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# GINGERBREAD SWEATER

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The **GINGERBREAD SWEATER** is a basic raglan pullover which is knit in the round from the top down and features twisted rib at the neck, cuffs, and hem. It has a boxy, ultra-cropped silhouette - a shape that is easy to wear over dresses and tunics or with high-waisted skirts and pants. Consider it the little sister to our Bright Side sweater - the Gingerbread Sweater uses different needle sizes, a gathered cuff, and a split hem to create relaxed feminine detailing.

## YARN

**Knitting for Olive MERINO (100% Merino); 273 yds (250 m) / 50g**

4 (4, 5, 5) (5, 6, 6, 7) balls

*Shown in 'Caramel'*

**Held with Camarose MIDNATSSOL (54% Alpaca, 36% Tencel, 10% Merino); 219 yds (200m) / 25g**

4 (5, 5, 6) (6, 6, 7, 7) balls

*Shown in '9548 Kastaniebrun'*

**OR 889 (983, 999, 1196) (1248, 1344, 1427, 1526) m / 972 (1075, 1195, 1308) (1365, 1469, 1561, 1669) yds of fingering weight yarn and 800 (856, 951, 1041) (1086, 1169, 1242, 1328) m / 846 (936, 1040, 1138) (1188, 1278, 1358, 1452) yds of a stranding yarn.**

## TOOLS

**For neck, cuff, and body ribbing:**

16" circular needles: 3 mm (US 2.5) - or 1 mm smaller than gauge needle.

**For body:**

16", 24", and 32" circular needles: 4 mm (US 6) - or size needed to obtain gauge

4 stitch markers to indicate beginning of round and raglan increase points

Stitch holders or waste yarn to place sleeve stitches on hold

Tapestry needle to weave in ends

## GAUGE

**21 sts and 28 rnds = 10 cm / 4" after blocking with main gauge needles**

## SIZES

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

**Finished circumference:**

43 (46.75, 50.75, 53.75) (56, 59, 61.25, 64.25)"

110 (119, 129, 137) (143, 150, 156, 164) cm

*Measurements above are given for the finished circumference measured at the end of the raglan increases (i.e., at underarms). This sweater is designed to be worn with approximately 10" / 25.5 cm of positive ease; however, this is just a guide. Some people prefer a closer fit; do not be afraid to select an option that provides somewhat less than the suggested ease according to your own preferences.*



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## PATTERN

### NECK RIBBING AND YOKE

With smaller 16" needles, cast on 96 (96, 96, 104) (104, 112, 112, 120) sts. Join in the round being careful not to twist. Place marker for beginning of round (BOR).

**Round 1:** \*k1tbl, p1; repeat from \* to BOR.  
Repeat Round 1 until neck ribbing measures 1" / 2.5 cm.

**Switch to 16" main gauge needles.**

**Marker setup row:** k15 (15, 15, 17) (17, 19, 19, 21), PM, k33 (33, 33, 35) (35, 37, 37, 39), PM, k15 (15, 15, 17) (17, 19, 19, 21), PM, k33 (33, 33, 35) (35, 37, 37, 39).

*These markers indicate divisions between right sleeve, front, left sleeve, and back sections.*

**Short-row shaping:** Short-row shaping will raise the back neck slightly. We recommend the German Short Row method – you can find a great tutorial by VeryPink Knits on YouTube here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=52qy8OOb-s0>

- Step 1 (RS):** Knit across right sleeve, SM, kfb, k3. Work GSR.
- Step 2 (WS):** Purl to 2 sts before raglan marker, pfb, p1, SM, pfb, purl to 2 sts before BOR marker, pfb, p1. Do not turn.
- Step 3 (WS):** Slip BOR marker, pfb, purl across back to 2 sts before raglan marker, pfb, p1, SM, purl across left sleeve sts, SM, pfb, p3. Work GSR.
- Step 4 (RS):** Knit to 2 sts before raglan marker, kfb, k1, SM, kfb, work to 2 sts before next raglan marker, kfb, k1, SM, kfb, knit to 2 sts before BOR marker, kfb, k1.
- Step 5:** Knit to 3 sts past last GSR. Work GSR.
- Step 6:** Repeat Step 2.
- Step 7:** Purl to 3 sts past last GSR. Work GSR.
- Step 8:** Repeat Step 4.

Repeat Steps 1 - 8 **one more time** working 3 (3, 3, 4) (4, 5, 5, 5) sts past the last GSR turn (note that turn sts look like two sts because of the method used but are worked/counted as 1 st).

**You should now have:** 23 (23, 23, 25) (25, 27, 27, 29) sts for each sleeve and 45 (45, 45, 47) (47, 49, 49, 51) sts each for front and back.

**Continue raglan increases as follows switching to longer needles as necessary when stitches become too cramped.**

**Round 1:** Knit across right sleeve, SM, kfb, knit to 2 sts before next raglan marker, kfb, k1, SM, knit across left sleeve to next raglan marker, SM, kfb, knit to 2 sts before BOR marker, kfb, k1. *(4 sts increased on body).*

**Round 2:** kfb, knit across right sleeve to 2 sts before raglan marker, kfb, k1, SM, kfb, knit to 2 sts before next raglan marker, kfb, k1, SM, kfb, knit across left sleeve to 2 sts before raglan marker, kfb, k1, SM, kfb, knit to 2 sts before BOR marker, kfb, k1. *(8 sts increased)*



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**Round 3:** Knit. (*no increases*)

**Round 4:** Repeat Round 2. (*8 sts increased*)

Work rounds 1-4 a total of 10 (11, 12, 13) (14, 15, 16, 17) times.

*You should now have 336 (356, 376, 404) (424, 452, 472, 500) sts total; 63 (67, 71, 77) (81, 87, 91, 97) sts for sleeves, 105 (111, 117, 125) (131, 139, 145, 153) sts for front / back each.*

Work rounds 1 – 3 once.

*You should now have 65 (69, 73, 79) (83, 89, 93, 99) sts for sleeves, 109 (115, 121, 129) (135, 143, 149, 157) sts for front / back each.*

Work round 1 0 (2, 4, 4) (4, 4, 4, 4) more times.

*You should now have 65 (69, 73, 79) (83, 89, 93, 99) sts for sleeves, 109 (119, 129, 137) (143, 151, 157, 165) sts for front / back each.*

## Separate body and sleeves:

Removing raglan markers as you come to them, put 65 (69, 73, 79) (83, 89, 93, 99) sleeve sts onto stitch holder or waste yarn, CO 2 sts using the backwards loop method, PM for new BOR, CO 2 more sts, knit to next raglan marker, put 65 (69, 73, 79) (83, 89, 93, 99) sleeve sts onto stitch holder or waste yarn, CO 2 sts, PM for side marker, CO 2 sts, knit to end – 226 (246, 266, 282) (294, 310, 322, 338) sts.

## BODY

Work in the round in stockinette until body measures 9" / 23 cm from underarm or until desired length. *Note that adding length will affect yardage requirements.*

### Split hem as follows:

Knit to side marker, remove marker, put remaining stitches on hold on a spare needle or waste yarn, remove BOR marker.

Begin working twisted rib for hem as follows:

**Set-up row (WS):** \*p1tbl, k1; repeat from \* to last 2 stitches, p2tog.

**Row 1 (RS):** \*k1tbl, p1; repeat from \* to last st, k1tbl.

**Row 2 (WS):** \*p1tbl, k1; repeat from \* to last st, p1tbl.

Repeat rows 1-2 until ribbing measures 1" / 2.5 cm. Bind off in pattern.

Place held stitches on smaller 32" needle. Repeat set-up row and rows 1-2 until back ribbing measures 2" / 5 cm.

Bind off in pattern.



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## SLEEVES

Put 65 (69, 73, 79) (83, 89, 93, 99) sleeve sts on 16" main gauge needles. Knit across these stitches, pick up and knit 2 sts from body at underarm, place marker to indicate BOR, pick up and knit 2 more sts from body at underarm. Join for working in the round. 69 (73, 77, 83) (87, 93, 97, 103) sts.

### Sizes 1 - 4:

Knit until sleeve measures 14" / 35.5 cm from underarm, or desired length.

Decrease for cuff as follows:

**Size 1:** \*k1, k2tog; repeat from \* to end. 46 st.

**Size 2:** \*k1, k2tog; repeat from \* last st, k1. 49 st.

**Size 3:** \*k1, k2tog; repeat from \* to last 2 sts, k2tog. 51 st.

**Size 4:** \*k1, k2tog, k2tog; repeat from \* to last 3 sts, k1, k2tog. 50 st.

Switch to smaller needle and work twisted rib as follows:

**Round 1:** \*k1tbl, p1; repeat from \* to BOR.

*If your cuff decrease round ended with an odd number of stitches, p2tog at the end of this round.*

Repeat Round 1 until cuff measures 2" / 5 cm.

Bind off in pattern.

### Sizes 5 - 8:

Knit 20 rnds.

Dec round: k1, ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog - 2 sts dec'd

Repeat dec round every following 20th round 2, 2, (3, 4) times more. (81, 87, 89, 93) sts.

Knit until sleeve measures 14" / 35.5 cm from underarm, or desired length.

*Note that for size 8, your final decrease round will be at around the 14" mark at the stated pattern row gauge.*

Decrease for cuff as follows:

**Size 5:** \*k1, k2tog, k2tog; rep from \* to last st. 49 sts.

**Size 6:** \*k1, k2tog, k2tog; rep from \* to last 2 sts, k2tog. 52 sts.

**Size 7:** \*k1, k2tog, k2tog; repeat from \* to last 4 sts, k2tog twice. 53 sts.

**Size 8:** \*k1, k2tog, k2tog; repeat from \* to last 3 sts, k1, k2tog. 56 sts.

Switch to smaller needle and work twisted rib as follows:

**Round 1:** \*k1tbl, p1; repeat from \* to BOR.

*If your cuff decrease round ended with an odd number of stitches, p2tog at the end of this round.*

Repeat Round 1 until cuff measures 2" / 5 cm.

Bind off in pattern.

## FINISHING

Weave in ends and block.



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## ABBREVIATIONS

**BOR:** beginning of round  
**CO:** cast on  
**dec'd:** decreased  
**k:** knit  
**k1tbl:** knit through the back loop  
**k2tog:** knit two stitches together (decrease)  
**k3tog:** knit three stitches together (decrease)  
**kfb:** knit in front and back of stitch (increase)  
**PM:** place marker  
**p:** purl  
**pfb:** purl into front and back of stitch (increase)  
**p1tbl:** purl through the back loop  
**p2tog:** purl two stitches together (decrease)  
**rnd(s):** round(s)  
**SM:** slip marker  
**ssk:** slip 2 stitches knitwise, knit these 2 stitches together through back loops (decrease)  
**st(s):** stitch(es)



## SCHEMATIC

