

## METSÄ SWEATER

**Design:** Lankava, Lee Esselström.

**Sizes:** XS/S - M/L - XL/2XL - 3XL/4XL.

**Finished measurements:** Bust circumference 94-113-132-150 cm. Sleeve length from underarm, women (men) 46-48-50-52 (48-50-52-54) cm.

**Yarn:** Lankava Villava Wool Yarn 3-ply (100 % Finnish wool, 100 g = 180 m), 400-500-600-700 g grey 3 (beige 6) and 100-200-200-200 g natural white 1 (dark grey 4).

**Needles:** Circular needles 3.5 mm and 4.5 mm, 40 cm and 80 cm (100 cm for larger sizes) and double-pointed needles, or size to obtain gauge.

**Notions:** 4 stitch markers.

**Rib Stitch Pattern:** Work in the round repeating (K1, P1).

**Colorwork:** Work in the round following the chart. Catch floats of more than 4 sts twisting yarns around each other at the wrong side.

**Stockinette Stitch:** Working in the round: K all sts. Working flat in rows: K all sts on RS and P all sts on WS.

**Gauge:** 17 sts and 22 rnds = 10 cm over Stockinette Stitch using 4.5 mm needles. Work a swatch and change the needle size, if needed, to obtain the correct gauge.

**Abbreviations:** **BOR** = beginning of round, **CO** = cast on, **DPN(s)** = double-pointed needle(s), **DS** = double stitch, **K** = knit, **K2tog** = knit 2 sts together, **M** = stitch marker, **MDS** = make a double stitch (slip 1 stitch as if to purl, bring yarn up and over the needle to the back and tug to reveal both legs of a stitch = double stitch), **M1** = knit the bar between 2 sts twisted, **P** = purl, **rd(s)** = round(s), **RS** = right side, **SKPO** = Slip 1, K1, pass the slipped st over the knit st, **SI** = slip, **st(s)** = stitch(es), **St St** = Stockinette Stitch, **tbl** = through back loop, **WS** = wrong side, **yo** = yarn over



**Instructions:** The body and sleeves are worked in the round from the bottom up until the underarms. The beginning of the round is at the left side 'seam' of the body. The body and sleeves are joined on the same circular needle for working the yoke. The yoke is worked in the round and the beginning of the round is at the junction of the back sts and left sleeve sts. Follow the pattern for the raglan decreases. Change to a shorter needle as the number of stitches decreases. Short rows worked flat at the back neck improve the fit of the upper body. If desired, you can skip working short rows, making the garment reversible.

**Body:** Using smaller circular needle and grey yarn, CO 152-184-216-248 sts. Work 4 cm in Rib St. Change to larger circular needle. Work 2 rnds in St St and on the first rnd increase 8 sts evenly = 160-192-224-256 sts. Next, work the colorwork section following the chart. Once you have finished the chart, work in St St using grey yarn until the body is 38-42-44-46 cm or your desired length. BO the first and last 5-6-7-8 sts for the first underarm. Leave the work on hold and work the sleeves.

**Sleeves:** Using smaller DPNs and grey yarn, CO 34-36-40-44 sts. Mark the BOR and move the marker as the work progresses. Work 4 cm in Rib St. Change to larger needles, begin working in St St and on the first rnd, increase 4 sts evenly = 38-40-44-48 sts. Continue working in St St and at the same time increase 2 sts as follows: K1, M1, K to end and M1. Repeat increases every 4-3.5-3-2.5 cm a total of 9-12-14-17 times = 56-64-72-82 sts. Once the sleeve is 46-48-50-52 (48-50-52-54) cm, BO the first and last 5-6-7-8 sts for the underarm = 46-52-58-66 sts. Work another sleeve to match.

**Yoke:** Transfer the body and sleeve sts onto the same larger circular needle as follows: Transfer the first 46-52-58-66 sleeve sts in place of the body underarm sts, K 70-84-98-112 front sts, BO next 10-12-14-16 sts for underarm and transfer the other 46-52-58-66 sleeve sts in place of the underarm sts, and finally, K 70-84-98-112 back sts = 232-272-312-356 sts.

K one rnd and at the same time place markers for the first and last sts of the front and back = 4 stitch markers. From here on, P all marked sts and start working raglan decreases on each side of them, as follows: \*SKPO, K to last 2 sts before next M, K2tog, P1\*, repeat \*-\* to end of rnd = 8 sts decreased. Repeat these decreases on every 3rd rnd 3-4-4-5 times and then every 2nd rnd until you have 88-96-112-124 sts on needle. Next, start working German Short rows working flat in rows. If you want to skip the short rows, jump to work the neckline ribbing.

**Row 1 (RS):** K to M on the left front and then K9-11-14-16, turn work.

**2. krs (WS):** MDS, P to M on the right front and P9-11-14-16, turn work.

**3. krs (RS):** MDS, K to M on the left front shoulder, turn work.

**4. krs (WS):** MDS, P to M on the right front shoulder, turn work.

**5. krs (RS):** MDS, K to M on the left back shoulder, turn work.

**6. krs (WS):** MDS, P to M on the right back shoulder, turn work.

**7. krs (RS):** MDS, K to BOR. K one rnd and at the same time K all DS legs together as K2tog = 88-96-112-124 sts. Change to smaller needle and work 3 cm in Rib St. BO using a stretchy bind-off method.

**Finishing:** Sew the underarm seams and weave in ends. Gently steam block from the WS.

**Care instructions:** Air out woolen knits frequently. Hand wash if needed. Use a small amount of wool detergent and fabric softener for washing. Do not overuse them. Rinse thoroughly and gently squeeze out excess water. Do not wring or stretch the knit. Shape to its original measurements on a flat surface, on top of towels, and let dry.

