

## BLUE SNOWDROP SWEATER



Like blue snowdrops show up at the edge of cold to help to recall the existence of warmer and brighter days, this sweater reminds that after the long cozy season the spring will come.

Warm and at the same time stylish, the sweater is knitted from bottom up in the round with the yoke. Both waist and neck shaping guarantee the comfortable fit. Stranded colorwork yoke gives you endless possibilities for color combinations.

This pattern will work great with any sport weight yarn. Worsted weight can be used as well to create more dense and warm fabric.

### YARN

- Rowan Pure Wool Superwash Worsted (100% superwash wool, 219yds/200m, 3.5oz/100g)
  - 5 (5.5, 6, 6.5, 7) skeins in color 112 (light grey) for the body
  - 0.5 skeins in each color 102 (off white) and 150 (dark purple) for colorwork
- Universal Yarn Deluxe Worsted Superwash (100% superwash wool, 219yds/200m, 3.5oz/100g)
  - 0.5 skeins in each color 753 (dark teal) and 724 (light pink) for colorwork
- You can use Worsted weight yarn (as in the sample sweater) to create a more dense and warm fabric. Sport weight yarn will work fine for a more drapey garment.

### NEEDLES

- US 2.25 - 3.0 mm for the ribbing
- US 6 - 4 mm or size needed to fit the gauge
- For the body: circular needles on 32" (80cm) cable
- For the sleeves: circular needles on 32" (80cm) cable for magic loop method, or a set of dpns

### NOTES

- The sweater is knitted from the bottom up.
- The neck shaping is made using the short rows technique. This part of a sweater is knitted back and forth, knitting stitches on the RS and purling on the WS.
- Waist shaping can be adjusted for more comfortable fit. Add/subtract equal number of decrease and increase rounds to make the waist more/less emphasized.
- I used the magic loop method for knitting 2 sleeves at a time, but you can knit them one by one as well. Use magic loop, a set of dpns, or any other desired method for knitting small circles.
- An uncolored yoke chart was added at the end of the pattern for your convenience. You can print it and test different color combinations before starting the colorwork.

### NOTIONS

- Stitch markers
- Stitch holders or waste yarn
- Scissors
- Tapestry needle

### GAUGE

- 23 sts and 34 rows in 4"/10cm in Stockinette Stitch, blocked

### FINISHED SIZE: XS (S, M, L, XL):

- Bust 32.6"/83cm (36"/92cm, 40"/101cm, 43"/109cm, 46"/117cm)
- Waist 28"/71cm (31.5"/80cm, 35"/89cm, 38"/97cm, 41.7"/106cm)
- Hips 33.2"/84cm (36.7"/94cm, 40.7"/103cm, 43.7"/111cm, 47"/120cm)
- Sleeve width at the armpit 10.6"/27cm (11.8"/30cm, 13"/33cm, 14.4"/36.5cm, 15.7"/40cm)
- Size shown: S.

## ABBREVIATIONS

k	knit	CO	Cast on
p	purl	m1L	make 1st that leans left (makes +1st) * With left needle, pick up the horizontal bar between sts, bringing the needle from front to back. Knit tbl of this new stitch.
RS	right side	m1R	make 1st that leans right (makes +1st) * With left needle, pick up the horizontal bar between sts, bringing the needle from back to front. Knit through front loop of this new stitch.
WS	wrong side	tbl	through back loop
rnd(s)	round(s)	w&t	wrap and turn * Bring yarn to the front. Slip 1 stitch purlwise. Bring yarn to the back. Return the slipped stitch onto left needle. Turn your work.
M	marker	k2tog	knit 2sts together (makes -1st).
pm	place marker	p2tog	purl 2sts together (makes -1st).
BOR	beginning of row (round)	ssk	slip, slip, knit (makes -1st) * Slip 2sts as if to knit one by one. Pass them back onto left needle, then knit through back loops together.

## CONTACTS

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## PATTERN

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### BODY

#### SET UP

With the smaller needles and yarn of the main color, CO 196 (216, 236, 256, 276) sts. Combine them in the round. PM to mark the BOR.

R1-16: (k1, p1) to BOR.

R17: knit plain for 1 rnd using the same needles.

Switch to the larger needles.

Knit plain in the round for 18 (20, 20, 24, 24) rows or until there is 5"/12.5cm (5.1"/13cm, 5.3"/13.5cm, 5.8"/14.7cm, 6"/15.3cm) to the desired length from the waist.

Start the waist shaping.

#### DECREASES

Set-up: k25 (28, 30, 33, 35), pm, k48 (52, 58, 62, 68), pm, k47 (53, 57, 63, 67), pm, k54 (58, 64, 68, 74), pm, k22 (25, 27, 30, 32) to BOR.

Dec.R: (k to M, slip M, ssk, k until 2sts to M, k2tog, slip M)x 2 times, k to BOR.

Knit 4 (4, 4, 5, 5) rows.

Complete these 5 (5, 5, 6, 6) rows for 7 times total. Then make one more Dec.R. Current number of stitches: 164 (184, 204, 224, 244).

#### WAIST

Knit plain for 12 (16, 20, 14, 18) rows.

#### INCREASES

Inc.R: (k to M, slip M, m1L, k to M, m1R, slip M)x 2 times, k to BOR.

Knit 4 (4, 5, 5, 5) rows.

Complete these 5 (5, 6, 6, 6) rows for 6 times total. Then make one more Inc.R. Current number of stitches: 192 (212, 232, 252, 272). Remove all the markers except for BOR.

Knit plain in the round for 24 (26, 28, 30, 32) rows or until the desired length.

In the last row: k to 8 (9, 10, 12, 13) sts before BOR. Place the next 15 (17, 20, 23, 26) sts onto a stitch holder or waste yarn. Do not break yarn. Set body aside.

### SLEEVES

I used the magic loop method for knitting 2 sleeves at a time, but you can knit them one by one as well. Use magic loop, a set of dpns, or any other desired method for knitting small circles. Use directions below to knit each of the sleeves.

#### SET UP

With the smaller needles and yarn of the main color, CO 44 (46, 52, 56, 62) sts. Combine them in the round. PM to mark the BOR.

R1-16: (k1, p1) to BOR.

R17: knit plain for 1 rnd using the same needles.

Switch to the larger needles. Knit plain for 5 rows.

INCREASING

Inc.R.: k1, m1R, k until 1 last st to BOR, m1L, k1.

Knit 8 rows.

Complete these 9 rows for 9 (11, 12, 14, 15) times total. Current number of stitches: 62 (68, 76, 84, 92).

Next R (Sleeve 1): k until 1 last st to BOR, m1L, k1.

Next R (Sleeve 2): k1, m1R, k until the end of the rnd. Current number of stitches: 63 (69, 77, 85, 93).

Knit all sts in the round until sleeves reach desired length from the underarm. The sample sweater has sleeves 19.5"/50cm long.

In the last row: k to 8 (9, 10, 12, 13) sts before BOR. Place the next 15 (17, 20, 23, 26) sts onto a stitch holder or waste yarn. Break yarn leaving at least 15"/40cm tail for grafting the armpits later.

JOINING BODY AND SLEEVES

With the body in the right hand, reposition BOR marker onto the right needle (before the stitches on the stitch holder).

With working yarn of the body k48 (52, 57, 62, 67)sts of the first (left) sleeve.

K81 (89, 96, 103, 110)sts of the body. This is the front part of the sweater.

Place the next 15 (17, 20, 23, 26) sts onto the stitch holder or waste yarn.

With working yarn of the body k48 (52, 57, 62, 67)sts of the second (right) sleeve.

K81 (89, 96, 103, 110) remaining sts of the body to the BOR. This is the back part of the sweater.

Current number of stitches: 258 (282, 306, 330, 354).

Knit 2 rows.

YOKE

R1-14: knit by the Chart, repeating 6 stitches of the stranded colorwork pattern for 43 (47, 51, 55, 59) times.

R15: knit by the Char until 1 last stitch to the BOR. Move the BOR marker here.

R16: (k2tog, k4 by patt)x until the end of the rnd. 215 (235, 255, 275, 295)sts left on the needles.

R17-21: knit by the Chart

R22: knit by the Char until 1 last stitch to the BOR. Move the BOR marker here.

R23: (k2tog, k3 by patt)x until the end of the rnd. 172 (188, 204, 220, 236)sts left on the needles.

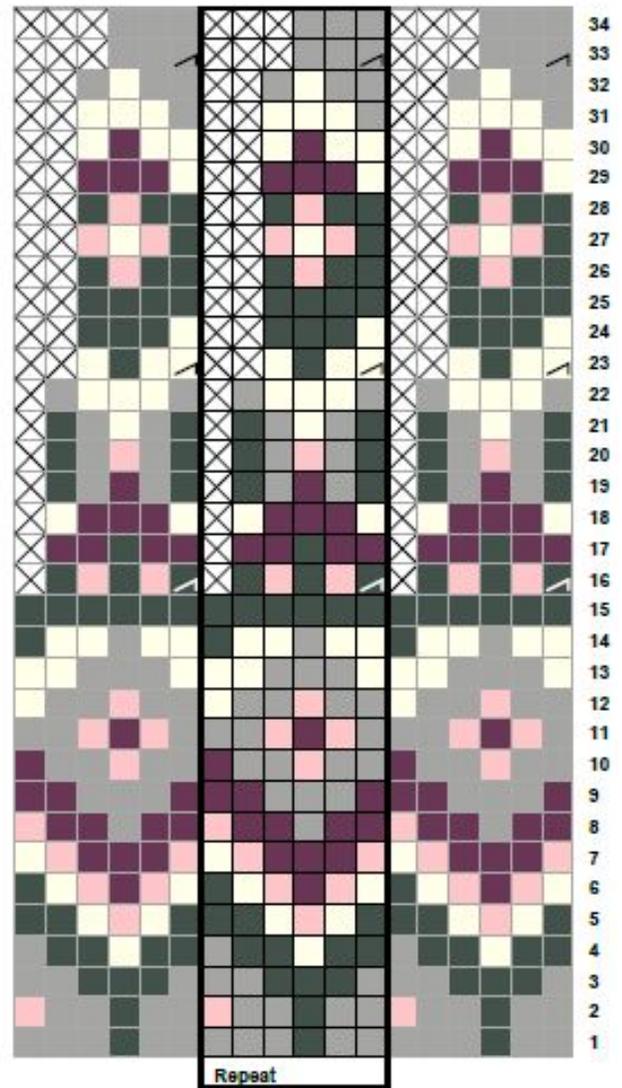
R24-31: knit by the Chart

R32: knit by the Char until 1 last stitch to the BOR. Move the BOR marker here.

Here you can cut all strands of yarn except for the main color.

R33: (k2tog, k2)x until the end of the rnd.

R34: k all 129 (141, 153, 165, 177)sts.



## NECK SHAPING

Prepare several stitch markers.

The next 9 rows are knitted back and forth using only a part of the stitches on your needles. This will make the back of a sweater a bit higher for more comfortable fit.

R1 (RS): k36 (40, 43, 46, 50) starting from BOR. Wrap the next stitch and turn your work to the WS (w&t). Mark this place with a stitch marker.

R2 (WS): p114 (125, 136, 147, 157), w&t, mark this place.

R3 (RS): k107 (118, 129, 140, 150) or until there are 7sts left to the mark, w&t, mark this place.

R4 (WS): p100 (111, 122, 133, 143) or until there are 7sts left to the mark, w&t, mark this place.

R5 (RS): k93 (104, 115, 126, 136) or until there are 7sts left to the mark, w&t, mark this place.

R6 (WS): p86 (97, 108, 119, 129) or until there are 7sts left to the mark, w&t, mark this place.

R7 (RS): k79 (90, 101, 112, 122) or until there are 7sts left to the mark, w&t, mark this place.

R8 (WS): p72 (83, 94, 105, 115) or until there are 7sts left to the mark, w&t, mark this place.

R9 (RS): k to BOR.

The next rows are knitted in the round again.

R10 (RS): k2tog; (k until the marked place, pick up the wrapped loop and k2tog with the stitch it was wrapped around, remove marker)x until all markers are taken off; k to BOR.

Total number of stitches has to decrease by 1: 128 (140, 152, 164, 176)sts.

## NECKLINE

Switch to the smaller needles.

If you want to make the neckline a bit wider and easier to pull through, make 1 row of increases.

If not, proceed to R1.

R0 (Optional): (k5, m1L)x until the last 8 (0, 2, 4, 6)sts; k3 (0, 2, 4, 6) to BOR. Makes 152 (168, 182, 196, 210)sts.

R1-20: (k1, p1) to BOR.

## FINISHING

Fold the ribbing in half to the WS so that the last row appears near the stitches from R1. Cut the yarn leaving the tail at least 3x as long as the circumference of the neckline. Pull the tail through the tapestry needle.

Graft the live edge to the WS, sewing each stitch with the corresponding stitch from R1.

Sew the stitches from the stitch holders under arms using Kitchener Stitch:

- Pick up stitches from the stitch holders or waste yarn on each side of the underarm hole.
- Using Kitchener stitch and the tail of yarn left from the sleeve, seam the stitches together.
- If there are small holes left between the ends of the seam and the body of a sweater, stitch them up.

Weave in ends. Wash the sweater in lukewarm water. Block it, laying flat to dry. Enjoy!



