



MAGDELAINE

Sweater



You knit the sweater from top to bottom in the round, in one piece. After the increases in the round yoke, knit a few sets of short rows to raise the back piece. Then you divide the work for the sleeves and the body. Also at the bottom come short rows to make the back piece longer. As icing on the cake, you embroider the spirals. The sweater is oversized with a very wide neck that can fall well over the shoulder.



Techniques

Stockinette stitch

Ribbing stitch K1 twisted/P1

Circular knitting

Increase M1: Using the left needle, pick up the yarn from front to back between two stitches. Knit this loop into the stitch from the back.

Short Rows (German short rows)

Embroidery



YARN

- ROWAN Felted Tweed
50% wol - 25% alpaca - 25% viscose
50 g = 175 m
211 Black 350 (350) 350 g
- Leftover Soft Silk Mohair from
Knitting for Olive in Dusty Robin and
Bordeaux

Felted Tweed is a mix of merino wool, alpaca and viscose with a beautiful tweed effect and a rustic colour palette. The yarn is soft, warm and light - ideal for an oversized model.

Soft Silk Mohair by Knitting for Olive is a natural yarn from Angora goats, combined with silk.

NEEDLES

Circular needles 3 and 3.5, different cable lengths

STITCH GUIDE

24 stitches x 30 rows in stocking stitch with needles 3.5 = 10 cm

SIZES

Small (Medium) Large

Rosanne in the photo wears size Large.

DIMENSIONS

Bust 100 (110) 115 cm

Length body to armhole front
33 (34) 35 cm

Length body to armhole back
36 (37) 38 cm

Sleeve length to armhole 28 (29) 30 cm

DIFFICULTY LEVEL

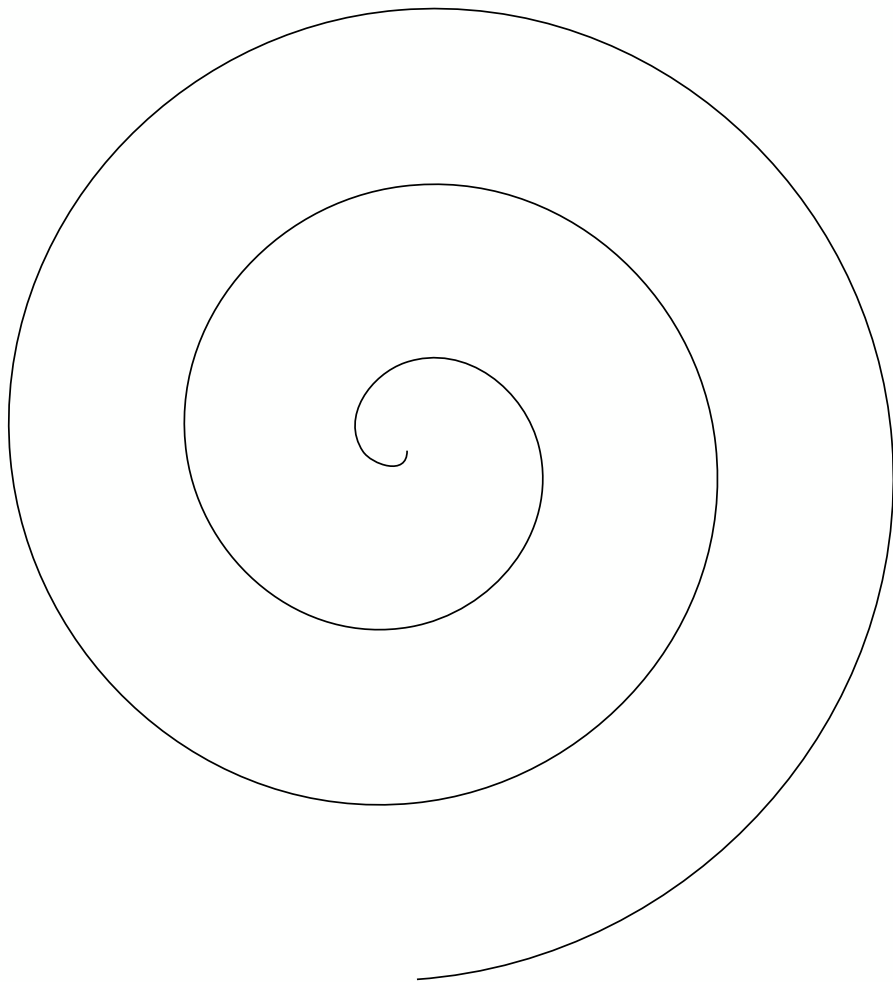


EMBROIDERY

You embroider spirals, circles, suns, hearts, lines and dots on the sweater according to your own taste. You also choose the colours and the place yourself. I have mainly decorated the front. I have left the sleeves and the back free. It is easiest to start the spirals from the inside and work your way out. The spirals are irregular, but I like that. Use the photos as inspiration or search for beautiful shapes on the internet (Pinterest).

Embroidery stitches: stem stitch, French knot, chain stitch.





METHOD



1

SET-UP, NECKLINE

Take your circular needles 3 and cast on 132 (138) 144 stitches. Close the circle. Be careful not to twist your cable. Place a stitch marker at the beginning of the needle. Knit 3 cm in rib, K1 twisted/P1.

2

ROUND YOKE, INCREASES

Continue with circular needles 3.5 in stocking stitch. In the first row, increase 12 (18) 24 stitches evenly distributed. There are 144 (156) 168 stitches on your needle.

TIP

Place a marker every 12 (13) 14 stitches. Use a different color than the one at the beginning of your needle. Within those 12 (13) 14 stitches you will increase.

Follow the chart below for your size for the rest of the increases.

INCREASE SIZE SMALL, from 144 to 324 sts

row 1: no increase, 144 stitches
row 2: knit 12 times (k12, M1) = 156 stitches
row 3: no increase
row 4: knit 12 times (k13, M1) = 168 stitches
row 5 - 6: no increase
row 7: knit 12 times (k7, M1, k7, M1) = 192 stitches
row 8 - 9: no increase
row 10: knit 12 times (k8, M1, k8, M1) = 216 stitches
row 11 - 14: no increase
row 15: knit 12 times (k9, M1, k9, M1) = 240 stitches
row 16 - 19: no increase
row 20: knit 12 times (k10, M1, k10, M1) = 264 stitches
row 21 - 25: no increase
row 26: knit 12 times (k11, M1, k11, M1) = 288 stitches
row 27 - 32: no increase
row 33: knit 12 times (k12, M1, k12, M1) = 312 stitches
row 34 - 40: no increase
row 41: knit 12 times (k26, M1) = 324 stitches
row 42 - 50: no increase

INCREASE SIZE MEDIUM, from 156 to 348 sts

row 1: no increase, 156 stitches
row 2: knit 13 times (k12, M1) = 169 stitches
row 3: no increase
row 4: knit 13 times (k13, M1) = 182 stitches
row 5 - 6: no increase
row 7: knit 13 times (k7, M1, k7, M1) = 208 stitches
row 8 - 10: no increase
row 11: knit 13 times (k8, M1, k8, M1) = 234 stitches
row 12 - 15: no increase
row 16: knit 13 times (k9, M1, k9, M1) = 260 stitches
row 17 - 21: no increase
row 22: knit 13 times (k10, M1, k10, M1) = 286 stitches
row 23 - 28: no increase
row 29: knit 13 times (k11, M1, k11, M1) = 312 stitches
row 30 - 36: no increase
row 37: knit 13 times (k12, M1, k12, M1) = 338 stitches
row 38 - 45: no increase
row 46: knit 13 times (k26, M1) = 351 stitches
row 47 - 53: no increase
row 54: dec 3 stitches evenly spaced = 348 stitches



INCREASE SIZE LARGE, from 168 to 372 sts

row 1: no increase, 168 stitches
row 2: knit 14 times (k12, M1) = 182 stitches
row 3 - 4: no increase
row 5: knit 14 times (k13, M1) = 196 stitches
row 6 - 8: no increase
row 9: knit 14 times (k7, M1, k7, M1) = 224 stitches
row 10 - 13: no increase
row 14: knit 14 times (k8, M1, k8, M1) = 252 stitches
row 15 - 19: no increase
row 20: knit 14 times (k9, M1, k9, M1) = 280 stitches
row 21 - 26: no increase
row 27: knit 14 times (k10, M1, k10, M1) = 308 stitches
row 28 - 33: no increase
row 34: knit 14 times (k11, M1, k11, M1) = 336 stitches
row 35 - 42: no increase
row 43: knit 14 times (k12, M1, k12, M1) = 364 stitches
row 44 - 51: no increase
row 52: knit 14 times (k13, M1) = 378 stitches
row 53 - 57: no increase
row 58: dec 6 stitches evenly spaced = 372 stitches



3

SHORT ROWS

There are 324 (348) 372 stitches on the needle. Remove the extra stitch markers (only the marker at the beginning of the needle remains).

From the beginning of the row (stitch marker in the middle of the back) work short rows (German short rows) to raise the back. The short rows continue into the sleeves.

Knit 4 (5) 6 sets of German shorts rows.

Size Small: Knit short rows over 50, 44, 38 and 32 stitches to the right and left of the stitch marker

Size Medium: Work short rows over 53, 48, 43, 38 and 33 stitches to the right and left of the stitch marker

Size Large: work short rows over 56, 51, 46, 42, 38 and 34 stitches to the right and left of the stitch marker

Knit 4 more rows across all stitches.

4

SPLITTING UP THE WORK

There are still 324 (348) 372 stitches on the needle. Now divide the work for body and sleeves.

Knit 50 (56) 59 stitches (half back).

Cast on 62 (62) 68 stitches on a support cable.

Cast on 20 stitches.

Knit 100 (112) 118 stitches (front).

Cast on 62 (62) 68 stitches on a support cable.

Cast on 20 stitches.

Knit 50 (56) 59 stitches (half back).

There are 240 (264) 276 stitches on the needle for the body.

5

BODY

Knit 30 (31) 32 cm (measured on the front from the armholes) over all stitches for the body in stockinette st.

Knit 5 sets of short rows to lengthen the back. Knit short rows over 60-55-50-45-40 stitches to the right and left of the stitch marker (which is still in the middle of the back). Then knit 1 more row of stockinette over all stitches.

Change to circular needles size 3 and knit 3 cm rib stitch K1 twisted/P1. Cast off the stitches smoothly.

6

SLEEVES

There are 62 (62) 68 stitches on your support cable. Using circular needles 3, pick up an additional 24 (24) 30 stitches under the arm. Place a stitch marker in the middle of the extra stitches to indicate the beginning of the row. There are 86 (86) 98 stitches on the needle. Continue with circular needles 3.5 in stocking stitch until 25 (26) 27 cm.

Change to circular needles size 3 and knit 3 cm rib stitch K1 twisted/P1. Cast off the stitches smoothly.

7

FINISHING

Weave in all the ends.

Soak the sweater for half an hour in lukewarm water with a dash of Eucalan to relax the stitches. Gently squeeze the water out between two towels without wringing or spin the wet sweater in the spin dryer. Lay the sweater nicely in shape on a fresh towel and let it dry flat.

CIRCLES AND SPIRALS



Protection against evil spirits

Circles and spirals are common symbols in Wicca. The spinning spiral whirls us in and out of existence. The circle is a barrier that evil spirits cannot pass through. It is one of the most important Wiccan symbols, representing infinity, wholeness, and unity. The ritual circle, or circle of the arts, serves as the sacred space where Wiccan practitioners perform rituals and spells. The spiral is also seen as a protective symbol. The endless line is meant to keep evil spirits busy.

Tribute to thousands of 'witches'

The Magdelaine sweater is part of MICCA, a collection that pays tribute to the many victims of the witch hunt. In Europe alone, more than 100,000 alleged witches were burned at the stake. Magdelaine Lestarquy was one of the victims. She was 65 years old when she was falsely accused of witchcraft. She spent 14 days in prison. After 2 days and nights of brutal torture and interrogation, she confessed to being a witch. Together with 5 other women, she was strangled and burned on October 26, 1610 on a hill in Ellezelles, a small village in the Belgian Hainaut - the village where I live.



Threads of love

MICCA weaves the history of all victims into timeless creations of thread. Each stitch is part of the chain that connects us across generations. You can find my designs on my Ravelry page Micca-witchcraft and on my website www.micca-witchcraft.be.

Want to know more about the witch hunt? Send me an email. I'll send you a free short story in which I present the cruel reality of witch madness in an original way.



Colofon

Design, photos and text by Liese Verschueren and Mieke Van Damme.

Contact : liese.verschueren@hotmail.com, vandammemieke@proximus.be

All patterns are property of Mieke Van Damme. They are intended for personal, non-commercial use. You may not copy, resell or otherwise distribute them without prior permission.



Micca witchcraft



Miekemicca



Micca-witchcraft