

Caora Sweater

A simple sweater with chunky garter stitch accents to show off your handspun yarn. The yarn shown is handspun from handcarded batts available from my Etsy shop [Caora Fibres](#). The sweater is worked in the round from the top down with raglan sleeves. Instructions are given for a wide range of sizes. The pattern assumes use of the magic loop technique.



Yarn:

Total meterage: 660 (745, 825, 915, 1010, 1110, 1210, 1430, 1610, 1800) m
Total yardage: 725 (815, 905, 1000, 1105, 1215, 1325, 1565, 1760, 1970) yards.

Gauge: 14 sts and 21 rows = 4" in stockinette with 5.5mm/ US 9 needle.

Needles: One 5.5mm/US 9 100cm/40" circular needle.

Extras: Two long pieces of waste yarn, 4 detachable stitch markers, 5.5mm/ crochet hook, (optional) small buttons.

Dimensions:

Bust: 32 (34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 48, 52, 56)"
Length armpit to hem: 18 (19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28)"
Sleeve length underarm to cuff: 16 (16, 17, 17, 18, 18, 19, 19, 20, 20)"

Stitch Patterns

Stockinette Stitch:
knit every round.

Notation:

k = knit
p = purl
m1R = Right leaning increase: insert left hand needle from back to front under yarn between stitches on left and right hand needles. Knit into the front of this loop.
m1L = Left leaning increase: insert left hand needle from front to back under yarn between stitches on left and right hand needles. Knit into the back of this loop.
RS = right-side
WS = wrong-side
pm = place marker
slm = slip marker
ssk = slip two stitches knitwise onto right hand needle, then knit them together with left hand needle.
k2tog = knit the next two stitches together.

Garter Stitch:
Round 1: knit
Round 2: purl

Instructions

Yoke

Cast on 84 (84, 86, 86, 90, 90, 92, 96, 98, 102) stitches and join in the round (making sure stitches aren't twisted) ready to start working in a magic loop.

Set up round: pm for beginning of round, k14 (14, 14, 14, 15, 15, 15, 16, 16, 17), pm, k28 (28, 29, 29, 30, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34), pm, k14 (14, 14, 14, 15, 15, 15, 16, 16, 17), pm, k28 (28, 29, 29, 30, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34).

Round 1: purl

Round 2: *slm, k1, m1L, knit to one stitch before next marker, m1R, k1* to end of round. (8 stitches increased.)

Repeat the last two rows 13 (15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 25, 28, 31) more times, then work Round 1 once more. You should have 196 (212, 222, 238, 250, 266, 276, 304, 330, 358) stitches.

Next round: slm, thread all stitches up to next marker onto a long piece of waste yarn, remove the marker you're at, knit to next marker (keep that marker), thread all the stitches up to the next marker onto your second long piece of waste yarn, remove the marker you're at, knit to end of round.

The stitches on waste yarn will form the sleeves. The stitches on needles will form the body. You should have 112 (120, 126, 134, 140, 148, 154, 168, 182, 196) stitches and two markers still on the needles: one for beginning of round and one halfway round.

Body

Work in stockinette stitch for 2 (2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3)". Work a decrease round as follows:

Decrease Round: k1, k2tog, knit to three stitches before next marker, ssk, k1, slm, k1, k2tog, knit to three stitches before end of round, ssk, k1. (Four stitches decreased.)

Work straight for 2 (2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3)" more then work a second decrease round. Now work an increase row every 2 (2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3)" three times as follows:

Increase Round: k1, m1L, knit to one stitch before next marker, m1R, k1, slm, k1, m1L, knit to one stitch before end of round, m1R, k1. (Four stitches increased.)

Work straight for 4 (5, 6, 6, 7, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)", then work in garter stitch for 4 (4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 6)". Bind off all stitches. If you wish to add the buttons, clip your two stitch markers to the bottom of the sweater at the same place they were in the knitting.

Sleeves

Work both sleeves the same.

Pick up the sleeve stitches on scrap yarn and join in the round for magic loop, placing a marker for the end of the round. You should have 42 (46, 48, 52, 55, 59, 61, 68, 74, 81) stitches. Work in stocking stitch in the round and work a decrease round every 2" for 8 (8, 8, 8, 10, 10, 10, 10, 12, 12)" as follows:

Decrease round: k1 k2tog, knit to last 3 stitches, ssk, k1 (two stitches decreased).

After 8 (8, 8, 8, 10, 10, 10, 10, 12, 12)" you should have 34 (38, 40, 44, 45, 49, 51, 58, 62, 69) stitches. Now work in stocking stitches with no decreases for 5 (5, 6, 6, 5, 5, 6, 6, 5, 5)".

Next round: decrease 5 (5, 5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7, 7, 7) stitches evenly across round.

Work in garter stitch for 3". Bind off all stitches.

Finishing

If desired, sew a tiny button onto each purl "bump" directly above the stitch markers all the way up the garter stitch section at the hem. Remove stitch markers when done.

Using 5.5mm crochet hook, work UK double crochet (US single crochet) around the neckline.

Weave in any loose ends and you're done!



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