (66, 66, 70) [70, 70, 70], M1, pm, k76 (78, 78, 82) [82, 82, 82].

142 (146, 146, 154) [154, 154, 154] sts

Rnds 5 – 11: Knit

Rnd 12: K1, M1, k to 1 st before m, M1, k1, sm, M1, k to m, M1, sm.

146 (150, 150, 158) [158, 158, 158] sts

Rnds 13 – 20: Knit.

Set these sts aside for now.

COLLAR LINING Remove and discard slipknot at the beginning of provisional sts. Using 2.75 mm / US 2 needle, join **CC** to work provisional sts in the round.

Rnds 1 & 2: Knit.

Rnd 3: M1, k76 (78, 78, 82) [82, 82, 82], M1, pm, k64 (66, 66, 70) [70, 70, 70], pm. *142 (146, 146, 154) [154, 154, 154] sts*

Rnds 4 – 10: Knit.

Rnd 11: As Rnd 12 for Collar. *146 (150, 150, 158) [158, 158, 158] sts*

Rnds 12 – 19: Knit.

Weave in cast-on ends, fold collar in half with **MC** RS of collar facing out, transfer all sts to one needle, alternating **CC** and **MC** sts, starting with a **CC** st.

292 (300, 300, 316) [316, 316, 316] sts



STEP 2: LEFT BACK SHOULDER

With MC and using 3 mm / US 2½ needle, and with MC side of collar facing out, k2tog (1 MC & 1 CC), borrow the resulting st to Crochet Cast On (onto LN) 49 (55, 63, 67) [71, 75, 79] sts, replace borrowed st onto LN (= make a final chain st but *not* around the needle, place this loop onto LN).

R 1 (RS): K49 (55, 63, 67) [71, 75, 79], sk2p (= *sl last cast-on st, knit 1MC+1CC collar tog, pssso*), turn.

R 2 (WS): Sl1^, pm, p5 (5, 5, 6) [6, 5, 7], turn.

R 3: Sl1^, pm, k to m, rm, k1^, k2tog (collar st + lining st), turn.

R 4: Sl1^, pm, p to m, rm, p1^, p4 (4, 5, 5) [5, 5, 6], turn.

Rows 5 & 6: As Rows 3 & 4.

R 7: Sl1^, k to m, rm, k1^, k2tog (collar sts) 64 (66, 66, 70) [70, 70, 70] times.

STEP 3: RIGHT BACK SHOULDER

Borrow last st from Step 2 to Crochet Cast On (onto LN) 49 (55, 63, 67) [71, 75, 79] sts, replace borrowed st onto LN as for Left Back Shoulder.

Setup R (WS): P49 (55, 63, 67) [71, 75, 79], p2tog, turn.

R 1 (RS): Sl1^, pm, k5 (5, 5, 6) [6, 5, 7], turn.

R 2: Sl1^, pm, p to m, rm, p1^, p1, turn.

R 3: Sl1^, pm, k to m, rm, k1^, k4 (4, 5, 5) [5, 5, 6] turn.

Rows 4 & 5: As Rows 2 & 3.

STEP 4: WORKING ACROSS BACK

Next R (WS): Sl1^, p to m, rm, p1^, p to m, rm, p1^, p4 (4, 5, 5) [5, 6, 6], turn.

R 1 (RS): Sl1^, pm, k to m, rm, k1^, k4 (4, 5, 5) [5, 6, 6], turn.

R 2: Sl1^, pm, p to m, rm, p1^, p4 (4, 5, 5) [5, 6, 6], turn.

Work **Rows 1 & 2** 5 (1, 4, 6) [6, 6, 6] time(s) more.

Work **R 1** once more.

R 4: Sl1^, pm, p to m, rm, p1^, p4 (5, 6, 5) [6, 6, 6], turn.

R 5: Sl1^, pm, k to m, rm, k1^, k4 (5, 6, 5) [6, 6, 6], turn.

Work **Rows 4 & 5** 0 (4, 1, 0) [0, 0, 0] time(s) more.

R 6: Sl1^, pm, p to m, rm, p1^, p to end.

R 7: K1, sl1wyb, k to m, rm, k1^, k to last 2 sts, sl1wyb, k1.

164 (178, 194, 206) [214, 222, 230] Back sts

R 8: Purl.

R 9: K1, sl1wyb, k to last 2 sts, sl1wyb, k1.

R 10: Purl.

Work **Rows 9 & 10** until work measures 30 rows from collar at centre back (= 4 (4, 4, 3) [3, 3, 3] times more).

DOUBLE KNITTED CC SQUARE

See photos for instruction how to cross yarns and more detail.

R 11: K1, sl1wyf, k76 (83, 91, 97) [101, 105, 109] (= to centre 8 sts), join CC (k1CC in bar between sts, with k1MC) 8 times, with MC, k to last 2 sts, sl1wyb, k1.

R 12: P to CC, cross yarns, (p1CC, k1MC) 7 times, p1CC, yf (to

WS), cross yarns, with MC p to end.

R 13: K1, sl1wyb, k to CC, cross yarns, (k1CC, p1MC) 7 times, k1CC, cross yarns, with MC k to last 2 sts, sl1wyb, k1.

Work **Rows 12 & 13** four times more.

Work **Row 12** once more. Cut CC.

Next Row: K1, sl1wyb, k to CC, with MC (ssk) 7 times, k2tog (last CC st with next MC st), k to last 2 sts, sl1wyb, k1.

Continue to work **Rows 9 & 10** as before until work measures 18 (18, 20, 20) [22, 24.5, 24.5] cm / 7" (7", 8", 8") [8¾", 9¾", 9¾"] from cap edge of shoulder cast on (if your R gauge is correct, this equals working **Rows 9 & 10** approx 20 (20, 24, 25) [29, 33, 33] times more).

Leave these sts aside for now. Do not cut yarn (use this yarn later to pick up sts for Left Sleeve).

STEP 5: LEFT FRONT SHOULDER

Note: Join the new yarn at outer edge of **RIGHT** Back shoulder to pick up sts for Right Front Shoulder before working your way across the collar to pick up sts for the Left Front Shoulder.

Join new skein of MC and with 3 mm / US 2½ needle, p&k48 (54, 62, 66) [70, 74, 78] in Right Back Shoulder cast on, pm, k2tog 78 (80, 80, 84) [84, 84, 84] times (= all remaining collar sts), pm, p&k48 (54, 62, 66) [70, 74, 78] in Left Back Shoulder cast on. 174 (188, 204, 216) [224, 232, 240] sts

Note: The turns at the neck following the p2tog are not German short rows. Instead they are followed by a simple sl1wyb; take care to pull on yarn to keep the sts tight — pull tight 2nd and 3rd sts after the slipped st.

Setup Row (WS): P to 1 st before m, rm, p2tog, turn.

R 1 (RS): Sl1wyb, pm, k3 (4, 3, 4) [5, 5, 5], turn.

R 2: Sl1^, pm, p to m, rm, p2tog, turn.

R 3: Sl1wyb, pm, k to m, rm, k1^, k4 (4, 5, 5) [5, 5, 6], turn.

R 4: As Row 2.

Rows 5 & 6: As Rows 3 & 4.

R 7: As Row 3.

R 8: Sl1^, pm, p to m, rm, p2tog, p1, turn.

From this point also the turns at the neck are German short R turns.

R 9: Sl1^, pm, k to m, rm, k1^, k4 (4, 5, 5) [5, 5, 6], turn.

R 10: Sl1^, pm, p to m, rm, p1^, p1, turn.

Work **Rows 9 & 10** 4 (2, 4, 4) [4, 4, 4] times more.

R 11: Sl1^, pm, k to m, rm, k1^, k4 (5, 6, 5) [6, 6, 6], turn.

R 12: As Row 10.

Work **Rows 11 & 12** 0 (2, 0, 0) [0, 2, 0] times more.

R 13: As Row 11.

4 (5, 6, 11) [12, 12, 12] shldr sts remain unworked



STEP 6: RIGHT FRONT SHOULDER

Note: This step starts at Left Front Shoulder.

Setup Row (WS): Sl1^, pm, p to m, rm, p (across collar) to m, sm, p4 (5, 4, 6) [6, 6, 6], turn.

R 1 (RS): Sl1^, pm, k to 1 st before m, rm, ssk, turn.

R 2 : Sl1wyf, pm, p to m, rm, p1^, p4 (4, 5, 5) [5, 5, 6], turn.

R 3: Sl1^, pm, k to m, rm, ssk, turn.

R 4 : As Row 2.

Work **Rows 3 & 4** twice more.

R 9: Sl1^, pm, k to m, rm, ssk, k1, turn.

From this point the turns at the neck are made as German short rows.

R 10: Sl1^, pm, p to m, rm, p1^, p4 (4, 5, 5) [5, 5, 6], turn.

R 11: Sl1^, pm, k to m, rm, k1^, k1, turn.

R 12: Sl1^, pm, p to m, rm, p1^, p4 (4, 5, 5) [5, 6, 6], turn.

Work **Rows 11 & 12** 4 (0, 2, 4) [2, 4, 4] times more.

R 13: As Row 11.

R 14: Sl1^, pm, p to m, rm, p1^, p4 (5, 6, 5) [6, 6, 6], turn.

Work **Rows 13 & 14:** 0 (4, 2, 0) [2, 0, 0] times more.

0 (0, 0, 6) [6, 6, 6] shldr sts remain unworked

STEP 7: ACROSS ENTIRE FRONT

Sizes XS, S, M only

R 1 (RS): K1, sl1wyb, k to m, rm, k1^, k to m on Left Shoulder, rm, k1^, k to last 2 sts, sl1wyb, k1. 164 (178, 194, -) [-, -, -] sts

R 2 (WS): Purl.

Sizes L, [XL, XXL, XXXL] only

R 1 (RS): Sl1^, pm, k to m, rm, k1^, k- (-, -, 5) [6, 6, 6], turn.

R 2 (WS): Sl1^, pm, p to m, rm, p1^, p to end.

- (-, -, 206) [214, 222, 230] sts

R 3: K1, sl1wyb, k to m, rm, k1^, k to last 2 sts, sl1wyb, k1.

R 4: Purl.

All Sizes

164 (178, 194, 206) [214, 222, 230] Front sts

R 5: K1, sl1wyb, k to last 2 sts, sl1wyb, k1.

R 6: Purl.

Keep working **Rows 5 & 6** until work measures 18 (18, 20, 20) [22, 24.5, 24.5] cm / 7 (7, 8, 8) [8¾, 9¾, 9¾]" from outside edge of shoulder cast on to match Back. (If your Row gauge is correct, this equals working **Rows 5 & 6** approx 30 (30, 34, 34) [38, 42, 42] times more.)

STEP 8: JOIN FRONT & BACK

Next Row (RS): Knit to last front st, k1, pm, join to back sts to knit in the round, knit to last back st, k1, pm, in next step join to front sts to continue in the round.

328 (356, 388, 412) [428, 444, 460] sts

STEP 9: FAINT WAIST SHAPING

Decreases

Rnds 1 – 4: G1, k to 1 st before m, g1, sm, g1, k to 1 st before m, g1, sm.

The 2 sts (g1) at each side of the markers are worked in garter st.

Decreases are made on either side of these 2 sts.

Rnd 5: G1, k2tog, k to 3 sts before m, ssk, g1, sm, g1, k2tog, k to 3 sts before m, ssk, g1, sm. 324 (352, 384, 408) [424, 440, 456] sts

Note: If you are trying to stretch your skeins precisely, this is the place (or at the end of a skein) to set the body aside and work the sleeves before finishing the body. If so, work **Steps 12 – 14** now.

Work **Rnds 1 – 5** five times more.

304 (332, 364, 388) [404, 420, 436] sts

Work in the round without decreases for another 5 cm / 2".

Increases

Rnd 1: G1, M1R, k to 1 st before m, M1L, g1, sm, g1, M1R, k to 1 st before m, M1L, g1, sm. 308 (336, 368, 392) [408, 424, 440] sts

Rnds 2 – 10: G1, k to 1 st before m, g1, sm, g1, k to m, sm, g1.

Work **Rnds 1 – 10** twice more.

316 (344, 376, 400) [416, 432, 448] sts

Continue to work in the round for another 5 cm / 2".

STEP 10: POCKET

The double knitted pocket with piping is quite involved. For an easier alternative, you can make a simple inline pocket ([link](#)) or skip the pocket altogether. The needle with body sts is N1.

PREPARE PIPING

With new skein of **MC**, 2.5 mm / US 1½ circular needle, and using Provisional Winding Cast On, wind on 30 sts.

R 1 (RS): With **MC**, k1, join **CC**, k1, k to end alternating **MC & CC**.

R 2 (WS): Purl, alternating **CC & MC** as set.

R 3: Knit, alternating **MC & CC**.

R 4: As Row 2.

Fold piping in half with RS facing out, working needle in front, provisional needle behind. Transfer all sts to one needle, alternating provisional sts and working sts (starting with a provisional st so that the k2togs get the working st lying on top). See photos/link. 60 sts

Close piping: K2tog to end. 30 sts

Set sts aside.



Setting up double-knitted pocket: G1, k44 (48, 52, 55) [58, 60, 62], place piping needle (N2) on top of and parallel with LN of N1 and with RS facing (the working yarn of piping is at far end of piping sts). The piping sts will form the outer layer of the pocket.

The pocket is worked over 24 body sts, the piping has 30 sts, wherefore you will set up for decreases on the next rnd. On this round, only the body sts are knitted, the piping sts are slipped. Take care to keep working yarn to the back so as not to cross the layers.

All slipped sts (sl1) refer to N2, all knit sts (k1) to body sts on N1.

***(Sl1, k1) three times, sl2, k1, work from * five times more, k to end of rnd on N1 as set (garter sts at the side seams).**

As you work the first part of Rnd 1, all sts are transferred to N1, freeing N2 which is used to work the WS layer on this round.

Rnd 1: G1, k to pocket, cross yarns, ***(k1, sl1wyf) 3 times, k2tog, sl1wyf, work from * 5 times more, cross yarns, flip work to WS, with N2, p1, (sl1wyf, p1) 24 times, flip work to RS, with N1, continue on far side of pocket (bridging N1 across the pocket), complete the rnd. 24 pocket sts**

Rnd 2: G1, k to pocket, cross yarns, double knit to end of pocket, cross yarns, complete the rnd.

Rnd 3: G1, k to pocket, cross yarns, (k1, sl1wyf) 24 times, cross yarns, flip work to WS, with N2, p1, (sl1wyf, p1) 24 times, flip work to RS, with N1, continue on far side of pocket, complete the rnd.

Work **Rnds 2 & 3** until pocket measures 6 cm / 2¼", ending with Rnd 3.

Nxt Rnd: G1, k to pocket, (ssk) 24 times, complete the rnd.

Continue to work in the round as set and until work measures 32 (34, 35, 35.5) [33, 33, 33] cm / 12½ (13½, 13¾, 14) [13, 13, 13]" from underarm or to 6 cm / 2¼" before desired length.

STEP 11: HEM

Lining sts are picked up on WS in every bar between all sts (see link & photos). Begin by slipping the last worked st back to LN, then slide all sts off the tips to sit on the cable.

Note: the front is approx 3 cm (1¼") longer than the back.

Lining Take working (MC) yarn to WS, with 2.75 mm / US2 needle p&k sts in every bar *between* all sts, take yarn to RS.

316 (344, 376, 400) [416, 432, 448] Lining sts

Set Lining sts aside for now.

With MC and 2.75 mm (US 2) needle, continue on body sts, work 4 more rounds.

FRONT HEM

Front hem is knitted flat with short-R shaping, and over only the 158 (172, 188, 200) [208, 216, 224] Front sts.

Work any sl1^ from a previous R as k1^/p1^.

R 1: K to 20 sts before m, turn.

R 2: Sl1^, p to 20 sts before marker, turn.

R 3: Sl1^, k to 2 sts before marker, turn.

R 4: Sl1^, p to 2 sts before marker, turn.

R 5: Sl1^, k to 30 sts before marker, turn.

R 6: Sl1^, p to 30 sts before marker, turn.

R 7: Sl1^, k to 6 sts before marker, turn.

R 8: Sl1^, p to 6 sts before marker, turn.

R 9: Sl1^, k to 21 sts before m, turn.

R 10: Sl1^, p to 21 sts before marker.

R 11: Sl1^, k to 5 sts before marker, turn.

R 12: Sl1^, p to 5 sts before marker, turn.

R 13: Sl1^, k to 30 sts before marker, turn.

R 14: Sl1^, p to 30 sts before marker, turn.

R 15: Sl1^, k to 16 sts before marker, turn.

R 16: Sl1^, p to 16 sts before marker, turn.

R 17: K to m, rm, do not turn.

BACK HEM

Work **Rows 1 – 6** over 158 (172, 188, 200) [208, 216, 224] Back sts as for Front Hem.

R 7: Sl1^, k to m, rm. Set these sts aside for now.

LINING

Join **CC** at right side seam to work lining sts on 2.75 mm / US2 needle from inside of sweater; knit 3 rnds (Wrong Sides of Hem and Lining are facing each other).

BACK HEM LINING

Work **Rows 1 – 7** as for Back Hem.

FRONT HEM LINING

Continuing from back and with **CC** work **Rows 1 – 17** as for Front Hem. Cut **CC**.

CLOSING THE CURVED HEM

From RS, with MC and holding body sts on Needle 1 (N1) parallel to lining sts on Needle 2 (N2), bind off all sts, using a 3-Needle Bind Off as follows:

K2tog (one st from N1, one st from N2), ***k2tog** (1 st from each needle), bind off 1, rep from ***** until all sts have been bound off.

STEP 12: LEFT SLEEVE

Sleeves are knitted in the round using the Magic Loop method.

Alternatively, you can knit on two circular needles or dpns.

Choose option 1, 2, or 3 for sleeve join.



1. STRIPED PIPING

The striped piping is worked in stocking stitch back and forth before being joined to sleeve sts.

With working yarn, 2.5 mm / US 1½ circular needle, and using Provisional Winding Cast On, wind on 106 (106, 120, 120) [130, 150, 150] sts.

R 1 (RS): With MC, k1, join CC, k1, k to end alternating MC & CC.

R 2 (WS): Purl, alternating CC & MC as set.

R 3: Knit, alternating MC & CC.

R 4: As Row 2.

Fold piping in half with RS facing out, transfer all sts to one needle, alternating provisional sts and working sts (starting with a provisional st so that the k2togs have the working st lying on top. See photos.

PICK UP SLEEVE STS

Pick up approximately 3 for every 2 slipped faux-seam sts. Using 2.75 mm / US 2 needle, begin at centre of underarm, and for LEFT sleeve, use MC that was left in Step 4 (for RIGHT sleeve use MC that is attached to the piping), p&k106 (106, 120, 120) [130, 150, 150] sts around armhole.

The easiest way to close the piping: insert RN into 2 piping sts as if to k2tog but leave sts on LN, k1 sleeve st, pull this knitted loop through the 2 piping sts and now slide the resulting st off the needle.

Place piping parallel with sleeve sts, with 2.75 mm / US 2 needle, k3tog (2 piping sts tog with 1 sleeve st) 106 (106, 120, 120) [130, 150, 150] times.

106 (106, 120, 120) [130, 150, 150] sts

Decr Rnd: Knit and decrease (k2tog) 13 (13, 15, 15) [17, 21, 21] times evenly spaced across the round (approx every 7 (7, 7, 7) [7, 6, 6]th st). 93 (93, 105, 105) [113, 129, 129] sts

2. CONTRASTING CC JOIN

Beginning at centre of underarm, join CC to p&k93 (93, 105, 105) [113, 129, 129] sts around armhole, pm.

Rnd 1: Purl, cut yarn.

3. CORRUGATED RIBBING

With 2.75 mm / US 2 needle and beginning at centre of underarm, join CC to p&k94 (94, 106, 106) [114, 130, 130] around armhole.

Rnds 1 – 3: (With MC, k1, with CC p1) to end. Cut CC.

Rnd 4: With MC, k2tog, knit to end.

93 (93, 105, 105) [113, 129, 129] sts

Rnd 5: Purl.

Skip to Rnd 6 (6, 6, 6) [5, 4, 4] below.

SLEEVE (ALL OPTIONS)

Change to 3 mm / US 2½ needle and MC.

K8 (8, 6, 6) [5, 4, 4] rnds. 93 (93, 105, 105) [113, 129, 129] sts

The sleeve decreases take place at the top of the sleeve, on either side of the shoulder 'seam.'

Decr Rnd: K to 3 sts before shoulder 'seam,' ssk, pm, k1, k2tog, k to m, sm. 91 (91, 103, 103) [111, 127, 127] sts

Work Sleeve-Decr Round **every 9 (9, 7, 7) [6, 5, 5]th round** 16 (16, 20, 19) [22, 26, 25] times altogether, but pause to pick up lining sts when sleeve measures 39 (38, 37, 35) [35, 34, 33] cm / 15¼ (15, 14½, 13¾) [13¾, 13½, 13]" from underarm — or to 2 cm ¾" before desired sleeve length.

Picking up sts for CUFF LINING

With 2.5 mm / US 1½ needle (N2) p&k sts as for hem lining. Set these sts aside for now.

Continue to work sleeve with MC and decreases as set for an additional 2 cm / ¾".

61 (61, 65, 67) [69, 77, 79] sts

Change to 2.75 mm / US 2 needle.

Rnds 1 – 6: Knit.

Work Decr Rnd once. 59 (59, 63, 65) [67, 75, 77] sts

Knit in the round until cuff measures 6 cm / 2¼" from lining pick up (for a 4 cm / 1½" upturn). Set these sts aside for now.

STEP 13: LINED CUFF

Join CC and with 2.5 mm / US 1½ needle, knit lining counter-clockwise from the inside (the two Wrong Sides are facing each other) to match sleeve.

Work until just slightly shorter than sleeve.

CLOSE LINED CUFF

Weave in ends before closing the cuff.

From RS, with MC, and with sleeve and lining sts parallel, bind off all sts, using the 3-Needle Bind Off as for hem.

STEP 14: RIGHT SLEEVE

Work as Left Sleeve.

STEP 15: FINISH

Weave in loose ends. Fasten the pocket piping to the body with the ends on either side of the piping. Soak and block lightly to measurements.

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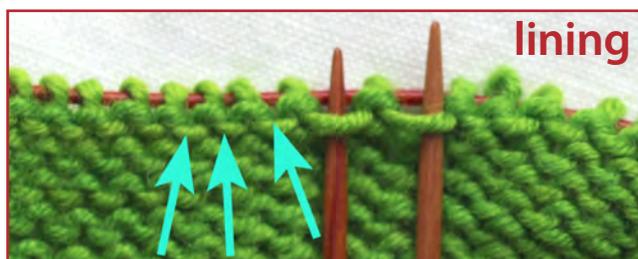
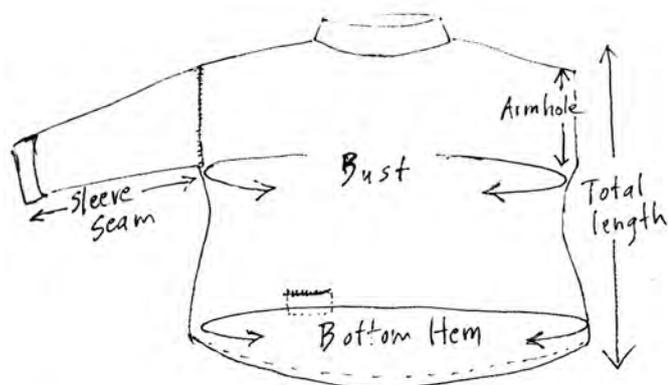
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Sizes	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
Bust (cm)	124.5	135.5	147.5	157	163	169	175.5
in	49¼	53½	58¼	62	64¼	66¾	69¼
Total length (cm)	58	60	63	64	64	66	66
in	23	23¾	25	25¼	25¼	26	26
Sleeve seam (cm)	41	40	39	37	37	36	35
in	16¼	15¾	15½	14¾	14¾	14¼	14
Sleeve Circumf (cm)	36	36	40	40	44	49	49
in	14¼	14¼	15¾	15¾	17¼	19¼	19¼
Armhole Depth (cm)	18	18	20	20	22	24.5	24.5
in	7	7	8	8	8¾	9¾	9¾
Bottom hem (cm)	122	132.5	145	154	160	166.5	172.5
in	48	52¼	57	60¾	63	65½	68



Knit the **CC** lining 1 round shorter than the collar (which is 2 rounds longer as the provisional stitches become an additional round). Before closing the layers, weave in ends, then fold collar double with **MC** layer facing outward. Transfer all stitches to one circular, alternating stitches from the two layers, starting with **CC**. The stitches are knitted together over the next few steps, not all at once.

Slide all stitches off tips onto cable. Pick up and knit in bars between stitches (tips are inserted into bars, arrows point to next three bars).

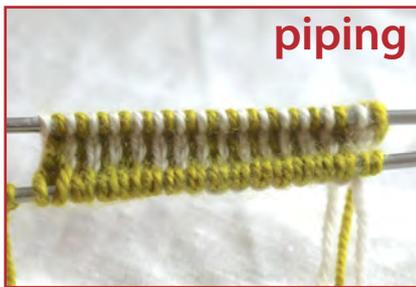


Three stitches have been picked up and knitted in the bars between stitches (contrast yarn is used for visibility but use working **MC** yarn).

Bento Construction The photo shows the first part of the Back (Steps 1 – 3). The stitches at the back of the collar have been knitted together and flow seamlessly into the back. The back is then knitted flat all the way down to the underarm (Step 4). The front collar stitches are knitted together when the front is knitted (Steps 5 – 7). Front and Back stitches are then joined and Bento is finished in the round (Steps 8 – 11). The slightly curved double hem is knitted back and forth with short rows (Step 11). The sleeves are knitted last (Step 12).

Variant: Here the lining is knitted from the inside (with purled side facing out) before the sleeve is finished. Sleeve stitches are ready to be knitted up around the lining.



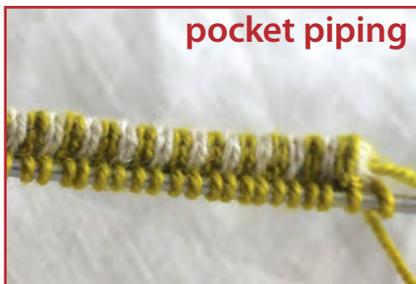


pipng

Wind on MC stitches, join CC to knit 4 rows of single-stitch stripes, alternating MC and CC.

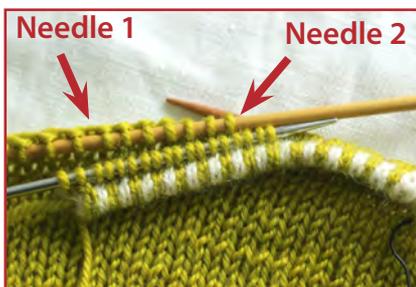


Fold piping in half with RS facing out, transfer all stitches to one needle, alternating provisional stitches and working stitches (starting with a provisional stitch). For SLEEVE: stop here.



pocket piping

Knit the two layers together to close piping before making the pocket.

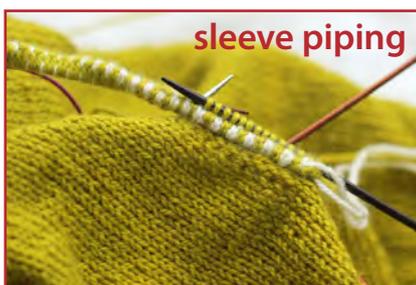


Needle 1 **Needle 2**

Joining piping to sweater to set up the double knitting: Setting up: Piping stitches on Needle 2 are slipped, sweater stitches on Needle 1 are knitted.



On alternate rounds, RS layer stitches are knitted and WS layer stitches are slipped. The WS layer is worked from the WS with N2 (N1 sts are slipped). RS layer on N1 then continues where it was left off, at far end of pocket.



sleeve piping

Join the two layers by knitting 2 piping stitches together with 1 sleeve stitch all the way around.



SLEEVE PIPING DETAIL

The easiest way to execute the join: Insert RN into 2 piping sts as if to make a k2tog but leave sts on the needle, use RN to knit 1 sleeve st, pull this stitch through the 2 piping sts.



CC square

The CC square is double knitted by alternating CC stitches from the RS layer with MC stitches that form the WS layer. To set up join CC, (k1CC into bar between stitches, k1MC) 8 times. Keep CC in front at all times. Then take both yarns to WS.



WS

On WS at the START of CC square: Lay MC over CC, take CC to RS (catch MC from below and up around), p1CC, k1MC) 7 times, p1CC. At beginning and end of square: the working ('old') yarn is always placed on top of the to be worked ('new') yarn.



WS

DOUBLE KNITTING Keep MC to WS, CC to RS and take care not to cross the yarns/layers. WS: MC is always in front of CC.



WS

On WS at the END of CC square: Take both yarns to WS, let go of CC, take MC across CC, purl to end. (The 'catch' is not quite a catch — it sets up the catch that happens on the following RS row.)



RS

On RS at the BEGINNING of CC square: Lay MC over CC, with CC catch MC (from below and up around), K1CC, P1MC) 7 times, K1CC. On RS, CC is always kept in front of MC.

