



Smock Top Sweater

The Smock Top Sweater features a form-flattering ribbed body topped by feminine smocking. The turtleneck is knit with ever-increasing sizes of needles to drape softly at the neck line. Knit from the bottom up, the body's 2x2 ribbing flows seamlessly into the smocking pattern that adorns the yoke. At the top of the smocking, the ribs flow up to match at the shoulder, making for a pretty join. The merino content of Rowan Classic Yarns' Cashsoft DK creates a soft sweater, while the cashmere gives it warmth without excess weight. The traditional style of the Smock Top Sweater lends itself well to dressing up (maybe with pretty black slacks?) or dressing down (paired with jeans for cozy fall and winter gatherings). Its versatility makes it useful in a time when we are all trying to get the most out of our garments.

I hope you'll find this sweater a joy to create and comfortable to wear.

Finished Measurements

Finished Bust Size 30 (34, 38, 41.5, 45.5, 49.5, 53)" / 76 [86.5, 96.5, 105.5, 115.5, 125.5, 135.5] cm

Length 22.5 (23, 23.5, 23.75, 24, 24.5, 25)" / 57 [58.5, 59.5, 60.5, 61, 62, 63.5] cm

Very-close fitting. Shown in size 34"/86.5 cm

Yarn



Rowan Yarns Classic Cashsoft DK (57% extra fine merino, 33% acrylic microfibre, 10% cashmere, 142 yards/130 meters/50 grams) *ball band gauge for purposes of substitution: 22 sts/30 rows = 4"* (refer to Pattern Gauge for knitting the sweater); Shade 505 - Mist; 9 (10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15) balls

Needles

1 pair US #5 (3.75 mm) straight needles

1 24-inch" US #5 [60 cm] circular (optional) needles

1 set each: US #5 (3.75 mm), US #6 (4 mm), and US #7 (4.5 mm) double-pointed needles



**Notions**

Stitch holders, tapestry needle

Gauge

25 sts/28 rows = 4" [10 cm] in k2p2 ribbing pattern, with US #5 (3.75 mm) needles, blocked slightly stretched

Pattern Notes

The pattern is knitted from the bottom up. The cast-on stitch count includes two selvedge stitches for use in seaming. Neck is shaped by using three different sizes of needles for a nice drape that doesn't ride up the neck. Some wraps on the short-row wraps will not go all the way around the stitch as usual. They will work out as you work the completion row.

Special Abbreviations

yb = Yarn in back

ssp = Slip two sts knitwise, one at a time. Keeping each st twisted, return one at a time to left needle. Purl these two sts together through the back loops.

Smocking Stitch Pattern

A video demonstration is available on the [AudKnits Channel](#) on YouTube.

Worked as multiple of 8 plus 8 stitches for edge ribbing and selvedge.

Row 1 and every alt row (wrong side): P3, k2, *p2, k2; rep from * to last 3 sts, p3.

Row 2: K3, p2, *k2, p2; rep from * to last 3 sts, k3.

Row 4: K3, p2, *yb, insert right-hand needle from front between 6th st (a knitted st) and 7th st (a purled st) on the left-hand needle and draw through a loop, slip this loop onto left-hand needle and knit it tog with the first st, then k1, p2, k2, p2; rep from * to last 3 sts, k3.

Row 6: K3, p2, *k2, p2; rep from * to last 3 sts, k3.

Row 8: K3, p2, k2, p2, *yb, insert right-hand needle from front between 6th st (a knitted st) and 7th st (a purled st) on the left-hand needle and draw through a loop, slip this loop onto left-hand needle and knit it tog with the first st, then k1, p2, k2, p2; rep from * to last 7 sts, k2, p2, k3.

BACK:

1. Cast on 94 (106, 118, 130, 142, 154, 166) sts on size 5 (3.75 mm) straight or circular needles in ribbing pattern as established in Step 2.

2. **For sizes 30, 38, 45.5, and 53" / 76, 96.5, 115.5 and 135.5 cm only:**

K2, *p2, k2; rep from * to end.

For sizes 34, 41.5, and 49.5" / 86.5, 105.5, 125.5 cm only:

K1, p1, *k2, p2; rep from * to last 4 sts, k2, p1, k1.



3. Work in ribbing as established until piece measures 13.5" [34.5 cm] ending with a WS row.

4. Armhole shaping. Bind off 5 (6, 6, 6, 7, 7, 7) sts at beginning of next 2 rows; 84 (94, 106, 118, 128, 140, 152) sts rem.

Dec 1 st at each end of every other row 2 (3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12) times; 80 (88, 96, 104, 112, 120, 128) sts rem.

5. Keeping first and last st of each row in St st for selvage, work even in ribbing until armhole measures 8 (8.5, 9, 9.25, 9.5, 10, 10.5)" or 20.5 [21.5, 23, 23.5, 24, 25.5, 26.5] cm; end with a WS row.

6. Shape neck and shoulders (RS): Work 24 (27, 30, 33, 36, 39, 42) sts; do not break yarn. Slip next 32 (34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44) sts onto a stitch holder, join a second ball of yarn and work remaining 24 (27, 30, 33, 36, 39, 42) sts. You will have 24 (27, 30, 33, 36, 39, 42) sts for each shoulder.



7. *Note: The following directions include decreases that apply to the back only (ssp, ssk, p2tog, and k2tog). These decreases shape the neck on the back only. Omit them when working the front.*

Working each side separately, shape each shoulder using short rows as follows:

Back Left Neck and Shoulder and Right Front Shoulder (do not work decreases for front):

Row 1 (WS): Work to last 3 sts, ssp, p1.

Row 2: K1, ssk, work to last 6 (6, 6, 7, 7, 10, 10) sts, wrap next st and turn.

Row 3: Work to last 3 sts, ssp, p1.

Row 4: K1, ssk, work to 5 (5, 5, 7, 8, 8, 9) sts before previous wrapped st, wrap next st and turn.

Row 5: Work to end of row.

Row 6: Work to 4 (7, 7, 8, 8, 8, 8) sts before previous wrapped st, wrap next st and turn.

Row 7: Work to end of row.

Row 8: Work across all sts, picking up the wraps. 20 (23, 26, 29, 32, 35, 38) sts rem. Place sts on holder.

Back Right Neck and Shoulder and Left Front Shoulder (do not work decreases for front):

Row 1 (WS): P1, p2tog, work to last 6 (6, 6, 7, 7, 10, 10) sts, wrap next st and turn.

Row 2: Work to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Row 3: P1, p2tog, work to 5 (5, 5, 7, 8, 8, 9) sts before previous wrapped st, wrap next st and turn.



Row 4: Work to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Row 5: Work to 4 (7, 7, 8, 8, 8, 8) sts before previous wrapped st, wrap next st and turn.

Row 6: Work to end of row.

Row 7: Work across all sts, picking up the wraps. Place sts on holder.

Break yarn, leaving a long tail for use with the three-needle bind-off when joining shoulders.



FRONT:

Work as for Back until piece measures 15.25" [38.5 cm], ending with a WS row. Begin smocking pattern *starting with Row 8 of the Smocking Stitch Pattern*.

6. Continue in smocking pattern until armhole measures 6.5 (7, 7.5, 7.75, 8, 8.5, 9)" or 16.5 [18, 19, 19.5, 20.5, 21.5, 23] cm, ending with a WS row.

7. Shape neck (RS): Work 29 (32, 35, 38, 41, 44, 47) sts, slip the next 22 (24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34) sts onto a holder, join a second ball of yarn and work remaining 29 (32, 35, 38, 41, 44, 47) sts. Working both sides at the same time, dec 1 st at each neck edge every row 9 times, until 20 (23, 26, 29, 32, 35, 38) sts remain for each shoulder. You may continue the smocking stitch on either side of neck as desired.

8. When armhole measures 8 (8.5, 9, 9.25, 9.5, 10, 10.5)" or 20.5 [21.5, 23, 23.5, 24, 25.5, 26.5] cm, shape each shoulder separately using short rows as for Back. (Note: decreases in short row instructions are for Back only. For Front, you will only follow instructions for the short rows.)

SLEEVES:

1. Cast on 50 (50, 54, 58, 62, 62, 66) sts on size 5 straight needles in ribbing pattern as established in Step 2.

2. K2, *p2, k2; rep from * to end.

3. Inc 1 st at each end of every 6 (6, 6, 4, 4, 4, 4) rows 2 (13, 16, 7, 8, 23, 27) times, then every 8 (8, 8, 6, 6, 6, 6) rows 12 (4, 2, 14, 14, 4, 2) times to 78 (84, 90, 100, 106, 116, 124) sts.

4. Work even until sleeve measures 17.5 (17.5, 18, 18, 18.5, 18.5, 19)" or 44.5 [44.5, 45.5, 45.5, 47, 47, 48.5] cm, ending with a WS row.

5. Shape cap. Bind off 5 (6, 6, 6, 7, 7, 7) sts at beg of next two rows; 68 (72, 78, 88, 92, 102, 110) sts rem.

Dec 1 st at each end of every other row 19 (19, 18, 15, 14, 11, 8) times, then dec 1 st at each end of every row 0 (0, 2, 8, 10, 16, 22) times; 30 (34, 38, 42, 44, 48, 50) sts rem.

Bind off 3 (3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5) sts at beg of next four rows. Bind off remaining 18 (22, 26, 26, 28, 28, 30) sts loosely.



BLOCKING:

Weave in ends that will not be used for seaming.
Block all pieces.

SEAM SHOULDERS:

Join shoulders using three-needle bind-off.

TURTLENECK COLLAR:

1. With right side of work facing and size 5 (3.75 mm) dpns, pick up and work 7 sts from right back neck edge, 32 (34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44) sts from back neck holder, 7 sts from left back neck edge, 16 sts from left front neck edge, 22 (24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34) sts from front neck holder, and 16 sts from right front neck edge. Total 100 (104, 108, 112, 116, 120, 124) sts.
2. Using size 5 (3.75 mm) dpns, work 2.5" [6.5 cm] ribbing in pattern.
3. Change to size 6 (4 mm) dpns and continue ribbing for another 2" [5 cm].
4. Change to size 7 dpns and continue ribbing until collar measures 6.5" [16.5 cm] total.
5. Bind off loosely in pattern.

FINISHING:

Sew sleeve caps into armholes.
Sew sleeve and side seams.

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