



Boxy
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Sizes:

28/30, (32/34, 36/38, 40/42, 44/46, 48/50, 52/54).

Note on sizing: This sweater can fit a big range of sizes. The biggest difference among the different sizes is the sleeve circumference. Also, I designed this sweater to be a little bit cropped. You can easily add some inches to the body section to make it longer.

Finished Measurements: (See schematic on last page)

Body circumference: 64 (68, 68, 68, 76, 76, 76) inches; 160 (170, 170, 170, 190, 190, 190) cm.

Sleeve circumference at elbow: 9 (9¹/₄, 9³/₄, 10¹/₂, 11, 12, 13) inches; 22¹/₂, (23, 24¹/₂, 26, 27¹/₂, 30, 32¹/₂) cm.

Sleeve length from elbow to cuff: 6 inches; 15 cm.

Length from shoulder to bottom: 20¹/₂ (20³/₄, 21¹/₄, 23¹/₄, 23¹/₂, 25, 25¹/₂) inches; 51 (51¹/₂, 53, 58, 59, 62¹/₂, 64) cm.

Materials:

Yarn: Madelinetosh Tosh Merino Light (420 yd /100g), or any other fingering weight yarn that knits to the gauge: 4 (4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5) skeins.

Needles:

US 4 (3.5mm) straight or circular needles for the body (directions for seamed and seamless versions are provided).

US 4 (3.5mm) and US 2¹/₂ (3mm) circular needles for the neckband and sleeves (needed for both versions).

Other Notions:

Stitch holders, tapestry needle, an extra needle for 3-needle-bind off.

Gauge:

23 st and 30 rows to 4 inches on US 4 (3.5mm) needles, in stockinette stitch, after blocking.

Directions:

There are 2 options for this sweater. Since I prefer to work with straight needles when I have a lot of knitting ahead, I wrote the instructions for a "seamed" and a "seamless" version of the body. Once you get to the armhole, the directions are the same for both versions.

Body - Seamed Version

Front:

Cast on 185 (195, 195, 195, 205, 205, 205) st.

1st and 3rd rows (RS): k1, (p1, k1), repeat to the end of row.

2nd row (WS): P1, (k1, p1), repeat to the end of row.

4th row: Purl to the end.

5th row: Knit to the end.

Continue working in stockinette stitch until work measures 16 (16, 16, 18, 18, 19, 19) inches; 40 (40, 40, 45, 45, 47¹/₂, 47¹/₂) cm from your cast on edge.

Mark next row, since it will indicate your armhole point.

Next RS row: K1, m1r, k to 1 st before the end of row, m1l, k1.

Next row (WS): P1, m1p, p to 1 st before the end of row, m1p, p1. 189 (199, 199, 199, 209, 209, 209) st remain.

Continue working in stockinette stitch until piece now measures 20¹/₂ (20³/₄, 21¹/₄, 23¹/₄, 23¹/₂, 25, 25¹/₂) inches; 51 (51¹/₂, 53, 58, 59, 62¹/₂, 64) cm from the CO edge.

Shape neckline (Both versions):

1st row (RS): K 78 (82, 82, 82, 87, 87), bind off 33 (35, 35, 35, 35, 35), k 78 (82, 82, 82, 87, 87).

2nd row (WS) - Right front only: Purl to the end of row.

3rd (RS): Bind off 4, purl to the end.

4th (WS): Knit to the end.

5th (RS): BO 4, knit to the end.

6th (WS): Purl to the end.

7th (RS): BO 4, purl to the end.

8th (WS): Knit to the end.

9th (RS): BO 2, knit to the end.

10th (WS): Purl to the end.

Right shoulder shaping:

1st row (RS): Purl to 8 st before the end of row, w&t (wrap and turn - see Glossary).

2nd row (WS): Knit to the end.

3rd (RS): Knit to 10 st before last wrapped st, w&t.

4th (WS): Purl to the end.

5th (RS): Purl to 10 st before last wrapped st, w&t

6th (WS): Knit to the end.

Repeat the rows 3 to 6 once, and then rows 3 and 4 once more.

Next row (RS): Purl to the end of row without picking up wraps.

Next row (WS): Knit to the end of row. Break yarn and put all stitches on hold for shoulder bind off.

Left front shaping:

Rejoin yarn to begin a WS row on the stitches corresponding to the left front.

1st row (WS): Purl to the end of row.

2nd row (RS): Purl to the end.

3rd (WS): BO 4, knit to the end.

4th (RS): Knit to the end.

5th (WS): BO 4, purl to the end.

6th (RS): Purl to the end.

7th (WS): BO 4, knit to the end.

8th (RS): Knit to the end.

9th (WS): BO 2, purl to the end.

Left shoulder shaping:

1st row (RS): Purl to the end.

2nd row (WS): Knit to 8 st before the end of row, w&t.

3rd (RS): Knit to the end.

4th (WS): Purl to 10 st before last wrap, w&t.

5th (RS): Purl to the end.

6th (WS): Knit to 10 st before last wrap, w&t.

Repeat rows 3 to 6 once and then rows 3 to 5 once more.

Next row: Knit to the end of row without picking up wraps.

Put all st on hold for shoulder bind off.

Back:

Work as for front until piece measures 20½ (20¾, 21¼, 23¼, 23½, 25, 25½) inches; 51 (51½, 53, 58, 59, 62½, 64) cm from CO edge.

Shape upper back and shoulders (Both Versions):

1st row (RS): Purl to the end of row.

2nd (WS): Knit to the end.

3rd (RS): Knit to the end.

4th (WS): Purl

Repeat the last 4 rows once more.

9th (RS): Purl to 8 st before the end of row, w&t.

10th (WS): Knit to 8 st before the end of row, w&t.

11th (RS): Knit to 10 st before last wrapped st, w&t.

12th (WS): Purl to 10 st before last wrapped st, w&t.

13th (RS): Purl to 10 st before last wrapped st, w&t.

14th (WS): Knit to 10 st before last wrapped st, w&t.

Repeat the last 4 rows once more.

19th (RS): Knit 18 (22, 22, 22, 27, 27, 27), you should have 66 (70, 70, 70, 75, 75, 75) st on your right needle, BO 57 (59, 59, 59, 59, 59), k to 10 st from last wrap, w&t.

Left shoulder shaping:

1st row (WS): Purl to the end.

2nd row (RS): BO2, Purl to the end, without picking up wraps.

3rd (WS): Knit all stitches.

Put these 64 (68, 68, 68, 73, 73, 73) st on hold for shoulder bind off.

Right shoulder shaping:

Rejoin yarn to begin a WS row on the stitches corresponding to the right shoulder.

1st row (WS): BO2, Purl to 10 st before last wrap, w&t.

2nd row (RS): Purl to the end.

3rd row (WS): Knit to end of row, without picking up wraps.

Finishing of the body (seamed version):

Using a 3rd needle, and with the right sides facing each other, attach the shoulder seams using a 3 needle bind off.

Sew side seams (from the CO edge to your armhole point) using mattress stitch.

Body - Seamless Version:

Using your US 4 (3.5mm) longest circular needle CO 370 (390, 390, 390, 410, 410, 410) st. Place marker and join for working in the round being EXTRA CAREFUL not to twist stitches.

1st to 3rd rounds: (k1, p1) to the end of round.

Start working in stockinette stitch and work straight until work measures 16 (16, 16, 18, 18, 19, 19) inches; 40 (40, 40, 45, 45, 47½, 47½, cm) from your cast on edge.

Divide work for armholes:

Front:

Next row (RS): K1, m1r, k 183 (193, 193, 193, 203, 203, 203), m1l, k1, turn work. The stitches you have just worked will be your front stitches.

Next row (WS): P1, m1p, p to 1 st before the end of row, m1p, p1. 189 (199, 199, 199, 209, 209, 209) st remain.

Continue working in stockinette stitch until piece now measures 20½ (20¾, 21¼, 23¼, 23½, 25, 25½) inches; 51 (51½, 53, 58, 59, 62½, 64) cm from the CO edge.

Work the rest of the front as for the seamed version, starting with the section Shape Neckline (Both Versions) found on p.2.

Back:

Rejoin yarn to start with a RS row, with the stitches you had remaining from the body.

Next row (RS): K1, m1r, k 183 (193, 193, 193, 203, 203, 203), m1l, k1, turn work. The stitches you have just worked will be your back stitches.

Next row (WS): P1, m1p, p to 1 st before the end of row, m1p, p1. 189 (199, 199, 199, 209, 209, 209) st remain.

Continue working in stockinette stitch until piece now measures 20½ (20¾, 21¼, 23¼, 23½, 25, 25½) inches; 51 (51½, 52, 58, 59, 62½, 64) cm from the CO edge.

Work the rest of the back as for the seamed version, starting with the section Shape upper back and shoulders (Both Versions) found on p.3.

Finishing of the body (seamless version):

You don't need to sew the side seams since your body was worked seamlessly.

Using a 3rd needle, and with the right sides facing each other, attach the shoulder seams using a 3 needle bind off.

Neckband – Both Versions:

Using your US 4 (3.5mm) shorter circular needles and starting at the left shoulder seam, pick up and knit 70 st along the front neck and 54 st along the back neck (a total of 124 st). Place marker to indicate the beginning of the round.

Knit 6 rounds.

Switch to US 2½ (3mm) needles and knit 6 more rounds.

Bind off all stitches knitwise.

Sleeves – Both Versions:

Using your US 4 (3.5mm) shorter circular needles and starting at the bottom of your armhole, pick up and knit 58 (60, 64, 68, 72, 78, 84) st around the armhole opening. Place marker and start working in the round.

Knit 15 rounds

Next round: knit to 2 st before marker, SSK, slip marker, k2tog (2 stitches decreased).

Continue working in stockinette stitch repeating the decrease round every 15 rounds 2 more times.

When sleeve measures 6 inches; 15 cm, work cuff:

Switch US 2½ (3mm) needles.

Next 3 rounds: (k1, p1) to the end of round.

On the next round bind off all stitches loosely.

Finishing:

Weave in ends and block sweater.

Glossary of terms and useful links:

Slanted Increases (m1r, m1l)

Here you can find 2 perfect tutorials by Kate Gilbert:

m1r: <http://www.kategilbert.com/howto/m1r.html>

m1l: <http://www.kategilbert.com/howto/m1l.html>

Wrap and Turn

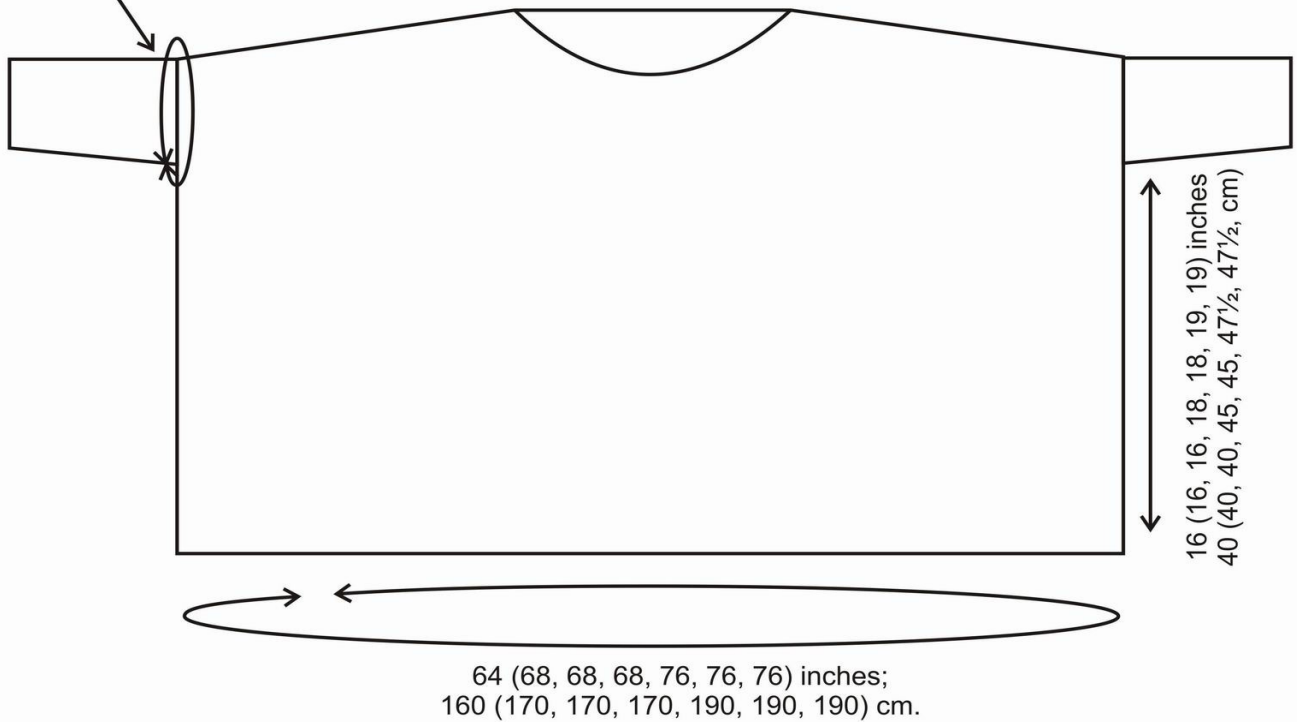
A great tutorial by **The Purl Bee** on short rows can be found here:

<http://www.purlbee.com/short-row-tutorial/>

List of Abbreviations:

approx	Approximately
BO	bind off
CO	cast on
foll(s)	follows, following
k	Knit
meas	Measures
m1r	Increase slanted to the right (pick up the horizontal bar btw the sts from back to front, knit through front leg)
m1l	Increase slanted to the left (pick up the horizontal bar btw the sts from front to back, knit through back leg)
P	purl
patt	pattern
pu	pick up
rem	remain(ing)
RS	right side
sl	slip
sl m	slip marker
st (sts)	stitch (stitches)
tog	together
WS	wrong side

Elbow circumference: 9 (9¼, 9¾, 10½, 11, 12, 13) inches;
22½, (23, 24½, 26, 27½, 30, 32½) cm.



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