

# SAFIRE



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## Sizes

Women's XS (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL)

Finished bust measurements: 28" (32", 36", 40", 44", 48", 52", 56")

The sweater is shown in size S with about ½" of negative ease (1" neg ease in ribbing).

## Gauge

21 stitches x 26 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch

## Materials

1 (1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2) skeins of Tess' Designer Yarns Superwash Merino: 490 (560, 630, 700, 770, 840, 910, 980) yards / 448 (512, 576, 640, 704, 768, 832, 896) meters

US 6 (4mm) and US 7 (4.5mm) circular needles, at least 32" long and same size of needles preferred for working sleeves in the round

5 1-cm diameter buttons

Coordinating thread and sewing needle

4 stitch markers

Scrap yarn

Tapestry Needle (for weaving ends)

## Abbreviations

2x2 rib	[k2, p2], repeat
CO	cast on
dpns	double pointed needles
k	knit
k tbl	knit through back of loop
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together
m1L/m1R	make 1 right/left leaning st - see <a href="http://www.knittinghelp.com/videos/increases">http://www.knittinghelp.com/videos/increases</a>
p	purl
p2tog	purl 2 stitches together
pm	place stitch marker
RS	right side
sm	slip stitch marker
ssk	sl 2 sts as if to k, then k tog through back of loops
St st	stockinette stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)
w&t	wrap and turn - see <a href="http://www.purlbee.com/short-row-tutorial/">http://www.purlbee.com/short-row-tutorial/</a>
WS	wrong side
yo	yarn over

## Pattern

Safire is constructed from the top down, all in one piece, with a raglan yoke.

With US 7 (4.5mm) needles, CO 50 (60, 76, 94, 114, 134, 148, 158) sts.

Purl 1 row, placing stitch markers at the following points:

- After 2 (2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14) sts to mark the right front,
- after another 8 (10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 26, 26) sts to mark the right sleeve,
- after another 30 (36, 44, 50, 58, 66, 72, 78) sts to mark the back,
- and after another 8 (10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 26, 26) sts to mark the left sleeve.

The remaining 2 (2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14) sts are the left front.

Raglan increase row (RS): [K to 1 st before marker, m1L, k1, sm, k1, m1R] 4 times; k to end.  
Total sts: 58 (68, 84, 102, 122, 142, 156, 166). (8 sts increased)

P 1 row.

Repeat the last 2 rows 21 (23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 31, 33) times more. **But please read the below first!! You will need to follow two sets of shaping instructions at the same time.**

For all sizes, the following increase row will be worked at the front edges of the cardigan on the RS in order to shape the fronts to close just below the bust:

K1, m1L, work (including raglan increases if necessary) to last st of row , m1R, k1.

However, the increasing will begin at different points depending on size:

- For sizes L-4XL, begin the front increases on raglan increase number - (-, -, 27, 27, 28, 30, 31) and repeat on every RS row - (-, -, 20, 22, 24, 25, 26) times more.

- For sizes XS-M, begin the front increases on row 3 (1, 1, -, -, -, -, -) **after the raglan increases are complete** and repeat on every RS row 14 (17, 19, -, -, -, -, -) times more.

Total sts after raglan shaping is complete (including sts increased on fronts): 226 (252, 276, 312, 342, 380, 410, 438)

## Body

On the next RS row (and either starting or continuing the front increases depending on the size being made), and removing st markers as you come to them, k to first marker, place the 52 (58, 62, 70, 76, 84, 90, 94) sts between the markers on scrap yarn, pm, k to next st marker, place the next 52 (58, 62, 70, 76, 84, 90, 94) sts between the markers on scrap yarn, pm, and k to end.

You should have 24 (27, 30, 35, 39, 44, 48, 53) sts for each front and 74 (84, 94, 104, 114, 126, 136, 146) sts for each back, for a total of 122 (138, 154, 174, 192, 214, 232, 252) sts on the needles.

Continue in St st until front increases (worked each RS row) have been completed. P 1 row.

Total body sts: 152 (172, 192, 212, 232, 256, 276, 296) [39 (44, 49, 54, 59, 65, 70, 75) for each front and 74 (84, 94, 104, 114, 126, 136, 146) for the back].

Switch to US 6 (4mm) needles.

Next row (RS): Starting with k2, work in 2x2 rib until the last 2 sts and create a buttonhole thusly: yo, p2tog.

Next row (WS): K1, k1 tbl, continue in 2x2 rib.

You will create a buttonhole in this manner every 4 rows (making sure to knit the yo tbl on the row following the buttonhole) for the entire ribbed portion of the sweater.



## Ribbing and Decreases

In the next section, you will make decreases on either side of the sweater (i.e. where the stitch markers are, marking where the fronts meet the back), then decrease again every 4 rows 3 times for all sizes. Because each size has a different stitch count based on finished size, the stitch markers fall different places in the 2x2 ribbing pattern, thus require different types of decreasing. Details of each “type” are below, as well as instructions on which to use for each size. While working the 3 rows in between the decrease rows, knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts as you come to them, even if the 2x2 rib pattern has been broken by the decreases.

### **Type 1 - stitch marker is between 2 purl sts**

Decrease Row 1: Work to 3 sts before stitch marker, ssk, p1, sm, p1, k2tog

Decrease Row 2: Work to 4 sts before marker, p2tog, k1, p1, sm, p1, k1, p2tog

Decrease Row 3: Work to 5 sts before marker, ssk, p1, k1, p1, sm, p1, k1, p1, k2tog

Decrease Row 4: Work to 4 sts before marker, ssk, k1, p1, sm, p1, k1, k2tog

### **Type 2 - stitch marker is between 2 knit sts**

Decrease Row 1: Work to 4 sts before marker, ssk, p1, k1, sm, k1, p1, k2tog

Decrease Row 2: Work to 3 sts before marker, ssk, k1, sm, k1, k2tog

Decrease Row 3: Work to 3 sts before marker, ssk, k1, sm, k1, k2tog

Decrease Row 4: Work to 2 sts before marker, ssk, sm, k2tog

### **Type 3 - stitch marker is between a knit st and a purl st**

Decrease Row 1: Work to 6 sts before marker, ssk, p2, k2, sm, p2, k2, p2tog

Decrease Row 2: Work to 5 sts before marker, ssk, p1, k2, sm, p2, k2, p1, k2tog

Decrease Row 3: Work to 4 sts before marker, ssk, k2, sm, p2, k2, k2tog

Decrease Row 4: Work to 3 sts before marker, ssk, k1, sm, p2, k1, k2tog

### **Type 4 - stitch marker is between a purl st and a knit st**

Decrease Row 1: Work to 6 sts before marker, p2tog, k2, p2, sm, k2, p1, k2tog

Decrease Row 2: Work to 7 sts before marker, ssk, p1, k2, p2, sm, k2, p1, k2tog

Decrease Row 3: Work to 6 sts before marker, ssk, k2, p2, sm, k2, k2tog

Decrease Row 4: Work to 5 sts before marker, ssk, k1, p2, sm, k1, k2tog

Decrease row (RS): Work in 2x2 rib, work decrease type 1 (4, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1), continue in 2x2 rib as set across the back, work decrease type 2 (4, 1, 3, 2, 1, 3, 2), then continue in 2x2 rib as set to end. (Remember to create a buttonhole every 4 rows). 4 sts decreased. Work 3 rows as set.

Repeat the last 4 rows 3 times more, then continue in 2x2 rib until ribbing measures 3.75” or desired length, ending with a WS row.

Total sts: 136 (156, 176, 196, 216, 240, 260, 280)

Bind off all sts in 2x2 rib.

## Sleeves (make 2)

Place 52 (58, 62, 70, 76, 84, 90, 94) sts on hold for sleeve onto US 7 (4.5mm) circular needle or dpns.

Work across all sts and pick up 2 sts from the body at the very end. Pm to mark beginning of round. Total sts: 54 (60, 64, 72, 78, 86, 92, 96)

Dec round: K2tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 (2 sts decreased).

K 4 (5, 5, 5, 4, 4, 5, 5) rounds.

Repeat the last 5 (6, 6, 6, 5, 5, 6, 6) rounds 6 (5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 5, 5) times more. Total sts: 40 (48, 52, 60, 64, 72, 80, 84)

Work even (if needed) until sleeve measures 4.75 (5, 5, 5.25, 5.25, 5.25, 5.25, 5.5)" from armsceye.

Switch to US 6 (4mm) needles and work in 2x2 rib until sleeve measures 9.5 (10, 10, 10.5, 10.5, 10.5, 10.5, 11)". Bind off all sts.

## Collar

Starting at the right front edge, just above where the ribbing starts, with US 6 (4mm) needles, pick up sts all the way around to the same point on the left side (I picked up about 4 sts per 5 rows). The exact number of sts is not terribly important, but should be a multiple of 4 PLUS 2. Estimates: 174 (198, 222, 246, 274, 302, 326, 342) sts.

Row 1 (WS): Starting with p2 (so on the RS you will have 2 knit sts at the beginning and end of the collar), work in 2x2 rib until 10 sts before the end of the row, w&t.

Row 2 (RS): Work until 10 sts before end of row, w&t.

Next row: Work until 10 sts before last wrapped st, w&t.

Repeat the last row 7 (7, 7, 7, 9, 9, 9, 9) times more. You should end with a RS row.

(WS) After having wrapped and turned for the last time, work all the way to the end of the row, picking up wraps as you come to them.

(RS) Work 1 row, picking up remaining wraps as you come to them.

Bind off all sts in 2x2 rib.

## Finishing

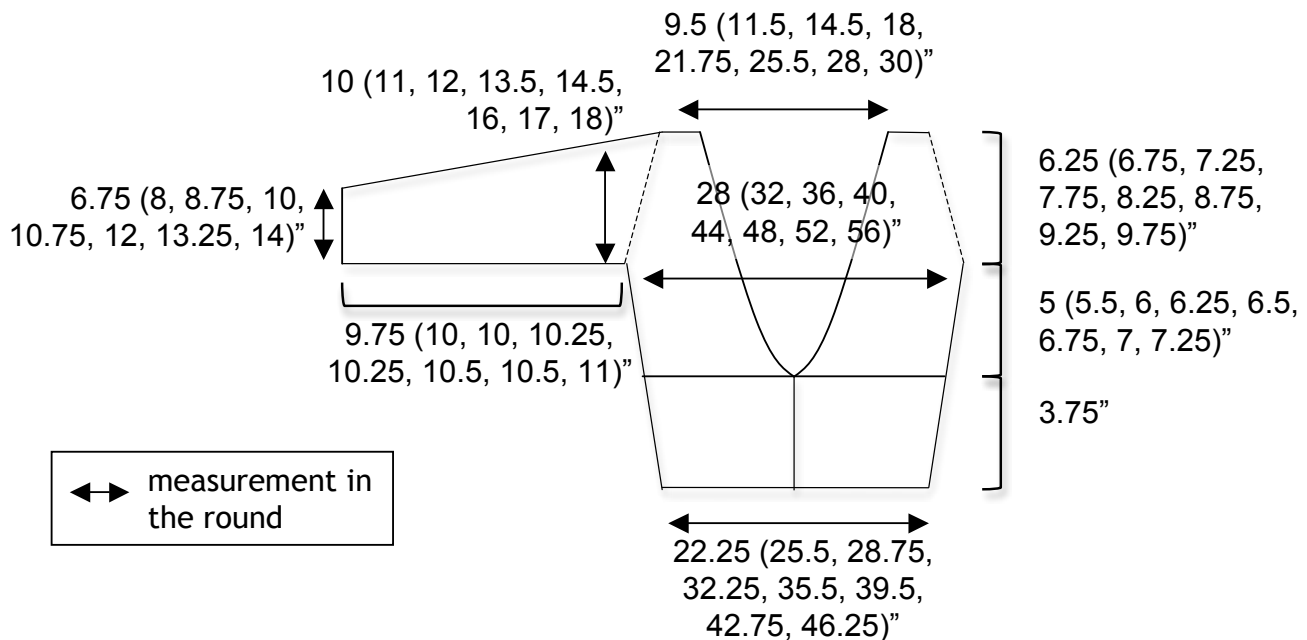
Weave in all ends and sew up holes in armpits if there are any.

Wash and block sweater.

Sew buttons to left front of sweater at same intervals as buttonholes.

## Schematic

(Note that the fronts overlap by about 0.5").



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