

NIGHT BLOOMS SWEATER

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The **Night Blooms Sweater** incorporates the same chart motif used for our *Night Blooms Hat* into a simple top-down pullover design. The use of two high-contrast colourways lends a dramatic, graphic quality to an otherwise minimalist garment. Although the line of the sweater falls straight from the underarms, generous ease through the body gives the illusion of a slightly A-line, swingy shape. While we opted for laceweight silk and mohair yarn (held double) for our colourwork (because we love a good 'halo'!), another colour of the same DK weight yarn used for the main colour can be easily substituted.

YARN

Main Colour: Espace Tricot SUNDAY MORNING DK (75% BFL, 25% Masham); 268 yds (245 m) / 100 g

4 (4, 5, 5, 5) (6, 6, 7, 7) skeins

Shown in 'Offline'

OR 912 (991, 1082, 1223, 1286) (1399, 1543, 1720, 1872) yards / 834 (907, 990, 1119, 1176) (1280, 1411, 1573, 1712) meters of similar DK weight yarn

Contrast Colour: Isager Silk Mohair (75% mohair / 25% silk); 232 yds (212 m) / 25 g

1 (1, 1, 1, 2) (2, 2, 2, 2) skeins

Shown in '30 Black'

OR 170 (184, 201, 227, 239) (260, 286, 319, 348) yards / 156 (167, 184, 208, 219) (238, 262, 292, 319) meters of similar laceweight yarn (**held double throughout**).

While the body and sleeves of this sweater are easily customized, adding length may affect yardage requirements.

TOOLS

- **For neck:** 16" circular needle: 3.5 mm (US 4) – or two sizes smaller than gauge needle
- **For yoke, body, and sleeves:** 16", 24", and 40" circular needle: 4 mm (US 6) – or size needed to obtain gauge
- **For colourwork (optional - see note regarding tension on page 5):** 24" or 32" circular needle: 4.5 mm (US 7) – or one size larger than gauge needle
- Stitch marker to indicate beginning of round
- Two stitch holders or waste yarn for placing sleeve stitches on hold
- Tapestry needle to weave in ends

GAUGE

22 sts and approx 28 rnds = 10 cm / 4" after blocking with main gauge needles

SIZES

1 (2, 3, 4, 5) (6, 7, 8, 9)

Finished circumference at bust:

39.25 (43, 47.25, 51, 53.75) (56, 60, 66.25, 72)"

99.5 (109, 120, 129.5, 136.5) (142, 152.5, 168, 183) cm

Intended to be worn with approximately 8-12" / 20.5-30.5 cm of positive ease.



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PATTERN

YOKE

With MC and smaller 16" circular needle, cast on 104 (104, 104, 108, 108) (108, 108, 108, 108) sts. Join in the round being careful not to twist. Place marker for beginning of round (BOR).

Knit 5 rnds.

Increase round for sizes 1-3: K13, m1, *[k26, m1]; rep from * 3 more times, k to BOR. 108 sts

Short-row shaping:

Short-row shaping will raise the back neck slightly. We recommend the German Short Row method – you can find a great tutorial by VeryPink Knits on YouTube here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=52qy8OOb-s0>

Step 1 (RS): Knit 20 sts. Work GSR.

Step 2 (WS): Purl to BOR marker. Do not turn, continue to Step 3.

Step 3 (WS): Purl 54 sts. Work GSR.

Step 4 (RS): Knit to BOR marker.

Repeat Steps 1 - 4 **four more times** but each time work 4 sts past the last GSR turn (note that turn sts look like two sts because of the method used but are worked/counted as 1 st).

Switch to 16" main gauge needles, changing to longer needles as necessary as stitch count grows.

Increase round 1: ALL SIZES

*k3, m1; rep from * to end. 144 sts

Knit 4 rnds

Increase round 2: ALL SIZES

*k4, m1; rep from * to end. 180 sts

Knit 4 rnds

Increase round 3: ALL SIZES

*k5, m1; rep from * to end. 216 sts

Knit 4 rnds

Increase round 4: ALL SIZES

Size 1: *k12, m1; rep from * to end. 234 sts

Size 2: *k6, m1; rep from * to end. 252 sts

Size 3: *k4, m1; rep from * to end. 270 sts

Size 4: *k6, m1; rep from * to end. 252 sts

Size 5-9: *k4, m1; rep from * to end. 270 sts



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Sizes 1-3: Join two strands of CC and proceed to work Rnds 1–27 of CHART.

Sizes 4-9: Knit 4 rnds.

Increase round 5: SIZES 4-9 ONLY

Size 4: *k7, m1; rep from * to end. 288 sts

Size 5 - 9: *k5, m1; rep from * to end. 324 sts

Sizes 4 & 5: Join two strands of CC and proceed to work Rnds 1–27 of CHART.

Sizes 6-9: Knit 4 rnds.

Increase round 6: SIZES 6-9 ONLY

Size 6 & 7: *k9, m1; rep from * to end. 360 sts

Size 8 & 9: *k6, m1; rep from * to end. 378 sts

Size 6: Join two strands of CC and proceed to work Rnds 1–27 of CHART.

Sizes 7-9: Knit 4 rnds.

Increase round 7: SIZES 7-9 ONLY

Size 7: *k10, m1; rep from * to end. 396 sts

Size 8 & 9: *k7, m1; rep from * to end. 432 sts

Sizes 7-9: Join two strands of CC and proceed to work Rnds 1–27 of CHART.

At this point, all sizes will have completed Rnds 1–27 of CHART. Break CC.

ALL SIZES: Knit 1 rnd.

Final increase round: ALL SIZES

Size 1: *k3, m1; rep from * to end. 312 sts

Size 2: *k3, m1; rep from * to end. 336 sts

Size 3: *k3, m1; rep from * to end. 360 sts

Size 4: *k3, m1; rep from * to end. 384 sts

Size 5: k4, *[k4, m1]; rep from * to end. 404 sts

Size 6: *k5, m1; rep from * to end. 432 sts

Size 7: *k6, m1; rep from * to end. 462 sts

Size 8: *k6, m1; rep from * to end. 504 sts

Size 9: *k4, m1; rep from * to end. 540 sts

Knit 12 (12, 12, 16, 16)(18, 20, 24, 26) rnds.

Separate body and sleeves as follows:

Place 58 (60, 62, 64, 66) (74, 78, 82, 84) sleeve sts onto stitch holder or waste yarn, CO 5 (5, 6, 6, 6) (6, 6, 6, 6) sts for underarm, place new BOR marker, CO another 5 (5, 6, 6, 6) (6, 6, 6, 6) sts for underarm, knit 98 (108, 118, 128, 136) (142, 153, 170, 186) sts, place next 58 (60, 62, 64, 66) (74, 78, 82, 84) sts onto stitch holder or waste yarn, CO 10 (10, 12, 12, 12) (12, 12, 12, 12) sts for underarm, knit to end. *You now have 216 (236, 260, 280, 296) (308, 330, 364, 396) body sts and 58 (60, 62, 64, 66) (74, 78, 82, 84) sts set aside for each sleeve.*



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BODY

Work in the round in stockinette stitch, knitting all stitches, until body measures 10" / 25.5 cm from underarm - or until desired length.
Note that adding length will affect yardage requirements.

Work 1x1 twisted rib for .75" / 2 cm.

Knit 1 rnd.

Break MC. Join two strands of CC and bind off.

SLEEVES

Transfer 58 (60, 62, 64, 66) (74, 78, 82, 84) sleeve sts from stitch holder or waste yarn to main gauge needle. With RS facing, join MC at right side of underarm and pick up 5 (5, 6, 6, 6) (6, 6, 6, 6) stitches, place BOR marker, pick up 5 (5, 6, 6, 6) (6, 6, 6, 6) more stitches from underarm cast-on. Join for working in the round - 68 (70, 74, 76, 78) (86, 90, 94, 96) sts.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch, knitting all stitches, until sleeve measures 14" / 35.5 cm from underarm - or until desired length.
Note that adding length will affect yardage requirements.

Work 1x1 twisted rib for .75" / 2 cm.

Knit 1 rnd.

Break MC. Join two strands of CC and bind off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends and steam or wet-block as desired.

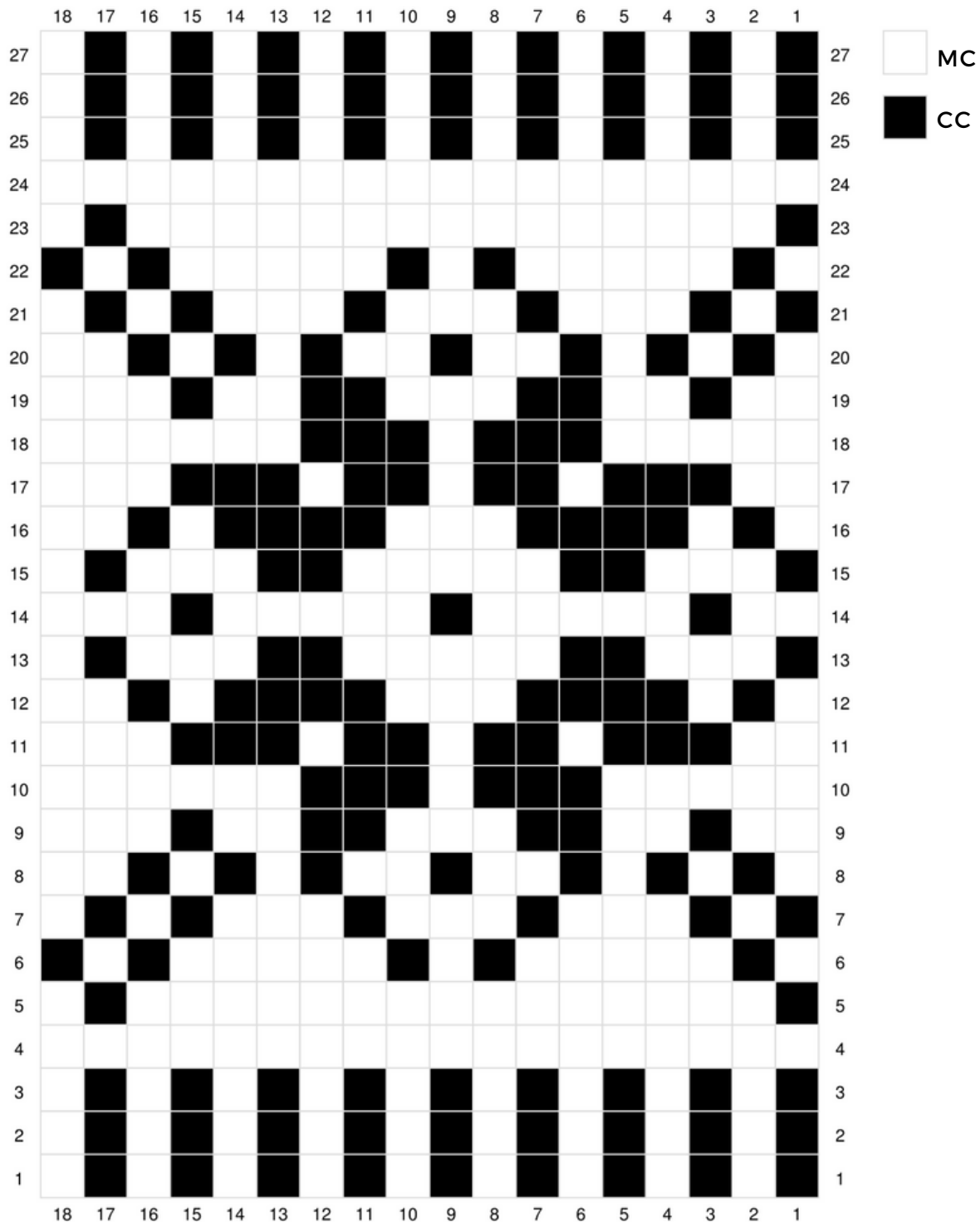


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CHART

If you struggle with maintaining the same tension through your colourwork as when working a single colour, we highly recommend switching to needles one size larger than gauge needles for working chart. Don't forget to switch back to main gauge needles when chart is complete.

For optimal colour dominance, make sure CC strand is held to the left and the MC strand is held to the right.



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ABBREVIATIONS

BOR: beginning of round
CC: contrasting colour
CO: cast on
GSR: German Short Row (see "Techniques")
k: knit
MC: main colour
m1: make 1 (see "Techniques")
rep: repeat
RS: right side
rnd(s): round(s)
sts: stitches
WS: wrong side

TECHNIQUES

twisted rib: *Knit 1 through the back loop, purl 1. Repeat from * across rnd.

German Short Row: Work to the stitch specified in the pattern, turn. Slip the first stitch from left to right purlwise with yarn in front. Tug the yarn up and over the right needle, creating a double stitch. This will be worked / counted as a single stitch on the next row. Continue row as instructed in pattern.

m1: With the left needle, lift the strand between the two stitches of the round below from front to back and knit through the back loop. (Note: either "make 1 left" or "make 1 right" will work here, as long as you use the same increase method throughout. "Knit front and back" is not ideal as an increase, as it is more visible.)

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