

“Swirl” Mock Turtleneck Tank

Design by Karen Boykin - “Yarn Is My Métier”



The "Swirl" Turtleneck pattern is a quick knit, sleeveless shell with simple eyelet detail forming a diamond pattern, and picot trim accenting the collar. The version pictured to the left was done using Blue Sky baby alpaca.

The pattern contains instructions for bust sizes small (34-36"), medium (38-40"), large (42-44"), 1X (46-48"). Specifics related to each size are represented as follows: S (M, L, 1X).

Materials:

- Yarn requirements are approximately 450 (510, 560, 620) yards most any DK or sport weight yarn will do for **stockinette gauge = 6 stitches per inch**
- Size 9 (US) knitting needles (straight or circular) for the body of the shell; Size 9 (US) 12" or 16" circular needles or dpns for the collar
- Crochet hook G8 (US) for crocheted edging around the armhole openings
- Stitch markers, stitch holder
- Tapestry needle
- Tape measure

Abbreviations:

K = knit

P = purl

RS = Right side

WS = Wrong side

S = Slip stitch

YO = Yarn over

PM = Place stitch marker

K2tog = Knit 2 stitches together (right-slanting decrease)

K2togtbl = Knit 2 stitches together through back loop (left-slanting decrease)

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Eyelet pattern:



Row 1

K12, YO, K2tog, [K10, YO, K2tog] 5 (6, 7, 9) times. Knit remainder of row.

Rows 2 (and all WS rows)

K1, purl until last stitch, then K1.

Rows 3 – 6

Knit stockinette stitch, knitting odd rows, purling even rows, but maintaining the K1 selvedge at the beginning and end of each purl row.

Row 7

K6, [YO, K2togtbl, K10] 6 (7, 8, 9) times.

Row 8, same as Row 2

Rows 9-12, same as Rows 3-6.

Chart symbols

⤵○ = YO, K2tog

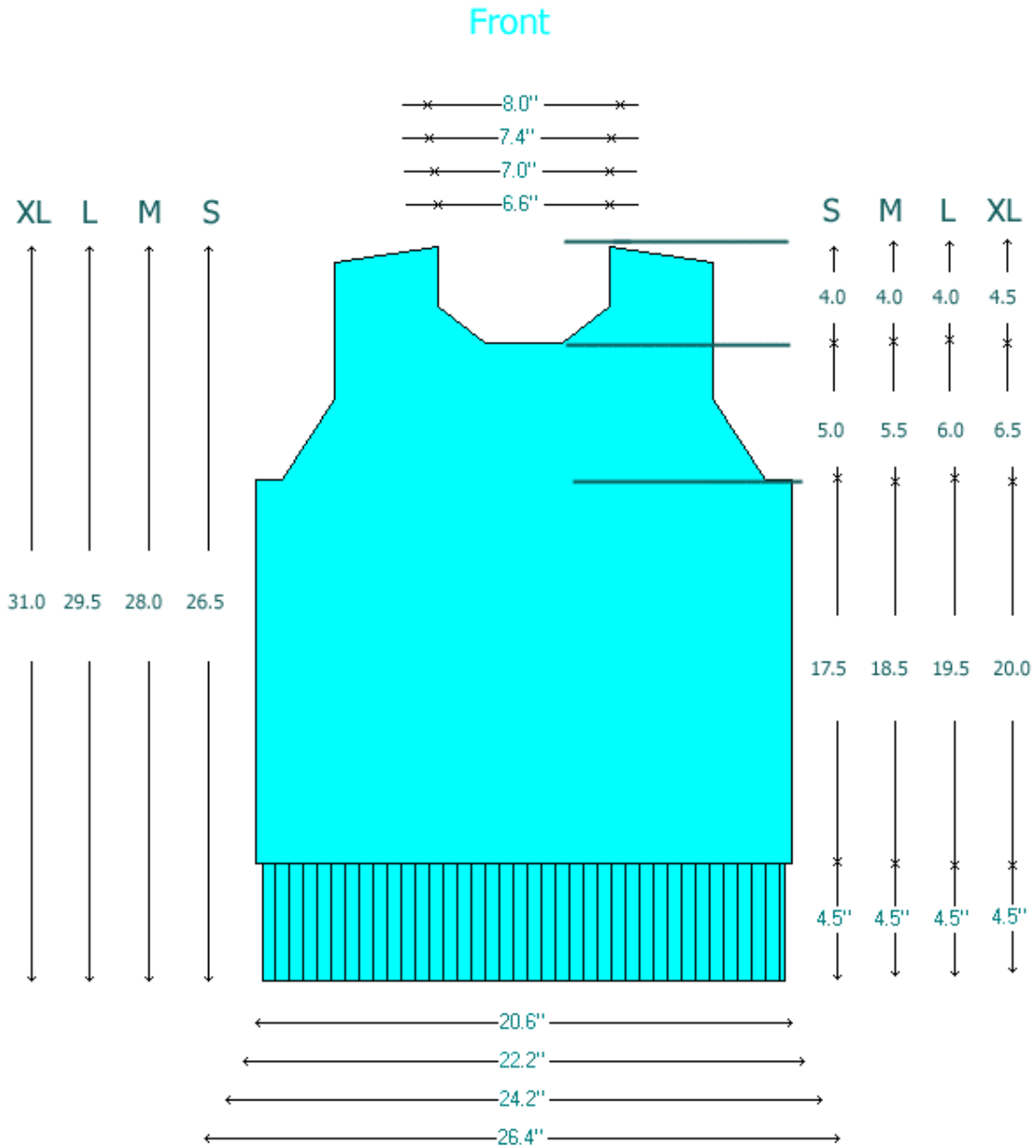
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Front:

Cast on 68 (80, 92, 104) stitches, leaving a long tail for seaming during the "Finishing" step.

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Rows 1 and 2

K1, *K3, P3* rib, repeating * to * until end of row, then K1.

Continue in established K3, P3 pattern until bottom ribbing measures 4.5 inches, and ending on WS row.

Turn work to begin the **Eyelet Pattern**, which is a multiple of 6 stitches plus one selvedge stitch. Continue in eyelet pattern until front piece measures 17.5 (18.5, 19.5, 20) inches from bottom edge, ending on WS row.

Shape armholes

Note: This section requires decreases, which will mean you may lose some of the eyelet repeats near the edges in the armhole bind-off process. You should, however, maintain the pattern where possible until the next step of shaping the front neck.

Row 1

K2tog twice, then knit row (including any eyelet pattern) until four stitches remain. K2togtbl twice.

Row 2

K1, P until last stitch, K1.

Row 3

Decrease one stitch at each edge row using K2tog / K2togtbl at the beginning / end of every other row 2 (2, 3, 3) more times.

Work remainder of front in eyelet pattern until piece measures 22.5 (24, 25.5, 26.5) inches, ending on WS row.

Shape neck

K 27 (32, 38, 42) stitches, bind off 6 (8, 8, 10) stitches, and then transfer the first set of stitches prior to the bind off to a stitch holder. These will become the stitches that form the left front.

Right front

Purl WS row stitches.

On RS row, K2togtbl first two stitches at neck edge then continue in eyelet pattern for remaining stitches in row.

Repeat right side bind off 2 (2, 3, 3) more times.

End eyelet pattern, if desired, and knit St stitch until center neck to shoulder measures 4 (4, 4, 4.5) inches.

Bind off remaining stitches, leaving long tail for seaming shoulder.

Piece should measure 26.5 (28, 29.5, 31) inches from bottom to shoulder bind off.

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Left front

Return stitches from stitch holder to needles and attach ball of yarn at neck edge on WS of work.

Purl WS row stitches.

On RS row, continue in eyelet pattern until 2 stitches remain at neck edge, then K2tog.

Repeat right side bind off 2 (2, 3, 3) more times.

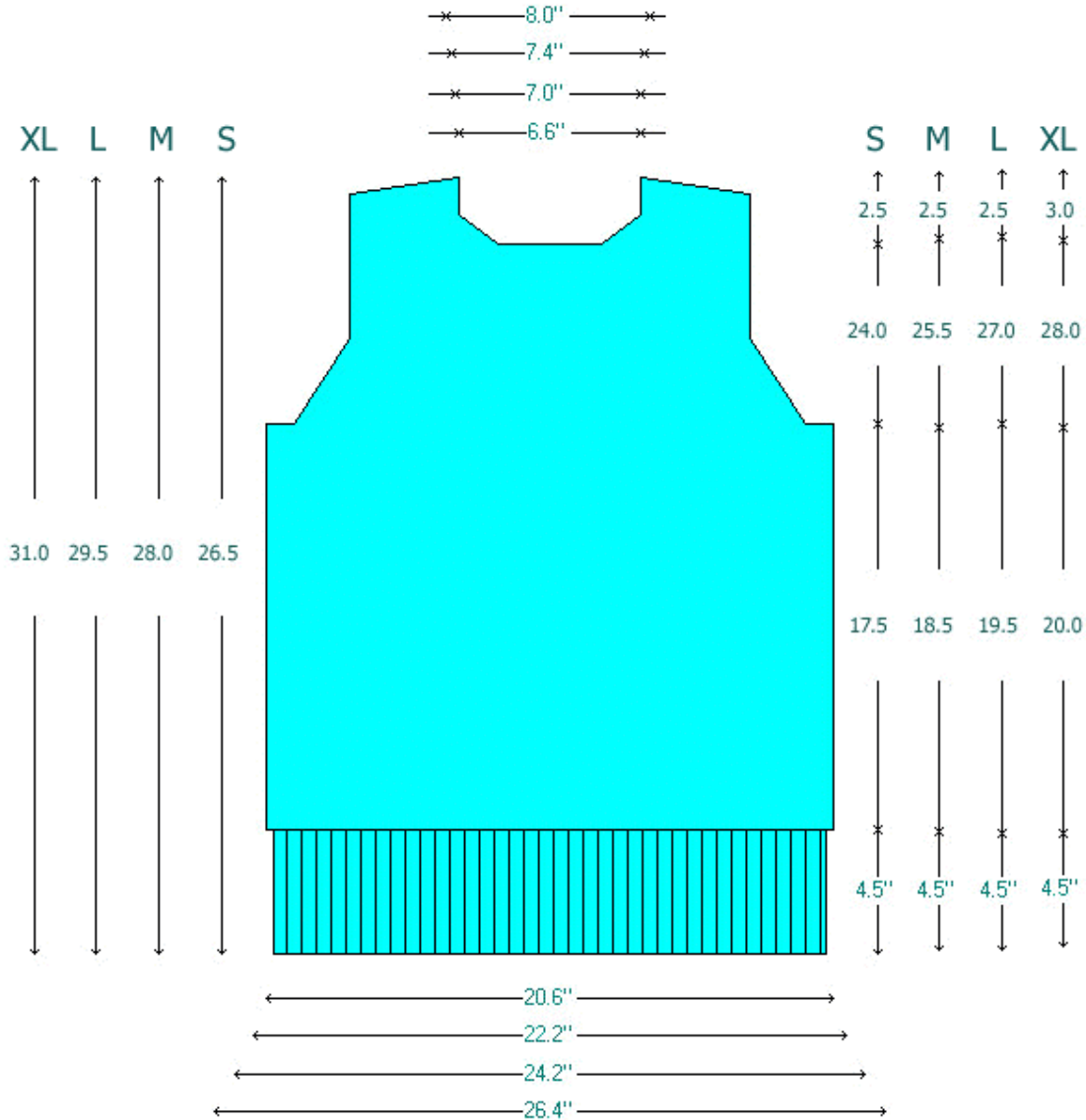
End eyelet pattern, if desired, and knit St stitch until center neck to shoulder measures 4 (4, 4, 4.5) inches.

Bind off remaining stitches, leaving long tail for seaming shoulder. Piece should measure 26.5 (28, 29.5, 31) inches from bottom to shoulder bind off.

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Back



Back:

Note: The back of the sweater is done using stockinette stitch and K3, P3 ribbing only.

Cast on 68 (80, 92, 104) stitches, leaving a long tail for seaming during the "Finishing" step.

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K1, *K3, P3* rib, repeating * to * until end of row, then K1.

Continue in established K3, P3 pattern until bottom ribbing measures 4.5 inches, ending on WS row.

Knit St stitch until piece measures 17.5 (18.5, 19.5, 20) inches.

Shape back armholes

Row 1

K2tog twice, then knit row until four stitches remain. K2togtbl twice.

Row 2

K1, P until last stitch, K1.

Row 3

Decrease one stitch at each edge row using K2tog / K2togtbl at the beginning and end of every other row 2 (2, 3, 3) more times.

Work remainder in St stitch until piece measures 24 (25.5, 27, 28) inches, ending on WS row.

Shape back neck

K 27 (32, 38, 42) stitches, bind off 6 (8, 8, 10) stitches, and then transfer the first set of stitches prior to the bind off to a stitch holder. These will become the stitches that form the right back.

Left back

K2togtbl at neck edge, then K remainder of row.

Purl WS row.

Repeat back left bind off every other row at neck edge, knitting St stitch until center neck to shoulder measures 2.5 (2.5, 2.5, 3) inches.

Bind off remaining left side stitches. Piece should measure 26.5 (28, 29.5, 31) inches from bottom edge.

Right back

Return stitches from holder to needle and attach yarn on RS at armhole edge.

K row until 2 stitches remain, then K2tog at neck edge.

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Purl WS row.

Repeat back right back bind off every other row at neck edge, knitting St stitch until center neck to shoulder measures 2.5 (2.5, 2.5, 3) inches.

Bind off remaining right side stitches. Piece should measure 26.5 (28, 29.5, 31) inches from bottom edge.

Finishing:



Seaming

Lightly steam block front and back, then sew shoulder and side seams together.

Sleeve Edging

Attach yarn, and using the crochet hook, create a single crochet stitch edge around both the armholes and the neck for a finished-looking edge.

Turtleneck

Using the 12 – 16” circular or dpns, pick up 53 (57, 61, 65) stitches around the neck edge. PM at the beginning of the round, usually at one of the shoulder seams.

Working in the round, **K3, P3** for 5 rounds.

Now, decrease neck circumference slightly. At the first “K3” of rounds 6, 7 and 8, K2tog, then continue the remainder of the round in the established pattern.

At start of round 9 (the last round), begin picot trim.

Note: The odd number of stitches should result in a one-stitch shift of the ribbing on subsequent rows. The ribbing is more textural than functional and should not look like traditional ribbing, but should instead have the look of a swirling motion (see above).

Picot trim

Bind off 2 stitches. *Slip stitch onto left needle and, using cable cast on, add 3 stitches, then bind off 5 stitches*. Repeat * to * to end of edging round.

Fasten off yarn and weave in ends. Cover fabric and steam seams lightly so they lie flat.

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