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Rock Sweater – Free Beginner Pattern



Sizes: XS–S (M–L) XL (XXL) fits a bust circumference of approx. 80–90 (90–100) 100–110 (110–120) cm [31¹/₂–35¹/₂ (35¹/₂–39¹/₂) 39¹/₂–43¹/₄ (43¹/₄–47¹/₄) inches].

Gauge: 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches] = 15 stitches x 22 rows in stockinette stitch using 6 mm needles [US 10/UK 8].

Recommended needles: 5 mm circular needle [US 8/UK 6] (50 cm [20 inches] and 80/100 cm [32/40 inches]), and 6 mm circular needle [US 10/UK 8] (40 cm [16 inches], 60 cm [24 inches] and 80/100 cm [32/40 inches]).

Yarn: 350 (400) 400–450 (450) g Lima by Hjertegarn in color 434 Light Grey (50 g = 100 m [109 yds]) held together with 100 (100) 100 (125) g Soft Silk Mohair by Knitting for Olive in color Dark Moose (25 g = 225 m [246 yds]).

Yarn alternatives: Soft Silk Mohair by Knitting for Olive can be replaced by silk mohair from other brands (just be mindful of the yardage). Lima by Hjertegarn can be replaced by Karisma by Drops or Double Sunday by Sandnes.

Bust circumference: approx. 98 (106) 115 (123) cm [38¹/₂ (41³/₄) 45¹/₄ (48¹/₂) inches].

Length: approx. 52 (56) 58 (60) cm [20¹/₂ (22) 22³/₄ (23¹/₂) inches] measured from the back, excluding the neckline.

Description: A classic, warm raglan sweater with a modern fit. The sweater is worked from the top down with increases around the raglan stitches shaping the yoke. The body and sleeves are worked in the round in stockinette stitch and finished with ribbed edges. The pattern is suitable for beginners and includes detailed step-by-step instructions. Video guides are provided for all parts of the pattern and are especially helpful if this is one of your first knitting projects. These can be found at www.fiskerknit.com under *Video Guides* or on YouTube (@FiskerKnit). I recommend watching the intro video before you start and then Videos 1-5 as you knit the sweater.

Abbreviations:

st = stitch(es)	rnd = round	M1R = Make One Right (increase to the right)
k = knit	p = purl	M1L = Make One Left (increase to the left)
		BOR = Beginning Of Round

Remember that all bodies are different – try your project on as you go, and don't be afraid to make small adjustments so it fits your body perfectly.

Knitting techniques:

You can find helpful videos for all of the techniques used in the pattern on YouTube.

Increases: The pattern uses right-leaning and left-leaning increases, often referred to as Make One Right (M1R) and Make One Left (M1L).

- M1R = With the left needle, pick up the horizontal bar between the stitches from back to front. Knit this bar through the front loop to twist the stitch and avoid creating a hole.
- M1L = With the left needle, pick up the horizontal bar between the stitches from front to back. Knit this bar through the back loop to twist the stitch and avoid creating a hole.

Neckline:

See the video "Rock Sweater – Neckline (Part 1)" for this section.

Cast on 60 (64) 68 (72) sts using a 5 mm circular needle [US 8/UK 6] (40 cm [16 inches]). It is important not to cast on too tightly. You can cast on the stitches over two needles or using a larger circular needle.

Join the work in the round and place a BOR marker at the join (the BOR marker remains here throughout the work). All rounds begin here.

Work in ribbing as follows: *k1, p1.* Repeat from * to * for the entire rnd.

Continue in rib until the neckline measures approx. 4 cm [1½ inches].

Switch to 6 mm circular needle [US 10/UK 8] (40 cm [16 inches]) and work 1 rnd, knitting all sts.

Yoke:

See the video "Rock Sweater – Yoke (Part 2)" for this section.

In this section, the sweater is shaped and divided into sleeves, front, and back.

On the next round, divide the work into back, front, sleeves, and raglan sts (the raglan sts are the sts around which increases are worked to shape the sleeves and body).

Starting at the BOR marker (positioned at the centre back), proceed as follows:

- Knit 11 (12) 13 (14) sts (right half of back), place marker, k2 (raglan sts), place marker.
- K4 (right sleeve), place marker, k2 (raglan sts), place marker.
- Knit 22 (24) 26 (28) sts (front), place marker, k2 (raglan sts), place marker.
- K4 (left sleeve), place marker, k2 (raglan sts), place marker.
- Knit 11 (12) 13 (14) sts (left half of back).

Raglan increases are now worked every other round around the raglan sts (see *Knitting Techniques*). Increases are worked immediately before and after each raglan st. On each increase round, a total of 8 increases are made (8 sts are added), as follows:

Row 1 (Increase round): *Knit to marker, M1R, slip marker, k2 (raglan sts), slip marker, M1L.*
Repeat from * to * around all raglan sections. Finish by knitting to the BOR marker.

Row 2: Knit all sts (slip markers to the right ndl as you go).

Repeat Row 1 and Row 2 for a total of 21 (23) 24 (26) times (meaning that you will work a total of 42 (46) 48 (52) rows). Remember to switch to a longer circular ndl as needed.

Stitch distribution is now as follows:

- 64 (70) 74 (80) sts each for front and back
- 46 (50) 52 (56) sts for each sleeve
- 2 raglan sts (x4)

Body:

See the video "Rock Sweater – Body (Part 3)" for this section.

On the next rnd, the sleeves are placed on hold on a stitch holder/cable. The raglan sts are incorporated into the body as follows:

- Knit to marker, remove marker and knit the 2 raglan sts (these now belong to the body), remove marker.
- Place the right sleeve sts on hold on a stitch holder/cable.
- Cast on 6 (6) 8 (8) sts using the backward loop method under the arm.
- Remove the marker around the next 2 raglan sts (which are now part of the body), knit across the front and the next 2 raglan sts, removing the markers as you go.
- Place the left sleeve sts on hold on a stitch holder/cable.
- Cast on 6 (6) 8 (8) sts using the backward loop method under the arm.
- Remove the marker around the next 2 raglan sts (which are now part of the body), knit to the BOR marker.

There are now 148 (160) 172 (184) sts on the ndl.

Work in stockinette stitch in the round until the body measures approx. 28 (29) 30 (31) cm [11 (11¹/₂) 11³/₄ (12¹/₄) inches] measured from the underarm, or to the desired length. You may wish to try on the sweater (by transferring half of the sts to a holder) to check the length.

Body hem:

See the video "Rock Sweater – Body Hem (Part 4)" for this section.

Switch to a 5 mm circular needle [US 8/UK 6] (80/100 cm [32/40 inches]) and work ribbing (in the same way as for the neckline):

k1, p1. Repeat from * to * for the entire rnd.

Continue in rib until the hem measures approx. 4 cm [1¹/₂ inches], or the desired length.

Bind off in rib, as follows:

Work 2 sts in rib, pass the second st on the right ndl over the last worked st, *work 1 st, pass the second st on the right Ndl over the last worked st,* repeat from * to * until all sts have been bound off.

Sleeve:

See the video "Rock Sweater – Sleeve (Part 5)" for this section.

The sleeves are worked identically. Begin with either the right or left sleeve.

Transfer all sleeve sts to a 6 mm circular needle [US 10/UK 8] (40 cm [16 inches]).

Pick up 6 (6) 8 (8) sts in the underarm, working into the backward loop cast-on sts between the front and back.

There are now 52 (56) 60 (64) sts on the ndl.

Place a BOR marker centred between these picked-up sts.

Work in stockinette stitch in the round until the sleeve measures approx. 38 (38) 39 (39) cm [15 (15) 15¹/₂ (15¹/₂) inches] measured from the underarm, or to the desired length. You may wish to try on the sweater to determine the preferred sleeve length.

Sleeve cuff:

The sleeve cuff is worked in the same way as the body hem.

Switch to a 5 mm circular needle [US 8/UK 6] (40 cm [16 inches]) and work ribbing (in the same way as for the neckline):

k1, p1. Repeat from * to * around.

Continue in rib until the cuff measures approx. 4 cm [1¹/₂ inches], or the desired length.

Bind off using the same method as for *Body hem*.

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