



TAIGA SWEATER Worked Top Down in One Piece

A comfy raglan sweater knitted from the top down in the round on circular needles. The yoke starts with a rib. After the body is finished, sleeves are worked either on double pointed needles (seamless method) or on straight needles (seam method).

Level of Skills: Intermediate

SIZES*

Teen/Adult **2XS [XS, S, M, L, XL]**

**If applicable, changes for sizes XS, S, M, L, XL are given in brackets as above*

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS (inches/centimeters)

Chest: 30 [32½, 36, 40, 44, 48]" /76 [82.5, 91, 101.5, 112, 122] cm

Hips: 32 [34½, 38, 42, 46, 50]" /81 [87.5, 96, 106.5, 117, 127] cm

Length (center front): approx 22 [23, 25, 25, 25, 25]" /56 [58, 63.5, 63.5, 63.5, 63.5] cm

Arm length (to underarm): 17 [17, 17, 18, 18½, 19]" /43 [43, 43, 46, 47, 48] cm

Armhole depth (shoulder to underarm): 6½ [7, 7½, 8, 8½, 9]" /16.5 [17.5, 19, 20, 21.5, 23] cm

RECOMMENDED YARN

Cascade Yarns 220 Wool (220 yds/200 m, 3.5 oz/100 g per skein):

Total 4 [4½, 5, 5½, 6, 6½] skeins

To work as for sample, following is recommended:

- Main color yarn: dark green 3½ [4, 4½, 5, 5½, 6] skeins
- Leftovers for stripes: white, orange, emerald approx 20 [20, 23, 25, 26, 27] yds/18 [18, 20, 23, 24, 25] m each and red approx 10 [10, 10, 12, 13, 14] yds /9 [9, 9, 11, 12, 13] m

Substitute Yarn: Worsted (4) wool wool/acrylic yarn, above yardage

RECOMMENDED NEEDLES

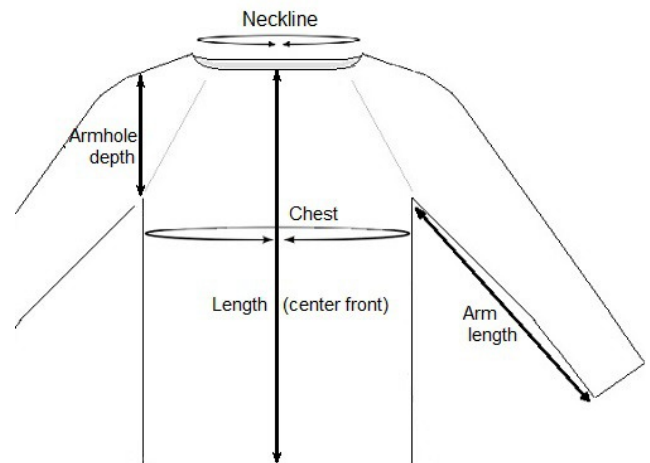
Short 16"/40 cm and long 24-29"/60-75 cm #7 and #9 (4.5 and 5.5 mm) circular needles; 14"/35 cm #9 (5.5 mm) straight needles for seamed sleeves or set of #9 (5.5 mm) double pointed needles for seamless sleeves

NOTIONS

Stitch markers (1-3), waste yarn to hold sleeve stitches (2 strands approx 20-25"/50-60 cm each), yarn needle

GAUGE

16 sts and 24 rows = 4"/10 cm in stockinette stitch on larger needle(s)



ABBREVIATIONS

approx: approximately	ws: wrong side
k: knit	kfb: knit in front and back of same st (1 st increase)
p: purl	k2tog: knit 2 sts together
yo: yarn over	ssk: slip, slip, knit (slip 1 st, slip next st, knit 2 slipped sts together)
st(s): stitch(es)	
rs: right side	

INSTRUCTIONS

YOKE

Neckline Rib

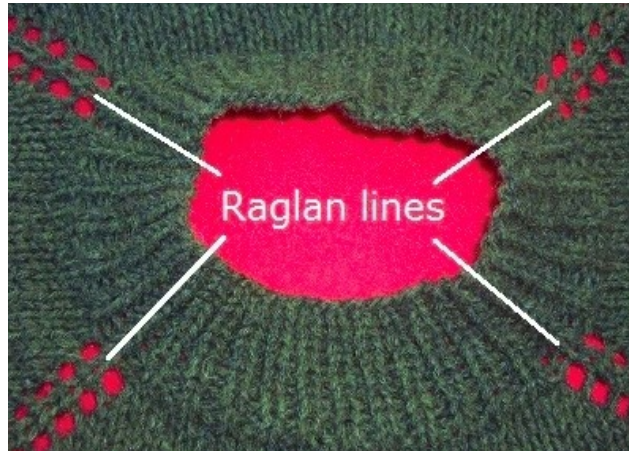
Using short smaller circular needle, cast on **74 [74, 74, 78, 82, 90]** sts with main color yarn, place marker and join to work in the round.

Rounds 1-12: k1, p1 around. Change to short larger circular needle after first 8 rounds.

Increase Section

This section includes yarn-over increases before and after each of 4 diagonal raglan lines determining the front, back and sleeves. Every raglan line is 1 st wide and serves as a marker for yarn overs.

Each round starts at the back before the right sleeve.



Round 13: yo, k1 (*raglan line*), yo, k11 (*right sleeve*), yo, k1 (*raglan line*), yo, k25 [25, 25, 27, 29, 31] (*front*), yo, k1 (*raglan line*), yo, k11 (*left sleeve*), yo, k1 (*raglan line*), yo, k23 [23, 23, 25, 27, 29] (*back*).

Round 14 and following even rounds to end of yoke: k around.

Optional slight rise at back for back neckline (excluded from total round count):

Work 2 extra rows between rounds 14 and 15: at back section, k to next raglan line, turn needle (so you can work on ws of piece), slip 1st st purl-wise, p to next raglan line, turn needle, slip 1st st purl-wise, k to marker. Proceed with round 15.

Round 15 and following odd rounds to end of yoke: k around, working yo before and after every raglan line as on round 13 - thus making total 8 yo increases each odd round.

Change to long larger circular needle as you progress.

Color stripes: see next page.

Work in above pattern until yoke has **16 [18, 21, 23, 25, 27]** eyelets along either side of every raglan line (1 eyelet = 2 rounds).

Piece measures approx 7½ [8, 8½, 9, 9½, 10]"/19 [20, 21.5, 23, 24, 25.5] cm from beginning at center front or either sleeve.

Proceed with dividing for body and sleeves as instructed on next page.

COLOR STRIPES

Every stripe is worked for 2 rounds in established stockinette st with yarn-over increases where necessary.

Rounds 21-22: 1st stripe (white in sample).

Afterwards, stripes have 16 rounds in-between and are worked starting with yoke then throughout body. In sample, first white stripe is followed by orange, emerald, white, red, emerald, and orange stripes.

To work jogless stripes: on 2nd round of new color, slip 1st st purl-wise (with yarn in back) then continue in pattern.

DIVIDING FOR BODY AND SLEEVES

Divide for body and sleeves on next round:
k to 1st raglan line (*include raglan line st*),
place next sts between 1st and 2nd raglan lines onto waste yarn with yarn needle (*for right sleeve*), cast on 2 [3,4,6,8, 10] sts (*for underarm*) with right end of same circular needle and yarn you have been working with (*use backwards loop method - see photo at right*), k next sts starting with 2nd raglan line st and ending with 3rd raglan line st (*for front*), place next sts between 3rd and 4th raglan lines onto waste yarn (*for left sleeve*), cast on 2 [3,4,6,8,10] sts (*for underarm*), k remaining sts to end of round (*for back*).



Backwards loop cast on

You should have **120 [130, 144, 160, 176, 192]** sts on needle to continue with body as instructed below.

BODY

Work body even in stockinette st: k around.

At the same time, continue adding color stripes if applicable.

When piece measures approx 10"/26 cm from underarms, work hip increases as instructed below.

Hip Increases

Work following increases over 4 sts at center of each hip side (*use markers if necessary*):

Round approx 10"/26 cm from underarms: kfb, k2, kfb - 4 increases on round.

Round approx 11"/28 cm from underarms: kfb, k2, kfb - 4 increases on round.

All hip increases add total 8 sts.

Lower Body Rib

When piece measures approx 20 [21, 23, 23, 23, 23]" /51 [53, 58, 58, 58, 58] cm at center front, change to smaller needle and work ribbing for **last 14 rounds**: k1, p1 around (for all sizes) or alternatively k2, p2 around (for all sizes except for XS).

Bind off k sts knit-wise and p sts purl-wise.

SLEEVES

Seamed Sleeve

With rs facing (on rs), place sleeve sts onto short larger circular needle and pick up underarm sts knit-wise, working 1-2 extra sts from stretched sts at sides of underarm if gaps between body and sleeve are too wide.

How to pick up sleeve sts: [short video tutorial](#).

Write down number of sts you have to use it for other sleeve.

Start 1st row at center underarm.

Continue in stockinette st: k on right side and p on wrong side.

Change to straight needles after 8-10 rows.

At the same time, decrease 2 sts every 8th [8th, 8th, 6th, 6th] row 8 [9, 10, 11, 12, 13] times: work k2tog at beginning of row after selvage/edge st and ssk at end of row before selvage/edge st. After all decreases worked, continue even in stockinette st until sleeve measures 16½ [16½, 16½, 17½, 18, 18½]" / 42 [42, 42, 44.5, 46, 47] cm or custom length from underarm (*necessary length less ½"/1.5 cm*) and finish with rolled edge - see below.

Seamless Sleeve

Place sleeve sts onto double pointed needles and pick up underarm sts knit-wise with rs facing (on rs), working 1-2 extra sts from stretched sts at sides of underarm if gaps between body and sleeve are too wide.

How to pick up sleeve sts: [short video tutorial](#).

Write down number of sts you have to use it for other sleeve.

Place marker at center underarm and continue in stockinette st: k around.

At the same time, decrease 2 sts every 8th [8th, 8th, 6th, 6th] row 8 [9, 10, 11, 12, 13] times: work ssk before marker and k2tog after marker.

After all decreases worked, continue even in stockinette st until sleeve measures 16½ [16½, 16½, 17½, 18, 18½]" / 42 [42, 42, 44.5, 46, 47] cm or custom length from underarm (*necessary length less ½"/1.5 cm*) and finish with rolled edge - see below.

Sleeve Rolled Edge

When sleeve measures 16½ [16½, 16½, 17½, 18, 18½]" / 42 [42, 42, 44.5, 46, 47] cm or custom length from underarm (*necessary length less ½"/1.5 cm*), work sleeve edge:

Last 5-6 rows/rounds: work in reverse (purl) stockinette on right side.

Bind off sts purl-wise on right side.

FINISHING

Steam press stockinette st sections of the sweater, avoiding ribbed edges. Alternatively, wet blocking may be used. Sew sleeve seams if applicable and steam press them lightly.