

Elizabeth Bennett

a Lace Sweater Pattern



Who says you can't look sexy in winter? This challenging sweater is designed to flatter your curves and highlight your face.

The flowing sleeves and over-the-top turtleneck frame a shaped silhouette that graces your body with a dazzling openwork of diamonds.

Knitted in a warm alpaca/angora blend and worn over a light-colored camisole or shell, this sweater is for an elegant holiday party.

The lace pattern is challenging and will keep your fingers and

mind entertained every other round, while the generous ribbing is perfect for bringing to knit night or to the movies.

Sizes

XS[S, M, L, 1X, 2X, 3X] (shown in size M)

Finished Measurements

Chest: 28[32, 36, 40, 44, 48, 52] inches

Length: 23[24, 24, 25, 26, 26, 27] inches

Materials

Yarn: [MC] Classic Elite Yarns Fresco [wool/alpaca/angora; 164 yds per 50g skein]; color: 5322; 5[5, 6, 6, 7, 8, 8] skeins.

Needles:

- 1 24-inch US #5/3.75mm circular needle
- 1 24-inch AND 1 47-inch US #7/4.5mm circular lace needle

Notions:

- Removable stitch markers
- Waste yarn or stitch holders

Gauge

24 sts/32 rows = 4" on smaller needles in stockinette stitch

Abbreviations

S2KP — Slip 2 together knitwise, knit next st, pass 2 slipped sts over. 2 sts decreased.



Starlight Lace Pattern¹

Worked over a multiple of 6 sts. On rnds 6 and 14 the repeat decreases to 4 sts.

Odd-numbered Rounds 1-15: K on RS, P on WS.

Round 2: [YO, SSK, k1, YO, SSK, K tbl] to end.

Round 4: Remove marker, k1, replace marker, [k2tog, YO, k tbl, YO, SSK, k tbl] to end.

Round 6: Remove marker, k1, replace marker, [YO, S2KP, YO, S2KP] to end.

Round 8: [k tbl, YO, k1, YO, k tbl, k1] to end.

Round 10: When you get to 1 st before the marker, Sl 1, remove marker, move slipped st back to left-hand needle, replace marker, [YO, SSK, k tbl, YO, SSK, k 1] to end.

Round 12: When you get to 2 sts before the marker, Sl 2, remove marker, move 2 slipped sts back to left-hand needle, replace marker, [k2tog, YO, k tbl, YO, SSK, k tbl] to end.

Round 14: Remove marker, k1, replace marker, [YO, S2KP, YO, S2KP] to end.

Round 16: Remove marker, k1, replace marker, [k1, YO, k tbl, k1, k tbl, YO] to end.

Repeat these 16 rounds for Starlight Lace Pattern.

¹ Adapted from [A Second Treasury of Knitting Patterns](#) by Barbara G. Walker, changed to in-the-round.

Starlight Lace Chart

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1 and every odd-numbered round/WS row: K on RS, P on WS

Below is a simplified version to refer to once you get the hang of the general pattern. The yarnovers are in blue to help you see the overall pattern.

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Instructions

Bottom Edge Ribbing

Using larger needles, CO 120[144, 162, 180, 198, 216, 234] sts. Join for working in the round. PM on needles to indicate BOR.

Round 1: *[K1, P1], repeat from * around.

Repeat round 1 for 4[4, 4.5, 4.5, 5, 5, 6] in from CO edge.

Sweater Body

Next rnd: *[K4, K2tog], rep from * around, until 18[0, 18, 0, 18, 0, 18] sts remain. K to end of rnd (108[120, 132, 150, 168, 180, 198] sts on needle).

Work in Starlight Lace Pattern for 16[18, 18, 18, 20, 20, 22] rnds.

Increase Section #1:

In this garment, increases are worked by creating sections of stockinette stitch along side “seams,” which, as soon as there are enough stitches, will be added into the lace repeats. These stitches are sectioned off by stitch markers. As soon as an increase section has 6 sts in it, remove the second marker and work the new section in Starlight Lace Pattern. When the Starlight Lace Chart indicates that the BOR marker needs to be moved to the left or to the right, move all markers in the garment the same way.

In this first increase section, the increases are placed on only one side of the sweater to make the pattern easier to divide later.

Continuing to work in Starlight Lace Pattern, over the next 18 rnds increase by 6 sts as follows:

Work 2 rounds in Starlight Lace Pattern.

Next round: Slip BOR marker, M1, place second marker (“increase-section marker 1”). One increased stitch will be isolated between 2 stitch markers.

Work next 2 rounds in Starlight Lace Pattern, knitting the increased sts between the markers as you come to them and moving both markers to the left or right as indicated in the chart.

Next round: Slip marker, k to next marker, M1.

Repeat these last 3 rnds 4 more times (114[126, 138, 156, 174, 188, 204] sts).

Remove increase-section marker 1.

Increase Section #2:

Continuing to work in Starlight Lace Pattern, over the next 14 rnds increase by 18 sts as follows:



Directions for size L[3X]:

Place a middle-of-round marker after 78[102] sts. You now have two markers and two increase sections.

Rounds 2, 4, 8, 10, and 14: Inc as in Increase Section 1 by one st at each side seam.

Rounds 6 and 12: Inc by 2 sts at each side seam (Slip marker, M1, k to marker, M1) -- (174[222] sts).

Directions for size XS[S, M, 1X, 2X]:

Place a middle-of-round marker after 60[66, 72, 90, 96] sts. You now have two markers and two increase sections.

Rounds 1-6: Inc as in Increase Section 1 at middle-of-round marker by one st per rnd (6 sts increased).

Rounds 7, 8, 10, and 12: Inc as in Increase Section 1 by one st at each side seam.

Round 14: Inc by 2 sts at each side seam (Slip marker, M1, k to marker, M1) -- (132[144, 156, 192, 204] sts).

Increase Section #3:

Continuing to work in Starlight Lace Pattern, over the next 4 rnds, increase by 8 sts as follows:

Rounds 1-4: Inc by one st at each side seam (140[152, 164, 182, 200, 212, 230] sts).

Increase Section #4:

Continuing to work in Starlight Lace Pattern, over the next 7 rnds, increase by 36 sts as follows:

Rounds 1, 3, 5, and 7: inc by 3 sts at each side seam (Slip marker, M1, k1, M1, k to marker, M1).

Rounds 2, 4, and 6: inc by 2 sts at each side seam (176[188, 200, 218, 236, 248, 266] sts).

Sleeves and Upper Body:

The sleeves and upper body of the sweater are worked back-and-forth in Starlight Lace Pattern with a border on either side of at least 4 sts that is worked in St st (the number of border sts changes as the markers move according to the chart).

Using 47-inch needle and a knitted cast-on, CO 14[20, 20, 20, 26, 26, 26] sts at the beginning of next row. Knit across these cast-on stitches. Work in Starlight Lace Pattern to middle-of-round marker. Using a backwards-loop cast-on, CO 14[20, 20, 20, 26, 26, 26] sts.

Using a second ball of yarn, repeat the above procedure on the second half of the sweater.

You will have 116[134, 140, 149, 170, 176, 185] sts on each half of the sweater, with one ball of yarn attached to each side.



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Working back-and-forth and slipping the 1st st of each row, continue across each half of the sweater in Starlight Lace Pattern for 9[9.5, 9.5, 10, 10.5, 11, 11] inches (unstretched), leaving at least a 4-st border on either side to be worked in St st.

Shoulders:

With right sides facing in, seam shoulder sts as follows: Using a three-needle bind-off*, BO 36[40, 40, 44, 48, 48, 48] shoulder sts. *The three-needle bind off seams the shoulder sts together and binds them off at the same time. Break yarn.

Turn work and repeat three-needle bind-off on other shoulder.

Collar:

Turn sweater right-side out and transfer the remaining 88[108, 120, 122, 148, 160, 178] collar sts onto smaller needles.

Round 1: [K1, KFB], rep from * to last 0[0, 0, 2, 0, 0, 2] sts. K to end of rnd (132[162, 180, 182, 222, 240, 266] sts on needle).

Round 2: *[K1, P1], repeat from * around.

Repeat round 2 for 7.5 inches.

BO using an invisible ribbed bind-off or other stretchy bind-off.

Sleeve Edging:

Using mattress st, seam CO edges of each sleeve together.

Using smaller needles, pick up and knit 118[124, 124, 130, 138, 144, 144] sts around one sleeve edge opening.

Round 1: *[K1, P1], repeat from * around.

Repeat round 1 for 4[4, 4, 4.5, 5, 5, 5] inches.

BO using an invisible ribbed bind-off or other stretchy bind-off.

Repeat for other sleeve.

Finishing

Weave in ends.

Block sweater, pinning edges to match sweater schematic.

Optional: stitch bound-off edge of collar to base of collar so that the folded neckline doesn't budge.

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