



Minimalist funnel neck

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This sweater solves my knitting Catch-22: I don't buy sweaters because this depletes perfectly legitimate yarn resources, and I don't knit anything ordinary, because why would I want to spend that much time on something that is not fabulous? This means that I never have a plain black cardigan or pullover. This funnel neck pullover solves this paradox, by being a wardrobe basic,

while incorporating great yarn and sufficient knitting interest to keep mine.

This sweater is close fitting and an exercise in three dimensional knitting. The whole sweater is knit in one piece from the neck down. I confess one of my parameters was that I wanted a project I could work on without looking, and after the yoke shaping this can be done. The final product is something I would make in more colours and with differing length sleeves and textures, but I am already onto my next eccentric project.

Difficulty

intermediate

Size

Finished bust 32 [36, 40, 44] inches (80 [90, 100, 110] cm), shown in size 36 inches (90cm)

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Materials

4 (4, 5, 6) skeins Rowan Yorkshire Tweed Aran (100% wool; 175 yd [160m] per 100g), colour#415 Maze

set of US 9 (5.5mm) double-point needles

16" (40cm) US 9 (5.5mm) circular needle

29" (74cm) US 9 (5.5 mm) circular needle

Two kinds of stitch markers

Tapestry needle

Gauge

15 sts and 20 rows = 4" (10cm) in k1, p1 rib, slightly stretched

Abbreviations

See <http://www.yarnstandards.com/knit.html>

Pattern

Funnel neck

With dpn loosely CO 44 (48, 56, 60), pm for beginning of rnd and join, taking care not to twist stitches. (K1, p1) around. Work as established for 3" (7cm), switch to 16" (40cm) circular needle.

Yoke shaping

Work 9 (11, 15, 15) sts for back, pm (first kind); work 5 sts, pm (second kind); work 3 (3, 3, 5) sts for left shoulder, pm (second kind); work 5 sts, pm (first kind); work 9 (11, 15, 15) sts for front, pm (first kind); work 5 sts, pm; work 3 (3, 3, 5) sts for right shoulder, pm (second kind); work 5 sts, pm.

Note: the first set of markers marks the beginning and the end of the front and back sections, the second set of markers marks the beginning and the end of the sleeve/shoulder sections. The 5 sts between the two kinds of markers are the stitches worked between the shaping for the body and the sleeves. All increases will be worked within the same set of markers, the 5 sts do not increase or decrease. Maintain the k1, p1 rib as set on front and back and sleeves, working increased

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stitches into pattern. Continue the 5 sts between the different markers as set. Switch to longer circular needle when the number of stitches requires it.

Row 1: (All sizes) Inc 1, work in pattern to first marker, inc 1, sm, work to next marker, sm, inc 1, work to marker, inc 1, sm, work to marker, sm, inc 1, work to marker, inc 1, sm, work to marker, sm, inc 1, work to marker, inc 1, sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 2: Work even.

Row 3: Inc 1, work to first marker, inc 1, sm, work to next marker, sm, inc0(0,0,1), work to marker, inc0(0,0,1), sm, work to marker, sm, inc 1, work to marker, inc 1, sm, work to marker, sm, inc0(0,0,1), work to marker, inc0(0,0,1), sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 4: Work to first marker, sm, work to next marker, sm, inc 1(1,1,0), work to marker, inc 1(1,1,0), sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, inc 1(1,1,0), work to marker, inc 1(1,1,0), sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 5: Inc 1, work to first marker, inc 1, sm, work to next marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, inc 1, work to marker, inc 1, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 6: Work to first marker, sm, work to next marker, sm, inc 1, work to marker, inc 1, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, inc 1, work to marker, inc 1, sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 7: Inc 1, work to first marker, inc 1, sm, work to next marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, inc 1, work to marker, inc 1, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 8: Work to first marker, sm, work to next marker, sm, inc0(0,0,1), work to marker, inc0(0,0,1), sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, inc0(0,0,1), work to marker, inc0(0,0,1), sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 9: Inc 1, work to first marker, inc 1, sm, work to next marker, sm, inc 1(1,1,0), work to marker, inc 1(1,1,0), sm, work to marker, sm, inc 1, work to marker, inc 1, sm, work to marker, sm, inc 1(1,1,0), work to marker, inc 1(1,1,0), sm, work to marker, sm.

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Row 11: Inc 1(1,1,0), work to first marker, inc 1(1,1,0), sm, work to next marker, sm, inc 1, work to marker, inc 1, sm, work to marker, sm, inc 1(1,1,0), work to marker, inc 1(1,1,0), sm, work to marker, sm, inc 1, work to marker, inc 1, sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 12: Inc0(0,0,1), work to first marker, inc0(0,0,1), sm, work to next marker, sm, work

to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, inc0(0,0,1), work to marker, inc0(0,0,1), sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 13: Inc1(1,1,0), work to first marker, inc1(1,1,0), sm, work to next marker, sm, inc0(0,0,1), work to marker, inc0(0,0,1), sm, work to marker, sm, inc1(1,1,0), work to marker, inc1(1,1,0), sm, work to marker, sm, inc0(0,0,1), work to marker, inc0(0,0,1), sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 14: Inc0(0,0,1), work to first marker, inc0(0,0,1), sm, work to next marker, sm, inc1(1,1,0), work to marker, inc1(1,1,0), sm, work to marker, sm, inc0(0,0,1), work to marker, inc0(0,0,1), sm, work to marker, sm, inc1(1,1,0), work to marker, inc1(1,1,0), sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 15: Inc1(1,1,0), work to first marker, inc1(1,1,0), sm, work to next marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, inc1(1,1,0), work to marker, inc1(1,1,0), sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 16: Inc0(0,0,1), work to first marker, inc0(0,0,1), sm, work to next marker, sm, inc1, work to marker, inc1, sm, work to marker, sm, inc0(0,0,1), work to marker, inc0(0,0,1), sm, work to marker, sm, inc1, work to marker, inc1, sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 17: Inc1(1,1,0), work to first marker, inc1(1,1,0), sm, work to next marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, inc1(1,1,0), work to marker, inc1(1,1,0), sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 18: Inc0(0,0,1), work to first marker, inc0(0,0,1), sm, work to next marker, sm, inc0(0,0,1), work to marker, inc0(0,0,1), sm, work to marker, sm, inc0(0,0,1), work to marker, inc0(0,0,1), sm, work to marker, sm, inc0(0,0,1), work to marker, inc0(0,0,1), sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 19: Inc1, work to first marker, inc1, sm, work to next marker, sm, inc1(1,1,0), work to marker, inc1(1,1,0), sm, work to marker, sm, inc1, work to marker, inc1, sm, work to marker, sm, inc1(1,1,0), work to marker, inc1(1,1,0), sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 20: Work even.

Row 21: Inc, work to first marker, inc, sm, work to next marker, sm, inc0(1,0,1), work to marker, inc0(1,0,1), sm, work to marker, sm, inc, work to marker, inc, sm, work to marker, sm, inc0(1,0,1), work to marker, inc0(1,0,1), sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 22: Work to first marker, sm, work to next marker, sm, inc1(0,1,0), work to marker, inc1(0,1,0), sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, inc1(0,1,0), work to marker, inc1(0,1,0), sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 23: Inc1, work to first marker, inc1, sm, work to next marker, sm, inc0(0,0,1), work

to marker, inc0(0,0,1), sm, work to marker, sm, inc 1, work to marker, inc 1, sm, work to marker, sm, inc0(0,0,1), work to marker, inc0(0,0,1), sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 24: Work to first marker, sm, work to next marker, sm, inc0(1,0,0), work to marker, inc0(1,0,0), sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, inc0(1,0,0), work to marker, inc0(1,0,0), sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 25: Inc 1, work to first marker, inc 1, sm, work to next marker, sm, inc0(0,1,0), work to marker, inc0(0,1,0), sm, work to marker, sm, inc 1, work to marker, inc 1, sm, work to marker, sm, inc0(0,1,0), work to marker, inc0(0,1,0), sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 26: Work to first marker, sm, work to next marker, sm, inc 1(1,0,1), work to marker, inc 1(1,0,1), sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, inc 1(1,0,1), work to marker, inc 1(1,0,1), sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 27: Inc 1, work to first marker, inc 1, sm, work to next marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, inc 1, work to marker, inc 1, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 28: Inc0(0,0,1), work to first marker, inc0(0,0,1), sm, work to next marker, sm, inc0(0,1,1), work to marker, inc0(0,1,1), sm, work to marker, sm, inc0(0,0,1), work to marker, inc0(0,0,1), sm, work to marker, sm, inc0(0,1,1), work to marker, inc0(0,1,1), sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 29: Inc 1(1,1,0), work to first marker, inc 1(1,1,0), sm, work to next marker, sm, inc 1(1,0,0), work to marker, inc 1(1,0,0), sm, work to marker, sm, inc 1(1,1,0), work to marker, inc 1(1,1,0), sm, work to marker, sm, inc 1(1,0,0), work to marker, inc 1(1,0,0), sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 30: Inc0(0,0,1), work to first marker, inc0(0,0,1), sm, work to next marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, inc0(0,0,1), work to marker, inc0(0,0,1), sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 31: Inc 1(1,1,0), work to first marker, inc 1(1,1,0), sm, work to next marker, sm, inc0(0,1,1), work to marker, inc0(0,1,1), sm, work to marker, sm, inc 1(1,1,0), work to marker, inc 1(1,1,0), sm, work to marker, sm, inc0(0,1,1), work to marker, inc0(0,1,1), sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 32: Inc0(0,0,1), work to first marker, inc0(0,0,1), sm, work to next marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, inc0(0,0,1), work to marker, inc0(0,0,1), sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 33: Inc 1(1,1,0), work to first marker, inc 1(1,1,0), sm, work to next marker, sm, inc 1(1,0,1), work to marker, inc 1(1,0,1), sm, work to marker, sm, inc 1(1,1,0), work to

marker, inc 1 (1, 1, 0), sm, work to marker, sm, inc 1 (1, 0, 1), work to marker, inc 1 (1, 0, 1), sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 34: Inc 0 (0, 0, 1), work to first marker, inc 0 (0, 0, 1), sm, work to next marker, sm, inc 0 (0, 1, 0), work to marker, inc 0 (0, 1, 0), sm, work to marker, sm, inc 0 (0, 0, 1), work to marker, inc 0 (0, 0, 1), sm, work to marker, sm, inc 0 (0, 1, 0), work to marker, inc 0 (0, 1, 0), sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 35: Inc 1 (1, 1, 0), work to first marker, inc 1 (1, 1, 0), sm, work to next marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, inc 1 (1, 1, 0), work to marker, inc 1 (1, 1, 0), sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 36: Inc 0 (0, 0, 1), work to first marker, inc 0 (0, 0, 1), sm, work to next marker, sm, inc 1 (1, 0, 1), work to marker, inc 1 (1, 0, 1), sm, work to marker, sm, inc 0 (0, 0, 1), work to marker, inc 0 (0, 0, 1), sm, work to marker, sm, inc 1 (1, 0, 1), work to marker, inc 1 (1, 0, 1), sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 37: Inc 1, work to first marker, inc 1, sm, work to next marker, sm, inc 0 (0, 1, 0), work to marker, inc 0 (0, 1, 0), sm, work to marker, sm, inc 1, work to marker, inc 1, sm, work to marker, sm, inc 0 (0, 1, 0), work to marker, inc 0 (0, 1, 0), sm, work to marker, sm

Row 38: Work even.

Row 39: Inc 1, work to first marker, inc 1, sm, work to next marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, inc 1, work to marker, inc 1, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 40: Work to first marker, sm, work to next marker, sm, inc 1, work to marker, inc 1, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, inc 1, work to marker, inc 1, sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 41: Inc 0 (1, 1, 1), work to first marker, inc 0 (1, 1, 1), sm, work to next marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, inc 0 (1, 1, 1), work to marker, inc 0 (1, 1, 1), sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 42: (m, l, xl only) Work even.

Row 43: (m, l, xl only) Inc 1, work in pattern to first marker, inc 1, sm, work to next marker, sm, inc 1, work to marker, inc 1, sm, work to marker, sm, inc 1, work to marker, inc 1, sm, work to marker, sm, inc 1, work to marker, inc 1, sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 44: (l, xl only) Work even.

Row 45: (l, xl only) Inc 0 (1), work in pattern to first marker, inc 0 (1), sm, work to next marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, inc 0 (1), work to marker, inc 0 (1), sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm, work to marker, sm.

Row 46: (xl only) Work even.

Row 47: (xl only) Inc 1, work in pattern to first marker, inc 1, sm, work to next marker, sm, inc 1, work to marker, inc 1, sm, work to marker, inc 1, sm, work to marker, inc 1, sm, work to marker, inc 1, sm, work to marker, sm.

180 (200, 208, 236) sts.

Body

Removing all markers except the one marking beginning of round, work 3 sts, place foll 35 (39, 39, 45) sts on waste yarn for left sleeve, CO 5 (5, 7, 7) sts, work foll 55 (61, 65, 73) sts, place foll 35 (39, 39, 45) sts on waste yarn for right sleeve, CO 5 (5, 7, 7) sts, work the remaining 55 (61, 65, 73) sts in pattern.

Work body straight in pattern for 15 (15.5, 15.5, 16)" (38 [39, 39, 40]cm) (or preferred length), cast off. (Before you cast off, you can put the live stitches for the sleeves on long circular needles or waste yarn and try on the sweater for length.)

Sleeves

Put the live sts for the sleeve on the dpn. Pick up and knit 5 (5, 7, 7) sts from CO edge. Work in pattern for 6 (6.5, 6.5, 7)" (15 [16, 16, 17]cm) (or preferred length), cast off.

Finishing

Weave in loose ends.

About the designer

These days Sarah is knitting and working on the Prairies. She continues to have trouble squeezing everything she wants to do into life and wants to get in shape/learn French/write that novel/become an excellent cook/travel the world/etc., but strangely enough the knitting always seems to get done.



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