



MAERON

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HERE WE GO, ON THIS ROLLERCOASTER LIFE WE KNOW

Maeron's most prominent design features are the textured front and back panels, that were inspired by the intricate embroidered bodices found in a variety of cultures. To give these panels the appearance of verticality, the sweater is worked sideways.

To balance out the detailed, but easy to work ornamentation, the shape of the sweater is kept simple and understated, resulting in an elegant, easy to wear piece that will surely make you stand out from the crowd.



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

CONSTRUCTION

Mearon has an interesting, seamless construction, with elegant and decorative details.

You will start with a provisional cast on at the upper arm. Then the body is worked sideways to the center back and front. The body is constructed using a double-sided provisional cast-on for an invisible side seam.

Once the right and the left half of the sweater are worked, they are joined by a modified three needle bind off for a flat center front and back seam. The sleeves are worked down in the round, so you can try on your sweater for a perfect sleeve length. Then sts are picked up for the finishing of the lower edge and the neckline and worked in the round to the bind off.

The pattern contains a photo tutorial for the double-sided provisional cast on and the modified three needle bind off, as well as detailed directions for modifying the length of the body.

SIZES

XS [S, M, L] {1X, 2X, 3X, 4X}

Finished measurements

Bust: 89 [98, 108, 116] {128, 138, 148, 158} cm / 35 [38.5, 42.5, 45.75] {50.5, 54.25, 58.25, 62.25}”.

High hip: 78 [87, 97, 105] {117, 127, 137, 147} cm / 30.75 [34.25, 38.25, 41.25] {46, 50, 54, 58}”.

The sweater is designed to have approx 10 - 12.5 cm / 4 - 5" of positive ease at the bust.

The sample is shown in size S, has 7.5 cm / 3" of positive ease around the bust and a shaped hem with no ease.

YARN

Kokon Fingering Weight Merino, 100% merino, 320 m / 350 yards per 100 gr.

MC approx 850 [900, 975, 1075] {1250, 1350, 1500, 1575} m / 930 [985, 1065, 1175] {1365, 1475, 1640, 1720} yards.

CC 120 [120, 130, 130] {145, 145, 160, 170} m / 130 [130, 140, 140] {160, 160, 175, 185} yards.

On page 5 you will find directions for lengthening the sweater. When you lengthen the sweater with 10 sts you will need to add approx 75 [80, 80, 90] {100, 100, 110, 120} m / 82 [88, 88, 100] {110, 110, 120, 132} to the stated amount for MC and approx 10 m / 11 yards to the CC amount.

Colorways used for the sample: MC Fog and CC Space.

GAUGE

Measured after blocking.

Stockinette stitch on Needle A: 23 sts x 36 rows = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4".

Note: since the sweater is worked sideways, the row gauge is just as crucial as the stitch gauge.

NEEDLES

Needle A (for the body and sleeves)

One 100 cm / 60" circular needle, and a set of needles for working small circumferences in the round (DPN's, 1 long circular or 2 short circulars), in size needed to obtain gauge listed.

Suggested needle size: 3.5 mm / US #4.

Needle B (for the seed stitch bands on the body)

One 100 cm / 60" circular needle.

Suggested needle size: 3.25 mm / US #3.



Needle C (for the seed stitch trimmings of the neckline, sleeves and body)
 One 60 cm / 60" circular needle, one 40 cm / 24" circular needle and a set of needles for working small circumferences in the round.
 Suggested needle size: 3 mm / US #2.5.
Crochet hook size 4 mm (G) for the Two Sided Provisional Cast On.

NOTIONS

Stitch markers, cable needle, tapestry needle.

STITCH PATTERNS

Clustered Flower pattern

Under TECHNIQUES – **Clustered stitches** you will find the explanation on how to work the cl3 (= clustering three sts by wrapping them).

CO a multiple of 10 sts + 9 sts.

Work 2 rows in St st.

Row 1 (RS): k3, cl3, (k7 cl3) to last 3 sts, k to end.

Row 2 (WS): k1, p to last st, k1.

Row 3: k1, cl3, k1, cl3, (k3, cl3, k1, cl3) to last st, k1.

Row 4: k1, p to last st, k1.

Row 5 & 6: work as Row 1 & 2.

TECHNIQUES

Clustered stitches

When working the Clustered Flower pattern you are instructed to cluster 3 sts by wrapping them (= cl3). Work as follows.

Step 1: slip 3 sts to a cable needle.

Step 2: with working yarn, wrap these sts 5 times, counterclockwise.

Step 3: slip the wrapped sts to your RH needle, and continue to work as instructed.

German Short Rows

The shoulders and the body of the sweater are shaped using German short rows. German short rows are worked as follows.

Work the number of stitches given in the pattern. Turn your work. With the yarn in front, slip the first stitch purlwise. Bring the yarn over the needle to the back of your work and pull; this creates a double stitch (ds). Work the next st in pattern.

When working over the ds on the next row, work the two legs of the ds as one st.

Two Sided Provisional Cast On

This method allows you to work both the front and back pieces seamlessly. Work the steps below or refer to the photo tutorial on page 16.

Step 1: loosely crochet a chain with a smooth scrap yarn (for instance cotton) in a contrasting color. Chain a few more sts than you will be casting on.

Step 2 (RS): at the end of the round pick up and knit the number of sts given from the chains back bumps.

Step 3 (WS): turn the work and purl the new sts. Continue purling the sleeve sts .

Step 4: let go of your RH needle and the working yarn. With a spare needle that is preferably smaller than your working needle, pick up the sts you have just cast on. Start at the edge of the chain and work towards the underarm. Do not pick up from the crochet chain, but instead pick up the purl bumps of the main yarn.

Step 5: change direction again, the needle you have picked up sts with, becomes your LH needle and the needle you have just purled the sleeve sts with, your RH needle. With the RH needle purl the sts you have just picked up from the chain.





Modified 3-Needle Bind Off

Compared to the standard 3-Needle BO the Modified 3-needle BO creates a less bulky seam that lies flatter against the fabric.

Work the steps below or, if you are an **English style knitter** (holding the working yarn in the right hand), refer to the photo tutorial on page 18. For **continental style knitters** (holding the working yarn in the left hand), I recommend the video by Roxanne Richardson

[Finessed Three-Needle Bind Off // Technique Tuesday - YouTube](#)

Work as follows.

Hold the two needles parallel in your left hand; the RS of the two pieces of knitting are facing out. With the spare needle in your right hand, begin binding off as follows.

Step 1 (English style knitters): Insert your RH needle kwise into the first st on the front needle. Wrap the yarn as if to knit, but do not exit or drop the st off the needle.

Step 1 (Continental style knitters): Insert your RH needle kwise into the first st on the front needle. Make sure your working yarn is between the front and the back needle.

Step 2: Insert the RH needle pwise into the first st on the back needle and complete the purl st and drop it off your needle.

Step 3 (English style knitters): Bring the working yarn to the back, pull the newly formed loop through the front stitch, and drop it off the LH needle.

Step 3 (Continental style knitters): Pull the newly formed loop through the front stitch, and drop it off the LH needle.

Step 4: Repeat Step 1 – 3. There are now 2 sts on your RH needle.

Step 5: Using the tip of your front LH needle pass the second st on your RH needle over the first st.

Repeat these steps until all sts are bound off.

For pattern support and possible errata, please go to the Maeron thread in my group on Ravelry.

[Ravelry: Moonstruck Knits by Natasja Hornby discussion topic - Pattern Questions Maeron](#)

DIRECTIONS



UPPER SLEEVE

Wearers left side

With Needle A and MC, CO 71 [77, 83, 89] {97, 105, 109, 123} sts, using your preferred provisional CO. Place BOR m and join to work in the round.

Knit 4 rounds.

Underarm shaping

Next round - increase round: k1, M1L, k to 1 st bef BOR, M1R, k1, sl BOR m; 73 [79, 85, 91] {99, 107, 111, 125} sts.

Next, knit 2 rounds.

Work the last 3 rounds twice more; 77 [83, 89, 95] {103, 111, 115, 129} sts.

Next round - increase round: k1, M1L, k to 1 st bef BOR, M1R, k1, sl BOR m; 79 [85, 91, 97] {105, 113, 117, 131} sts.

Next round: k to BOR, sl BOR m.

Work the last 2 rounds once more; 81 [87, 93, 99] {107, 115, 119, 133} sts.

Short rows to shape the shoulders

Next, you are going to work German Short Rows (see TECHNIQUES) to shape the shoulders. Work as follows.

Short row 1 (RS): k 56 [62, 65, 71] {76, 84, 85, 96} sts, turn.

Short row 2 (WS): ds, p 30 [36, 36, 42] {44, 52, 50, 58} sts, turn.

Short row 3: ds, k to ds, k ds, k3, turn.

Short row 4: ds, p to ds, p ds, p3, turn.

Work Short row 3&4 6 [6, 7, 7] {8, 8, 9, 10} times more.

Last short row: ds, k to ds, k ds, k to BOR, sl BOR m.

In the next round you will place markers to mark the center shoulder st. These markers will be slipped when not mentioned.

Next round: k 40 [43, 46, 49] {53, 57, 59, 66} sts, working the ds when you come to it, pm, k1, pm, k to BOR.

BODY

Wearers left side

Remove BOR m. Change to long circular Needle A and work flat. Use magic loop for the first few rows of flat knitting.

Two Sided Provisional Cast On and changing the length of your sweater

You will be casting on the given number of stitches if you want your sweater to have the length given in the SCHEMATIC. If you want to modify the length, you will need to cast on more (or less) stitches, and prepare accordingly.

At given gauge you will need to cast on 10 sts more (or less) to lengthen (or shorten) the sweater with approx 4 cm / 1.5". To make sure the patterned center panels of the front and back will match your stitch count, the extra (or fewer) sts you cast on need to be a multiple of 10.

To determine if you want the sweater longer or shorter, measure yourself from the top of your shoulder, over the bust, down to where you want the edge of your sweater to be. Compare this measurement to the one for your size given in the SCHEMATIC.

Note: the stitch counts given in the pattern after this point are based on the cast on sts given for the Two Sided Provisional Cast On. If you choose to CO more or less sts, you will need to adjust the given stitch counts accordingly.



Add or subtract twice the number of sts you have added or reduced to the stitch counts in **bold blue** (for instance, if you have added 10 sts, you will add 20 to the stitch counts in **bold blue**). Add or subtract the number of sts you have added or reduced to the stitch counts in **bold green** once.

Two Sided Provisional Cast On

Work Step 1 of the directions for the Two Sided Provisional Cast On (see TECHNIQUES).

Next, with working yarn, CO **52 [50, 50, 50] {48, 46, 46, 44}** sts from where you ended the last round (see Step 2 of the directions for the Two Sided Provisional Cast On).

Next, work Step 3 of the directions for the Two Sided Provisional Cast On; **185 [187, 193, 199] {203, 207, 211, 221}** sts.

Work Step 4 & 5 of the instructions for the Two Sided provisional Cast On (see TECHNIQUES or the PHOTO TUTORIAL).

Turn work, working flat. Beginning of row is the lower edge of the back.

Next row (RS): k to end.

Next, unzip the crochet chain, and place a removable m to indicate the CO for future measurements.

Next row (WS): k1, p to last st, k1.

Shaping shoulders and body

Next, you are going to shape the body by working short rows. At the same time you will shape the shoulders by increasing next to the center shoulder markers. Work as follows.

Short row 1 (RS) – *increase row*: k to 1 st bef m, M1R, k1, slm, k1, slm, k1, M1L, k to last **33** sts, turn; **187 [189, 195, 201] {205, 209, 213, 223}** sts.

Short row 2 (WS): ds, p to last **33** sts, turn.

Short row 3: ds, k to ds, k ds, k8, turn.

Short row 4: ds, p to ds, p ds, p8, turn.

Work Short row 3&4 0 [1, 2, 1] {2, 2, 2, 2} time(s) more.

Sizes M, 1X, 2X, 3X and 4X proceed to **More shoulder shaping**.

Sizes XS, S, and L continue below.

Sizes XS, S and L only

Next Short row (RS) – *increase row*: ds, k to 1 st bef m, M1R, k1, slm, k1, slm, k1, M1L, k to ds, k ds, k8, turn; **189 [191, -, 203] {-, -, -, -}** sts.

Next Short row (WS): ds, p to ds, p ds, p8, turn.

Size XS only

Next, work Short Row 3 & 4 (above) once more.

Proceed to **More shoulder shaping**.

Sizes S and L only

Last Short row (RS): ds, k to ds, k ds, k to end.

Next row (WS): k1, p to ds, p ds, p to last st, k1.

Next row: k to end.

Next row: k1, p to last st, k1.

Proceed to **Shoulder shaping sequence**.

More shoulder shaping

Sizes XS, M, 1X, 2X, 3X and 4X only

Last Short row (RS): – *increase row*: ds, k to 1 st bef m, M1R, k1, slm, k1, slm, k1, M1L, k to ds, k ds, k to end; **191 [-, 197, -] {207, 211, 215, 225}** sts.

Next row (WS): k1, p to ds, p ds, p to last st, k1.

Next row: k to end.

Next row: k1, p to last st, k1.

Work the last 2 rows 0 [-, 2, -] {2, 2, 2, 2} times more.



Shoulder shaping sequence

Next row (RS) – increase row: k to 1 st bef m, M1R, k1, slm, k1, slm, k1, M1L, k to end.

Next row (WS): k1, p to last st, k1; **193 [193, 199, 205] {209, 213, 217, 227}** sts.

Next, work 2 [4, 6, 6] {6, 6, 6, 6} rows in St st with garter st edges (= k the first and last st of every row).

Work the Shoulder shaping sequence 0 [1, 1, 3] {3, 4, 5, 5} time(s) more; **193 [195, 201, 211] {215, 221, 227, 237}** sts.

Work the Body in St st with garter st edges (= k the first and last st of every row) until the lower (hem) edge of your work measures 6 [10.5, 15, 19] {24, 29, 35, 37} cm / 2.25 [4, 6, 7.5] {9.5, 11.5, 13.75, 14.5}".

Note: if you want extra width, you can add rows of stockinette at this point.

CENTER PANEL PATTERNING

Seed stitch band

Change to Needle B.

Row 1 (RS): (k1, p1) to last st, k1.

Row 2 (WS): (k1, p1) to last st, k1.

Work Row 1&2 3 [3, 3, 3] {3, 3, 3, 5} times more.

Slip Stitch colorwork

Note: please be aware that all sts are slipped pwise, with the yarn in the back on RS and the yarn in front on the WS, **unless otherwise stated**.

Change to Needle A.

Row 1 (RS): with CC, k1, (sl1 wyif, k1) to end.

Row 2 (WS): k1, (sl1, k1) to end.

Row 3: with MC, knit.

Row 4: k1, p to last st, k1.

Next work Row 1- 3 once more.



SEPARATING FRONT AND BACK

Next, you are going to separate the front from the back by binding off sts for the neckline. Work as follows.

Next row (WS): with MC, k1, purl to 6 [7, 6, 7] {9, 10, 9, 10} sts bef m. BO the first st by passing the second st on the RH needle over the first st. BO 9 [11, 11, 11] {13, 15, 15, 17} more sts pwise, while removing m, p to last st, k1.

The first section of sts on your LH needle are the sts for the left back; **94 [94, 96, 102] {104, 106, 108, 112}** sts.

The sts after the BO are the sts for the left front; **89 [89, 93, 97] {97, 99, 103, 107}** sts.

Transfer the sts for the front to waste yarn and continue working on the left back.

LEFT BACK

Continue slip stitch colorwork

Row 1 (RS): with CC, k2, (sl1, k1) to end.

Row 2 (WS): k1, (sl1, k1) to last st, k1.

Row 3 – decrease row: with MC, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; **93 [93, 95, 101] {103, 105, 107, 111}** sts.

Row 4: k1, p to last st, k1.

Row 5: with CC, k1, (sl1 wyif, k1) to end.

Row 6: k1, (sl1, k1) to end.

Sizes XS, S, M and L proceed to **Clustered Flower pattern 1**. Sizes 1X, 2X, 3X and 4X continue below.

Sizes 1X, 2X, 3X and 4X only

With MC, work 2 rows in St st with garter st edges.

Next, work Row 5 & 6 under **Continue slip stitch colorwork**, then proceed to **Clustered Flower pattern 1**.



Clustered Flower pattern 1

With MC, work 4 rows in St st with garter st edges.

Row 1 (RS): k 5 [5, 6, 4] {5, 6, 7, 4} sts, cl3, (k7, cl3) to last 5 [5, 6, 4] {5, 6, 7, 4} sts, k to end.

Row 2 (WS): k1, p to last st, k1.

Row 3: k 3 [3, 4, 2] {3, 4, 5, 2} sts, cl3, k1, cl3, (k3, cl3, k1, cl3) to last 3 [3, 4, 2] {3, 4, 5, 2} sts, k to end.

Row 4: k1, p to last st, k1.

Row 5 & 6: work as Row 1 & 2.

Next, work 2 rows in St st with garter st edges.

Next row (RS): with CC, k1, (sl1, k1) to end.

Next row (WS): k1, (sl1, k1) to end.

Clustered Flower pattern 2

With MC, work 4 rows in St st with garter st edges.

Row 1 (RS): k 10 [10, 11, 9] {10, 11, 12, 9} sts, cl3, (k7, cl3) to last 10 [10, 11, 9] {10, 11, 12, 9} sts, k to end.

Row 2 (WS): k1, p to last st, k1.

Row 3: k 8 [8, 9, 7] {8, 9, 5, 7} sts, cl3, k1, cl3, (k3, cl3, k1, cl3) to last 8 [8, 9, 7] {8, 9, 5, 7} sts, k to end.

Row 4: k1, p to last st, k1.

Row 5 & 6: work as Row 1 & 2.

Next, work 2 rows in St st with garter st edges.

Next row (RS): with CC, k1, (sl1, k1) to end.

Next row (WS): k1, (sl1, k1) to end.

Clustered Flower pattern 3

With MC, work 4 rows in St st with garter st edges.

Next, work Row 1 – 6 under **Clustered Flower pattern 1**.

Next, work 2 rows in St st with garter st edges.



Slip Stitch colorwork

Row 1 (RS): with CC, k1, (sl1 wyif, k1) to end.

Row 2 (WS): k1 (sl1, k1).

Row 3: with MC, knit.

Row 4: k1, p to last st, k1.

Next, work Row 1 – 4 once more.

Row 5 (RS): with CC, k2, (sl1, k1) to last st, k1.

Row 6 (WS): k2, (sl1, k1) to last st, k1.

Row 7 & 8: work as Row 3 & 4.

Sizes XS, S, M and L only

Work Row 1 -3 once more.

Sizes 1X, 2X, 3X and 4X only

Work Row 1 - 4 - [-, -, -] {1, 1, 2, 2} time(s) more.

Next, work Row 1 – 3 once more.



All Sizes

Break yarn, leaving a long tail of the MC (approx 5 times the length of the center back edge) for future 3-needle BO. Transfer the sts of the left back to waste yarn and continue to work on the left front.

LEFT FRONT

Transfer the left front sts to Needle A. Next, you are going to continue the Slip Stitch colorwork and the Clustered Flower pattern while decreasing at the neck edge to shape the neckline.

Continue Slip Stitch colorwork

Row 1 (RS): with CC, k2, (sl1, k1) to last st, k1.

Row 2 (WS): k2 (sl1, k1) to last st, k1.

Row 3 – decrease row: with MC, k1, sssk, k to end; **87 [87, 91, 95] {95, 97, 101, 105}** sts.

Row 4: k1, p to last st, k1.

Row 5: with CC, k1, (sl1 wyif, k1) to end.

Row 6: k1, (sl1, k1) to end.

Sizes XS, S, M and L proceed to **All Sizes**.
Sizes 1X, 2X, 3X and 4X continue below.

Sizes 1X, 2X, 3X and 4X only

Work Row 3 – 6 once more; - [-, -, -] **[93, 95, 99, 103]** sts.

All Sizes

Next row (RS) - decrease row: with MC, k1, ssk, k to end; **85 [85, 89, 93] [91, 93, 97, 101]** sts.

Next row (WS): k1, p to last st, k1.

Next row - decrease row: with MC, k1, ssk, k to end; **84 [84, 88, 92] [90, 92, 96, 100]** sts.

Next row: k1, p to last st, k1.

Clustered Flower pattern 1

Row 1 (RS) - decrease row: k1, ssk, k 3 [3, 6, 2] {9, 10, 3, 10} sts, cl3, (k7, cl3) to last 5 [5, 6, 4] {5, 6, 7, 4} sts, k to end; **83 [83, 87, 91] [89, 91, 95, 99]** sts.

Row 2 (WS): k1, p to last st, k1.

Row 3: k 3 [3, 6, 2] {9, 10, 3, 10} sts, cl3, k1, cl3, (k3, cl3, k1, cl3) to last 3 [3, 4, 2] {3, 4, 5, 2} sts, k to end.

Row 4: k1, p to last st, k1.

Row 5: k 5 [5, 8, 4] {11, 12, 5, 12} sts, cl3, (k7, cl3) to last 5 [5, 6, 4] {5, 6, 7, 4} sts, k to end.

Row 6: k1, p to last st, k1.

Next, work 2 rows in St st with garter st edges.

Next row (RS): with CC, k1, (sl1, k1) to end.

Next row (WS): k1, (sl1, k1) to end.

Clustered Flower pattern 2

Work 4 rows in St st with garter st edges.

Row 1 (RS): k 10 [10, 13, 9] {16, 17, 10, 17} sts, cl3, (k7, cl3) to last 10 [10, 11, 9] {10, 11, 12, 9} sts, k to end.

Row 2 (WS): k1, p to last st, k1.

Row 3: k 8 [8, 11, 7] {14, 15, 8, 15} sts, cl3, k1, cl3, (k3, cl3, k1, cl3) to last 8 [8, 9, 7] {8, 9, 5, 7} sts, k to end.

Row 4: k1, p to last st, k1.

Row 5 & 6: work as Row 1 & 2.

Next, work 2 rows in St st with garter st edges.

Next row (RS): with CC, k1, (sl1, k1) to end.

Next row (WS): k1, (sl1, k1) to end.

Clustered Flower pattern 3

With MC, work 4 rows in St st with garter st edges.

Row 1 (RS): k 5 [5, 8, 4] {11, 12, 5, 12} sts, cl3, (k7, cl3) to last 5 [5, 6, 4] {5, 6, 7, 4} sts, k to end.

Row 2 (WS): k1, p to last st, k1.

Row 3: k 3 [3, 6, 2] {9, 10, 3, 10} sts, cl3, k1, cl3, (k3, cl3, k1, cl3) to last 3 [3, 4, 2] {3, 4, 5, 2} sts, k to end.

Row 4: k1, p to last st, k1.

Row 5 & 6: work as Row 1 & 2.

Next, work 2 rows in St st with garter st edges.

Slip Stitch colorwork

Work the instructions for **Slip Stitch colorwork** between  and   on page 8.

Break the yarn. This time, you do not need to leave a long tail.

Transfer the sts of the left front to waste yarn and set your work aside. Continue to work on the wearers right side of the sweater.

WEARERS RIGHT SIDE

Work as the left side from  to   on pages 5 - 7.



SEPERATING FRONT AND BACK

Next, you are going to separate the front from the back by binding off sts for the neckline. Work as follows.

Next row (WS): with MC, k1, purl to 1 [2, 3, 2] {2, 3, 4, 5} sts bef m. BO the first st by passing the second st on the RH needle over the first st. BO 9 [11, 11, 11] {13, 15, 15, 17} more sts pwise, while removing m, p to last st, k1.

The first section of sts on your LH needle are the sts for the right front; **89 [89, 93, 97] {97, 99, 103, 107}** sts.

The sts after the BO are the sts for the right back; **94 [94, 96, 102] {104, 106, 108, 112}** sts.

Transfer the sts for the back to waste yarn and continue working on the right front.

RIGHT FRONT

Continue slip stitch colorwork

Row 1 (RS): with CC, k2, (sl1, k1) to last st, k1.

Row 2 (WS): k2 (sl1, k1) to last st, k1.

Row 3 – decrease row: with MC, k to last 4 sts, k3tog, k1; **87 [87, 91, 95] {95, 97, 101, 105}** sts.

Row 4: k1, p to last st, k1.

Row 5: with CC, k1, (sl1 wyif, k1) to end.

Row 6: k1, (sl1, k1) to end.

Sizes XS, S, M and L proceed to **All Sizes**.

Sizes 1X, 2X, 3X and 4X continue below.

Sizes 1X, 2X, 3X and 4X only

Work Row 3 – 6 once more; - [-, -, -] **[93, 95, 99, 103]** sts.

All Sizes

Next row (RS) - decrease row: with MC, k to last 4 sts, k3tog, k1; **85 [85, 89, 93] {91, 93, 97, 101}** sts.

Next row (WS): k1, p to last st, k1.

Next row - decrease row: with MC, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; **84 [84, 88, 92] {90, 92, 96, 100}** sts.

Next row: k1, p to last st, k1.

Clustered Flower pattern 1

Row 1 (RS) - decrease row: k 5 [5, 6, 4] {5, 6, 7, 4} sts, cl3, (k7, cl3) to last 6 [6, 9, 5] {12, 13, 6, 13} sts, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; **83 [83, 87, 91] {89, 91, 95, 99}** sts.

Row 2 (WS): k1, p to last st, k1.

Row 3: k 3 [3, 4, 2] {3, 4, 5, 2} sts, cl3, k1, cl3, (k3, cl3, k1, cl3) to last 3 [3, 6, 2] {9, 10, 3, 10} sts, k to end.

Row 4: k1, p to last st, k1.

Row 5: k 5 [5, 6, 4] {5, 6, 7, 4} sts, cl3, (k7 cl3) to last 5 [5, 8, 4] {11, 12, 5, 12} sts, k to end.

Row 6: k1, p to last st, k1.

Next, work 2 rows in St st with garter st edges.

Next row (RS): with CC, k1, (sl1, k1) to end.

Next row (WS): k1, (sl1, k1) to end.

Clustered Flower pattern 2

With MC, work 4 rows in St st with garter st edges.

Row 1 (RS): k 10 [10, 11, 9] {10, 11, 12, 9} sts, cl3, (k7, cl3) to last k 10 [10, 13, 9] {16, 17, 10, 17} sts, k to end.

Row 2 (WS): k1, p to last st, k1.

Row 3: k 8 [8, 9, 7] {8, 9, 5, 7} sts, cl3, k1, cl3, (k3, cl3, k1, cl3) to last 8 [8, 11, 7] {14, 15, 8, 15} sts, k to end.

Row 4: k1, p to last st, k1.

Row 5 & 6: work as Row 1 & 2.

Next, work 2 rows in St st with garter st edges.

Next row (RS): with CC, k1, (sl1, k1) to end.

Next row (WS): k1, (sl1, k1) to end.



Clustered Flower pattern 3

With MC, work 4 rows in St st with garter st edges.

Row 1 (RS): k 5 [5, 6, 4] {5, 6, 7, 4} sts, cl3, (k7, cl3) to last 5 [5, 8, 4] {11, 12, 5, 12} sts, k to end.

Row 2 (WS): k1, p to last st, k1.

Row 3: k 3 [3, 4, 2] {3, 4, 5, 2} sts, cl3, k1, cl3, (k3, cl3, k1, cl3) to last 3 [3, 6, 2] {9, 10, 3, 10} sts, k to end.

Row 4: k1, p to last st, k1.

Row 5 & 6: work as Row 1 & 2.

Next, work 2 rows in St st with garter st edges.

Slip Stitch colorwork

Work the instructions for **Slip Stitch colorwork** between  and   on page 8.

Break yarn, leaving a long tail (approx 5 times the length of the center back edge) of the MC yarn for future 3-needle BO.

Transfer the sts for the right front to waste yarn and continue working on the right back.

RIGHT BACK

Transfer the right back sts to Needle A.

Continue Slip Stitch colorwork

Row 1 (RS): with CC, k1, (sl1, k1) to last st, k1.

Row 2 (WS): k2, (sl1, k1) to end.

Row 3 – decrease row: with MC, k1, ssk, k to end; **93 [93, 95, 101] {103, 105, 107, 111}** sts.

Row 4: k1, p to last st, k1.

Row 5: with CC, k1, (sl1 wyif, k1) to end.

Row 6: k1, (sl1, k1) to end.

Sizes XS, S, M and L proceed to **Clustered Flower pattern Right Back**. Sizes 1X, 2X, 3X and 4X continue below.

Sizes 1X, 2X, 3X and 4X only

With MC, work 2 rows in St st with garter st edges.

Next, work Row 5 & 6 under **Continue slip stitch colorwork**, then proceed to **Clustered Flower pattern Right Back**.

Clustered Flower pattern Right Back

Work as the **Clustered Flower pattern** for the Left Back by working the instructions from  to   on page 8.

Slip Stitch colorwork

Work the instructions for **Slip Stitch colorwork** between  and   on page 8.

Break yarn.

JOINING RIGHT AND LEFT BACK

Transfer the sts of the Left Back to Needle A.

With both right sides facing out, hold the two needles with the sts of the Right and Left Back parallel in your left hand. The needle with the Right Back sts is in front, closest to you, and the needle with the Left Back sts with the long yarn tail is positioned behind it. Using the long yarn tail, BO all sts using a Modified 3-needle Bind Off (see TECHNIQUES).

JOINING RIGHT AND LEFT FRONT

Transfer the sts of the Left and Right Front to two Needles A.

Hold the needle with the Left Front sts in front, and position the needle with the Right Front sts and the yarn tail behind it. Using the long yarn tail, BO all sts using the Modified 3-needle Bind Off.



NECKLINE FINISHING

Locate the left and right center shoulder at the neck edge, and place two removable st markers at these points.

With MC and Needle C, starting at center back, PU and k 34 [34, 35, 35] {37, 37, 39, 39} sts to the first st marker, rem m, PU and k 42 [42, 43, 43] {45, 45, 47, 47} sts to center front, PU and k 42 [42, 43, 43] {45, 45, 47, 47} sts to m, rem m, PU and k 35 [35, 36, 36] {38, 38, 40, 40} sts to center back, place BOR m; 153 [153, 157, 157] {165, 165, 173, 173} sts.

Next round: p to BOR, sl BOR m.

Next round: k1, (p1, k1) to BOR, sl BOR m.

Next round: p1, (k1, p1) to BOR, sl BOR m.

Work the last two rounds 6 times more.

Next round: BO all sts kwise.

SLEEVES

Place the provisionally cast on sleeve sts on Needle A. Place BOR m; 71 [77, 83, 89] {97, 105, 109, 123} sts.

Next, knit 1 round, sl BOR m.

Decrease sequence

Next round – decrease round: k1, ssk, k to 3 sts bef BOR, k2tog, k1, sl BOR m; 69 [75, 81, 87] {95, 103, 107, 121} sts.

Next, knit 12 [10, 8, 7] {5, 4, 4, 3} rounds.

Work the decrease sequence 9 [11, 13, 15] {19, 22, 23, 29} times more; 51 [53, 55, 57] {57, 59, 61, 63} sts.

Next, work the decrease round once more; 49 [51, 53, 55] {55, 57, 59, 61} sts.

Work in St st until the sleeve measures 43 [43, 43, 43] {41, 41, 41, 41} cm / 17 [17, 17, 17] {16, 16, 16, 16}" from Two Sided Provisional Cast on, or to desired length minus 5 cm / 2".

Seed stitch cuff

Change to Needle C.

Round 1: k1, (p1, k1) to BOR, sl BOR m.

Round 2: p1, (k1, p1) to BOR, sl BOR m.

Work Round 1 & 2 until the cuff measures 5 cm / 2", or to desired length.

Next round: BO all sts kwise.

HEM OF THE SWEATER

Note: if you've added extra width to the body of your sweater, you will need to adjust the number of sts, depending on how much width you have added.

You can choose between an unshaped, straight hem, or a shaped hem that is slightly tapered, using decreases. For both styles, start working as follows.

Locate the left and right 'side seams' of your sweater at the lower edge, and place two removable sts markers at these points.

With Needle C, starting at the left 'side seam' of the sweater PU and k 44 [50, 54, 60] {66, 72, 78, 84} sts to center back. PU and k 44 [50, 54, 60] {66, 72, 78, 84} sts to m, place m on your needle, PU and k 44 [50, 54, 60] {66, 72, 78, 84} sts to center front, and PU and 45 [51, 55, 61] {67, 73, 79, 85} sts to m, rem m. Place BOR m; 177 [201, 217, 241] {265, 289, 313, 337} sts.

In the next rounds, the 'side seam' marker will be slipped when not mentioned.

Next round: p to BOR, sl BOR m.

Round 1: k1, (p1, k1) to BOR, sl BOR m.

Round 2: p1, (k1, p1) to BOR, sl BOR m.

For an **unshaped** hem, work the last two rounds until the hem measures 6.5 cm / 2.5" or to desired length, removing the side marker in the first round. Proceed to **Last round**.



For a **shaped hem** continue as follows.

Work Round 1 & 2 once more.

Work Round 1 once more.

Next round – decrease round: p1, (k1, p1) to 1 st bef m, pm, cdd while rem m, p1(k1, p1) to 2 sts bef BOR, place new BOR m, cdd while removing old BOR m; 173 [197, 213, 237] {261, 285, 309, 333} sts.

Work 5 rounds in seed st pattern.

Next round – decrease round: work in seed st pattern to 1 st bef m, pm, cdd while rem m, work in seed st pattern to 2 sts bef BOR, place new BOR m, cdd while removing old BOR m; 169 [193, 209, 233] {257, 281, 305, 329} sts.

Work the last 6 rounds once more; 165 [189, 205, 229] {253, 277, 301, 325} sts.

Next, work in seed stitch until the hem measures 6.5 cm / 2.5", or to desired length.

Last round: BO all sts kwise.



FINISHING

Close the holes at the underarm. Weave in all ends, and wet block your sweater to the measurements given in the SCHEMATIC.

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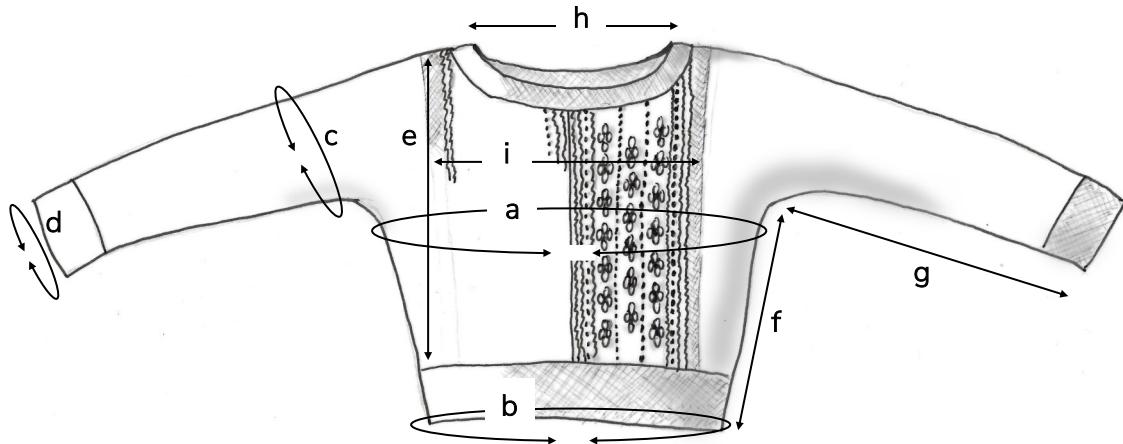
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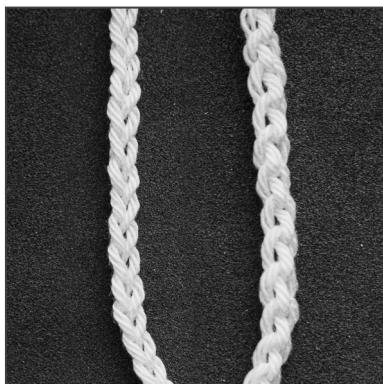
- a** 89 [98, 108, 116] {128, 138, 148, 158} cm / 35 [38.5, 42.5, 45.75] {50.5, 54.25, 58.25, 62.25}".
- b** (unshaped hem) 77 [87.5, 94.5, 105] {115, 125.5, 136, 146.5} cm / 30.25 [34.5, 37.25, 41.25] {45.25, 49.5, 53.5, 57.75}
 - (shaped hem) 71.5 [82, 89, 99.5] {110, 120.5, 131, 141.5} cm / 28.25 [32.25, 35, 39.25] {43.25, 47.5, 51.5, 55.75}"
- c** 31 [33.5, 36, 38.5] {42, 45.5, 47.5, 53.5} cm / 12.25 [13.25, 14.25, 15.25] {16.5, 18, 18.75, 21}"
- d** 21.5 [22, 23, 24] {24, 25, 25.5, 26.5} cm / 8.5 [8.75, 9, 9.5] {9.5, 9.75, 10, 10.5}"
- e** (excluding hem) 41.5 [42, 43.5, 45.5] {46.5, 48, 49, 51.5} cm / 16.25 [16.5, 17.25, 18] {18.25, 19, 19.25, 20.25}"
- f** 29 [28, 28, 28] {27.5, 26.5, 26.5, 25.5} cm / 11.5 [11, 11, 11] {10.75, 10.5, 10.5, 10}"
- g** 48 [48, 48, 48] {46, 46, 46, 46} cm / 19 [19, 19, 19] {18, 18, 18, 18}"
- h** 29.5 [29.5, 29.5, 29.5] {32.5, 32.5, 32.5, 32.5} cm / 11.5 [11.5, 11.5, 11.5] {12.75, 12.75, 12.75}"
- i** 33.5 [33.5, 33.5, 33.5] {36.5, 36.5, 36.5, 38.5} cm / 13.25 [13.25, 13.25, 13.25] {14.25, 14.25, 14.25, 15.25}"

ABBREVIATIONS

(x, y) = the brackets represent a repeat. Directions within the bracket should be repeated as instructed.	M1L / M1pL = make 1 (purl) left (left leaning increase); insert left needle, from front to back, under strand of yarn which runs between next stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needle; knit (purl) this stitch through back loop.
approx = approximately	M1R / M1pR = make 1 (purl) right (right leaning increase); insert left needle, from back to front, under strand of yarn which runs between next stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needle; knit (purl) this stitch through front loop.
bef = before	MC = main color
BO = bind off	p = purl
BOR = beginning of the round	patt = pattern
CC = contrast color	pwise = purlwise
cdd = central double decrease; slip 2 stitches together as if to knit. Knit the next st. Pass the slipped stitches over the knitted stitch.	PU = pick up
cl3 = cluster 3 sts by wrapping them (see TECHNIQUES).	rem = remove
CO = cast on	RH = right hand
DPN = double pointed needle	RS = right side
ds = double stitch (see German Short Rows, (under TECHNIQUES).	sl = slip (purlwise with yarn in back on RS and yarn in front on WS, unless otherwise stated).
est = established	slm = slip marker
inc('d) = increase(d)	ssk / ssp = slip, slip, knit / purl (left leaning decrease); slip 2 st as to k, one at a time, slip the sts back to the LH needle, knit / purl through back loop.
k = knit	ssk / sssp = slip, slip, slip, knit / purl (left leaning double decrease); slip 3 st as to k, one at a time, slip the sts back to the LH needle, knit / purl through back loop.
k2tog / p2tog = knit / purl 2 sts together (right leaning decrease)	st(s) = stitch(es)
k3tog / p3tog = knit / purl 3 sts together (right leaning double decrease)	St st = stockinette stitch
kfb / pfb = knit / purl into the front and the back of the stitch (1 st increased)	WS = wrong side
kfbf / pfbf = knit / purl into the front, the back and the front of the stitch (2 sts increased)	wyif = with yarn in front
kwise = knitwise	
LH = left hand	
m = marker	

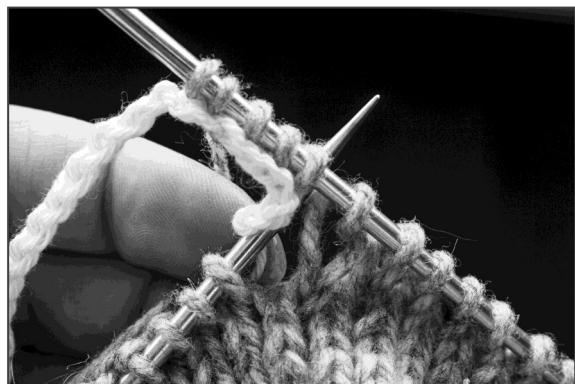
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TWO SIDED PROVISIONAL CAST ON



Step 1: crochet a chain with a smooth scrap yarn (for instance cotton) in a contrasting color. Chain a few more sts than you will be casting on.

To the right you see the back of the chain with the bumps.



Step 2 (RS): at the end of the sleeve round pick up and knit the number of sts given from the chains back bumps.



Step 3 (WS): turn the work and purl the new sts. Continue purling the sleeve sts. At the end of the row, let go of your RH needle and the working yarn.



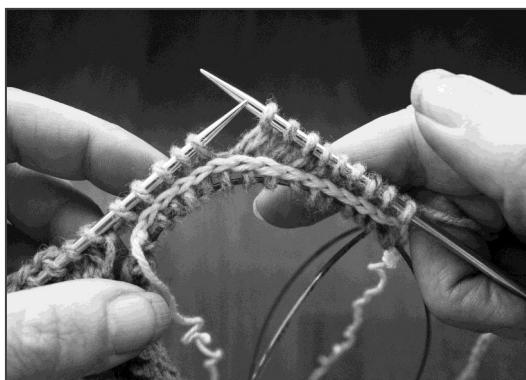
Step 4: with a spare needle that is preferably smaller than your working needle, pick up the purl bumps of the sts you've just cast on. Start at the edge of the chain and work towards the underarm. Do not pick up from the crochet chain, but instead pick up the purl bumps of the main yarn.



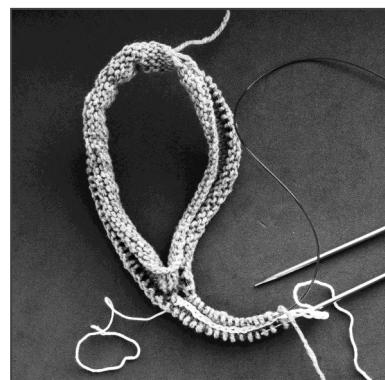
Step 5: change direction again, the needle you've picked up sts with, becomes your LH needle and the needle you've just purled the sleeve sts with, your RH needle. With the RH needle purl the sts you've just picked up from the chain.



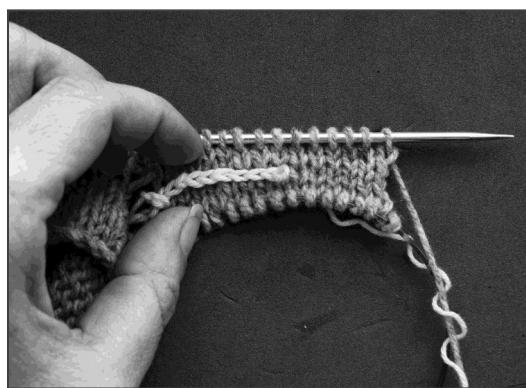
This is the WS after working Step 1 to 5.



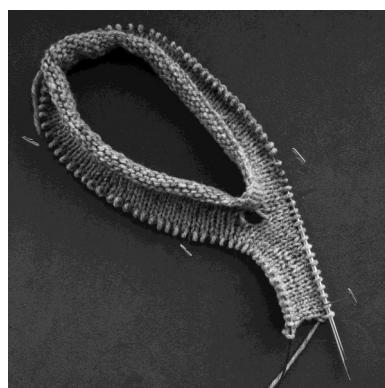
Turn your work and knit to end using Magic Loop to round the corners.



This is the RS after working one knit row.



Unpick the crochet chain.

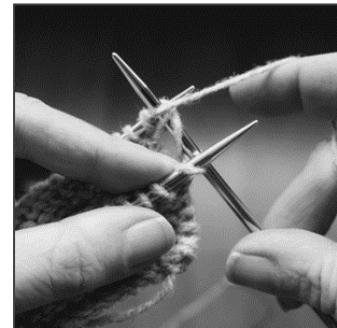
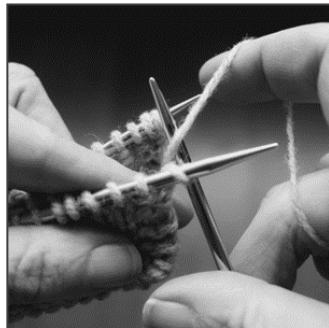


You are now ready to work the front and the back of your sweater as one piece. You can close the holes at the underarms when you finish your sweater.

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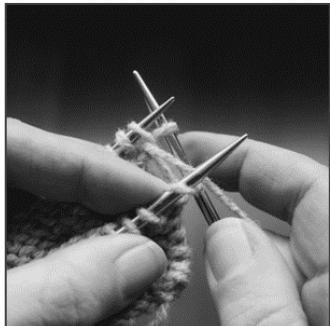
MODIFIED 3-NEEDLE BIND OFF

Start: Hold the two needles parallel in your left hand; the RS of the two pieces of knitting are facing out. With the spare needle in your right hand, begin binding off as follows.



Step 1: Insert your RH needle *kwise* into the first st on the front needle. Wrap the yarn as if to knit, but do not exit or drop the st off the needle.

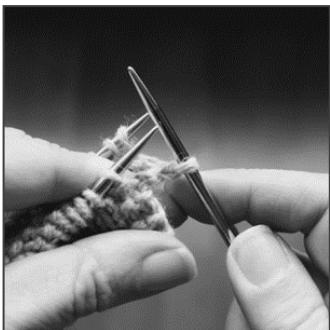
Step 2: Insert the RH needle *pwise* into the first st on the back needle and wrap as if to purl.



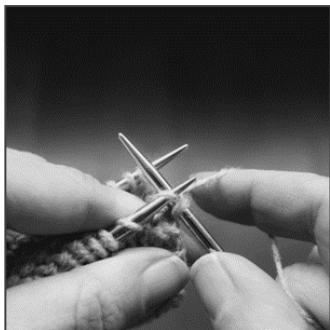
Step 3: Exit the back st by purling it and drop it off the needle.

Step 4: Bring the yarn to the back.

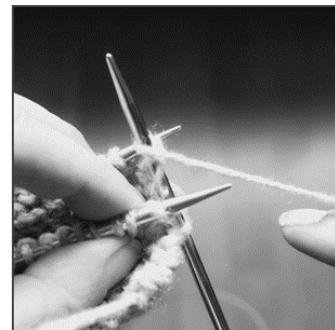
Step 5: Pull the st that is on your spare needle through the st on your front needle.



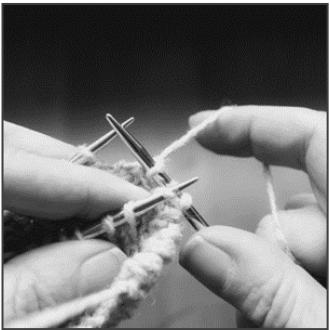
Step 6: Drop the st from the front needle.



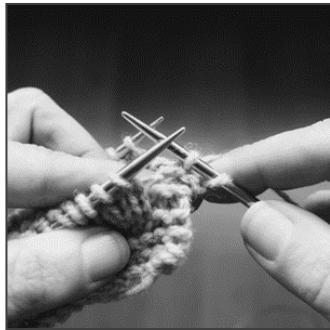
Step 7: Insert your RH needle kwise into the first st on the front needle. Wrap the yarn as if to knit.



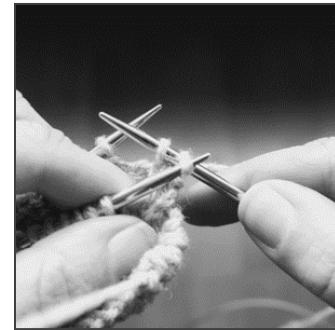
Step 8: Purl the st on the back needle, and drop the st.



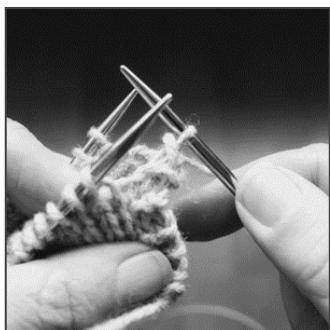
Step 9: Bring the yarn to the back.



There are now 2 sts on your LH needle.



Step 10: With the front LH needle lift the second st on the RH needle over the first.



Repeat Step 1 - 10 until all sts are bound off.