

KISS
SWEATER



SIZE

1 (2) 3 (4) 5 (6) 7

Bust: 84 (90) 96 (101) 107 (114) 120 cm

Sweater Bust: 103 (109) 115 (120) 126 (133) 138 cm

Positive ease: 18-20 cm

GAUGE

16 sts x 24 rounds in stockinette, needle size 6 mm

19 sts x 30 rounds in rib st (k 1, p 1), needle size 4.5 mm

SUGGESTED NEEDLES

Circulars: 5 + 6 mm - 40/80 cm

Double pointed needles 4.5 + 6 mm or magic loop

YARN

Version 1 (Front page):

1 strand ORGANIC SOFT MERINO (225 m/50 g)

Stripes: Intuitive 1073 / Spiritual 1051

100 (100) 150 (150) 150 (150) 200/150 g of each

One color: 200 (200) 250 (250) 250 (300) 300 g

held together with

2 strands ORGANIC BRUSHED ALPACA (225 m/25 g)

Stripes: Intuitive 2073 / Spiritual 2051

100 (100) 125 (125) 125 (125-150) 175/150 g of each

One Color: 175 (200) 225 (225) 250 (275) 275 g

Version 2 (Last page):

1 strand CHUNKY ANDEAN WOOL

Stripes: Zealous 6073 / Charming 6051

200 (250/200) 250 (250) 250 (300/250) 300 g of each

One color: 400 (450) 450 (500) 500 (550) 550 g

KEEP IT SIMPLE, STUPID!

The ultimate beginners' sweater with no difficult techniques and with lots of opportunity to play with colors.

KISS is short for "Keep It Simple, Stupid". It reminds us not to get lost in complicated rules or unimportant details. The idea with KISS SWEATER is that knitting should be easy. When you feel comfortable knitting, it gives you the courage to add your personal touch.

The pattern gives you a cropped sweater with a loose fit and long wide sleeves. You knit top-down so you can change the length of the sleeves, body and ribbing as you like and try it on as you go.

You can knit stripes or several different colors together to create a marled look. There are no rules and no wrong way to do it.

#kissweater #kaosyarn #mycolorfulnatureVideoguide: KISS SWEATER at www.kaosyarn.dk**ABBREVIATIONS****k** = knit**P** = purl**st(s)** = stitch(es)**inc** = increase(s)**dec** = decrease(s).**M** = stitch marker(s)**BOR** = Stitch marker to mark the beginning of the round**Slip stitch purlwise** = move the stitch from the left needle to the right by entering the stitch as if to purl it..**k2tog** = Knit 2 stitches together.**inc-right** = increase right.

The leg in the sts leans to the right.

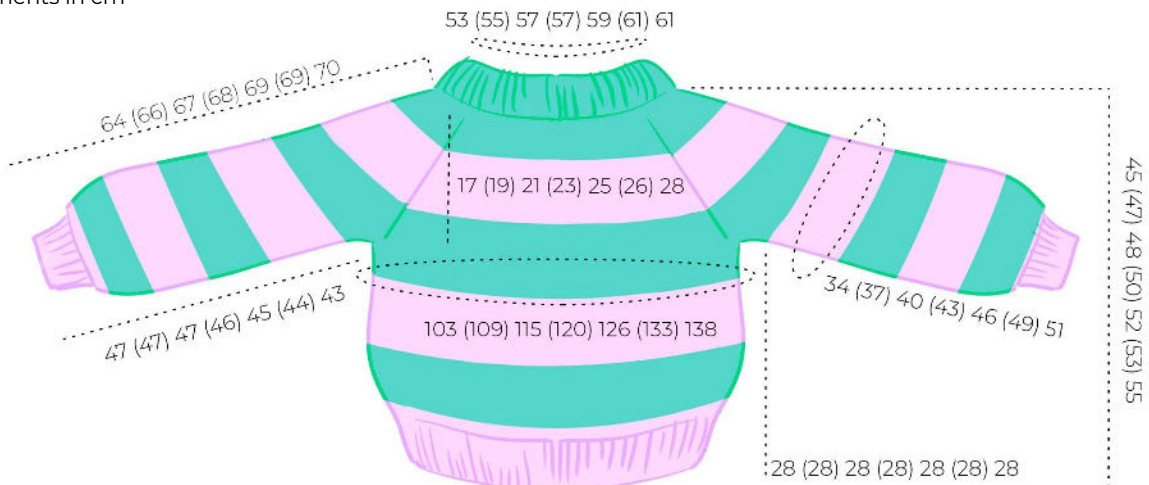
Using the left needle you pick up the bar between the two sts below from the back. Knit through the front loop.

inc-left = increase left.

The leg in the sts leans to the left.

Using the left needle you pick up the bar between the two sts below from the front. Knit through the back loop.

Measurements in cm



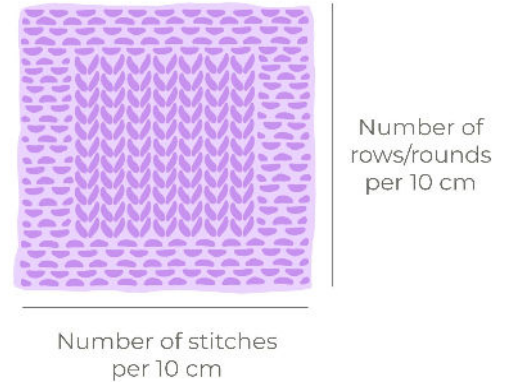
GAUGE SWATCH

For a good result, you need to make a gauge swatch. The sweater may not fit you if the gauge is off and many hours of work are wasted.

A difference of a single stitch per 10 cm can easily give a difference of 5-10 cm on the finished sweater, which corresponds to 1-2 sizes.

The gauge describes how many stitches you must have per 10 cm horizontally on the swatch, and how many rows you must have per 10 cm vertically.

If the number of stitches on your sample is too large compared to the pattern, switch to a larger needle. Switch to a smaller needle if the number of stitches is too small.



Cast on 28 sts using long tail cast on. Use 1 strand of Soft Merino held together with 2 strand of Soft Alpaca. Knit the first 5 rows in garter stitch while slipping the first stitch on all rows with the yarn in front (slip 1 wyf). Repeat Row 1 and Row 2 until you have more than 10 cm stockinette on your sample:

Row 1 (RS): Slip 1 wyf, knit the rest of the stitches

Row 2: Slip 1 wyf, k 3, p 20, k 4

End with 5 rows of garter stitch and bind off as described on page 4, but knit all stitches. Wash or rinse the swatch, since some yarn stretches when washed. When the sample is wet, stretch it to its natural shape and lay it to dry flat on a towel. Measure the sample when it is dry.

NOTE! If the stitches are not the same size on the purl row as on the knit rows, then change to a smaller needle on the wrong side for an even look. The gauge when knitting in the round on the sweater may vary from the sample, which is knitted back and forth. Be sure to check the gauge of the first part of the yoke to make sure the gauge fits. Alternatively, you can also make the sample knit in the round - then cast on the double number of stitches.

STRIPES

It is a good idea to check from the start whether you expect to make your sweater longer or shorter than the pattern, since it affects which width of the stripes you should choose. If you knit an XS that is shorter on both body and sleeves than size M, which you want the sleeve / body length from, keep the stripe width from size M.

First color is worked on the entire rib and 8 (8) 10 (12) 12 (10) 10 rounds of the yoke. On the yoke the last round with a color should be an inc round. For the rest of the sweater change the color after 20 (20) 20 (22) 22 (20) 20 rounds.

The stripes in the ribbing are a bit wider than the other stripes. 8-12 rounds stockinette before the ribbing is very fitting.

Color transition

When you knit the yoke begin the new color 2 stitches before BOR to avoid making a color change in the inc stitches. To make a jogless transition between two colors start with knitting one round in the new color. In the next round you keep the first stitch in the new color on the left needle while lifting up the stitch from the row below and knitting them together. Continue to knit in the round as before.

PATTERN

Knit with 1 strand of Soft Merino and 2 strands of Brushed Alpaca held together OR in 1 strand Chunky Andean Wool. You knit top-down: First the neck rib, then make increases on the yoke and then separate the body and sleeves. If you print out the pattern, you can highlight the stitches for your size before you start.

If you are making stripes on your sweater, see the section STRIPES at p. 3 before you begin.

CAST ON

With circular needles 4.5 mm / 40 cm cast on 100 (104) 108 (108) 112 (116) 116 sts using long tail cast on. Your cast on edge needs to have elasticity and you make that by not pulling the yarn at the thumb too hard when casting on. Join in the round - make sure that the stitches on the needle are not twisted around the needle / wire before knitting. Place a stitch marker on the needle to mark the beginning of the round (BOR). Knit the first stitch tightly when you start the rib.

Knit 28 rounds of rib (knit 1, purl 1) or 10 cm. Fold the rib on the middle with the right side out and knit the stitches on the needle together with the back loop of the cast on stitches. Make sure you combine the right stitches so the ribbing isn't twisted. Alternatively, you can choose to stitch it to the back at the end.

RAGLAN INCREASES

Mark the first marker (BOR), which is already on the needle, to distinguish it from the 7 markers (M) that will be placed now, making a total of 8 markers. The markers are placed before and after a raglan stitch (raglan-st) to mark where to increase on the sleeves and front/back. Switch to circular needle size 6 mm and position the 7 markers (M) as you knit next round as follows:

Move BOR to the right needle, (raglan st), k 1, place M,
 knit 9 (10) 11 (11) 12 (13) 13 sts (right sleeve), place M, k 1 (raglan st), place M,
 knit 39 (40) 41 (41) 42 (43) 43 sts (front), place M, wk1 (raglan st), place M,
 knit 9 (10) 11 (11) 12 (13) 13 sts (left sleeve), place M, knit 1 (raglan st), place M,
 knit 39 (40) 41 (41) 42 (43) 43 sts (back)

Increases are made before and after the raglan sts + M, increasing the number of stitches by 8 on each inc round. The first inc of the round is made before the BOR marker and the increases are made as follows:

Round 1:

Inc-right, slip BOR, k 1 (raglan st), slip marker, inc-left,
 *k to next marker, inc-right, slip marker, k 1 (raglan st), slip marker, inc-left. * Repeat from * - * to BOR.

Round 2:

Knit all stitches.

Repeat Round 1 + Round 2 to a total of 19 (21) 23 (25) 27 (29) 31 inc rounds. Switch to a longer circular needle when needed. [252 (272) 292 (308) 328 (348) 364 sts]

BODY

On the next round, the stitches of the sleeves + raglan sts should be placed on a stitch holder or a piece of scrap yarn while knitting the body. Make 5 new stitches with backward loop cast on in each side of the sweater between the front and back, and remove all markers except BOR along the way:

Remove BOR and make 5 new sts, and place BOR after 3 of them
 Place 49 (54) 59 (63) 68 (73) 77 sts on scrap yarn (right sleeve),
 knit 77 (82) 87 (91) 96 (101) 105 sts (front piece), make 5 new stitches,
 Place 49 (54) 59 (63) 68 (73) 77 sts on scrap yarn (left sleeve),
 Knit 77 (82) 87 (91) 96 (101) 105 sts (back)
 [Body: 164 (174) 184 (192) 202 (212) 220 sts]

Knit in the round until the work measures 25 cm or desired length - measure from under the sleeves. We are all different, so it's a good idea to try on the sweater along the way, so you get a sweater that fits you well.

Switch to circular needles size 4.5 mm and work one round. Then work 14 rounds of rib st (k 1, p 1), or until the rib measures 5 cm.

BIND OFF

When binding off the stitches, it is important to make an edge with good elasticity, so make sure not to knit too tightly, or maybe bind off on a larger needle size. The stitches are knit in rib st before they are bound off:

Knit 1, purl 1, slip the first stitch over the second stitch and off the right needle. Continue to knit and purl the stitches and slip the previous stitch over the other and off the right needle until you have bound off all stitches. Break the yarn and pull out the yarn end of the last stitch and fasten it around the first stitch you bound off and back into the last stitch, for a nice finish.

SLEEVE

Place the resting sts from one sleeve on circular needle size 6 mm or on double pointed needles. Knit 5 new stitches in the new sts between front and back of the body and place BOR after 2 of these sts. Total sts: 54 (59) 64 (68) 73 (78) 82 sts.

Tip: To avoid holes at each side of the new stitches, you can knit up extra sts in both sides, and k2tog on the next round (see video guide for more help).

Knit in the round for 42 (42) 42 (41) 40 (39) 38 cm or to desired length. Measure from the armhole and the newly cast on stitches. To get the balloon shape, the sleeve should reach the beginning of your hand before you start the ribbing. If you knit stripes, follow the same instructions as described for the body. Change to needles size 4.5 mm and work 1 round while decreasing the number of sts as follows:

k2, k2tog.

Repeat *-* and adjust the number of decreases at the end of the round until you reach: 44 (46) 48 (50) 52 (56) 58 sts. Finish off with 14 rounds of rib st (k 1, p 1) or until the rib measures 5 cm. Bind off the stitches as on the body.

Knit the other sleeve the same way.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends and close the holes that might be around the new sts under the sleeves. If you have chosen not to knit the neck rib together, it must be folded and stitched to the back. Wash your finished KISS SWEATER and lay it flat to dry on a towel.

