

Briggs Little



Girlicious

A sweet little sweater with flattering lines and a comfortable, stylish fit for everybody. Even a beginner will enjoy making Girlicious! The stitches are simple and you can try it on as you knit, to get the perfect look for you. It's worked on circular needles, beginning at the neck and working downwards, with absolutely no sewing. When you're done knitting, you're done!

SIZE Finished Measurements
 S,M,L,XL: 37(39,41,47) inches
 Length from Centre Back Neck to cast off: 18(20,20.5,24) inches
 Length of Front Panel to waist: 10(12,12,14) inches

MATERIALS
 3(3, 3, 3) skeins Softspun by Briggs & Little, 2ply 219m per skein. Adding length will require more yarn.
 1 x 4 mm circular needle 40 cm (16") long
 1 x 5 mm circular needle 60 cm (24") long
 1 x 5 mm circular needle 80 cm (32") long
 5 x 5 mm double pointed needles
 ring markers
 waste yarn, for stitch holders



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GAUGE

16.5 sts x 25.5 rows = 10 cm (4"), after blocking

ABBREVIATIONS

M1 (make 1), by picking up a loop between the st last worked and the next st and knitting into the back of it.
 Pm, Place marker
 Sm, Slip marker

TIPS

When dividing for Sleeves, use a generous length of waste yarn as a stitch holder. Its flexibility makes trying on easier.

If cap sleeves seem tight when tried on, a few extra underarm stitches can be added without affecting the pattern.

Try sweater on by putting all sts on waste yarn, before you begin the final garter stitch band, to be sure you have the most flattering length.

METHOD

All instructions are for size S. Sizes M,L,XL follow in (). If only one number appears, it applies to all sizes.

Using the "knitted-on" method for neatness, with 4 mm circular needle, cast on 96(96,108,108) sts. Join in a circle, being careful not to twist. Mark beginning of round, at Centre Back.

Work in K3P1 rib for 4 rounds.

Purl 1 rnd.

Change to 5mm x 60cm circular needle, and work as follows.

Set-up Round:

K18(18,20,20) for Back, pm, K1, pm, K10(10,12,12) for Right Sleeve, pm, K1, pm, K16(16,18,18) for Right Front, P5 for Centre Panel, K15(15,17,17) for Left Front, pm, K1, pm, K10(13,12,12) for Left Sleeve, pm, K1, pm, K18(18,20,20) for Back.

Begin Shaping:

Changing to 5mm x 80 cm needle when work becomes tight, work Increase Rounds 1 and 2 ONLY, as follows, 9(10,17,18) times.

Increase Round 1.

[Knit until 1 st remains before marker, M1, K1, slip marker, K1, sm, K1, M1], repeat 1x, knit to Centre Panel, P5, repeat | to | 2x, knit to end of round. (8 sts increased)

Increase Round 2:

Knit, slipping all markers, to Centre Panel, P5, Knit, slipping all markers, to end of round.

Increase Round 3:

As Increase Round 2.

Size S only:

Work Increase Rounds 1-3, 5x.

Work Increase Round 1, 1x. (216 sts)

Size M only:

Work Increase Round 1-3, 2x.

Work Increase Round 1, 1x. (228 sts)

Size L only:

Work Increase Round 1x1. (252 sts)

Size XL only:

Work Increase Round 1x8. (284 sts)

Stitch Count BETWEEN THE MARKERS will be as follows:

Size S:

Back 33, Sleeve 40, Front 66, Sleeve 40, Back 33.

Size M:

Back 36, Sleeve 42, Front 68, Sleeve 42, Back 36.

Size L:

Back: 38, Sleeve 48, Front 76, Sleeve 48, Back 38.

Size XL:

Back 44, Sleeve 56, Front 84, Sleeve 56, Back 44.

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Divide for Sleeves and Body (all sizes):

K to first marker, remove marker, K1, [remove marker, put all sts up to next marker on a holder for Sleeve, remove marker, cast on 9 sts for underarm, K1, remove marker], K to Centre Panel, P5, K to next marker, remove marker, K1, repeat [to], K to end of round.

Next Round (all sizes): K to cast on sts, K all cast on sts, K to Centre Panel, P5, K to cast on sts, K all cast on sts, K to end of round.

Repeat the last round until work measures 15cm (6") from underarm cast on, or until the sweater, when tried on, falls 5cm (1") below natural bustline, or desired length.

All sizes: Purl 1 round.

All sizes: Knit to Centre Panel, P5, K to end of round.

Begin Front Gore Shaping (all sizes)

Round 1 (Increase Round): K until 1 st remains before Centre Panel, M1, K1, P5, K1, M1, K to end of round.

Round 2-4: K to Centre Panel, P5, K to end of round.

Repeat Rounds 1- 4 x3.

Divide Back (all sizes)

Next Row: K to Centre Panel without increasing, P5, K to end of round. Remove marker. TURN work so that wrong side is now facing. The Centre Back is now the new beginning of the round and you now begin working back and forth on the needle.

Row 2 (wrong side):K2, P to Centre Panel, K5, P to last 2 sts, K2. TURN.

Row 3: (right side)K to Centre Panel, P5, K to end of row.

Row 4: Work as Row 2.

Row 5: Work as Round 1 (Increase Round).

Row 6: As Row 2.

Row 7: As Row 3.

Row 8: As Row 2.

Repeat these 8 rows until work measures 8(8.5,10) inches from purl round, or desired length after trying on, ending with Row 8.

Knit 3 rows.

Cast off.

Sleeve Trim

Transfer sleeve sts from holder to double pointed needles.

Beginning at the centre of the underarm, pick up and knit 5 sts, K sleeve sts, pick up and knit 5 sts from underarm. Mark beginning of round.

K 1 round, decreasing to create a multiple of 4, if necessary.

Purl 1 round.

Work 3 rounds in K3 P1 rib. Cast off.

FINISHING

Press lightly using steam and a damp cloth.

Attach buttons.



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