

# Knitting for Olive



## Mosaic Sweater

**Sizes:** 1 (2, 3, 4, 5)

**Finished measurements:** Chest circumference: approx. 96 (110, 123, 137, 151) cm [37¾ (43¾, 48½, 50, 59½)]" to fit chest circumference: 75-86 (87-99, 100-114, 115-132, 133-150) cm [29½-33¾ (34¾-39, 39¾-45, 45¾-52, 52¾-59)]"; Length from shoulder to edge: approx. 51 (56, 63, 62, 66) cm [20 (22, 24½, 24½, 26)]"; Sleeve length from underarm to cuff: approx. 44 (49, 49, 44, 39) cm [17¼ (19¼, 19¼, 17¼, 15¼)]"

**Yarn:** MC: 2 strands of Knitting for Olive Merino (250 m [273 yd] / 50 g [1.8 oz]), fingering-weight yarn, 6 (6, 7, 7, 8) balls, + 1 strand of Knitting for Olive Soft Silk Mohair (225 m [246 yd] / 25 g [0.9 oz]), lace-weight yarn, 3 (3, 4, 4, 5) balls. CC: 2 strands of Knitting for Olive Merino, 3 (4, 4, 5, 6) balls, + 1 strand of Knitting for Olive Soft Silk Mohair, 2 (3, 3, 3, 4) balls. Sample is in Merino + Soft Silk Mohair in Wheat (MC) and Brown Bear (CC) colorways

**Needles:** 4.5 mm / US7, 5 mm / US8 and 6 mm / US10 circular needles, or in size to obtain gauge

**Gauge (after blocking):** 17.5 sts and 19 rows = 10 cm [4"] in colorwork pattern with 6 mm / US10 needles

**Notions:** Stitch markers, waste yarn or stitch holders, tapestry needle

## Construction Notes

Mosaic Sweater features a graphic allover two-colored Fair Isle pattern and ribbed edges. It is worked from the bottom up in the round to the underarms. Work is then divided, and front and back are worked back and forth up to the shoulders. Sleeve stitches are then picked up, and sleeves worked in the round from the top down. Finally, stitches for the folded neckband are picked up and the neckband finished in rib.

*As an alternative to working the yoke back and forth, the entire sweater can be worked in the round and then steeked (cut). You will find alternative instructions in the pattern for how to work the sweater in the round with additional steek stitches. There are, however, no actual instructions on how to reinforce the steek, cut or finish the steek edges afterwards, and you are advised to use your own preferred methods for this. If you are new to steeking, this is not a good first-time pattern for learning, and we recommend that you work the yoke back and forth instead if this is the case.*

## Notes on the Fair Isle Technique

We recommend using the Fair Isle technique when working in the round with multiple colors at the same time. On those rounds of the chart where you alternate between colors, both the strand with the main color and the strand with the contrast color are carried at the back of the work, creating horizontal strands, or floats, on the wrong side of your work. When you knit using the main color, the strand of contrast color travels behind the stitches until it is ready to be used again, and vice versa.

## Chart Notes

When you work from charts, always start from the bottom right corner with the first stitch of Row 1 (unless the pattern indicates otherwise), and work the chart from the bottom up. If you are working in the round, work the chart from right to left on all rounds. If you are working back and forth, work the chart from right to left on odd numbered rows (RS) and from left to right on even numbered rows (WS).

You will find a detailed guide on how to read charts that features examples from our patterns if you go to [www.knittingforolive.com](http://www.knittingforolive.com)

## **Body**

With 5 mm / US8 circular needle and 2 strands of Merino in MC + 1 strand of Soft Silk Mohair in MC held together, cast on 168 (192, 216, 240, 264) sts using long-tail cast-on method. Join for working in the round, being careful not to twist sts, and pm (= BOR/first side m)

**Set-up Round:** (K1, p1) to end of round

Work in 1x1 rib pattern as established for 5 rounds more

Change to 6 mm / US10 circular needle

**Next round:** K84 (96, 108, 120, 132), pm (= second side m), k to end of round

*Note: You will now start working from the chart. Be sure to read the notes on page 2 carefully before proceeding*

Beginning with Round 1 and ending with Round 20, work *Chart A* (B, A, A, B), 2 (3, 3, 3, 4) times

Sizes 1, 3 and 4 only:

Beginning with Round 1 and ending with Round 10, work *Chart A*, 1 time

*Note: If you choose to adjust body length, make sure to end with Round 10 (20) 10 (10) 20 of Chart A*

All sizes:

*Note: You now have the option to either continue the sweater in the round or work back and forth.*

*Continue to **Steeking Option** if you prefer to continue in the round and then later steek your armholes and neck opening instead of working the colorwork pattern back and forth (see Construction Notes on page 2).*

*Instructions for working flat continue below*

**Next round:** Work Round 11 (1, 11, 11, 1) of *Chart A* (B, A, A, B), across all sts

*Note: You will now bind off stitches for armholes using all 6 strands at the same time and work will be divided into front and back. Remove markers as you come to them at the same time*

**Next round:** \*Work in colorwork pattern to 2 (2, 2, 8, 8) sts before first m, using both MC and CC at the same time bind off next 5 (5, 5, 17, 17) sts; repeat from \* one more time

*Upon completion of this section, you will have 79 (91, 103, 103, 115) sts for each front and back. You will have 1 front st on your right needle and 78 (90, 102, 102, 114) front sts on your left needle*

Place back sts on hold

## **Front**

*Note: You will now continue across front only, working the colorwork pattern back and forth in stockinette stitch. Work chart knitwise from RS and purlwise from WS from here on. Be sure to read the Chart Notes on page 2 carefully before proceeding. First row is from RS*

**Next row (RS):** Work Row 13 (3, 13, 13, 3) of *Chart A* (B, A, A, B) across all front sts

**Next row (WS):** Work Row 14 (4, 14, 14, 4) of *Chart A (B, A, A, B)* across all front sts

*Note: You will now shape the armholes with decreases*

**Row 1 (dec row, RS):** Using MC k2tog, work in colorwork pattern to last 2 sts, sl1k, using MC k1, pss0 [2 sts decreased]

**Row 2 (WS):** Work in colorwork pattern to end of row

Repeat Rows 1 and 2, one more time [2 sts decreased] = 75 (87, 99, 99, 111) sts

Work in colorwork pattern back and forth for 16 rows

#### Front neckline

*Note: You will now bind off stitches for front neckline using all 6 strands at the same time. Work will be divided into right and left shoulder*

**Next row (RS):** Work 28 (33, 39, 39, 44) sts in colorwork pattern, *using both MC and CC at the same time* bind off next 19 (21, 21, 21, 23) sts, work in colorwork pattern to end of row

*Upon completion of this section, you will have 28 (33, 39, 39, 44) sts on both sides of front neckline*

#### Right front shoulder

*Note: You will now work right shoulder stitches only and shape right side of neckline with decreases  
Left shoulder stitches are resting*

**Row 1 (WS):** Work in colorwork pattern to end of row

**Row 2 (dec row, RS):** Using MC k2tog, work in colorwork pattern to end of row [1 st decreased]

Repeat Rows 1 and 2, 3 more times [3 sts decreased] = 24 (29, 35, 35, 40) sts

Beginning with Row 4 (14, 4, 4, 14) and ending with Row 10 (20, 10, 10, 20), work *Chart A (B, A, A, B)* across right front shoulder sts, 1 time

Break yarn, place right front shoulder sts on waste yarn or stitch holders

#### Left front shoulder

*Note: You will now shape left side of neckline with decreases. First row is from WS*

**Row 1 (WS):** Work in colorwork pattern to end of row

**Row 2 (dec row, RS):** Work in colorwork pattern to last 2 sts, sl1k, using MC k1tbl, pss0 [1 st decreased]

Repeat Rows 1 and 2, 3 more times [3 sts decreased] = 24 (29, 35, 35, 40) sts

Beginning with Row 4 (14, 4, 4, 14) and ending with Row 10 (20, 10, 10, 20), work *Chart A (B, A, A, B)* across left front shoulder sts, 1 time

Break yarn, place left front shoulder sts on waste yarn or stitch holders

## **Back**

*Note: You will now continue across back only, working the colorwork pattern back and forth in stockinette stitch. Work chart knitwise from RS and purlwise from WS from here on. Be sure to read Chart Notes on page 2 carefully before proceeding. First row is from RS*

**Next row (RS):** Work Row 13 (3, 13, 13, 3) of Chart A (B, A, A, B) across all back sts

**Next row (WS):** Work Row 14 (4, 14, 14, 4) of Chart A (B, A, A, B) across all back sts

*Note: You will now shape the armholes with decreases*

**Row 1 (dec row, RS):** Using MC k2tog, work in colorwork pattern to last 2 sts, sl1k, using MC k1, psso [2 sts decreased]

**Row 2 (WS):** Work in colorwork pattern to end of row

Repeat Rows 1 and 2, one more time [2 sts decreased] = 75 (87, 99, 99, 111) sts

Work in colorwork pattern back and forth for 26 rows

## **Back neckline**

*Note: You will now bind off stitches for back neckline using all 6 strands at the same time  
Work will be divided into right and left shoulder*

**Next row (RS):** Work 26 (31, 37, 37, 42) sts in colorwork pattern, using both MC and CC at the same time bind off next 23 (25, 25, 25, 27) sts, work in colorwork pattern to end of row

*Upon completion of this section, you will have 26 (31, 37, 37, 42) sts on both sides of back neckline*

## **Left back shoulder**

*Note: You will now work left shoulder stitches only and shape left side of neckline with decreases  
Right shoulder stitches are resting*

**Row 1 (WS):** Work in colorwork pattern to end of row

**Row 2 (dec row, RS):** Using MC k2tog, work in colorwork pattern to end of row [1 st decreased]

Repeat Rows 1 and 2, one more time [1 st decreased] = 24 (29, 35, 35, 40) sts

**Next row (WS):** Work Row 10 (20, 10, 10, 20) of Chart A (B, A, A, B) across left back shoulder sts

*Note: You will now close left shoulder by grafting left front shoulder and left back shoulder together using contrast color and Kitchener stitch*

Transfer left front shoulder sts from holder back onto a 6 mm / US10 needle. With both WS towards each other and with 24 (29, 35, 35, 40) sts on both needles, hold the two needles parallel, and using CC, graft sts together using tapestry needle and Kitchener stitch

## **Right back shoulder**

*Note: You will now shape right side of neckline with decreases. First row is from WS*

**Row 1 (WS):** Work in colorwork pattern to end of row

**Row 2 (dec row, RS):** Work in colorwork pattern to last 2 sts, sl1k, using MC k1, psso [1 st decreased]

Repeat Rows 1 and 2, one more time [1 st decreased] = 24 (29, 35, 35, 40) sts

**Next row (WS):** Work Row 10 (20, 10, 10, 20) of *Chart A (B, A, A, B)* across right back shoulder sts

*Note: You will now close right shoulder by grafting right front shoulder and right back shoulder together using contrast color and Kitchener stitch*

Transfer right front shoulder sts back onto a 6 mm / US10 needle. With both WS towards each other and with 24 (29, 35, 35, 40) sts on both needles, hold the two needles parallel, and using CC, graft sts together using tapestry needle and Kitchener stitch

Continue to **Sleeves**

### **Steeking Option**

*Note: For when you choose to continue in the round and then steek only (see Construction Notes on page 2)*

**Next round:** Work Round 11 (1, 11, 11, 1) of *Chart A (B, A, A, B)*, across all sts

*Note: You will now bind off stitches for the armholes using all 6 strands at the same time. Remove markers as you come to them at the same time. On the following round you will then cast on steek stitches, again using all 6 strands at the same time*

**Next round:** \*Work in colorwork pattern to 2 (2, 2, 8, 8) sts before first m, using both MC and CC at the same time bind off next 5 (5, 5, 17, 17) sts; repeat from \* one more time

*Upon completion of this section, you will have 158 (182, 206, 206, 230) sts; 79 (91, 103, 103, 115) sts for each front and back*

**Steek Set-up Round:** Work in colorwork pattern to first armhole opening, using both MC and CC at the same time cast on 5 new sts, work in colorwork pattern to next armhole opening, using both MC and CC at the same time cast on 5 new sts, place BOR m = 168 (192, 216, 216, 240) sts

*Note: The 5 steek stitches will be worked like this from now on:*

*Round 1: K5 alternating colors like this: MC, CC, MC, CC, MC*

*Round 2: K5 alternating colors like this: CC, MC, CC, MC, CC*

Work in colorwork pattern for 1 round

*Note: You will now shape the armholes with decreases*

**Round 1 (dec round):** \*Using MC k2tog, work in colorwork pattern to 2 sts before steek sts, sl1k, using MC, k1, psso, work 5 steek sts as established; repeat from \* one more time [4 sts decreased]

**Round 2:** Work in colorwork pattern to end of round

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2, one more time [4 sts decreased]

*Upon completion of this section, you will have 160 (184, 208, 208, 232) sts; 75 (87, 99, 99, 111) front and back sts and 10 steek sts in total*

Work in colorwork pattern for 16 rounds

#### Front neckline

*Note: You will now bind off stitches for front neckline using all 6 strands at the same time*

**Next round:** Work 28 (33, 39, 39, 44) sts in colorwork pattern, *using both MC and CC at the same time* bind off next 19 (21, 21, 21, 23) sts, work in colorwork pattern to end of round = 141 (163, 187, 187, 209) sts on both sides of front neckline

*Note: You will now cast on steek stitches for the front neckline using all 6 strands at the same time*

**Steek Set-up Round:** Work in colorwork pattern to front neckline, *using both MC and CC at the same time* cast on 5 new sts, work in colorwork pattern to end of round = 146 (168, 192, 192, 214) sts

*Note: You will now shape both sides of neckline with decreases. Work steek stitches as previously established, alternating MC/CC*

**Round 1 (dec round):** Work in colorwork pattern to 2 sts before front neck steek sts, sl1k, using MC k1tbl, pssso, work 5 steek sts as established, using MC, k2tog, work in colorwork pattern to end of round [2 sts decreased]

**Round 2:** Work in colorwork pattern to end of round

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2, 3 times more [6 sts decreased] = 138 (160, 184, 184, 206) sts

#### Back neckline

*Note: You will now bind off stitches for back neckline using all 6 strands at the same time*  
*Work steek stitches as established*

**Next round:** Work in colorwork pattern to right side armhole opening, work 5 steek sts as established, work 26 (31, 37, 37, 42) sts in colorwork pattern, *using both MC and CC at the same time* bind off next 23 (25, 25, 25, 27) sts, work in colorwork pattern to end of round = 115 (135, 159, 159, 179) sts

*Note: You will now cast on steek stitches for the back neckline using all 6 strands at the same time*

**Steek Set-up Round:** Work in colorwork pattern to back neckline, *using both MC and CC at the same time* cast on 5 new sts, work in colorwork pattern to end of round = 120 (140, 164, 164, 184) sts

*Note: You will now shape both sides of neckline with decreases. Work steek stitches as previously established, alternating MC/CC*

**Round 1 (dec round):** Work in colorwork pattern to 2 sts before back neck steek sts, sl1k, using MC k1tbl, pssso, work 5 steek sts as established, using MC, k2tog, work in colorwork pattern to end of round [2 sts decreased]

**Round 2:** Work in colorwork pattern to end of round

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2, one more time [2 sts decreased] = 116 (136, 160, 160, 180) sts

*Note: You will now bind off all steek stitches using all 6 strands at the same time*

**Next round:** \*Work in colorwork pattern to steek sts, *using both MC and CC at the same time* bind off 5 sts; repeat to end of round

*Upon completion of this section, you will have 24 (29, 35, 35, 40) sts for each shoulder*

Place shoulder sts on 4 stitch holders or 4 pieces of waste yarn

Use your preferred method for reinforcing and finishing steeks. Carefully cut the armhole and neck steeks along the middle of each steek.

*Note: You will now close right and left shoulder by grafting right front and right back pieces together and left front and left back pieces together, using contrast color and Kitchener stitch*

Transfer right front sts and right back sts from holders back onto two 6 mm / US10 needles. With both WS towards each other and with 24 (29, 35, 35, 40) sts on both needles, hold the two needles parallel, and using CC, graft sts together using tapestry needle and Kitchener stitch

Close left shoulder the same

## **Sleeves**

With 6 mm / US10 circular needle, using MC, with RS of work facing, and beginning from first of the 5 (5, 5, 17, 17) underarm bind-off sts and ending at the *last st before* the shoulder seam, pick up and knit 38 (38, 38, 50, 50) sts evenly along armhole opening to top of shoulder, then beginning *from* the shoulder seam, pick up and knit 34 (34, 34, 34, 34) sts evenly along rest of armhole. Join to work in the round and place BOR m = 72 (72, 72, 84, 84) sts

Beginning with Round 1 and ending with Round 20, work *Chart C* across all sts, 3 (4, 4, 3, 3) times

### **Sizes 1 and 4 only:**

Beginning with Round 1 and ending with Round 11, work *Chart C* across all sts, one more time

### **Sizes 2, 3 and 5 only:**

**Next round:** Work Round 1 of *Chart C* across all sts

### **All sizes**

*Note: If you choose to adjust sleeve length here, make sure to end with Round 1 or 11 of Chart C*

Change to 4.5 mm / US7 circular needle

Using MC, k 1 round

### **Ribbed cuffs**

**Set-up Round:** Using MC (k1, p1) to end of round

Work in 1x1 rib as established for 11 rounds more

Bind off a bit tightly in pattern

Make second sleeve the same

## **Folded Ribbed Neckband**

With 4.5 mm / US7 circular needle, using MC, with RS of work facing, and beginning *from* shoulder seam on left shoulder, pick up and knit 14 (14, 14, 14, 14) sts evenly along left front shoulder to front neck bind-off edge, pick up and knit 18 (20, 20, 20, 22) sts evenly along front neck bind-off edge, pick up and knit 14 (14, 14, 14, 14) sts evenly along right front shoulder to *last st before* right shoulder seam, pick up and knit 7 sts evenly along right back shoulder to back neck bind-off edge, pick up and knit 22 (24, 24, 24, 26) sts evenly along back neck bind-off edge, pick up and knit 7 sts evenly along left back shoulder  
Join to work in the round, place BOR m = 82 (86, 86, 86, 90) sts

K 1 round

**Set-up round:** (K1, p1) to end of round

Work in 1x1 rib as established until ribbing measures 8 cm [3¼"]

Bind off loosely in pattern

Fold the ribbed neckband in half and sew the bind-off edge loosely to the inside

## **Finishing**

Weave in all loose ends

Block

We hope you enjoy knitting the Mosaic Sweater!

We would love to see your finished projects! If you would like to share your work with us on Instagram, please use the hashtags #knittingforolive, #mosaiksweater and #mosaicssweater, or tag us @knittingforolive

## **Abbreviations**

Approx. – approximately

BOR – beginning of round

K – knit

P – purl

Dec – decrease

K1tbl – knit 1 stitch through back loop

K2tog – knit 2 stitches together [1 stitch decreased]

MC – main color

CC – contrast color

M – marker

Pm – place marker

Pss0 – pass slipped stitch(es) over

RS – right side

WS – wrong side

Sl1k – slip 1 stitch knitwise

St/sts – stitch/stitches

## Charts

**Chart A**

X				X		X				X	X	20
X				X		X				X	X	19
		X	X	X		X	X	X				18
		X						X				17
		X						X				16
		X						X				15
X	X	X						X	X	X		14
X				X	X	X				X		13
X				X	X	X				X		12
X				X	X	X				X	X	11
X				X	X	X				X		10
X				X	X	X				X		9
X	X	X						X	X	X		8
		X						X				7
		X						X				6
		X						X				5
		X	X	X		X	X	X				4
X				X		X				X	X	3
X				X		X				X	X	2
X				X	X	X				X	X	1
12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	

**Chart B**

X				X	X	X				X		20
X				X	X	X				X		19
X	X	X						X	X	X		18
		X						X				17
		X						X				16
		X						X				15
		X	X	X		X	X	X				14
X				X		X				X	X	13
X				X		X				X	X	12
X				X	X	X				X	X	11
X				X		X				X	X	10
X				X		X				X	X	9
		X	X	X		X	X	X				8
		X						X				7
		X						X				6
		X						X				5
X	X	X						X	X	X		4
X				X	X	X				X		3
X				X	X	X				X		2
X				X	X	X				X	X	1
12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	

Chart C

		X		X				X	X	X		20
		X		X				X	X	X		19
X	X	X		X	X	X						18
X						X						17
X						X						16
X						X						15
X						X	X	X		X	X	14
		X	X	X				X		X		13
		X	X	X				X		X		12
		X	X	X				X	X	X		11
		X	X	X				X		X		10
		X	X	X				X		X		9
X						X	X	X		X	X	8
X						X						7
X						X						6
X						X						5
X	X	X		X	X	X						4
		X		X				X	X	X		3
		X		X				X	X	X		2
		X	X	X				X	X	X		1
12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	

Key

- MC: RS: k, WS: p
- X

CC: RS: k, WS: p