



S⁴, aka Sarah's Simple Summer Sweater

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To fit bust sizes: 1X 49-51 (2X 52-54, 3X 55-57, 4X 58-60, 5X 61-63)" *

Actual finished garment bust measurement: 44 (47, 50, 53, 56)"

This sweater is designed with negative ease. Pick a finished size that is 5-7" smaller than your actual bust measurement.

Yarn: DK weight cotton, rayon, silk, or blend of any of the above. 1275 (1350, 1400, 1500, 1550) yds. I used Reynolds "Tiara," 70% viscose, 30% silk, 109 yds/ball.

Needles: Size 4 (3.5 mm) 24" circular needle. Adjust needle size, if necessary, to obtain gauge.

Gauge: 24 sts and 34 rows over 4" in 5x2 rib, swatch washed and laid flat to dry.

Note: Sweater is knit in the round to armholes, then divided for front and back. Sleeves are picked up around armhole and worked in the round from the top down.

St Guide

Key:

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| . | p on right side, k on wrong side |
| | k on right side, p on wrong side |
| / | k2tog |
| \ | ssk |
| o | yo |
| ∩ | k one edging st tog with one picked-up st |
| | slip 1 as if to p with yarn in front |
| | repeat area |

* This pattern is also available in bust sizes xxs 34-36 (xs 37-39, sm 40-42, med 43-45, lg 46-48)" at [knitsisters.com](http://www.knitsisters.com).

Work even on 246 (262, 282, 298, 318) sts until piece measures 8".

Change to 5x2 rib pattern and work until piece measures 9½".

Bust increases

Increase round: K1, m1, work in 5x2 rib pattern as established until 1 st before marker, m1, k1, slip marker, k1, m1, work in pattern as established until 1 st before marker, m1, k1.

Work this increase round every 3rd row 4 (0, 0, 0, 0) times, then every 4th row 2 (5, 5, 5, 5) times, incorporating increases into 5x2 rib pattern as established.

Work even on 270 (282, 302, 318, 338) sts until piece measures 15" or desired length to short row bust darts, if using. Work short row bust darts, if desired, and then continue to work even until piece measures 15". End with a wrong side row.

Note: Information and how-tos for short row bust darts can be found here:

<http://knitty.com/ISSUESummer03/FEATbonnetric.html>

and here:

<http://www.whiteliesdesigns.com/patterns/lpullovers/fbc.html>

Big Girl Knits and *Sweater Design in Plain English* also contain step-by-step directions for creating short row bust darts.

Dividing for armholes

Work across 129 (133, 141, 147, 156) sts. Work next 12 (16, 20, 24, 26) sts and place these sts on holder for underarm. Work across next 123 (125, 131, 135, 143) sts and place on holder for front. Work next 12 (16, 20, 24, 26) sts and place on holder for underarm.

Upper back

Decrease row: (right side) k1, k2tog, work 5x2 rib pattern as established until 3 sts remain on left needle, ssk, k1.

Working in 5x2 rib pattern as established, work 123 (125, 131, 135, 143) sts of back, working decrease row every right side row 11 (12, 13, 15, 17) times. 101 (101, 105, 105, 109) sts remain. Work even until armhole measures 8¾ (9, 9, 9¼, 9¼)", leaving 1 st at each armhole edge in stockinette and ending with a wrong side row.

Shoulder shaping

Shoulders are shaped with short rows as follows:

Work across 25 (25, 27, 27, 27) sts. Bind off center 51 (51, 51, 51, 55) sts. Join new yarn, work across remaining sts until 6 (6, 6, 6, 6) sts remain on left needle. Wrap and turn. Work back across shoulders, working each with a separate ball of yarn, until 6 (6, 6, 6, 6) sts remain. Wrap and turn.

*Work across until 12 (12, 12, 12, 12) sts remain on left needle, wrap and turn. Repeat once from *.

*Work across until 18 (18, 18, 18, 18) sts remain on left needle, wrap and turn. Repeat once from *.

Size 1X & 2X: Work across shoulders, picking up all wraps on left shoulder and working to armhole edge. Turn and work back across shoulders, picking up all wraps on right shoulder and working to armhole edge. Place shoulder sts on holders.

Size 3X (4X, 5X): *Work across until 24 (24, 24) sts remain on left needle, wrap and turn. Repeat once from *. Work across shoulders, picking up all wraps on left shoulder and working to armhole edge. Turn and work back across shoulders, picking up all wraps on right shoulder and working to armhole edge. Place shoulder sts on holders.

Upper fronts

Decrease row: (right side) k1, k2tog, work 5x2 rib pattern as established until 3 sts remain on left needle, ssk, k1.

Working in 5x2 rib pattern as established, work 123 (125, 131, 135, 143) sts of front, working decrease row every right side row 11 (12, 13, 15, 17) times.

At same time, when armhole measures 2 (2 ¼, 2, 2 ¼, 2 ¼)" deep, ending with a wrong side row, divide front for neckline. Work across front to center 41 (41, 41, 41, 43) sts. Bind off these 41 (41, 41, 41, 43) sts. Join new yarn, work across remaining sts.

Decrease for neckline

Decrease row: (right side) work 5x2 rib pattern as established until 3 sts remain at neck edge, k2tog, k1. Switch to other front, k1, ssk, work across remaining sts.

Working both fronts at same time, work this decrease row every right side row 5 (5, 5, 5, 6) times. 25 (25, 27, 27, 27) sts remain on each front. Work even until armhole measures 8 ¾ (9, 9, 9 ¼, 9 ¼)", leaving 1 st at each armhole edge and neckline edge in stockinette and ending with a wrong side row.

Shoulder shaping

Work short rows for front shoulders as for back. Join front shoulders to back with a 3-needle bind off.

Sleeves

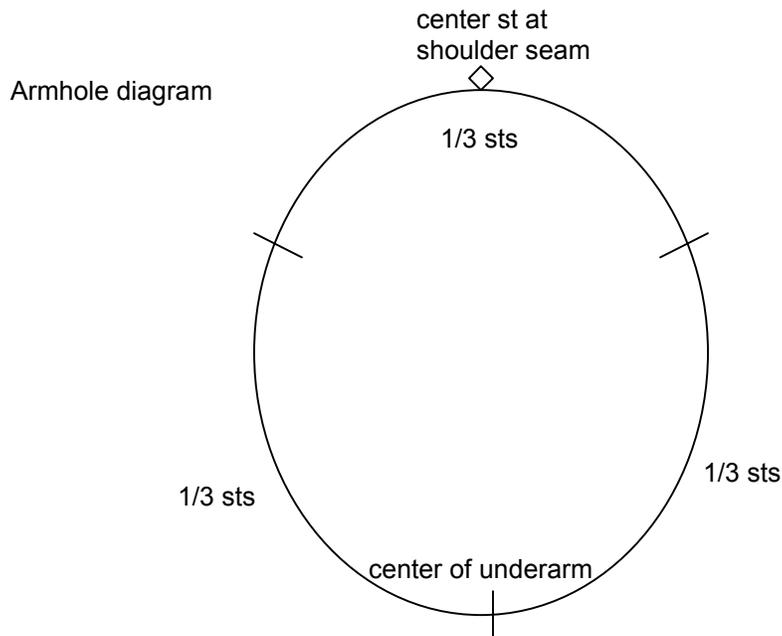
Sleeves are worked in 5x2 double eyelet rib pattern.

Pick up 6 (8, 10, 12, 13) sts from holder at underarm and knit. Continuing around armhole, pick up and knit sts in every 2 out of 3 rows of armhole. Pick up 1 st in shoulder seam. Continue around armhole, picking up and knitting sts in every 2 out of 3 rows. Pick up and knit remaining 6 (8, 10, 12, 13) sts from holder. Place marker for beginning of round.

Count number of sts picked up around armhole, including sts knitted up from holder. To calculate pattern placement, find center st that was picked up from shoulder seam. This will be the center st of the 5 st eyelet rib. Count back from this st to determine point at which to begin 5x2 eyelet rib pattern. Keep one st on each side of marker in stockinette, as for body.

To calculate sleeve cap shaping, divide total number of sts picked up around armhole by 3. Working first round in pattern as calculated above, work around 2/3 of armhole sts, placing marker at 1/3 st point.

Working in 5x2 double eyelet rib pattern as established, work to 2/3 of sts, place marker, wrap and turn. Work back across sleeve cap to 1/3 point marker, wrap and turn. *Work back across sleeve cap to wrapped st, picking up wrap and working with st, wrap and turn.* Repeat between *s until all picked up sleeve sts have been worked. Do not include sts originally picked up from holder in short rows.



Sleeve decreases

Decrease round: ssk, work in pattern as established until 2 sts before marker, k2tog.

Work this decrease round every 4th row 4 (5, 5, 5, 6) times. Work even until sleeve measures 2 1/4 (2 1/2, 2 1/2, 2 3/4, 3)" from underarm, or until sleeve is desired length, ending with row 1 of chart. Bind off in rib.

Note: If lengthening sleeve, you may wish to continue working decreases.

Neckline edging

Starting at middle back, pick up and knit in every other bound-off st of back and front and every other row of neckline.

Cast on 6 sts onto left-hand needle using knit cast-on. Begin working simple lace edging chart, slipping first st purlwise with yarn in front every right side row to make chain edge. Knit last st of edging together with one picked-up neckline st every right side row.

When all picked-up sts have been used, attach last row of edging to first with 3-needle bind off.

Finishing

Weave in all ends.

Abbreviations

k = knit

p = purl

yo = yarnover

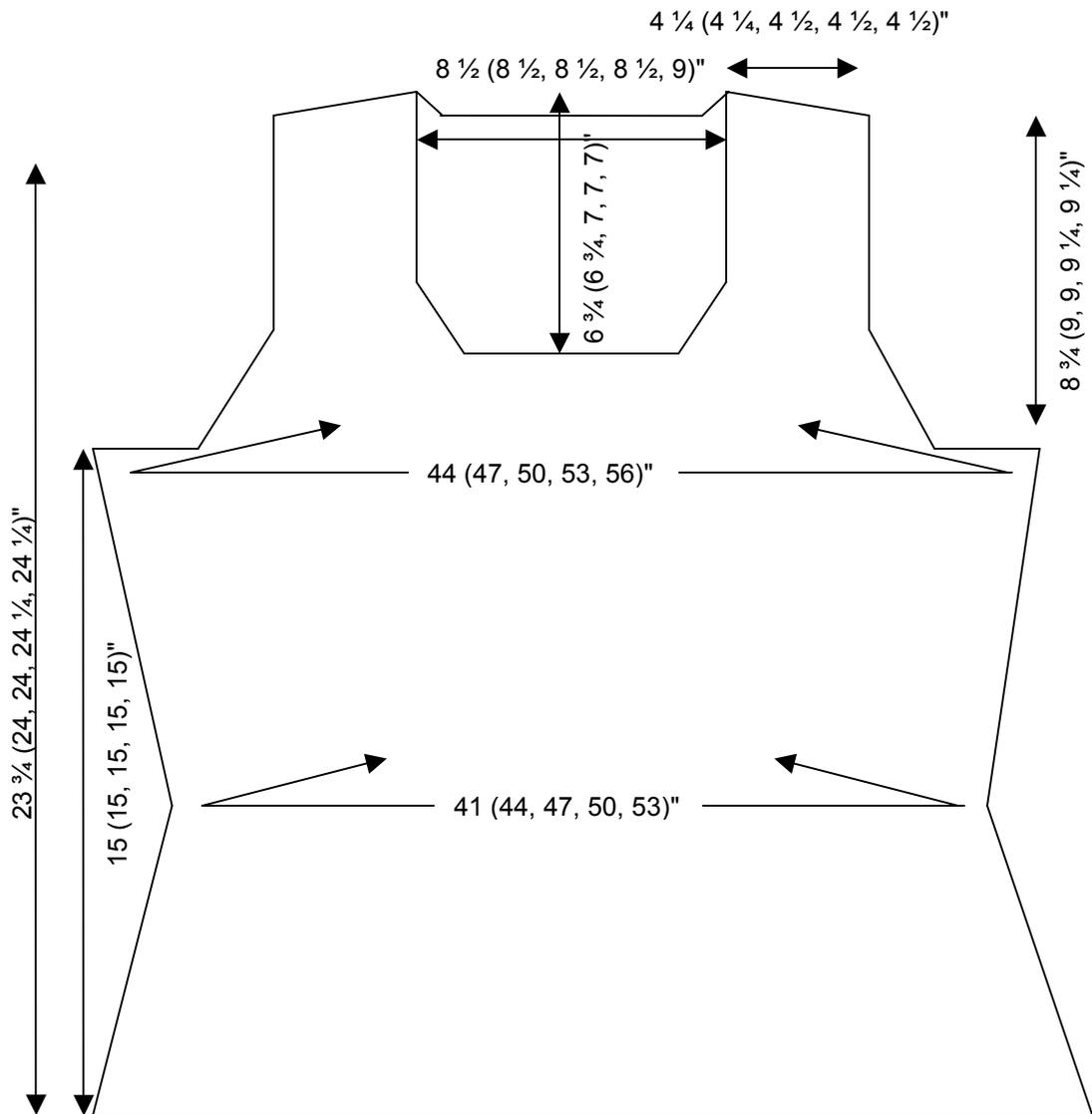
st = stitch

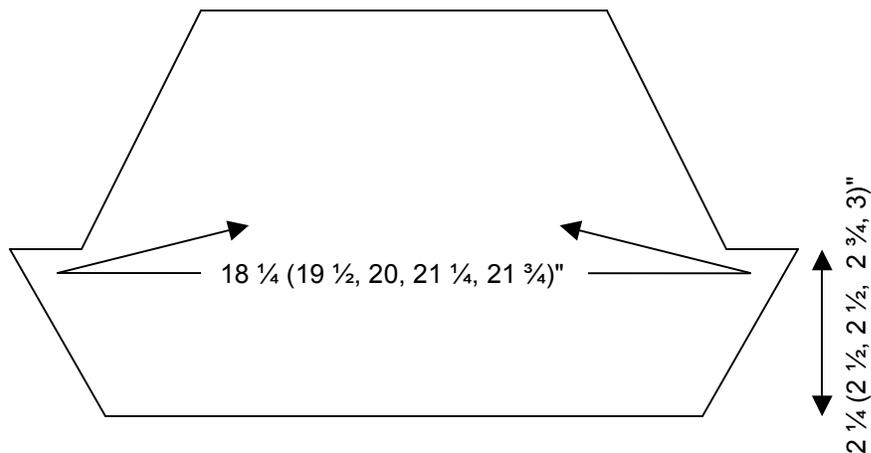
k2tog = knit two together

ssk = slip, slip, knit: slip one st as if to purl, slip one st as to purl, transfer sts back to left needle and knit together through back of loops

m1 = make one: place backward loop on right needle

pm = place marker





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