



**KNITTING PATTERN**

# **Snekrystal**

## **Sweater**

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## MATERIALS

8 (9) 10 (11) 12 (13) skeins of Friends Wool, color Off White (02) and  
4 (5) 5 (6) 6 (7) skeins of Friends Kid Silk, color Off White (02)

Circular needles 3.5 mm (US 4) and 4.0 mm (US 6), 40 cm (15.75 in) and 60 or 80 cm (23.6 or 31.5 in)

For sleeves use 3.5 mm (US 4) and 4.0 mm (US 6) double pointed needles or Magic Loop

4 stitch markers

Stitch wire

## YARN QUALITY

 **Friends Wool**, Hobbii

100% Wool

50 g (1.75 oz) = 100 m (109 yds)

 **Friends Kid Silk**, Hobbii

72% Mohair, 25% Silk, 3% Wool

25 g (0.88 oz) = 200 m (219 yds)

## GAUGE

10 x 10 cm (4 x 4 in) = 18 sts x 24 rnds on  
4.0 mm (US 6) needles

## SIZES

XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL)

## MEASUREMENTS

Chest circumference: approx. 90 (100) 110 (120) 130 (140) cm / 35.4 (39.4) 43.3 (47.2) 51.2 (55.1) in

Length: approx. 58 (60) 62 (66) 68 (68) cm / 22.8 (23.6) 24.4 (26) 26.8 (26.8) in

## PATTERN INFORMATION

For many of us, snow crystals are the epitome of winter, newly fallen snow, clear frost and cleanliness.

This off-white sweater, knitted up in Friends Wool held together with a strand of Friends Kid Silk is my take on a warm and cozy winter sweater. I recommend reading through the entire pattern before starting, to avoid confusion around which steps to follow to obtain the perfect fit.

The pattern is not suitable for beginners.

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## QUESTIONS

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Please make sure to include the pattern's name and number.

Happy Crafting!



# Pattern



## INFO AND TIPS

The sweater is worked bottom up and should be worked with a positive ease of around 5 cm (2 in) compared to your own chest circumference. The measurements of the final sweater are noted on the previous page. Measure yourself around your chest and choose the size that will fit.

If you measure 90 cm (35 in) you should knit a size S, while a chest circumference of 107 cm (42 in) should opt for a size L.

It is important that the snow crystal-pattern on the sleeves and body matches, that means it should begin and end in the same place on both sleeves and body for the neatest result.

## ABBREVIATIONS

st(s) = stitch(es)

k = knit

p = purl

rnd = round

mm = millimetre

sm = stitch marker

pm = place marker

SM = slip marker

k tbl = knit through the back loop (twisted)

tog = together

k2tog/k2tog tbl = knit 2 sts together (through the back loop)

sr = short row (stitches)

## SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

### Ribbing/cuffs:

The ribbing consists of two rounds that are worked like so:

**Round 1:** \*k 2 tbl, p 2\* (k tbl is worked by knitting the stitch through the back loop instead of the foremost one as with ordinary knit sts)

Repeat from \* to \* throughout rnd

**Round 2:** \*Knit the second st in front of the first st, then proceed to knit the first st and move both sts to the right needle. p 2\*.

Repeat from \* to \* throughout rnd

**Elongated back using short rows:**

You work sr by knitting up to the turning point. Then, you will turn the work and place the right needle in the first st on the left needle from the back, holding the yarn in front of the work. Now, slip the st onto the right needle and pull the yarn tightly to the back, the st will move back and get "two legs". Then work until you reach the next st, at where you want to turn and repeat.

When you reach a sr st simply work it as an ordinary st.

**Snow crystals:**

A "snow crystal" consists of two rnds and are worked like so:

**Round 1:** K 1, \*insert right needle into the st 3 rnds below the second st on the left needle, pull through and let it sit on the right needle as a new st. K 2. Insert the right needle into the sam st as before, pull through and let it sit on the right needle as another new st. K 2. Insert the right needle into the same st as before, pull through and let it sit on the right needle as a new st. The snow crystal now consists of 7 sts. K 6 sts\*.

Repeat from \* to \* throughout rnd and end with 5 k sts.

**Round 2:** \*K 1 st tog with the first st of the first snow crystal, k 1, k2tog, k1, k2tog. The new sts in the snow crystal are now knitted together (reduced back to 5 sts), so the total amount of sts remains the same, k 5,\* the sixth st is knitted tog with the next snow crystal.

Repeat from \* to \* throughout rnd.

Work 7 rnds in stockinette stitch, after which you will work another row of "snow crystals" displaced of the previous one, that means you will start of by knitting 3 sts.

The Snow crystal pattern is worked in repeats of 10.

You can find videos showing the technique on Youtube by looking up "Ornamental Stitches".

I myself prefer this video tutorial:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TzvlfXtsrPA>

**Raglan decreases:**

The raglan decreases start at the back by the left shoulder and are worked like so:

**Round 1:** k1tbl, p 2, work until three sts before next sm, p 2, k2tbl, p 2, work until three sts before next sm, p 2, k2tbl, p 2, work until three sts before next sm, p 2, k2tbl, p 2, work until three sts before next sm and end the rnd with p 2 and k1tbl.

The final twisted k st will from now on be the first st in every rnd for the rest of the work.

Place sm in this st.

**Round 2:** \*Knit the second st in front of the first st, then proceed to knit the first st and move both sts to the right needle, p 2, k2tog, work until five sts before next sm, \*p2togtbl, p 2, k the second st in front of the first st, then proceed to knit the first st and move both sts to the right needle, p 2, k2tog, work until five sts before next sm, \*p2togtbl, p 2, k the second st in front of the first st, then proceed to knit the first st and move both sts to the right needle, p 2, k2tog\*. Repeat from \* to \* throughout rnd.

Rnd ends with p2togtbl, p 2. (=8 sts decreased)





Make sure to tighten the decreases so no “holes” appear. You want them to lay nicely as uniform twisted pillars.

The raglan increases are worked as explained above every second rnd.

## BODY

Cast on 160 (180) 200 (220) 240 (260) sts on circular needles 3.50 mm (US 4).

Join to work in the round and be careful not to twist the cast on sts while doing so. K one rnd to create a nice edge.

Now, work 6 cm (2.4 in) of ribbing as described in **“special techniques”**.

Place sm in each side of the work to separate into 2x80 (2x90) 2x100 (2x110) 2x120 (2x130) sts. After the ribbing is completed, change to circular needles 4.00 mm (US 6) and decide if you would like to work short rows to make the back of your sweater longer than the front.

If this is the case, mark off the middle 21 (23) 25 (27) 29 (31) sts on the back piece, and work a total of 4 short rows, increasing 6 sts out towards the side seams per short row. For more information on short rows see **“special techniques”**.

After this, continue with 5 rnds of stockinette stitch, after which the “snow crystal” pattern starts.

The snow crystals are also described under **“special techniques”** and are worked on every 8th rnd throughout the rest of the sweater.

When work measures 34 (36) 38 (40) 42 (44) cm / 13.4 (14.2) 15 (15.7) 16.5 (17.3) in or preferred length, you will bind off 10 sts split over the sm on both sides of the work = a total of 20 sts on all sizes.

It is important that you bind off on the 5th rnd between the snow crystals so you have the 6th and 7th rnd to gather the work and prepare for the raglan decreases, before the snow crystals of the yoke are worked.

You now have a total of 140 (160) 180( 200) 220 (240) sts.

Let work rest and continue with the sleeves.

## SLEEVES

Cast on 40 (40) 40 (52) 52 (52) sts on 3.5 mm (US 4) double pointed needles, Addi Crasy needles or as Magic Loop, if you prefer, and k one rnd for a nice border.

Place a sm at the beginning of the sleeve and work 14 cm (5.5 in) ribbing/cuff, as described in **“special techniques”**.

When you have finished the cuff, change to 4.00 mm (US 6) needles and evenly increase 40 (40) 40 (38) 38 (38) sts on the first rnd which gives you a total of 80 (80) 80 (90) 90 (90) sts and gives the sleeve a slightly poofy look.

Work another 6 rnds of stockinette stitch after which the “snow crystal” pattern will begin.

The snow crystals are described under **“special techniques”** and are worked displaced on every 8th rnd throughout the rest of the sweater.

When the sleeve measures 40 (40) 42 (44) 46 (48) cm / 15.7 (15.7) 16.5 (17.3) 18.1 (18.9) or in or preferred length, you will bind off 5 sts on each side of the sm, a total of 10 decreases sts on all sizes.

At this point, it is also important that you bind off on the 5th rnd between the snow crystals so you have the 6th and 7th rnd to gather the work and prepare for the raglan decreases, before the snow crystals of the yoke are worked.

You now have a total of 70 (70) 70 (80) 80 (80) sts.

Work another sleeve in the same way.

## YOKE

Join sts from the sleeves and body on one set of 4.00 mm circular needles. This rnd is the 6th in the snow crystal pattern.

You now have a total of 280 (300) 320 (360) 380 (400) sts. When working the yoke, the beginning of the rnd is placed on the backside of the left shoulder. Place a sm here to remember the beginning of the rnd.

Now, work the yoke with raglan decreases as described in **“special techniques”** as well as following the snow crystal pattern, which you will simply adjust as you go to fit with the raglan decreases. The yoke should be 49 (51) 54 (58) 61 (64) rnds tall; approx. 20,5 (21,5) 22,5 (23,5) 24 (25) cm / 8 (8.5) 8.9 (9.3) 9.5 (9.8) in. 8 sts are decreased on every other rnd 24 (24) 25 (26) 27 (28) times respectively and on every rnd 1 (3) 4 (6) 7 (8) times.

When the yoke is finished you will have a total of 80 (84) 88 (104) 108 (112) sts left for the neckline.

If you wish for a longer yoke and/or a slimmer/wider neck, please feel free to regulate the length and raglan decreases by decreasing more/less and/or working additional rnds.

Neckband:

Change to 3.50 mm (US 4) needles and work 14 cm (5.5 in) ribbing as described under **“special techniques”**.

**NOTE:** It is important that the knit sts in the ribbing follow the knit sts from the raglan increase pillars to get a uniform and harmonious look.

Loosely bind off the sts in 2x2 rib st (k2, p2).

## FINISHING AND WASHING

Weave in all ends discreetly and sew the holes under the arms together.

Fold the neckband down on itself and sew it to the inside of the sweater without tightening the neckline.

Wash the sweater using a good quality wool soap by hand or in the washing machine at max. 30 degrees on a wool cycle and with no more than 400 revolutions.

Stretch the sweater into shape and optionally you can steam the dry, finished work, so the final project will be nice and even.

Congratulations on your new Snow Crystal Sweater!

**Enjoy!**

**Love,**  
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