

# Plain and Simple

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*This simple yet stylish pullover is knitted from the bottom up.*



## Materials

**Yarn:** Light fingering/3 ply wool, approx. 1000 meters/1100 yards (1200 m/1310 yd, 1400 m/1530 yd, 1600 m/1750 yd); for example teetee Kamena, 3 (3, 4, 4) skeins

**Needles:** Circular needle, size 3,0 mm/US 2½, 60 cm/24"; Circular needle, size 2,5 mm/US 1½; straight needles size 3,0 mm/US 2½; dpn's size 2,5 mm/US 1 ½.

**Other:** six small buttons. [9 if you wish to have buttons on the inside of the collar too (seen when the collar is not buttoned up).]

## Gauge

28 sts and 39 rows = 10x10 cm in stockinette stitch. Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

## Sizing

Small (medium, large, x-large)

Bust circumference of finished garment: 86 (96, 106, 116) cm/ 33¾ (38, 42, 46)";

length: 60 (64, 67, 70) cm/ 23½ (25, 26½, 27½) "

## Abbreviations

**St st:** Stockinette stitch; on circulars knit all rounds, on straight needles knit on the right side, purl on the wrong side.

**3\*3 rib:** \*K3, p3; repeat from \* to end

**1\*1 rib:** \*K1, p1; repeat from \* to end

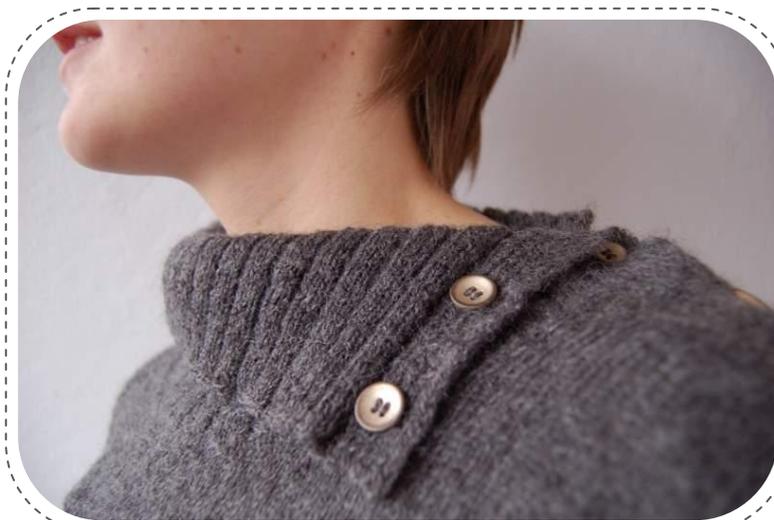
**p:** purl

**k:** knit

**K2tog:** Knit 2 together

**ssk:** Slip, slip, knit

**CO:** Cast on.



## Body

Using your 3.0 mm/US 2½ circ. needle cast on 246 (264, 324) stitches and start working on 3\*3 rib pattern. When joining the round, be careful not to twist your stitches. Work the rib until it measures 2.5 cm/ 1". Continue with St st until the body measures 40 (42, 44, 46) cm/ 15½ (16½, 17, 18) ".

## Sleevers and yoke

Divide the stitches in half, putting the back stitches on a piece of scrap yarn, and working the front stitches back and forth on the circular needles.

**Row 1** (RS) knit to the end and CO 8 (10, 12, 14) new stitches.

**Row 2** (WS) purl to the end and CO 8 (10, 12, 14) new stitches.

You have total 139 (152, 171, 190) stitches on straight needle. Now work St st for the next 36 (38, 38, 40) rows.

**Neck shaping:** Knit 55 (61, 71, 80) stitches, put the next 29 (30, 29, 30) stitches waiting on a holder or scrap yarn. You can put the right front stitches on holder too, or leave them on needle. Work only with the left front stitches.

\*Next row p all stitches. Next row knit until 4 stitches remain then k2tog and k 2. Repeat from \* 8 (8, 10, 10) times more. After that knit St st until the armhole measures 18 (20, 21, 22) cm/ 7 (8, 8.3, 8.6) ".

Bind off left front stitches. Next knit the right front similar to the left, but reverse all shaping and continue until the armhole measures 20 (22, 23, 24) cm/ 8 (8.5, 9, 9.5) ".

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### Next work the back of the yoke:

Row 1 (RS) knit to the end and CO 8 (10, 12, 14) stitches.

Row 2 (WS) purl to the end and CO 8 (10, 12, 14) stitches.

Work St st until the armhole measures 16 (18, 19, 20) cm/ 6 (7, 7½, 8)". Next row (RS) knit 51 (57, 67, 76) stitches, put the next 37 (38, 37, 38) stitches waiting on holder/scrap yarn. Work only with the right back stitches.

\*Next row p. Next row knit until 4 stitches remain then k2tog and k 2. Repeat from \* 4 (4, 6, 6) times more. Knit St st until the armhole measures 20 (22, 23, 24) cm/8 (8.5, 9, 9.5)". Knit the left back similar to the right, but reverse all shaping and continue until the armhole measures 18 (20, 21, 22) cm/7 (8, 8.3, 8.6)".

### Buttonhole bands

Using two dpn's cast on 11 stitches. Work k1, p1 rib back and forth. After 18<sup>th</sup> (18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>) row place a button hole:

Row 1: k1, p1, k1, p1, k2tog, k1, p1, k1, p1, k1

Row 2: p1, k1, p1, k1, p1, yarn over, p1, k1, p1, k1, p1.

Place buttonhole every 20<sup>th</sup> row. Work buttonhole band until it is long enough for left shoulder. Do not bind off. Knit another band without buttonholes. Sew buttonhole bands on left shoulder. Sew underarm and right shoulder seams.

### Collar and ribbing in sleeves

**Collar:** With 2.5 mm/US 1½ circ. needle pick up 180 (192, 204, 216) stitches from the yoke and start working the collar keeping the 1\*1 rib in both ends (continuing buttonhole bands) and doing the middle in 3\*3 rib. Do not join; work the rows back and forth. Place a buttonhole as established every 20<sup>th</sup> row. Knit until the collar measures 18cm/ 7" and bind off loosely.

**Ribbing in sleeves:** with 2.5 mm/US 1½ dpn's pick up 114 (120, 132, 138) stitches from right sleeve and knit 3\*3 rib in round for the next 2.5 cm/ 1". Bind off all stitches loosely. For left sleeve rib: Place the button bands on upon each other (or sew them together from beginning if you prefer) before picking up stitches.

### Finishing

Add buttons, weave in all ends and block. If you wish to wear the collar mostly unbuttoned, you can add buttons inside the front placket next to buttonholes.

