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Turtle Dove V-neck

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The **Turtle Dove V-Neck** is a pullover reinterpretation of the popular Turtle Dove Cardigan pattern, sharing the same relaxed gauge but introducing a fresh combination of yarns. This versatile design features a simple stockinette body, accentuated by deep raglans and twisted rib details at the neckline, center front panel, and cuffs. Knit from the top down, this effortlessly stylish sweater pairs seamlessly with jeans, tunics, dresses—or even your coziest weekend loungewear.

SIZES

1 (2, 3, 4, 5) (6, 7, 8, 9)

Recommended ease: 12–14" / 30.5–35.5 cm of positive ease.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Chest Circumference (measured at the end of the raglan increases): 44.5 (47.5, 51.5, 55, 59.5) (63.5, 68, 72, 76.5)" / 113 (120.5, 131, 139.5, 151) (161.5, 172.5, 183, 194.5) cm
Yoke Depth: 11.25 (11.75, 12.25, 12.75, 13.5) (13.75, 14.25, 15, 15)" / 28.5 (30, 31, 32.5, 34.5) (35, 36, 38, 38) cm.

Length from Underarm to Hem: 8.5 (9, 9, 9.5, 9.5) (10, 10.5, 11, 11.5)" / 21.5 (22.5, 22.5, 24, 24) (25.5, 26.5, 28, 29) cm.

Sleeve Length: 9" / 23 cm.

Upper Arm Circumference: 12.5 (13.25, 13.5, 14.75, 16) (17, 18.5, 19.75, 21.25)" / 31.5 (33, 34, 37, 40) (42.5, 46.5, 49.5, 53) cm.

MATERIALS

Yarn: 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) (5, 5, 6, 6) skeins of **Sunday Morning DK by Sonder Yarn Co.** (75% Bluefaced Leicester, 25% Masham, 268 yds / 245 m – 100 g). Shown in 'Still Waters'

Or approx. 750 (833, 913, 1018, 1123) (1243, 1382, 1516, 1607) yds / 685 (762, 835, 931, 1027) (1137, 1264, 1387, 1470) m of DK weight yarn.

2 (2, 2, 2, 3) (3, 3, 4, 4) skeins of **Halo by Sonder Yarn Co.** (72% Mohair, 28% Silk, 459 yds / 420 m – 50 g). Shown in 'Petrichor'

Or approx. 750 (833, 913, 1018, 1123) (1243, 1382, 1516, 1607) yds / 685 (762, 835, 931, 1027) (1137, 1264, 1387, 1470) m of fluffy laceweight yarn.

Note! 1 strand of DK and 1 strand of Halo are held together throughout (i.e., you are knitting with 2 strands).

Needles: US 9 / 5.5 mm 32" / 80 cm circular needles, US 7 / 4.5 mm 32" / 80 cm circular needles, US 7 / 4.5 mm needles for working small circumference in the round. US 8 / 5 mm crochet hook.

Note! If you would like your collar to have slightly more structure then we suggest going down 3 needle sizes from your main gauge needle for the collar only while keeping two sizes smaller for the cuffs and hem ribbing.

Notions: Stitch markers, stitch holders or waste yarn.

GAUGE

16 sts x 21 rows to 4" / 10 cm on US 9 / 5.5 mm needles in St St, after blocking.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

Crochet Slip Stitch Chain

With WS facing and beginning just after the left front ribbing panel, insert the crochet hook (bottom up) into the first purl bump at base of collar ribbing. Lay yarn over the hook and pull through stitch to create a loop. Working right to left, * insert hook into next purl bump, pull through another loop and then pull the second loop through the first loop *. Repeat *-* across the row until beginning of right ribbing panel. Cut yarn and pull through last loop.

ABBREVIATIONS

BO: Bind off

BOR: Beginning of round

CO: Cast on

Dec('d): Decreased(d)

k: Knit

kfb: Knit into the front of the stitch without dropping it from the needle, then knit into the back of the same stitch, then drop it from the needle (1 stitch increased)

kltbl: Knit through back loop of the stitch (twisted stitch)

MDS: Make double stitch: Slip the next stitch with yarn in front. Bring the yarn over the right needle to the back and pull on the slipped stitch until it looks like a double stitch (two legs)

p: Purl

pwise: Purlwise

pltbl: Purl through back loop (twisted stitch)

Sl: Slip (purlwise with yarn in back on RS and yarn in front on WS, unless otherwise stated)

PM: Place marker

Rib: Ribbing

SM: Slip marker

st(s): Stitch(es)

tw: Turn work

wyib: With yarn in back

wyif: With yarn in front

NOTES

This pattern is adapted from the Turtle Dove Cardigan pattern and is worked the same way until the point of joining. You may join to begin working in the round at any point when your desired V-neck depth is achieved. We joined our sample 6.25" / 16 cm from the **bottom** of the neckband ribbing.

Join for knitting in the round on a RS row as follows: Work from where you are in pattern as established (including the increases) to last stitch of row. Slip this stitch onto the left hand needle, place BOR marker on right hand needle, k2tog tbl. This is the first stitch of the round. Complete this round as follows: P1, [k1tbl, p1] 5 times, knit to last 11 sts, p1, [k1tbl, p1] 5 times (rnd ends with p1). *(1 st dec'd)*

Instructions for working in the round from the point of joining are included in the pattern.

DIRECTIONS

NECKBAND & YOKE

With US 7 / 4.5 mm needles, CO 85 (91, 97, 101, 101) (108, 107, 109, 113) sts using the Long-Tail CO Method. Do not join.

Row 1 (RS): S11 pwise wyib, *p1, k1tbl* to end.

Row 2 (WS): S11 pwise wyif, *k1, pltbl* to end.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 until neck rib measures 2.75" / 7 cm.

Change to US 9 / 5.5 mm needles.

Sizes 5 (6, 7, 8, 9) only

RS: S11 pwise wyib, [p1, k1tbl] 5 times, p1, *k - (-, -, 15) (11, 9, 9, 8), m1; rep from * - (-, -, 4) (6, 8, 8, 10) times, k to last 12 sts, [p1, k1tbl] 6 times. [- (-, -, 105) (109, 115, 117, 123) sts]

WS: S11 pwise wyif, [k1, pltbl] 5 times, k1, p to last 12 sts, [k1, pltbl] 6 times.

All sizes

Marker setup rows:

RS: S11 pwise wyib, [p1, k1tbl] 5 times, p1, k 2 (3, 6, 7, 7) (8, 8, 8, 9) sts for left front, PM, k 13 (14, 13, 14, 15) (15, 17, 18, 20) sts for left sleeve, PM, k 31 (33, 35, 35, 37) (39, 41, 41, 41) sts for back, PM, k 13 (14, 13, 14, 15) (15, 17, 18, 20) sts for right sleeve, PM, k 2 (3, 6, 7, 7) (8, 8, 8, 9) sts for right front, [p1, k1tbl] 6 times.

WS: S11 pwise wyif, [k1, pltbl] 5 times, k1, p to last 12 sts, [k1, pltbl] 6 times.

Short Row Shaping

Size 1 only

Row 1: S11 pwise wyib, [p1, k1tbl], 5 times, p1, kfb, k1, sm, kfb, *k to 2 sts before next m, kfb, k1, sm, kfb; rep from * 2 more time, tw.

Row 2 (WS): MDS, p to left front m, SM, p3, tw.

Row 3: MDS, kfb, k1, sm, kfb, *k to 2 sts before next m, kfb, k1, sm, kfb; rep from * 2 more times, k to 1st st past DS, tw.

Row 4: MDS, p to left front m, SM, p to 1 st past DS, tw.

Sizes 2 (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9) only

Row 1 (RS): S11 pwise wyib, [p1, k1tbl] 5 times, p1, *k to 2 sts bef m, kfb, k1, SM, kfb; rep from * 3 more times, tw. (8 sts inc'd)

Row 2 (WS): MDS, p to left front m, SM, p3, tw.

Row 3: MDS, *k to 2 sts before next m, kfb, k1, SM, kfb; rep from * 3 more times, k to 1 st past DS, tw. (8 sts inc'd)

Row 4: MDS, p to left front m, SM, p to 1 st past DS, tw.

Rep Rows 3 and 4, 1 (1, 2, 2) (2, 2, 2, 2) more time(s).

All sizes

[101 (115, 121, 133, 137) (141, 147, 149, 155) sts: 16 (18, 21, 23, 23) (24, 24, 24, 25) sts for each front, 17 (20, 19, 22, 23) (23, 25, 26, 28) sts for each sleeve, and 35 (39, 41, 43, 45) (47, 49, 49, 49) sts for back]

Row 1 (RS): MDS, *K to 2 sts bef m, kfb, k1, SM, kfb; rep from * 3 more times, k to last 12 sts, [p1, k1tbl] 6 times. (8 sts inc'd)

Row 2 (WS): Sl1 pwise wyif, [k1, p1tbl] 5 times, k1, p to last 12 sts, [k1, p1tbl] 6 times.

[109 (123, 129, 141, 145) (149, 155, 157, 163) sts: 17 (19, 22, 24, 24) (25, 25, 25, 26) sts for each front, 19 (22, 21, 24, 25) (25, 27, 28, 30) sts for each sleeve, and 37 (41, 43, 45, 47) (49, 51, 51, 51) sts for back]

Continue raglan increases as follows:

Sizes 5 (6, 7, 8, 9) only

Row 1 (RS): Sl1 pwise wyib, [p1, k1tbl] 5 times, p1, k to 3 sts bef m, m1r, k1, kfb, k1, SM, kfb, k across sleeve to 2 sts bef m, kfb, k1, SM, kfb, k1, m1l, k across back to 3 sts bef m, m1r, k1, kfb, k1, SM, kfb, k across sleeve to 2 sts bef m, kfb, k1, SM, kfb, k1, m1l, k to last 12 sts, [p1, k1tbl] 6 times. (12 sts inc'd)

Row 2 (WS): Sl1 pwise wyif, [k1, p1tbl] 5 times, k1, p to last 12 sts, [k1, p1tbl] 6 times.

Work rows 1-2 a total of - (-, -, -, 2) (3, 6, 8, 12) times.

[169 (185, 227, 253, 307) sts: 28 (31, 37, 41, 50) sts for each front, 29 (31, 39, 44, 54) sts for each sleeve, and 55 (61, 75, 83, 99) sts for back]

*All sizes***PLEASE READ AHEAD TO BOXED TEXT BEFORE CONTINUING.**

Row 1 (RS): Sl1 pwise wyib, [p1, k1tbl] 5 times, p1, *k to 2 sts bef m, kfb, k1, SM, kfb; rep from* 3 more times, k to last 12 sts, [p1, k1tbl] 6 times. (8 sts inc'd)

Row 2 (WS): Sl1 pwise wyif, [k1, p1tbl] 5 times, k1, p to last 12 sts, [k1, p1tbl] 6 times.

Row 3: Sl1 pwise wyib, [p1, k1tbl] 5 times, p1, k to 2 sts bef m, kfb, k1, SM, k to next m, SM, kfb, k to 2 sts bef next m, kfb, k1, SM, k to next m, SM, kfb, k to last 12 sts, [p1, k1tbl] 6 times. (4 sts inc'd)

Row 4: Rep Row 2.

Work Rows 1-4 a total of 12 (13, 14, 15, 15) (15, 14, 14, 12) times.

You will work the raglan increases back and forth as indicated above until you have achieved your desired V-neck depth. Being sure to take note of your completed increases before joining, you may begin working in the round at any point by following the instructions included in the NOTES section on page 3.

After joining, raglan increases will be worked as follows:

Rnd 1: [k1tbl, p1] 6 times, *k to 2 sts bef m, kfb, k1, SM, kfb, rep from * 3 more times, k to last 11 sts, p1 [k1tbl, p1] 5 times. (8 sts inc'd)

Rnd 2: [k1tbl, p1] 6 times, k to last 11 sts, p1, [k1tbl, p1] 5 times.

Rnd 3: [k1tbl, p1] 6 times, k to 2 sts bef m, kfb, k1, SM, k to next m, SM, kfb, k to 2 sts bef next m, kfb, k3, SM, k to next m, SM, kfb, k to last 11 sts, p1, [k1tbl, p1] 5 times. (4 sts inc'd)

Rnd 4: Rep rnd 2.

Size 1 only

Work Rnds 1-2 one more time.

All sizes

[260 (278, 296, 320, 348) (364, 394, 420, 450) sts: 83 (89, 99, 107, 115) (121, 129, 137, 147) sts for front, 45 (48, 49, 54, 59) (61, 67, 72, 78) sts for sleeves, and 87 (93, 99, 105, 115) (121, 131, 139, 147) sts for back]

Continue working in the round as follows (no more increases) until yoke depth measured down the front from bottom of collar is 11.25 (11.75, 12.25, 12.75, 13.5) (13.75, 14.25, 15, 15)" / 28.5 (30, 31, 32.5, 34.5) (35, 36, 38, 38) cm

[k1tbl, p1] 6 times], k to last 11 sts, p1, [k1tbl, p1] 5 times

SEPARATE BODY & SLEEVES

Maintain rib at front as set and RM as you come to them, work across left front sts, place the 45 (48, 49, 54, 59) (61, 67, 72, 78) left sleeve sts onto stitch holder or waste yarn, CO 4 (4, 4, 4, 4) (6, 6, 6, 6) sts using the Backwards Loop Method, k across back sts to next m, place the 45 (48, 49, 54, 59) (61, 67, 72, 78) right sleeve sts onto stitch holder or waste yarn, CO 4 (4, 4, 4, 4) (6, 6, 6, 6) sts, work to end maintaining ribbing at the front sts. [178 (190, 206, 220, 238) (254, 272, 288, 306) sts]

BODY

Maintaining rib at fronts as set, work in St St until body measures 5.5 (6, 6, 6.5, 6.5) (7, 7.5, 8, 8.5)" / 14 (15, 15, 16.5, 16.5) (18, 19, 20, 21.5) cm from underarm or until desired length. *Note! The hem rib will add 3" / 7.5 cm to the length.*

Hem Rib

Change to US 7 / 4.5 mm needles.

Rnd 1: [K1tbl, p1] to end.

Rep Rnd 1 until hem rib measures 3" / 7.5 cm.

BO in patt.

SLEEVES

Place 45 (48, 49, 54, 59) (61, 67, 72, 78) sleeve sts on US 9 / 5.5 mm circular needles. Pick up and k 3 (3, 3, 3) (4, 4, 4, 4) sts from underarm, PM to indicate BOR, pick up and k 2 (2, 2, 2, 2) (3, 3, 3, 3) more sts from the underarm. Join for working in the rnd. [50 (53, 54, 59, 64) (68, 74, 79, 85) sts]

Work in St St for 6 (6, 6, 6, 6) (4, 4, 4, 4) rnds.

Dec Rnd: K1, k2tog, k until 3 sts remain, ssk, k1. (2 sts dec'd)

Rep dec rnd every 6 (6, 6, 6, 6) (6, 6, 5, 4) rnds 2 (3, 3, 4, 4) (4, 4, 5, 7) more times. [44 (45, 46, 49, 54) (58, 64, 67, 69) sts]

Continue in St St until the sleeve measures 6.5" / 16.5 cm from underarm – if you would like longer sleeves, add length here remembering that this may add to yardage requirements. *Note! The ribbing will add 2.5" / 6.5 cm to the sleeve length.*

Cuff

Sizes 2, 4, 8, and 9 only

Work one more rnd decreasing one st as follows: K1, k2tog, k to end of rnd. - (44, -, 48, -) (-, -, 66, 68) sts

All sizes

Change to US 7 / 4.5 mm needles.

Rnd 1: [k1tbl, p1] to end.

Rep Rnd 1 until cuff measures 2.5" / 6.5 cm.

BO in patt.

FINISHING

Use a crochet slip stitch chain (see Special Techniques) on WS of sweater at base of collar ribbing to stabilize the neckline. Begin and end the crochet chain just inside the ribbing panels on the left and right of cardigan fronts.

Weave in ends and close small gaps at underarm. Steam or wet block to finished measurements being careful not to stretch neck rib.

