

Cream Top Stitch Sweater



MEASUREMENTS

To fit sizes

86 (91) (97) (102) (107) cm
34 (36) (38) (40) (42) in.

Actual measurements

93 (99) (105) (109) (115) cm
36½ (39) (41¼) (43) (45¼) in.

Side seam

32 (32) (33) (33.5) (34) cm
12½ (12½) (13) (13¼) (13½) in.

Length to centre back

51.5 (52) (53) (54) (55) cm
20¼ (20½) (21) (21¼) (21¾) in.

Sleeve seam

All sizes 44 cm/17¼ in.

MATERIALS

11 (12) (13) (14) (15) 50 g balls of Rowan Handknit DK Cotton in Ecrú (251) and 1 ball in Turkish Plum (277) for top-stitching.
Pair no. 8 (4 mm) and No. 9 (3¾ mm) knitting needles.

TENSION

20 stitches and 28 rows to 10 x 10 cm over stocking stitch, using No. 8 (4 mm) needles.

ABBREVIATIONS

K, knit; p, purl; st, stitch; tog, together; p2togb, p2tog through back of sts; inc, increase (by working twice in same st); dec, decrease (by taking 2 sts tog); skpo, slip 1, k1, pass slipped st over; ss, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side); nil, meaning nothing is worked here for this size.

NOTE

Instructions are given for small size. Where they vary, work figures in round brackets for larger sizes. Instructions in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

BACK

With No. 8 (4 mm) needles, cast on 83 (89) (95) (101) (107) sts.

1st row: K40 (43) (46) (49) (52), p1, k1, p1, k40 (43) (46) (49) (52).

2nd row: P.

These 2 rows form pattern.

Pattern another 14 rows.

Shape sides

Dec row: K2, k2tog, pattern to last 4 sts, skpo, k2.

Pattern 7 rows, then repeat the dec row again — 79 (85) (91) (97) (103) sts.

Pattern 7 rows.

Inc row: K1, inc, pattern to last 3 sts, inc, k2. Pattern 5 rows.

Repeat last 6 rows, 6 (6) (6) (5) (5) times more, then the inc row again 95 (101) (107) (111) (117) sts.

Pattern another 15 (15) (17) (25) (27) rows.

Shape raglan armholes

1st row: Cast off 3 (4) (5) (5) (6), (1 st on needle), p1, k1, k2tog, pattern to last 8 (9) (10) (10) (11) sts, skpo, k1, p1, k4 (5) (6) (6) (7).

2nd row: Cast off 3 (4) (5) (5) (6), p to end.

3rd row: K1, p1, k1, k2tog, pattern to last 5 sts, skpo, k1, p1, k1.

4th row: P.

5th row: K1, p1, pattern to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

6th row: P. Repeat 3rd to 6th rows, 2 (2) (1) (1) (nil) time(s) more 81 (85) (91) (95) (101) sts.

1st row: K1, p1, k1, k2tog, pattern to last 5 sts, skpo, k1, p1, k1.

2nd row: P. **

Repeat last 2 rows, 19 (20) (22) (23) (25) times more — 41 (43) (45) (47) (49) sts.

Leave sts on a holder.

FRONT

Work as given for back to **.

Repeat last 2 rows, 11 (12) (14) (15) (17) times more — 57 (59) (61) (63) (65) sts.

Shape neck

Next row: K1, p1, k1, k2tog, k12, turn and work on these 16 sts for left half neck.

Left half neck

1st row: P.

2nd row: K1, p1, k1, k2tog, k to last 2 sts, skpo. Repeat last 2 rows, 4 times more — 6 sts.

P 1 row. Leave these sts on a st holder.

Right half neck

With right side facing, slip centre 23 (25) (27) (29) (31) sts onto st holder, rejoin yarn to remaining 17 sts, k12, skpo, k1, p1, k1 — 16 sts.

Next row: P.

Next row: K2tog, k to last 5 sts, skpo, k1, p1, k1.

Repeat last 2 rows, 4 times more — 6 sts.

P 1 row. Leave these sts on a st holder.

LEFT SLEEVE

With No. 8 (4 mm) needles, cast on 43 (45) (47) (49) (51) sts.

1st row: K20 (21) (22) (23) (24), p1, k1, p1, k20 (21) (22) (23) (24).

2nd row: P. These 2 rows form pattern.

Pattern another 22 (22) (16) (16) (10) rows.

Inc row: K1, inc, pattern to last 3 sts, inc, k2. Pattern 5 rows. Repeat last 6 rows, 11 (12) (13) (14) (15) times more, then the inc row again — 69 (73) (77) (81) (85) sts. Pattern another 27 (21) (21) (15) (15) rows.

Shape raglan top

1st row: Cast off 3 (4) (5) (5) (6), k1 st more, p1, k1, k2tog, pattern to last 9 (10) (11) (11) (12) sts, skpo, k1, p1, k5 (6) (7) (7) (8).

2nd row: Cast off 3 (4) (5) (5) (6), p to end.

3rd row: K2, p1, k1, k2tog, pattern to last 6 sts, skpo, k1, p1, k2.

4th row: P.

5th row: K2, p1, pattern to last 3 sts, p1, k2.

6th row: P. Repeat 3rd to 6th rows, 3 (3) (2) (1) (nil) time(s) more

53 (55) (59) (65) (69) sts.

1st row: K2, p1, k1, k2tog, pattern to last 6 sts, skpo, k1, p1, k2.

2nd row: P. Repeat last 2 rows, 14 (15) (17) (20) (22) times more, then the dec row again — 21 sts. ***

Shape neck

1st row (wrong side): Cast off 2 sts, p to end.

2nd row: K2, p1, k1, k2tog, pattern 9, skpo, k2.

3rd row: Cast off 4 sts, p to end.

4th row: K2, p1, k1, k2tog, pattern to end — 12 sts. P 1 row.

Leave these sts on a st holder.

RIGHT SLEEVE

Work as given for left sleeve to ***.

P 1 row.

Shape neck

1st row: Cast off 2 sts, k1 st more, k2tog, pattern 9, skpo, k1, p1, k2.

2nd row: P.

3rd row: Cast off 4 sts, pattern to last 6 sts, skpo, k1, p1, k2 — 12 sts.

4th row: P.

Leave these sts on a st holder.

NECKBAND

Taking 1 st into the seam from each side, join both front and right back raglan seams. With right side facing and using No. 9 (3¾ mm) needles, rejoin yarn to top of left sleeve, k2, p1, k1, k2tog, [k1, p1] twice, skpo across sts on st holder, then pick up and k5 sts from neck shaping of left sleeve, p2tog, k1, skpo, k1 across sts on left half neck holder, then pick up and k6 sts down left half neck shaping, then skpo, pattern 19 (21) (23) (25) (27), k2tog across sts at centre front, pick up and k6 sts up right front neck shaping, then k1, k2tog, k1, p2togb across sts on right half neck

holder, pick up and k5 sts from neck shaping of right sleeve, then k2tog, [p1, k1] twice, k1, skpo, k1, k2tog across sts on st holder, then p2tog, [k1, k2tog] twice, pattern 25 (27) (29) (31) (33), [skpo, k1] twice, p1, k1 across back neck sts 106 (110) (114) (118) (122) sts. Beginning with a p row, work 7 rows in ss. Cast off kwise.

TO MAKE UP

Press as given on ball band. Join left back raglan seam, including neckband. With right side facing and using blunt-pointed needle, run a single thread of Turkish Plum under each line of purl sts to resemble top-stitching, making sure that threads do not pull in fabric, securing at each end. Taking 1 st into seam, join side and sleeve seams.

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