The Snowdrop Sweater



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Pattern Introduction

The Snowdrop Sweater is a top-down circular yoke sweater with simple colour work. You'll start by knitting a double folded collar before knitting the colour work. You'll then separate for sleeves and work the body. The stitches for the arms are then picked up and knitted with tapered decreases.

Notions

8 mm circular needles with a 60 cm and 100 cm cord

6.5 mm circular needles with a 40 cm cord

7 mm circular needles with a 60 cm and 100 cm cord (if a 7mm needle is unavailable, use 6.5mm)

Stitch marker

Waste yarn or cord to put stitches on hold

Recommended yarn

Utopia Crafts Filzwolle – 50g per 50m

This yarn is handwash only.

You will need 3 colours – a main colour and 2 contrast colours

Abbreviations

SR indicates where the short row needs to be knitted. Please use your preferred method (*i.e*, German Short Rows, Wrap and Turn).

Gauge

11.5 stitches x 15 rows = 10 cm x 10 cm on 8 mm needles in stockinette stitch

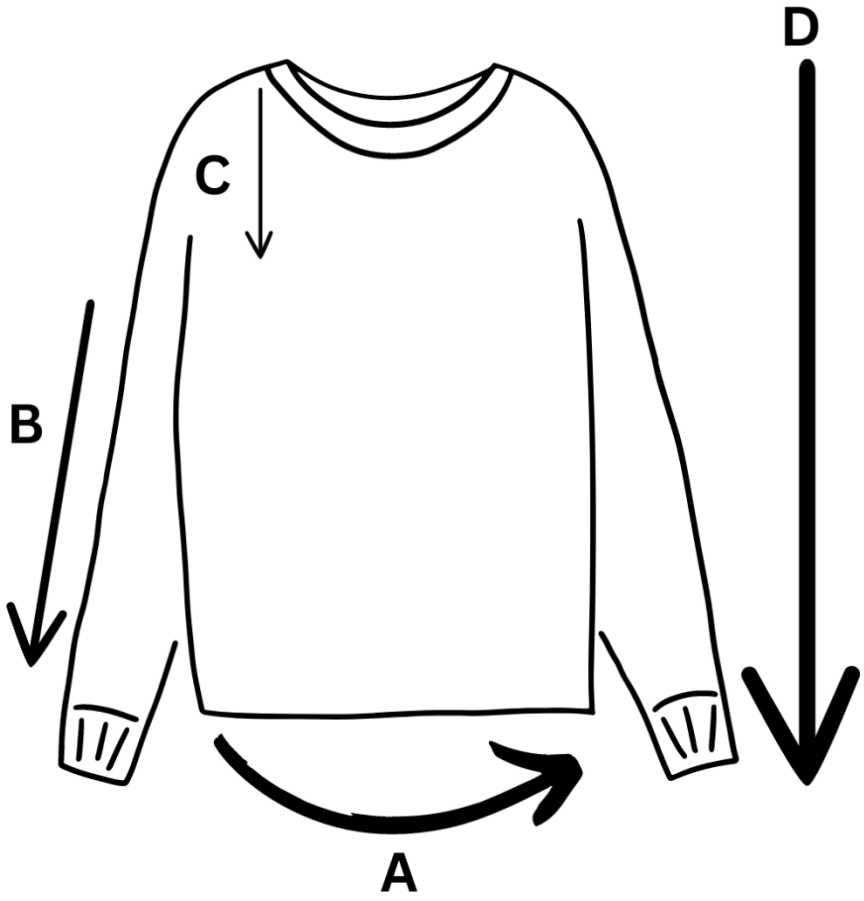
Size chart

Sizes are shown in the pattern as follows:

XS, (**S**), M, (**L**), XL, (**2XL**), 3XL, (**4XL**), 5XL

Please see page 3 for the measurements for each size. The pattern is written with 15 cm of intended positive ease. The sizes stated are the final sweater measurements. Therefore, to choose your size, add 15 cm to your chest measurements and choose the size closest to this value. Please refer to the schematic on page 3 and the size chart of page 4. If you want a tighter fitting sweater, opt for a smaller size. You can adjust sweater length by simply knitting more rows. The sizes are based on Craft Council measurements.

Size schematic



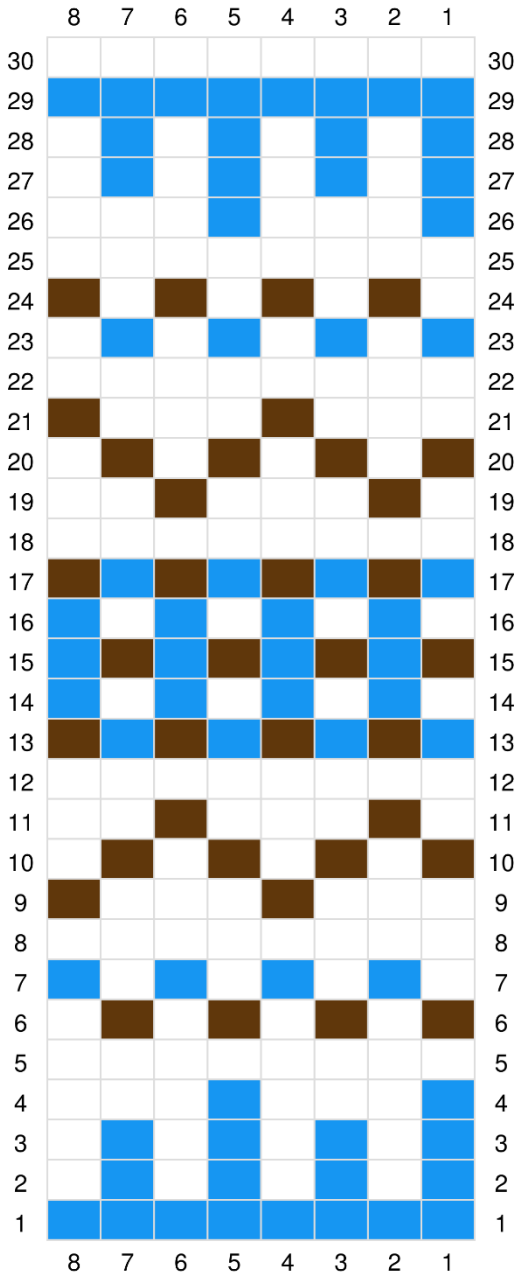
Size Chart – cm measures are given in bold and inches in brackets. Inches are rounded up to the nearest inch. These are the finished sweater measurements.

	Size								
	XS	**S**	**M**	**L**	**XL**	**2XL**	**3XL**	**4XL**	**5XL**
Chest circumference (A)	**88** (35)	**98** (39)	**108** (43)	**118** (47)	**128** (50)	**139** (55)	**149** (59)	**159** (63)	**169** (67)
Arm length (B) Measured from the underarm cast on edge	**36** (15)	**36** (15)	**36** (15)	**37** (15)	**37** (15)	**37** (15)	**39** (15)	**39** (15)	**39** (15)
Armhole depth (C)	**21** (8)	**22** (9)	**23** (9)	**25** (10)	**26** (10)	**27** (11)	**28** (11)	**30** (12)	**31** (12)
Sweater length (D)	**63** (25)	**64** (25)	**66** (26)	**70** (28)	**72** (28)	**74** (29)	**77** (30)	**80** (31.5)	**82** (32)

Yarn required (50 m per 50 g; bulky yarn)

Size	**Total** (m)	**Main colour** (m)	**CC1** (m)	**CC2** (m)
XS	550	485	40	25
S	615	540	45	30
M	670	590	47	33
L	725	640	50	35
XL	790	695	55	40
2XL	860	760	60	40
3XL	920	810	65	45
4XL	980	865	70	45
5XL	1040	915	73	52

Pattern colour chart for all sizes



Pattern

In your **main colour** and using 6 mm needles and a cast-on method of your choice, cast on 58, (**58**), 60, (62), 62, (**64**), 64, (68), 70 stitches. Leave a long yarn tail to sew down your collar.

Knit 12, (**12**), 12, (**14**), 14, (**16**), 16, (**18**), 18 rows in 1x1 rib.

Switch to 8 mm needles.

The first row will be an increase row.

Sizes XS, (**S**) – make 1 stitch. For the rest of the row, knit 2 stitches, make 1 stitch.
Sizes M – make 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch, make 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch, make 1 stitch. Repeat knit 2 stitches, make 1 stitch until you have 2 stitches left. Knit 1 stitch, make 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch, make 1 stitch.
Size (**L**), XL, (**2XL**) –Knit 2 stitches, make 1 stitch until you have 2 stitches remaining. Knit 2 stitches.
Sizes 3XL, (**4XL**)– Knit 4 stitches, make 1 stitch. Repeat knit 2 stitches, make 1 stitch until you have 4 stitches left. Knit 4 stitches
Size 5XL – Knit 4 stitches, make 1 stitch. Repeat knit 2 stitches, make 1 stitch until the end of the round.

You will now have 88, (**88**), 92, (**92**), 92, (**92**), 96, (**100**), 104 stitches on your needles.

You will now follow the knitting colour chart on page 6 finishing at the end of row 29 paying attention to the increases below. These increase rows all fall on main colour only rows. It is recommended that you use a yarn over increase (ensuring you twist the stitch when you knit it on the next row) to avoid pulling up a contrast colour on the previous row.

Row 8
Sizes XS, (**S**) – Knit 4 stitches. Knit 4 stitches, make 1 increase until you have 4 stitches remaining. Knit these 4 stitches.
Sizes M, (**L**) – Knit 2 stitches, make 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches, make 1 stitch. Knit 4 stitches, make 1 stitch until you have 4 stitches remaining. Knit 2 stitches, make 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches, make 1 stitch.
Sizes XL, (**2XL**) – Knit 1 stitch, make 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches, make 1 stitch. Knit 3 stitches, make 1 stitch until you have 3 stitches remaining. Knit 2 stitches, make 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch, make 1 stitch.
Size 3XL – Knit 3 stitches, make 1 stitch.

Size (**4XL**) – Knit 6 stitches, make 1 stitch. Knit 3 stitches, make 1 stitch until you have 6 stitches left. Knit 6 stitches, make 1 stitch.
Size 5XL – Knit 9 stitches, make 1 stitch. Knit 3 stitches, make 1 stitch until you have 9 stitches remaining. Knit 9 stitches, make 1 stitch.

You will now have 108, (**108**), 116, (**116**), 124, (**124**), 128, (**132**), 136 stitches on your needles.

Row 12

Sizes XS, (**S**) – Knit 4, make 1 stitch.
Sizes M, (**L**) – Knit 4, make 1 stitch until you have 4 stitches remaining. Knit 4 stitches.
Size XL – Knit 4, make 1 stitch until you have increased by 10 stitches. Knit 2, make 1 stitch. Knit 2 stitches, make 1 stitch. Knit 4, make 1 stitch until the end of the round.
Size (**2XL**) – Knit 1 stitch, make 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches, make 1 stitch. Knit 3, make 1 stitch until you have increased by 20 stitches. Knit 1 stitch, make 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches, make 1 stitch. Knit until you have 3 stitches remaining. Knit 1 stitch, make 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches, make 1 stitch.
Size 3XL – Knit 1 stitch, make 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches, make 1 stitch. Knit 3, make 1 stitch until you have 3 stitches remaining. Knit 2 stitches, make 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch, make 1 stitch.
Size (**4XL**) – Knit 3 stitches, make 1 stitch.
Size 5XL – Knit 6 stitches, make 1 stitch. Knit 3 stitches, make 1 stitch.

You will now have 138, (**138**), 144, (**144**), 156, (**166**), 172, (**176**), 180 stitches on your needles.

Row 22

Sizes XS, (**S**) – Knit 12, make 1 stitch until you make 11 increases. Knit the rest of the round.
Sizes M, (**L**) – Knit 4, make 1 stitch.
Sizes XL, (**2XL**) – Knit 4, make 1 stitch until you have increased by 16 stitches. Knit 2 stitches, make 1 stitch. Knit 2 stitches, make 1 stitch. Knit 4 stitches, make 1 stitch until the end of the round.
Size 3XL – Knit 4, make 1 stitch until you have increased by 20 stitches. Knit 2, make 1 stitch, knit 2, make 1 stitch. Knit 4, make 1 stitch until the end of the round.
Size (**4XL**), 5XL – Knit 4 stitches, make 1 stitch.

You will now have 149, (**149**), 180, (**180**), 196, (**208**), 216, (**220**), 225 stitches on your needles.

You will now knit row 30 of the colour work chart paying attention to the following increases

Size XS – Knit 17 stitches, make 1 stitch.
Size (**S**) – Knit 8 stitches, make 1 stitch.
Size M – No additional increases.

Size (**L**) – Knit 22 stitches, make 1 stitch until you have increased by 8 stitches. Knit until the end of the round.
Size XL – Knit 12 stitches, make 1 stitch.
Size (**2XL**) – Knit 6 stitches. Knit 14 stitches, make 1 stitch until you have 6 stitches remaining. Knit 6 stitches.
Size 3XL – Knit 13 stitches, make 1 stitch.
Size (**4XL**) – Knit 10 stitches, make 1 stitch.
Size 5XL – Knit 7 stitches, make 1 stitch. Repeat this 3 times. Knit 6 stitches, make 1 stitch until you have 21 stitches remaining. Knit 7 stitches, make 1 stitch until the end of the round.

You will now have 158, (**168**), 180, (**188**), 208, (**222**), 232, (**242**), 258 stitches on your needles.

You will now use stitch markers to mark your body and arm sections. It is recommended that these are different from the marker you have used to mark the beginning of the round. From the beginning of the round, count 23, (**24**), 31, (**34**), 37, (**40**), 43, (**45**), 48 stitches, place stitch marker 1, count 32, (**32**), 32, (**33**), 36, (**37**), 38, (**38**), 40 stitches, place stitch marker 2, count 47, (**48**), 62, (**68**), 74, (**80**), 86, (**91**), 97 stitches, place stitch marker 3, count 32, (**32**), 32, (**33**), 36, (**37**), 38, (**38**), 40 stitches, place stitch marker 4.

Short rows

You will now work some short rows to improve the sweater fit. You can use whichever short row technique you prefer. The pattern refers to the short row turning point as *SR*.

For all sizes and from the beginning of the round:

Short row 1 - Knit until there are 5 stitches before stitch marker 1. *SR*. Purl until there are 5 stitches before stitch marker 4. *SR*. Knit until the beginning of the round.

Short row 2 – Knit for 5 stitches past stitch marker 1. SR. Purl until 5 stitches past stitch marker 4. SR. Knit until the beginning of the round.

Short row 3 – Knit until there are 5 stitches before stitch marker 2. SR. Purl until 5 stitches until stitch marker 3. SR. Knit until the beginning of the round.

Short row 4 – Knit for 10 stitches past stitch marker 2. SR. Purl until 10 stitches past stitch marker 3. SR. Knit until the beginning of the round.

Short row 5 – Knit until there are 5 stitches before stitch marker 1. *SR*. Purl until there are 5 stitches before stitch marker 4. *SR*. Knit until the beginning of the round.

You will now knit some additional rows in your main colour before splitting for sleeves.

Sizes XS, (**S**), M – Knit 3 rows
Sizes (**L**), XL, (**2XL**) – Knit 5 rows
Sizes 3XL, (**4XL**), 5XL – Knit 7 rows

On the next row, you will split the body and sleeve stitches. For all sizes, knit to stitch marker 1. Put all the stitches between stitch marker 1 and stitch marker 2 onto waste yarn. Cast on 4, (**4**), 4, (**7**), 6, (**6**), 8, (**8**), 8 stitches for the underarm stitches. Knit until stitch marker 3. Place all stitches between stitch marker 3 and stitch marker 4 on waste yarn. Cast on 4, (**4**), 4, (**7**), 6, (**6**), 8, (**8**), 8 stitches for the underarm stitches. Knit until the beginning of the round.

Knit a further 56, (**58**), 60, (**64**), 66, (**68**), 72, (**76**), 78 rows in stockinette stitch. At this point, you should assess if your sweater is long enough. If you are taller than average, it is recommended that you add length to the body.

Switch to your 7 mm (or 6.5 mm) needles. Knit 4, (**4**), 4, (**4**), 5, (**5**), 5, (**6**), 6 rows in 1 x 1 rib.

Cast-off using your preferred method.

Arms

Repeat the following instructions for both arms.

Starting at the half-way stitch of the underarm stitches you cast on, pick up the underarm stitches and all the arm stitches you put on hold. Pick up the remaining underarm stitches. Place your stitch marker for the beginning of the round.

You will have 36, (**36**), 36, (**37**), 41, (**42**), 43, (**44**), 46 stitches on your needles.

Repeat the arm decreases below 3, (**2**), 2, (**2**), 3, (**3**), 3, (**2**), 2 times.

Knit 3 rows. On the 4th row, knit 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together, knit until there are 3 stitches, slip 2 stitches and knit these 2 stitches together, knit 1 stitch. You will have decreased by 2 stitches.

You will now have 30, (**32**), 32, (**33**), 35, (**36**), 37, (**40**), 42 stitches on your needles and will have knitted 12, (**8**), 8, (**8**), 12, (**12**), 12, (**8**), 8 rows.

Knit a further 23, (**27**), 27, (**27**), 23, (**23**), 23, (**27**), 27 rows.

Switch to 6.5 mm needles.

Knit 6, (**6**), 6, (**8**), 8, (**8**), 10, (**10**), 10 rows in 1 x 1 rib.

Cast-off using a method of your choice and sew in the ends.