

# Yellow Pink and Sparkly

## Lauren

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Lauren is a close-fitting long-sleeved sweater in a textured fancy rib pattern. It is knitted in double knitting and is flattering and stylish.



To fit sizes small 32" (medium 36", large 40")

### Knitted sizes

Bust 78 (88, 98) cm / 31 (35, 39) inches

Length to shoulder 53 (55, 57) cm / 21 (22, 22.5) inches

Sleeve seam 45 (47, 49) cm / 18 (18.5, 19) inches

### Materials

10 (12, 14) balls of DK (I used James C. Brett Pure Merino double knitting in plum - 124 metres / 135 yards per ball)

3.75mm (US 5) straight needles

### Tension

32 sts and 32 rows to 10cm (4 inches) measured over pattern using 3.75 mm needles. The fabric stretches horizontally. The tension is measured over the unstretched fabric.

### Abbreviations

k = knit  
p = purl  
sts = stitches  
sl = slip  
tog = together  
tbl = through back of loop  
psso = pass the slipped stitch over

#### Fancy Rib pattern

Row 1: \*p2, k1, p2, k3, repeat from \* to last 5 sts, p2, k1, p2.

Row 2: \*k2, p1, k2, p3, repeat from \* to last 5 sts, k2, p1, k2.

Row 3: \*p2, k1, p2, sl1, k2tog, psso, repeat from \* to last 5 sts p2, k1, p2.

Row 4: \*k2, p1, k2, (p1tbl, k1, p1) all into next st, repeat from \* to last 5 sts, k2, p1, k2.

These 4 rows form the pattern throughout.



#### Important note

The third row of the pattern decreases the number of stitches on the needles. This should be taken into account when increasing and decreasing at the ends of rows.

#### BACK

Using 3.75mm needles cast on 125 (141, 157) sts.

Work in fancy rib pattern for 20 (22, 24) rows.

Keeping pattern as set correct make the following decreases.

Decrease at each end of next row and 5 following 6th rows. 113 (129, 145) sts.

Work 5 rows without shaping.

Increase at each end of next row and 5 following 8th rows. 125 (141, 157) sts.

Continue straight until the work measures 34 (35, 36) cm.

### Shape armholes

Cast off 5 sts at the beginning of next 2 rows. 115 (131, 147) sts

Dec 1 st at each end of next 6 (8, 8) rows

Dec 1 st at each end of following 5 (5, 6) alternate rows. 93 (105, 119) sts\*\*

Continue straight until armhole measures 19 (20, 21) cm

### Shape shoulders and back neck

Cast off 8 (9, 10) sts at the beginning of the next 6 rows.

Leave the remaining 45 (51, 59) sts on a stitch holder.

### FRONT

Work as given for back to \*\*

Work straight for 6 rows.

### Divide for neck

Pattern 36 (39, 42) sts, turn. Leave the remaining 57 (66, 77) stitches on a separate stitch holder.

Decrease at neck edge on next 6 rows. 30 (33, 36) sts

Decrease at neck edge on next 3 alternate rows. 27 (30, 33) sts

Decrease at neck edge on 3 following 4th rows. 24 (27, 30) sts

Pattern without shaping until the front measures the same as the back to the beginning of the shoulder shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

### Shape shoulders

Cast off 8 (9, 10) sts at beginning of next and following alternate row. Work 1 row. Cast off remaining 8 (9, 10) sts.

Rejoin yarn to remaining 57 (66, 77) sts. Pattern across, placing centre 21 (27, 35) sts on a separate stitch holder. Working on remaining 36 (39, 42) sts only complete to match left side of neckline, reversing shaping.

### SLEEVES

Using 3.75mm needles cast on 53 (61, 69) sts.

Work in fancy rib pattern for 12 rows.

Keeping pattern correct, increase at each end of next and 14 (16, 16) following 6th rows. 83 (93, 101) sts

Continue straight until sleeve measures 45 (47, 49) cm.

### Shape armholes

Cast off 5 sts at beginning of next 2 rows. 73 (83, 91) sts

Decrease 1 st at each end of next 4 (6, 6) rows. 65 (71, 79) sts

Decrease 1 st at each end of next 4 (4, 6) alternate rows. 57 (63, 67) sts

Decrease 1 st at each end of 4 following 4th rows. 49 (55, 59) sts

Decrease 1 st at each end of next 4 alternate rows. 41 (47, 51) sts

Decrease 1 st at each end of next 4 rows. 33 (39, 43) sts

Cast off 3 sts at the beginning of next 4 rows. 21 (27, 31) sts

Cast off remaining 21 (27, 31) sts.



#### MAKING UP

Join right shoulder seams.

#### Neckband

With right side facing pick up and knit 31 (35, 39) sts down left side of front neck. Working the 21 (27, 35) sts on the holder at front of neck, k2 tog 5 (6, 9) times, k1 (3, 3), k2 tog 5 (6, 9) times.

Pick up and knit 31 (35, 39) sts from left side of front neck.

Working the 45 (51, 59) sts on holder from back of neck, k2 tog 11 (12, 14) times, k1 (3, 3), k2 tog 11 (12, 14) times. 96 (112, 130) sts.

Work 8 rows in k1 p1 rib.

Cast off in rib.

Join remaining shoulder seam.

Set sleeve into armhole.

Join side and sleeve seams.

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