

andie knits



wānaka sweater

knitting pattern

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This sweater is knit from the top down. First the back yoke is worked flat back and forth in stockinette stitch and german short rows are used to shape the shoulders. After this, the front of the sweater is worked separately and joined with the back yoke at the underarm to work in the round. The sleeves are knit in the round by picking up stitches along the armholes. The button plackets are knit separately in double knitting with buttonholes being made on one side only. Finally the neckband is worked by picking up stitches along the neckline then folded double and sewn together

size guide

This sweater is designed to have approximately 20-25cm of positive ease, meaning that the circumference of the sweater should be around 20-25cm more than your bust circumference

sizes

SIZE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
To Fit Chest Circumference	80	85	90	95	100	105	110	120	130	140	150	160
Garment Chest Circumference	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140	150	160	170	180
Garment Cross Chest Distance	50	52	55	57	60	62	64	65	70	71	77	81
Garment Sleeve Circumference	31	32.5	34	37	40.5	42	43	45.5	48	49.5	53.5	56
Garment Sleeve Length	45	45	46	46	46	47	47	47	49	49	50	51
Garment Length (from back neck to hem)	60	60	62	64	66	67	68	72	72	74	75	75

materials

Circular Needles: 4mm 40cm, 80cm and/or 100cm, 3.5mm 40cm, 80cm and/or 100cm, 3mm 80cm

3 Buttons approx 20mm diameter

Darning needle

Scissors

Stitch Markers

yarn

8ply / DK weight yarn (50g = 100m)

500, (500, 550, 600, 650, 650, 700), (750, 800, 850, 950, 950) grams of yarn

tutorials

German Short Rows: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=52qy800b-s0>

Italian Bind Off: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FNbanlVzbxw&t=124s>

Double Knitting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-C1LMjLpq0>

Make 1 Left (M1L) and Make 1 Right (M1R): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lsJndA4LzR8>

Mattress Stitch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46IUyefCkXA>

Whip Stitch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zLJjS0dXYy8>

Picking up stitches with the tail end of the yarn: <https://youtu.be/I4-9cTjeFrk?si=mLzAdHS2rdWpPFbV>

gauge

21 stitches x 30 rows = 10cm x 10cm in stockinette stitch on 4mm needles

beginning of pattern

back yoke

The back yoke of the sweater is knit from the top of the shoulders down to the underarms. First German Short Rows are used to shape the shoulders.

Cast on 105, (110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 134), (136, 146, 150, 161, 171) stitches on a 4mm 80cm circular needle using your preferred cast on method (I like to use long tail cast on).

Break the yarn and slide the stitches on your needle so that you are now starting at the other end of your work.

Slip the first 34, (34, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46), (46, 52, 52, 56, 60) stitches purlwise from the left needle to the right needle without knitting them.

Join your yarn and knit the next 37, (42, 39, 40, 41, 42, 42), (44, 42, 46, 49, 51) stitches on your needle, turn your work.

After you have slipped your first stitch using the German short row method, purl across the next 36, (41, 38, 39, 40, 41, 41), (43, 41, 45, 48, 50) stitches on your needle (until you reach where you joined your yarn) then purl 4 more stitches, turn your work

Now continue working back and forth with short rows to shape the back of your sweater. The German Short Row method is used when the pattern says "turn" (see video tutorial in the tutorials section above)

Row 1 (RS): Knit till you reach the last turn stitch, knit this stitch, knit 4 more stitches, turn

Row 2 (WS): Purl till you reach the last turn stitch, purl this stitch, purl 4 more stitches, turn

Repeat rows 1 and 2 a total of 7, (7, 8, 9, 9, 9, 10), (10, 12, 12, 13, 14) times.

Repeat row 1 once more (there should be 2, (2, 2, 0, 2, 4, 2), (2, 0, 0, 0, 0) stitches left on your left needle after the last turn. The next row is a WS row

Next row (WS): Purl to the end of the row

You should now have worked over all your stitches and your work will now be shaped as a trapezium. The body of the back yoke will now be knit in stockinette stitch.

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch across all stitches as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit across all stitches

Row 2 (WS): Purl across all stitches

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until your work measures approx 23.5, (26.5, 26.5, 28.5, 29.5, 29.5, 31), (31, 31.5, 35, 33.5, 36, 36.5) cm measured mid back from the cast on edge.

Work increases for the armholes as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit 3 stitches, M1L, knit across your work till there are 3 stitches left, M1R, knit last 3 stitches (2 stitches increased)

Row 2 (WS): Purl across all stitches

Repeat rows 1 and 2 a total of 2, (2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2), (3, 3, 5, 5, 5) times. There are now a total of 109, (114, 119, 124, 129, 134, 138), (142, 152, 160, 171, 181) stitches on your needles.

Break the yarn and let the stitches rest on scrap yarn or another needle while you are working on the front of your sweater.

left front

The left front of your sweater is first shaped with German Short Rows, then increases are made to shape the neckline.

With the right side of the work facing you, pick up and knit 34, (34, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46), (46, 52, 52, 56, 60) stitches using the **tail end of your yarn** (the one not connected to the ball of yarn) from the neck edge out towards the armhole edge. Slip the stitches purlwise to the other end of the circular needle now so that the working yarn is at the end and the first row will begin on a RS row.

Now work short rows to shape the shoulder using the German Short Row method as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit 4 stitches, turn

Row 2 (WS): Purl to the end

Row 3 (RS): Knit till you reach the last turn stitch, knit the turn stitch, knit 4 more stitches, turn

Row 4 (WS): Purl to the end

Repeat rows 3 and 4 a total of 7, (7, 8, 9, 9, 9, 10), (10, 12, 12, 13, 14) times (there should be 2, (2, 2, 0, 2, 4, 2), (2, 0, 0, 0, 0) stitches left on your left needle after the last turn. The next row is a RS row

Now work increases to shape the neckline as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit 3 stitches, M1L, knit to the end

Row 2 (WS): Purl to the end

Repeat rows 1 and 2 a total of 8 times, there are now a total of 42, (42, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54), (54, 60, 60, 64, 68) stitches on your needle.

At the end of the last WS row, cast on 7, (9, 8, 8, 9, 9, 9), (10, 9, 11, 13, 14) stitches using the backwards loop method. There are now 49, (51, 54, 56, 59, 61, 63), (64, 69, 71, 77, 82) stitches on your needle.

Work back and forth in stockinette across all stitches as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit across all stitches

Row 2 (WS): Purl across all stitches

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until your work measures 14cm from where you cast on the 7, (9, 8, 8, 9, 9, 9), (10, 9, 11, 13, 14) stitches at the neckline, making sure you finish on a WS row.

Break the yarn and leave your stitches on hold while you work on the right shoulder.

right front

The right front of your sweater is first shaped with German Short Rows, then increases are made to shape the neckline.

With the right side of the work facing you, pick up and knit 34, (34, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46), (46, 52, 52, 56, 60) stitches with the normal working yarn, the first row will be a WS row. Pick up from the armhole edge towards the neck edge.

Now work short rows to shape the shoulder using the German Short Row method as follows:

Row 1 (WS): Purl 4 stitches, turn

Row 2 (RS): Knit to the end

Row 3 (WS): Purl till you reach the last turn stitch, purl the turn stitch, purl 4 more stitches, turn

Row 4 (RS): Knit to the end

Repeat rows 3 and 4 for a total of 7, (7, 8, 9, 9, 9, 10), (10, 12, 12, 13, 14) times (there should be 2, (2, 2, 0, 2, 4, 2), (2, 0, 0, 0, 0) stitches left on your left needle after the last turn. The next row is a WS row.

Next row (WS): Purl across all stitches

The next row is a RS row

Now work increases to shape the neckline as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit till there are 3 stitches left on your needle, M1R, knit to the end

Row 2 (WS): Purl to the end

Repeat rows 1 and 2 a total of 8 times, there are now a total of 42, (42, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54), (54, 60, 60, 64, 68) stitches on your needle.

Now knit across the next RS row and, once you reach the end, cast on 7, (9, 8, 8, 9, 9, 9), (10, 9, 11, 13, 14) stitches using the backwards loop method. There are now 49, (51, 54, 56, 59, 61, 63), (64, 69, 71, 77, 82) stitches on your needle.

Work back and forth in stockinette across all stitches as follows:

Row 1 (WS): Purl across all stitches

Row 2 (RS): Knit across all stitches

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until your work measures 14cm from where you cast on the 7, (9, 8, 8, 9, 9, 9), (10, 9, 11, 13, 14) stitches at the neckline, making sure to finish on a WS row.

Do not break your yarn at this point as you will be joining for the front yoke from here.

front yoke

Now join the left and right shoulder together to form the front yoke on a 4mm circular needle by casting on stitches in between the left and right front at the bottom of the button-band. The first row is a RS row.

Knit across the 49, (51, 54, 56, 59, 61, 63), (64, 69, 71, 77, 82) right shoulder stitches, cast on 7, (8, 7, 8, 7, 7, 8), (8, 8, 8, 7, 7) stitches using the backwards loop method, knit across the 49, (51, 54, 56, 59, 61, 63), (64, 69, 71, 77, 82) left shoulder stitches. There are now a total of 105, (110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 134), (136, 146, 150, 161, 171) stitches on your needle. The next row is a WS row.

Next row (WS): Purl across all stitches

The next row is a RS row

Work back and forth in stockinette across all stitches as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit across all stitches

Row 2 (WS): Purl across all stitches

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until your work measures approx 0, (2, 2, 2.5, 4, 4, 5), (4.5, 7, 6, 7, 8) cm measured from where you just casted on stitches for the button band. Making sure to finish on a WS row. For size 1 you will not be knitting any rows for this step.

The next row is a RS row.

Work increases for the armholes as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit 3 stitches, M1L, knit across your work till there are 3 stitches left, M1R, knit last 3 stitches (2 stitches increased)

Row 2 (WS): Purl across all stitches

Repeat rows 1 and 2 a total of 2, (2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2), (3, 3, 5, 5, 5) times. There are now a total of 109, (114, 119, 124, 129, 134, 138), (142, 152, 160, 171, 181) stitches on your needles. The next row is a RS row

Do not break your yarn at this point.

body

Now join both the front and back yoke together onto a 4mm 80cm-120cm circular needle (whatever length you prefer) as follows:

Knit across the 109, (114, 119, 124, 129, 134, 138), (142, 152, 160, 171, 181) front yoke stitches, cast on 2, (2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 4), (5, 6, 8, 8, 8) stitches using the backwards loop method, knit across the 109, (114, 119, 124, 129, 134, 138), (142, 152, 160, 171, 181) back yoke stitches, cast on another 2, (2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 4), (5, 6, 8, 8, 8) stitches using the backwards loop method.

There are now a total of 222, (232, 242, 252, 262, 274, 284), (294, 316, 336, 358, 378) stitches on your needles for the body. Place a stitch marker here on your needle at the right underarm and join in the round.

Work straight in stockinette stitch until your sweater measures 50, (50, 52, 54, 56, 57, 58), (62, 62, 64, 65, 65) cm measured mid back from the cast on edge (or to your desired length - make sure to try it on along the way or lay your work up to a sweater that you like the length of before the ribbing)

Change to 3.5mm circular needles and work 10cm in 1x1 rib (knit 1, purl 1)

Now work 2 rounds of double knitting before binding off using the Italian bind off method as follows: (if you don't want to use the Italian bind off method skip the double knitting and cast off using your preferred method)

Round 1: *Knit 1, slip 1 stitch purlwise with the yarn in front*, repeat in between the * to the end of the round.

Round 2: *Slip 1 stitch purlwise with the yarn behind, Purl 1*, repeat in between the * to the end of the round.

Bind off using the Italian bind off method (see video tutorial in the tutorials section above).

sleeves

You will now work the sleeves in the round on a 4mm 40cm circular needle and on double pointed needles or magic loop at the end when there are less stitches. If you prefer you can also use magic loop or DPN's for the entire sleeve.

With the right side facing you pick up and knit 74, (82, 82, 84, 90, 90, 96), (98, 108, 110, 114, 116) stitches starting at the bottom of the armhole (where you casted on stitches in between the front and the back). This is equivalent to picking up every stitch under the armhole, and 2 stitches for every 3 rows around the armhole.

Join in the round and place a stitch marker to mark the beginning of the round.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch until your sleeve measures 35, (35, 36, 36, 36, 37, 37), (37, 39, 39, 40, 41) cm while at the same time decreasing 2 stitches every 14th, (11th, 12th, 13th, 10th, 10th, 8th), (8th, 6th, 6th, 6th, 6th) round a total of 7, (9, 9, 8, 10, 10, 13), (13, 17, 18, 19, 20) times.

Work the decrease round as follows:

Knit 2 stitches, K2tog, knit to the last 4 stitches in the round, SSK, knit 2 stitches.

There are now a total of 60, (64, 64, 68, 70, 70, 70), (72, 74, 74, 76, 76) stitches on your needles.

Change to 3.5mm circular needles and work 10cm in 1x1 rib (knit 1, purl 1)

Now work 2 rounds of double knitting before binding off using the Italian bind off method as follows: (if you don't want to use the Italian bind off method skip the double knitting and cast off using your preferred method)

Round 1: *Knit 1, slip 1 stitch purlwise with the yarn in front*, repeat in between the * to the end of the round.

Round 2: *Slip 1 stitch purlwise with the yarn behind, Purl 1*, repeat in between the * to the end of the round.

Bind off using the Italian bind off method (see video tutorial in the tutorials section above).

Repeat the second sleeve the same as the first.

neckband and button band

The neckband and button band of the sweater are worked as follows: First the left side of the button band is worked in double knitting, then the right side of the button band is worked in double knitting with buttonholes being made at the same time. The neckband is worked last in 1x1 rib. There are also instructions if you do not want to add any buttonholes to your sweater.

step 1: left side of button band

The button band is worked in double knitting on 3mm 80cm circular needles.

Starting from the top of the neckline down to where you casted on stitches to join the right and left front, pick up and knit 1 stitch in every row along the side of your work using the **tail end of your yarn**.

Slip your stitches back so that the working yarn is now at the beginning of the needle by the neckline.

Cast on 7, (8, 7, 8, 7, 7, 8), (8, 8, 8, 7, 7) stitches using the backwards loop method. The next row is a RS row

Next row (RS): *Knit 1 stitch, cast on 1 stitch using the backwards loop method*, repeat the steps in between the * 6, (7, 6, 7, 6, 6, 7), (7, 7, 7, 6, 6) times, knit the next stitch together with the first stitch you picked up through the back loop. Turn your work.

Next row (WS): *Slip 1 stitch with the yarn forward, knit 1*, repeat the steps in between the * to the last stitch, slip 1 stitch with the yarn forward. Turn your work.

You should now have 13, (15, 13, 15, 13, 13, 15), (15, 15, 15, 13, 13) stitches on your needle (minus the picked up stitches) that you are working your double knitting on. continue working double knitting on each row as follows:

Row 1 (RS): *Knit 1, slip 1 stitch with the yarn forward*, repeat the steps in between the * 6, (7, 6, 7, 6, 6, 7), (7, 7, 7, 6, 6) times, k2tog through the back loop. Turn your work

Row 2 (WS): *Slip 1 stitch with the yarn forward, knit 1*, repeat the steps in between the * to the last stitch, slip 1 stitch with the yarn forward. Turn your work

Repeat rows 1 and 2 all the way down your button band until there are no more picked up stitches left (or when you have a total of 13, (15, 13, 15, 13, 13, 15), (15, 15, 15, 13, 13) stitches left on your needles)

Bind off all stitches from the RS as follows:

K2tog, *K2tog, bind off the previous stitch*, repeat the steps in between the * until you have 1 stitch left, knit 1, bind off the last stitch.

Break the yarn making sure to leave a long tail to sew together the button bands later.

step 2: right side of button band

The right side of the button band is worked in double knitting on 3mm 80cm circular needles. The buttonholes are worked by dividing the double knitted edge into two sections and working each section separately then joining the sections back together.

Starting from the bottom of the button band (where you casted on stitches to join the left and right front sections of the sweater) pick up and knit 7, (8, 7, 8, 7, 7, 8), (8, 8, 8, 7, 7) stitches along the cast on edge, then pick up and knit 1 stitch for every row up to the neckline using the **tail end of your yarn to pick up all the stitches.**

Slip your stitches back so that the working yarn is now at the beginning of the needle at the bottom of the band. Your first row is a RS row

Before you start knitting the button band, you will need to place stitch markers on your circular needle to mark where you will be making your buttonholes. Place a stitch marker approx 5cm from the neckline edge to mark the middle buttonhole. Place a second stitch marker 7cm away from the 1st stitch marker you just placed to mark the bottom buttonhole. The top buttonhole will be made when you knit the neckband.

Next row (RS): *Knit 1 stitch, cast on 1 stitch using the backwards loop method*, repeat the steps in between the * 6, (7, 6, 7, 6, 6, 7), (7, 7, 7, 6, 6) times, knit the next stitch together with the first stitch you picked up through the back loop. Turn your work.

Next row (WS): *Slip 1 stitch with the yarn forward, knit 1*, repeat the steps in between the * to the last stitch, slip 1 stitch with the yarn forward. Turn your work.

You should now have 13, (15, 13, 15, 13, 13, 15), (15, 15, 15, 13, 13) stitches on your needle (minus the picked up stitches) that you are working your double knitting on. continue working double knitting on each row as follows:

Now work double knitting as follows:

Row 1 (RS): *Knit 1, slip 1 stitch with the yarn forward*, repeat the steps in between the * 6, (7, 6, 7, 6, 6, 7), (7, 7, 7, 6, 6) times, k2tog through the back loop. Turn your work.

Row 2 (WS): *Slip 1 stitch with the yarn forward, knit 1*, repeat the steps in between the * to the last stitch, slip 1 stitch with the yarn forward. Turn your work.

Optional: No Buttonholes

If you do not wish to make buttonholes, repeat rows 1 and 2 all the way up the side of your button band until there are no more picked up stitches left (or when you have a total of 13, (15, 13, 15, 13, 13, 15), (15, 15, 15, 13, 13) stitches left on your needles).

Bind off all stitches from the RS as follows: K2tog, *K2tog, bind off the previous stitch*, repeat the steps in between the * until you have 1 stitch left, knit 1, bind off the last stitch. Break the yarn.

Buttonhole Instructions

Repeat rows 1 and 2 above until you reach the first stitch marker on your needle, you will now divide the stitches into two sections and work each separately.

Row 1 (RS): *Knit 1, slip 1 stitch with the yarn forward*, repeat the steps in between the * a total of 3, (4, 3, 4, 3, 3, 4), (4, 4, 4, 3, 3) times. Turn your work

Row 2 (WS): *Knit 1, slip 1 stitch with the yarn forward*, repeat the steps in between the * a total of 3, (4, 3, 4, 3, 3, 4), (4, 4, 4, 3, 3) times. Turn your work

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 a total of 5 times (i.e. work a total of 10 rows)

Work row 1 once more so that the working yarn is now in the middle of the button band stitches.

Break your yarn and leave the stitches on hold.

Now work across the second half of the buttonhole on the remaining stitches, join your yarn and work starting from the RS as follows:

Row 1 (RS): *Knit 1, slip 1 stitch with the yarn forward*, repeat the steps in between the * a total of 3 times, k2tog through the back loop. Turn your work

Row 2 (WS): *Slip 1 stitch with the yarn forward, knit 1*, repeat the steps in between the * till you have 1 stitch on your needle, slip 1 stitch with the yarn forward. Turn your work

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 a total of 5 times (i.e. work a total of 10 rows)

Work row 1 one more time so that the next row is a WS row, do not break your yarn!

Now rejoin both of the sections of your buttonhole as follows:

Row 1 (WS): *Slip 1 stitch with the yarn forward, knit 1*, repeat the steps in between the * across all button band stitches till you have 1 stitch left, slip 1 stitch with the yarn forward. Turn your work

You have now worked one buttonhole and the next row is a RS row. Continue working in double knitting across all the stitches until you reach the next stitch marker on your needle then work another buttonhole following the instructions above.

Once you have made two buttonholes, continue working in double knitting across all the stitches all the way up the side of your button band until there are no more picked up stitches left (or when you have a total of 13, (15, 13, 15, 13, 13, 15), (15, 15, 15, 13, 13) stitches left on your needles).

Bind off all stitches from the RS as follows: K2tog, *K2tog, bind off the previous stitch*, repeat the steps in between the * until you have 1 stitch left, knit 1, bind off the last stitch. Break the yarn.

step 3: neckband with buttonholes

You will now work the neckband of the sweater on 3.5mm circular needles. The neckband is double folded so you will be knitting two buttonholes in line with each other, so when you fold the neckband over these will line up to form one buttonhole and you will sew these together at the end. The buttonholes are knit in a similar way as you made the last two buttonholes by dividing the neckband stitches into two sections and working each section separately.

If you are not making buttonholes your instructions are further down

Using 3.5mm circular needles, pick up and knit a total of 113, (123, 121, 125, 127, 127, 133), (135, 139, 151, 157, 161) stitches around the neck opening. This is equivalent to picking up and knitting 1 stitch in every stitch along the double knitted button band, front of the neck (where you cast on 7, (9, 8, 8, 9, 9, 9), (10, 9, 11, 13, 14) stitches using the backwards loop method) and back of the neck, and picking up and knitting 3 stitches for every 4 rows along the side of the neck edge. (If you don't get the exact number when picking up stitches that's okay, you just need to make sure that you are picking up an odd amount of stitches)

EST = Edge Stitch. Knit the stitch on both the RS and the WS

Rib Pattern

Now work 1x1 ribbing as follows:

Row 1 (WS): est, *purl 1, knit 1*, repeat the steps in between the * until you have 2 stitches left, purl 1, est

Row 2 (RS): est, *knit 1, purl 1*, repeat the steps in between the * until you have 2 stitches left, knit 1, est

Repeat row 1 once more, the next row is a RS row and you will now start making the buttonhole.

Buttonhole 1

Row 1 (RS): est, knit 1, purl 1, SSK, turn your work

Row 2 (WS): purl 1, knit 1, purl 1, est

Row 3 (RS): est, knit 1, purl 1, knit 1

Break the yarn and leave the 4 stitches on hold

Rejoin the yarn and you will now work across the other 108, (118, 118, 120, 122, 122, 128), (130, 134, 146, 152, 156) stitches that make up the neck ribbing starting from the RS.

Row 1 (RS): *knit 1, purl 1* repeat the steps in between the * until you have 2 stitches left on your needle, knit 1, est

Row 2 (WS): est, *purl 1, knit 1* repeat the steps in between the * until you have 1 stitch left, knit 1

Repeat both rows one more time, at the end of the WS row cast on 1 stitch using the backwards loop method, then knit across the 4 stitches on hold like so: purl 1, knit 1, purl 1, est. You now have worked across all the stitches again and have made one buttonhole.

Work two rows in the established 1x1 **rib pattern** explained above across all the stitches. The next row is a RS row.

Row 1 (RS): est, *knit 1, slip 1 stitch purl wise with the yarn in front*, repeat the steps in between the * until there is 2 stitches left, knit 1, est

Row 2 (WS): est, *slip 1 stitch purlwise with the yarn in front, knit 1*, repeat the steps in between the * until there is 2 stitches left, slip 1 stitch purlwise with the yarn in front, est

Row 3 (RS): repeat row 1

Work 3 more rows in the established 1x1 **rib pattern**. The next row is a RS row and you will now start making the second buttonhole.

Buttonhole 2

Row 1 (RS): est, knit 1, purl 1, SSK, turn your work

Row 2 (WS): purl 1, knit 1, purl 1, est

Row 3 (RS): est, knit 1, purl 1, knit 1

Break the yarn and leave the 4 stitches on hold

Rejoin the yarn and you will now work across the other 108, (118, 118, 120, 122, 122, 128), (130, 134, 146, 152, 156) stitches that make up the neck ribbing starting from the RS.

Row 1 (RS): *knit 1, purl 1* repeat the steps in between the * until you have 2 stitches left on your needle, knit 1, est

Row 2 (WS): est, *purl 1, knit 1* repeat the steps in between the * until you have 1 stitch left, knit 1

Repeat both rows one more time, at the end of the WS row cast on 1 stitch using the backwards loop method, then knit across the 4 stitches on hold like so: purl 1, knit 1, purl 1, est. You now have worked across all the stitches again and have made one buttonhole.

Knit 1 more row in the established 1x1 rib pattern.

Bind off all stitches on the next row using a regular cast off (if you find that you cast off quite tightly I recommend using a needle 0.5mm larger to cast off)

neckband without buttonholes (optional) ---

Using 3.5mm circular needles, pick up and knit a total of 113, (123, 121, 125, 127, 127, 133), (135, 139, 151, 157, 161) stitches around the neck opening. This is equivalent to picking up and knitting 1 stitch in every stitch along the double knitted button band edge, front neck edge and back neck and picking up and knitting 3 stitches for every 4 rows along the sides of the neck edge. *(If you don't get the exact number when picking up stitches that's okay, you just need to make sure that you are picking up an odd amount of stitches)*

Rib Pattern

Now work 1x1 ribbing as follows:

Row 1 (WS): est, *purl 1, knit 1*, repeat the steps in between the * until you have 2 stitches left, purl 1, est

Row 2 (RS): est, *knit 1, purl 1*, repeat the steps in between the * until you have 2 stitches left, knit 1, est

Work a total of 9 rows in the established 1x1 **rib pattern**, the next row is a RS row

Row 1 (RS): est, *knit 1, slip 1 stitch purl wise with the yarn in front*, repeat the steps in between the * until there is 2 stitches left, knit 1, est

Row 2 (WS): est, *slip 1 stitch purlwise with the yarn in front, knit 1*, repeat the steps in between the * until there is 2 stitches left, slip 1 stitch purlwise with the yarn in front, est

Row 3 (RS): repeat row 1

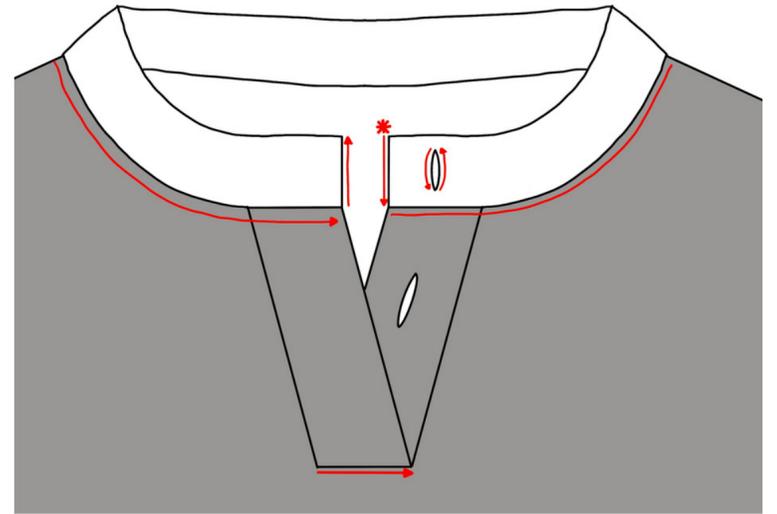
Work a further 9 rows in the established 1x1 **rib pattern**

Bind off all stitches on the next row using a regular cast off (if you find that you cast off quite tightly I recommend using a needle 0.5mm larger to cast off).

sewing down the neckband

Grey= WS of the sweater

Red line = Sewing line



Now you will sew the cast off edge down to where you picked up the stitches to create a folded neckband.

With the front of the sweater facing you, turn your work inside out so that you are sewing the neckband from the WS. Fold down your neckband making sure that your rib is lined up and not twisted (I found it easier to pin down the cast off edge to the where you picked up the stitches with either sewing pins or stitch markers). Starting from the star marked on the picture above, follow the red line and sew your neckband together. I used a mattress stitch to attach the sides of the neckband together, then used a whipstitch to attach the cast off edge to where you picked up the stitches.

Using one of the tails of your yarn at the buttonhole, sew around the hole to connect the two buttonholes that you made.

With the sweater still inside out, sew the two double knit button bands together at the bottom using a whipstitch.

Weave in all your ends, wash and block your sweater, sew on your buttons and you are finished! Ka pai te mahi!

Please use the hashtag #wānakasweater if you are going to post your wip or finished piece on instagram so I can see your amazing work!

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