

Metropolis

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What could possibly be cozier than a simple, chunky sweater with generous ribbing and a turtleneck that dreams are made of!? I fell in love with this colourway and knew I wanted something simple yet spectacular to let it shine in a garment. If you need me, I'll be the one walking around on perfect fall days snug as a bug in a rug in my ultimate chunky sweater!



Sizes

31 (33.25, 36, 38.5, 41.25, 45.25) [48, 52, 56, 60, 64]" circumference at bust. Sample shown is size 36" worn with approximately 3-4" of positive ease. 2-4" of positive ease recommended.

Yarn

610 (650, 700, 760, 810, 875) [910, 990, 1060, 1115, 1175] yds total Tanis Fiber Arts PureWash Chunky Weight yarn (113 g = 128 yds). Sample Knit in *Metropolis* colourway.

Gauge

12 stitches and 15 rows = 4" square in stockinette stitch, on larger needle, knit in the round, measured after blocking.

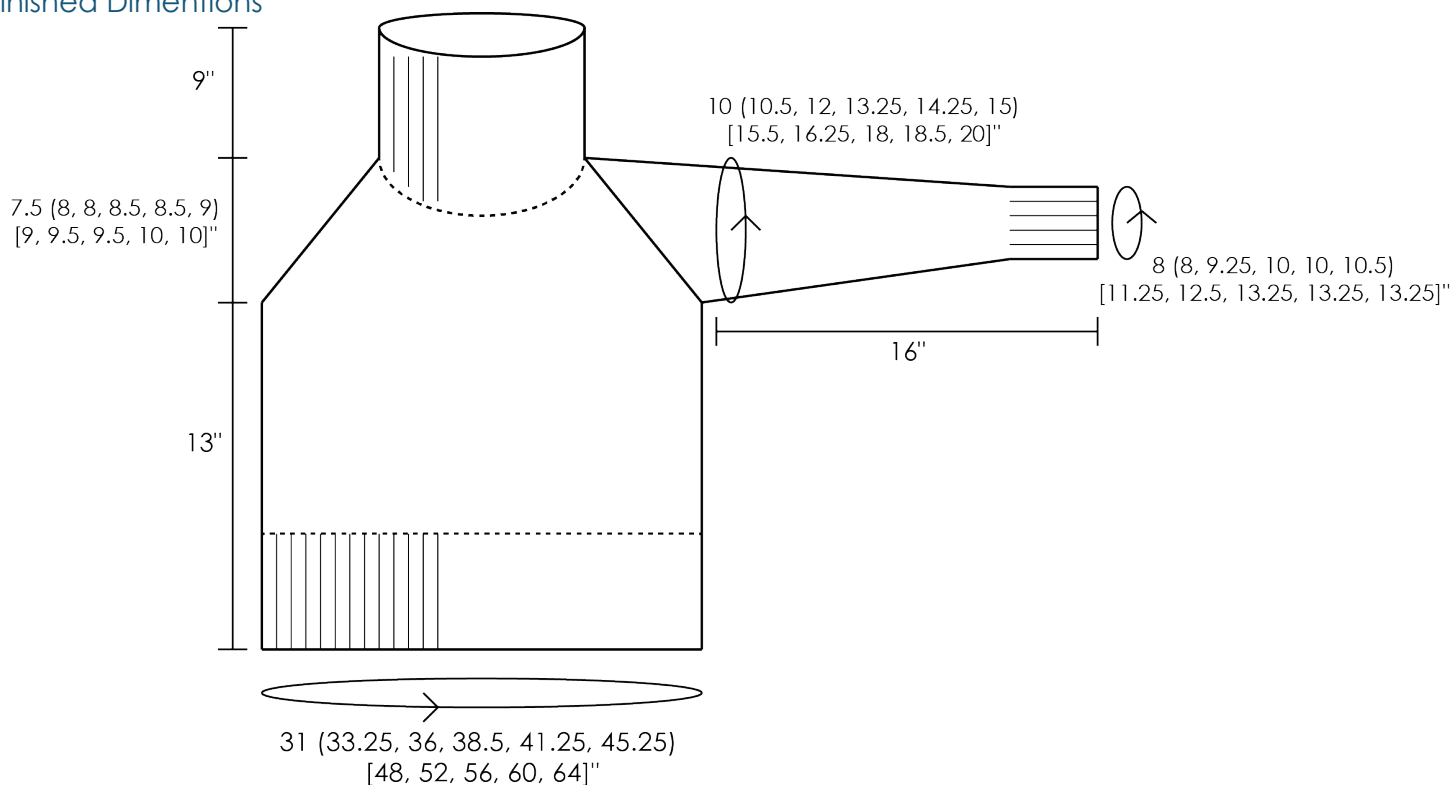
Needles

6 mm (US size 10) 24-32" circular needle and dpn's for ribbing.
7 mm (US size 10.75) 16-20" circular needle for turtleneck.
8 mm (US size 11) 16" and 32" circular needle and dpn's for stockinette stitch.

Additional Tools and Materials

Tapestry needle, 4 stitch markers.

Finished Dimensions



Abbreviations

- k** :: knit
- p** :: purl
- BOR** :: beginning of round *avallée*
- pm** :: place marker
- sm** :: slip marker
- m1L** :: pick up the horizontal strand between the needles from front to back, place on left needle, knit the loop you picked up through the back.
- m1R** :: pick up the horizontal strand between the needles from back to front, place on left needle, knit the loop you picked up through the front.
- m1L-p** :: pick up the horizontal strand between the needles from front to back, place on left needle, purl the loop you picked up through the back.
- m1R-p** :: pick up the horizontal strand between the needles from back to front, purl the loop you picked up through the front. This makes a right-leaning increase on the right, or knit, side of the fabric.
- k2tog** :: knit 2 stitches together as one.
- ssk** :: Slip, slip, knit. Slip one stitch as if to knit, slip the next stitch as if to purl, knit the 2 together through the back loops.
- rs** :: right side
- ws** :: wrong side

Construction

Metropolis is knit seamlessly from the top down. The neckline is shaped with short rows and then the yoke is knit in the round. Sleeve stitches are set aside, underarm stitches are cast on and the body is completed. Sleeve stitches are then picked up and knit down to the cuff. Lastly, stitches are picked up around the neckline and the glorious turtleneck is the finishing touch.

Working Short Rows

Wrap and turn a knit stitch: with yarn in back, slip next stitch purlwise to right hand needle, bring yarn to front, return slipped stitch to left hand needle, bring yarn to back, then turn work.

Wrap and turn a purl stitch: with yarn in front, slip next stitch purlwise to right hand needle, bring yarn to back, return slipped stitch to left hand needle, bring yarn to front, then turn work.

Hiding wrap on a knit stitch: with right hand needle, pick up the wrap from the front and knit it together with the stitch it wraps.

Hiding wrap on a purl stitch: with right hand needle, pick up wrap through the back of loop and purl it together with the stitch it wraps.

1x1 Ribbing in the round:

Round 1: k1, p1 to end.

Instructions

Using shorter, larger circular needle (recommended size 8 mm), cast on 66 (68, 68, 68, 74, 74) **[74, 74, 80, 80, 80]** stitches, place unique BOR marker, and join for knitting in the round. BOR is at back right shoulder.

Next round, place markers for raglan increases: k8 (8, 8, 8, 9, 9) **[9, 9, 10, 10, 10]** right sleeve stitches, pm, k25 (26, 26, 26, 28, 28) **[28, 28, 30, 30, 30]** front stitches, pm, k8 (8, 8, 8, 9, 9) **[9, 9, 10, 10, 10]**, left sleeve stitches, pm, k25 (26, 26, 26, 28, 28) **[28, 28, 30, 30, 30]** back stitches.

Shape neckline with 4 sets of short rows worked at the same time as raglan increases.

NOTE: Starting at Short Row 3, when you encounter the wrapped stitch from the previous row, hide the wrap as given in the instructions for working short rows.

Short row 1 (rs): k1, m1L, k to 1 st before next marker, m1R, k1, sm, k1, m1L, k1, wrap and turn. (3 stitches increased).

Short row 2 (ws): purl to BOR, (sm, p1, m1L-p, purl to 1 stitch before next marker m1R-p, p1) twice, sm, p1, m1L-p, p1, wrap and turn. (5 stitches increased).

Short row 3 (rs): knit to BOR, sm, k1, m1L, k to 1 st before next marker, m1R, k1, sm, k1, m1L, k3, wrap and turn. (see note about hiding wraps, 3 stitches increased).

Short row 4 (ws): purl to BOR, (sm, p1, m1L-p, purl to 1 stitch before next marker m1R-p, p1) twice, sm, p1, m1L-p, p3, wrap and turn. (5 stitches increased).

Short row 5 (rs): knit to BOR, sm, k1, m1L, k to 1 st before next marker, m1R, k1, sm, k1, m1L, k5, wrap and turn. (3 stitches increased).

Short row 6 (ws): purl to BOR, (sm, p1, m1L-p, purl to 1 stitch before next marker m1R-p, p1) twice, sm, p1, m1L-p, p5, wrap and turn. (5 stitches increased).

Short row 7 (rs): knit to BOR, sm, k1, m1L, k to 1 st before next marker, m1R, k1, sm, k1, m1L, k7, wrap and turn. (3 stitches increased).

Short row 8 (ws): purl to BOR, (sm, p1, m1L-p, purl to 1 stitch before next marker m1R-p, p1) twice, sm, p1, m1L-p, p7, wrap and turn. (5 stitches increased).

16 (16, 16, 16, 17, 17) **[17, 17, 18, 18, 18]** stitches per sleeve, 33 (34, 34, 34, 36, 36) **[36, 36, 38, 38, 38]** stitches each front and back, 98 (100, 100, 100, 106, 106) **[106, 106, 112, 112, 112]** stitches total.



Next round: With short rows complete, knit to BOR and continue working raglan increases in the round to complete the yoke. Switch to longer circular needle of same size when you need to.

Raglan increase Round A: *k1, m1L, k to 1 st before next marker, m1R, k1, sm; repeat from * 3 more times (8 stitches increased). You will have 1 final wrap to hide the first time you work this round.

Raglan Increase Round B: *k to 1st marker, sm, k1, m1L, k to 1 st before next marker, m1R, k1, sm, knit to next marker, sm, k1, m1L, k to 1 st before next marker, m1R, k1, sm, knit to end. (4 stitches increased: 2 stitches on front and 2 on back).

Sizes 30 (33.25, 36, 38.5, 41.25)" only:

Work Raglan Increase Round A every 2nd round, 5 (6, 8, 10, 11) times total. 26 (28, 32, 36, 39) stitches per sleeve, 43 (46, 50, 54, 58) stitches each front and back, 138 (148, 164, 180, 194) stitches total.

Sizes 45.25 [48, 52, 56, 60, 64]" only:

Work Raglan Increase Round A every 2nd round 10 [8, 6, 4, 0, 0] times.
Next, work Raglan Increase A every round 2 [5, 8, 12, 17, 19] times.
Next, work Raglan Increase Round B every round 2 [3, 5, 5, 7, 8] times.
41 [43, 45, 50, 52, 56] stitches per sleeve, 64 [68, 74, 80, 86, 92] stitches each front and back, 210 [222, 238, 260, 276, 296] stitches total.

All Sizes:

Work in stockinette stitch in the round without increasing until yoke is 7.5 (8, 8, 8.5, 8.5, 9) [9, 9.5, 9.5, 10, 10]" measured from back of neck. Note: Some sizes will be at desired finished yoke length immediately after increases are complete.

Separate sleeves from body, keep BOR marker and remove all other markers as you come to them. Place 26 (28, 32, 36, 39, 41) [43, 45, 50, 52, 56] sleeve stitches on waste yarn, using backwards loop method cast on 4 stitches for underarm, knit 43 (46, 50, 54, 58, 64) [68, 74, 80, 86, 92] front stitches, place next 26 (28, 32, 36, 39, 41) [43, 45, 50, 52, 56] sleeve stitches on waste yarn, cast on 4 stitches for underarm, knit remaining 43 (46, 50, 54, 58, 64) [68, 74, 80, 86, 92] back stitches.

94 (100, 108, 116, 124, 136) [144, 156, 168, 180, 192] stitches on needle.

Knit stockinette stitch in the round for 5", or 8" less than desired finished length of sweater.

Switch to smaller circular needle and work in 1 x 1 rib for 8". Using larger needle, bind off loosely in pattern.

Sleeves:

Place 26 (28, 32, 36, 39, 41) [43, 45, 50, 52, 56] held sleeve stitches on larger size dpn (or longer circular needle for magic loop). Starting at centre of cast on underarm stitches, pick up 2 stitches, knit all held sleeve stitches, pick up remaining 2 underarm stitches, place BOR marker. 30 (32, 36, 40, 43, 45) [47, 49, 54, 56, 60] stitches total.

Join for knitting in the round and work in stockinette stitch for 1" then work Decrease Round every 12 (9, 9, 7, 6, 6) [6, 7, 5, 4, 3] rounds 3 (4, 4, 5, 6, 6) [6, 5, 7, 8, 10] times total.

Decrease Round: k1, k2tog, knit to 3 stitches from end of round, ssk, k1. (2 stitches decreased).

Sizes 41.25, (45.25, 48, 52) only: k2tog, knit to end of round.

24 (24, 28, 30, 30, 32) [34, 38, 40, 40, 40] stitches total.

Switch to smaller needle and work in 1 x 1 rib for 5". Using larger needle, bind off loosely in pattern.

Turtleneck:

Using 16-20" smaller circular needle, pick up 66 (68, 68, 68, 74, 74) [74, 74, 80, 80, 80] stitches along cast on edge. Place BOR marker and join for knitting in the round.

Work in 1 x 1 rib for 4" then switch to middle size circular needle (recommended size 7mm US 10.75) and continue in 1 x 1 rib for 5" more. Using larger needle, bind off loosely in pattern.

Finishing:

Weave in ends and block garment. I recommend wet blocking, taking care to stretch out the ribbing at the body of the sweater to match sample shown - I designed this sweater to have crisp but open ribbing, it's not meant to cinch at the waist or cuffs. I also made sure to block the top half of the turtleneck as wide as I could for a really relaxed fold rather than a tight cowl.

