

Ahoy, Sailor

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Get set to sail the seven seas with Ahoy, Sailor, a fine-gauge sweater with striped sleeves, a slimming shape, and an adorable nautical collar. This cool cotton sweater has great waist shaping and a shortened midy to give a nod to sailors of yore without looking costume-y. Striping inside the cuffs and bottom hem are small details that will have a big impact. Creamy white and deep, dark blue are a classic combination that will fit any wardrobe.



Sizes

XS (S, M, L, 1X)

Finished Measurements**Chest:** 30 (34, 38, 42, 46)"**Materials**

Rowan Cotton Glace (100% cotton; 126 yd./50g per skein)

MC: #730 Oyster; 7 (7, 8, 8, 9) skeins

CC: #746 Nightshade; 3 (3, 4, 4, 5) skeins

U.S. 4 (3.5mm) needles *or size needed to match gauge*

Removable stitch marker

Tapestry needle

Gauge

23 sts × 37 rows = 4" in St st

Pattern Notes

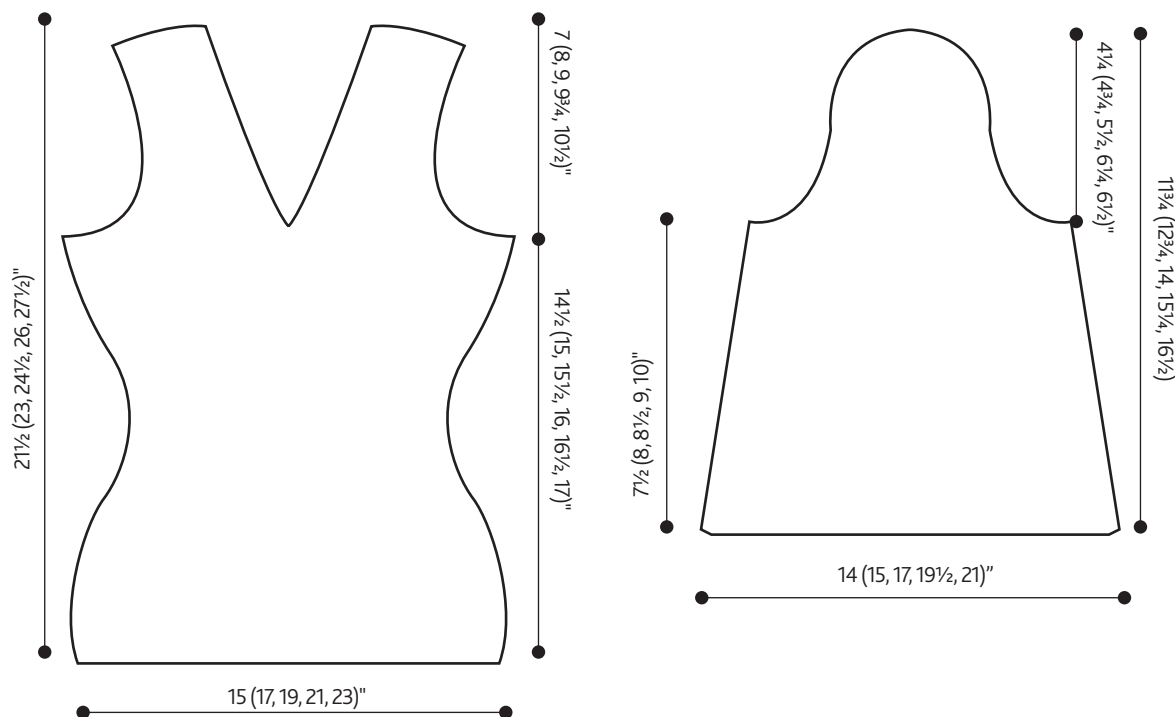
This is a close-fitting sweater. Choose a size closest to your own bust circumference.

Directions**Front**

Using CC, CO 86 (94, 110, 120, 132) sts.

Working in St st, beginning with a knit row, *work 2 rows with CC, then 2 rows with MC, rep from * once; knit 2 rows with CC; the second knit row creates a turning ridge.

Continue in St st in CC for 10 rows, then switch to MC until piece measures 4 (4½, 5, 5¾, 6¾)" from the turning ridge.



Waist Shaping

Next row (Decrease Row): K1, ssk, knit to the last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Work in St st for the next 3 rows.

Repeat these 4 rows 6 more times. 72 (80, 96, 106, 118) sts.

Work even in St st until piece measures 9½ (10, 10½, 11¼, 12¼)" from turning ridge.

Increase Row: K1, M1, knit to last st, M1, k1.

Work in St st for the next 5 rows.

Repeat these 6 rows 6 more times. 86 (94, 110, 120, 132) sts rem.

Work even until piece measures 14½ (15, 15½, 16¼, 17¼)" from turning row, ending with a WS row.

Armhole and Neck Shaping

Read through this section entirely before knitting, as you will be shaping the neck and armholes at the same time.

Place marker at 43 (47, 55, 60, 66) sts for the center of the V-neck. You will work both sides of neck shaping at the same time by attaching a new ball of yarn after the marker.

Next row: Bind off 3 (4, 4, 5, 5) sts, knit to 3 sts before marker, k2tog, k1, attach a second ball of yarn, and with it k1, ssk, knit to end of row.

Next row: Bind off 3 (4, 4, 5, 5) sts, purl to neck edge, switch yarns and purl to end of row.

Bind off 0 (2, 2, 3, 3) sts at the beginning of next 2 rows (at the armholes only).

Next row: K1, ssk, knit to 3 sts before neck edge, k2tog, k1, switch yarns and k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Work 1 row even.

Next row: K1, ssk, knit to neck edge, switch yarns, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Work 1 row even.

Repeat these 4 rows 7 (6, 7, 7, 8) times more. Armhole shaping is complete.

Next row: Knit to 3 sts before neck edge, k2tog, k1, switch yarns and k1, ssk, knit to end of row.

Work 3 rows even.

Repeat these 4 rows 2 (5, 7, 7, 9) more times. 20 (20, 27, 29, 33) sts rem on each side at the end of shaping.

Work even until armhole measures 7 (8, 9, 9¾, 10¼)".

Shape Shoulders

Beginning on the outside shoulder edge of each side (RS rows for left side, WS rows for right side):

Bind off 5 (5, 7, 7, 9) sts, work to end of row. Work 1 row even.

*Bind off 5 (5, 7, 7, 8) sts, work to end of row. Work 1 row even. Rep from * once more, then bind off rem sts.

Back

Work the back the same as the front to the beginning of armhole shaping. The back measures 14½ (15, 15½, 16¼, 17¼)" from turning row, ending with a WS row.

Armhole Shaping

Bind off 3 (4, 4, 5, 5) sts at the beginning of next 2 rows.

Bind off 0 (2, 2, 3, 3) sts at the beginning of next 2 rows.

Next row (RS): K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Work 1 row even.

Repeat these 2 rows 8 (7, 8, 8, 9) times more. 62 (66, 80, 86, 96) sts rem. Work even until armhole measures 7 (8, 9, 9¾, 10¼)".

Shape Shoulders

Bind off 5 (5, 7, 7, 9) sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows.

Bind off 5 (5, 7, 7, 8) sts at the beginning of the next 6 rows.

Bind off center 22 (26, 28, 30, 30) sts.

Sleeves (Make 2)

Using CC, CO 80 (86, 98, 112, 120) sts.

Working in St st, beginning with a knit row, *work 2 rows with CC, then 2 rows with MC, rep from * once; knit 2 rows with CC; the 2nd knit row creates a turning ridge.

Continuing in St st, work CC for 10 rows, then begin a stripe pattern, alternating 2 rows of MC and 2 rows of CC.

Maintaining stripe pattern, when sleeve measures 2" from turning ridge ending with a WS row, decrease 1 st each side as follows:

Next row: K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Work 3 rows even.

Repeat these 4 rows 4 (3, 3, 6, 7) more times. 70 (78, 90, 98, 104) sts rem.

Continue working even in stripe pattern until sleeve measures 7½ (8, 8½, 9, 10)" from turning row, ending with a WS row.

Sleeve Cap Shaping

Bind off 4 (5, 5, 6, 6) sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows.

Bind off 3 sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows.

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Next row: K1, ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog, k1.

Work 3 rows even.

Repeat these 4 rows 10 (10, 12, 13, 13) more times. 30 (36, 44, 48, 54) sts rem.

Bind off 3 sts at the beg of next 8 rows. Bind off rem 16 (18, 22, 26, 30) sts.

Finishing

Block lightly to measurements. Sew shoulder seams. Set in sleeves. Sew side and sleeve seams.

Collar

Using CC, CO 54 (58, 62, 66, 70) sts. Knit 4 rows.

Continue the rest of the collar in St st, maintaining first and last 3 sts in garter st. Begin alternating 2-row stripes of MC and CC. Work until collar measures 2 (2, 2, 2½, 2½)" ending with a WS row.

Divide for Neck

Work first 16 (16, 17, 18, 20) sts, bind off center 22 (26, 28, 30, 30) sts, and work rem 16 (16, 17, 18, 20) sts. You will work both sides of the neck at the same time, maintaining striping throughout. Continue working the 3 outside sts on each side of the collar in garter st.

Work 1" more of St st stripes on each side of the collar, ending with a WS row.

Begin decreasing on the next row as follows:

Decrease Row (RS): On the right side of collar: K3, ssk, knit to end; on the left side of collar: knit to last 5 sts, k2tog, k3.

Repeat the Decrease Row every 8 rows 7 (7, 8, 9, 11) more times. 8 sts rem.

Work even until both sides of neck measure 7 (8, 9, 9¾, 10¼)".

Bind off all sts.

Using mattress stitch, attach collar to sweater, making sure to sew the RS of collar to WS of neck. At the bottom of the V-neck, sew the two bound-off edges of the collar together.

