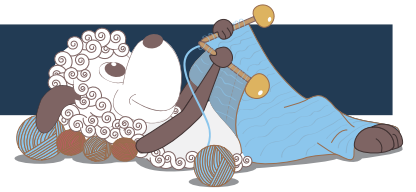


Mentha - a top-down pullover



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Mentha is a lovely top-down, loose fit pullover with lace pattern on the back. The design is constructed seamlessly with almost no finishing work at the end.

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Materials

250 (300) 300 (350) 350 (400) 450 (500) g Arwetta Classic by Filcolana in color 243 (Basswood Green)
2,75 mm (60 and 100 cm) circular needles or double pointed needles
3 mm (60 and 100 cm) circular needles or double pointed needles
4 stitch markers
Stitch holder or scrap yarn
Length of scrap yarn for provisional cast-on
12 buttons

Sizes

14 years (XS) S (M) L (XL) 2XL (3XL)

Measurements

Body, chest: 81 (86) 91 (96) 101 (111) 122 (132) cm
Sweater, chest: 90 (97) 102 (108) 113 (122) 133 (142) cm
Total length: 64 (64) 64 (65) 65 (66) 66 (67) cm
Sleeve length: 51 (51) 52 (52) 53 (53) 54 (55) cm
The cardigan is designed to be worn with up to 13,5 cm of positive ease.

Gauge

27 sts x 36 rows in Stockinette stitch on 3 mm needles after blocking = 10 x 10 cm



Special abbreviations

w&t: wrap and turn: On a knit row, slip next st purlwise with yarn in back onto right-hand needle, bring yarn to front of work, return slipped st to left-hand needle, bring yarn to back of work, and then turn work. On a purl row, slip next st purlwise with yarn in front onto right-hand needle, bring yarn to back of work, return slipped st to left-hand needle, bring yarn to front of work, and then turn work.

Directions for knitting

This pullover is knitted top down, completely seamlessly with set in sleeves worked using short rows. First, you knit the back and then front. When you reach the underarms, join all pieces to work them together. Once you complete the body, pick up the stitches around the armholes to work the sleeves from the top down.

Back to underarm

Using 3 mm needles and a provisional cast-on method, cast on 112 (118) 129 (135) 139 (152) 171 (177) sts.

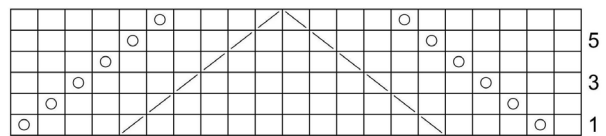
Set up row (WS): P 4 (7) 2 (5) 7 (3) 2 (5), place marker, purl to last 3 (6) 1 (4) 6 (2) 2 (4) sts, place marker, p 3 (6) 1 (4) 6 (2) 1 (4).

Row 1 (RS): K 3 (6) 1 (4) 6 (2) 1 (4), slip marker, work appropriate row of Lace Pattern (starting with row 1) to m, slip marker, k 4 (7) 2 (5) 7 (3) 2 (5).
Row 2 (WS): P 4 (7) 2 (5) 7 (3) 2 (5), slip marker, work appropriate row of Lace Pattern (starting with row 2) to m, slip marker, p 3 (6) 1 (4) 6 (2) 1 (4).
Continue in established pattern working appropriate rows of Lace Pattern until back measures approx. 16 (17) 18 (18) 20 (20) 21 (22) cm from provisional cast on edge, ending with a WS row.

Make a note of the last Lace Pattern row you ended because you will resume working on it later. Cut yarn and place sts on a holder or spare needle.



Chart



Stitches

- RS: k; WS: p
- yo
- RS: k2tog; WS: p2tog
- RS: ssk; WS: ssp

Front to underarm

Now knit the front, working from the shoulders down. Cast on new sts for the neck edge and work short rows as follows:

Carefully remove all sts of provisional cast-on and place them on 3 mm needles. With RS facing, attach yarn at right (sleeve) edge.

Note: Please pick up wraps and work them together with wrapped sts, as they turn up.

Row 1 (RS): K 28 (30) 33 (35) 36 (38) 43 (45), place marker, place next 56 (58) 63 (65) 67 (76) 85 (87) sts on holder (back neck), then, using working needle and working yarn provisionally cast on 56 (58) 63 (65) 67 (76) 85 (87) sts (front neck), place marker, and then knit remaining 28 (30) 33 (35) 36 (38) 43 (45) sts.

Row 2 (WS): Purl to end.

Row 3: Knit to m, remove marker, w&t.

Row 4: As Row 2.

Row 5: Knit to previously wrapped st, w&t.

Row 6: Purl to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, 5 more times.

Row 17: Knit to 1 st past previously wrapped st, w&t.

Row 18: Purl to end.

Repeat last 2 rows, 2 more times.

Row 23: Knit to 2 sts past previously wrapped st, w&t.

Row 24: Purl to end.

Row 25: Knit to 3 sts past previously wrapped st, w&t.

Row 26: Purl to end.

Row 27: Knit to 4 sts past previously wrapped st, w&t.

Row 28: Purl to end.

Row 29: Knit to end.

Row 30: Purl to m, remove marker, w&t.

Row 31: Knit to end.

Row 32: Purl to previously wrapped st, w&t.

Repeat last 2 rows, 5 more times.

Row 43: Knit to end.

Row 44: Purl to 1 st past previously wrapped st, w&t.

Repeat last 2 rows, 2 more times.

Row 49: Knit to end.

Row 50: Purl to 2 sts past previously wrapped st, w&t.

Row 51: Knit to end.

Row 52: Purl to 3 sts past previously wrapped st, w&t.

Row 53: Knit to end.

Row 54: Purl to 4 sts past previously wrapped st, w&t.

Next Row (RS): Knit to end.

Next Row (WS): Purl to end.

Continue in stockinette stitch until front measures approx 16 (17) 18 (18) 20 (20) 21 (22) cm from provisional cast on edge, ending with a WS row.

Do not cut yarn.

Body

Slip stitches of the Back section from waste yarn or stitch holder to spare needle.

Set up Rnd: Place marker (BOR), knit front sts, place

Technique: Provisional cast-on

Crochet a row of chain stitches in a contrasting yarn (later to be removed). The row needs to be 5-10 chain sts longer than the required number of cast on stitches

Pick up and knit the required number of cast on stitches using the project yarn. The stitches are picked up from under the third leg of the chain stitch - ie. the little "bump" behind the chain.



marker, CO 9 (13) 9 (11) 13 (13) 9 (15) sts (underarm), place marker, work back sts in pattern, place marker, CO 9 (13) 9 (11) 13 (13) 9 (15) sts (underarm). Join to work in round. (242 (262) 276 (292) 304 (330) 360 (384) sts on the needles)

Rnd 1: Slip marker (BOR), knit front sts, slip marker, purl to m, slip marker, work back sts in pattern, slip marker, purl to end.

Rnd 2: Slip marker (BOR), knit front sts, slip marker, knit to m, slip marker, work back sts in pattern, slip marker, knit to end.

Rnd 3: As Rnd 1.

Rnd 4: Slip marker (BOR), knit front sts, slip marker, kfb in each st to m, slip marker, work back sts in pattern, slip marker, kfb in each st to end. (18 (26) 18 (22) 26 (26) 18 (30) sts increased).

Now you divide the front and back, and knit them separately.

Back

Turn piece and continue working back and forth on back sts as follows:

Set up Row (WS): *K 1, with yarn in front slip next stitch to first holder; repeat from * to marker (right underarm sts), slip marker, work back sts in pattern, slip marker, *k 1, with yarn in front slip next stitch to second holder; repeat from * to marker (left underarm sts), slip marker, set all front sts and BOR marker to third holder. (130 (144) 147 (157) 165 (178) 189 (207) sts)

Rows 1 and 2: Knit to m, slip marker, work back sts in pattern, slip marker, knit to end.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until body measures approx 62 (62) 62 (63) 63 (64) 64 (65) cm from underarm or approx 2 cm before desired length ending with a WS row. Change to 2.75 mm needles.

Rows 1 and 2: Knit to end.

Repeat last two rows, 5 more times. Bind off all sts knitwise.

Front

With RS facing, slip right underarm sts into 3 mm needle. Then slip marker, all front sts and another marker onto the same 3 mm needle so that they are after (to the left of) underarm sts. Then slip left underarm sts into the same 3 mm needle so they are after (to the left of) front sts. (130 (144) 147 (157) 165 (178) 189 (207) sts). Attach yarn and turn piece to WS.

Continue working back and forth on front sts as follows:

Set up Row (WS): Knit to m, slip marker, purl all front sts to next m, slip marker, knit to end.

Row 1 (RS): Knit to m, slip marker, knit all front sts to next m, slip marker, knit to end.

Row 2 (WS): Knit to m, slip marker, purl all front sts

to next m, slip marker, knit to end.
Repeat Rows 1 and 2, 5 more times, then Row 1 again.

Next Row (WS) – buttonhole: K 4 (6) 4 (5) 6 (6) 4 (7), yo, k2tog, k to m, slip marker, purl to next m, slip marker, k 3 (5) 3 (4) 5 (5) 3 (6), yo, ssk, k to end.

Continue in established pattern, working buttonholes every 14th row, five more times.

Next Row 1 (RS): Knit to m, slip marker, knit all front sts to next m, slip marker, knit to end.

Next Row 2 (WS): Knit to m, slip marker, purl all front sts to next m, slip marker, knit to end.

Continue as established until Front measures approx 46 (46) 46 (47) 47 (48) 48 (49) cm from underarm or approx 2 cm before desired length ending with a WS row. Change to 2.75 mm needles.

Rows 1 and 2: Knit to end.
Repeat last two rows, 5 more times. Bind off all sts knitwise.

Sleeves

Sleeves are worked by picking up stitches around armholes, and working short rows to shape sleeve cap.

Note: Please pick up wraps and work them together with wrapped sts, as they turn up.

With RS of armhole facing, re-join yarn at top of armhole where shoulder "seam" is, and using 3 mm needles pick up and knit 37 (39) 42 (42) 46 (48) 50 (52) sts along armhole to underarm sts, then pick up and knit first 4 (6) 4 (5) 6 (6) 4 (7) underarm sts, place marker, then pick up and knit remaining 5 (7) 5 (6) 7 (7) 5 (8) underarm sts, and then, pick up and knit 37 (39) 42 (42) 46 (48) 50 (52) sts along armhole to "seam". (83 (91) 93 (95) 105 (109) 109 (119) sts on the needles)

You need to pick up approximately 2 sts for every 3 rows except for the 9 (13) 9 (11) 13 (13) 9 (15) underarm sts where you will pick up an equal number of stitches.

Shape sleeve cap as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K 18 (19) 20 (21) 22 (23) 24 (25), w&t.
Row 2 (WS): P 36 (38) 40 (42) 44 (46) 48 (50), w&t.
Row 3: Knit to 2 sts past previously wrapped st, w&t.
Row 4: Purl to 2 sts past previously wrapped st, w&t.

Repeat the last two rows, each time making the w&t two sts past the previous w&t. Continue in this manner, until all sts have been worked, except the last 9 (13) 9 (11) 13 (13) 9 (15) underarm sts. End with a WS row. Turn work and knit all sts to m. This will be beginning of the round.

Now continue working sleeve in the round using your favorite knitting method, such as magic loop or DPNs.

Round 1 – decrease: K2tog, knit to last 3 sts, ssk, k1, slip marker. (2 sts decreased)

Round 2: Knit to end.

Repeat last two rounds, 2 more times. (total of 6 sts decreased; 77 (85) 87 (89) 99 (103) 103 (113) sts on the needles)

Now, repeat decrease round every 11 (11) 10 (10) 9 (8) 8 (7) th round 12 (13) 13 (12) 17 (17) 17 (21) more times. (24 (26) 26 (24) 34 (34) 34 (42) sts decreased; 53 (59) 61 (65) 65 (69) 69 (71) sts on the needles)

Continue in stockniette stich until sleeve measures approx 49 (49) 50 (50) 51 (51) 52 (53) cm from underarm, or to approx 2 cm before desired length. Change to 2.75 mm needles.

Round 1: Knit to end.

Round 2: Purl to end.

Repeat last two rounds, 5 more times. Bind off all sts knitwise.

Neckband

Carefully remove provisional cast-on of the front neckline sts, and place them on 2.75 mm needles, then slip back neckline sts into the same 2.75 mm needles, attach yarn and join to work in round.

Round 1: Knit to end.

Round 2: Purl to end.

Repeat last two rows 2 more times. Bind off all sts knitwise.

Finishing

Weave in all ends and block sweater. Attach buttons.

WRITTEN INSTRUCTION FOR PATTERN - in rows

Row 1: K 1, yo, k 3, ssk, k 10, k2tog, k 3, yo.
Row 2: P 1, yo, p 3, p2tog, p 8, ssp, p 3, yo, p 2.
Row 3: K 3, yo, k 3, ssk, k 6, k2tog, k 3, yo, k 2.
Row 4: P 3, yo, p 3, p2tog, p 4, ssp, p 3, yo, p 4.
Row 5: K 5, yo, k 3, ssk, k 2, k2tog, k 3, yo, k 4.
Row 6: P 5, yo, p 3, p2tog, ssp, p 3, yo, p 6.

WRITTEN INSTRUCTION FOR PATTERN - in rounds

Round 1: K 1, yo, k 3, ssk, k 10, k2tog, k 3, yo.
Round 2: K 2, yo, k 3, ssk, k 8, k2tog, k 3, yo, k 1.
Round 3: K 3, yo, k 3, ssk, k 6, k2tog, k 3, yo, k 2.
Round 4: K 4, yo, k 3, ssk, k 4, k2tog, k 3, yo, k 3.
Round 5: K 5, yo, k 3, ssk, k 2, k2tog, k 3, yo, k 4.
Round 6: K 6, yo, k 3, ssk, k2tog, k 3, yo, k 5.