

City slicker

PONCHO WITH WRISTWARMERS

TENSION

14 stitches and 20 rows in stocking stitch on 6mm (UK4/US10) needles = 10cm (4in) square.

STITCHES

Stocking stitch | In rounds knit all stitches.

Ribbed border | Knit 1 purl 1 alternately.

Zigzag pattern | Work the zigzag pattern from the chart over 16 stitches. The figures to the right of the chart refer to the pattern rounds. On the even-numbered rounds in between, knit all stitches. Keep repeating rounds 1–28.

FOR THE PONCHO

The poncho is knitted in one piece in rounds from the top down. It starts at the roll collar with a ribbed border and finishes at the hem, also with a small ribbed border. The rounds start between the left arm and the back. Mark the beginning of the round with a stitch marker or safety pin. When you reach the appropriate number of stitches, change to the next-longest needle.

Roll collar | With the set of double-pointed needles, cast on 76 stitches and work 15cm (6in) in knit 1 purl 1 rib. In the next round, change to stocking stitch and increase 14 stitches, evenly distributed (90 stitches).

Divide the stitches | Divide the stitches into four areas: 29 stitches for the back, 16 stitches for the right arm, 29 stitches for the front and 16 stitches for the left arm.

To make it easier to keep track, mark the four areas with stitch markers.

Work the zigzag pattern according to the chart on page 31, over the centre 16 stitches of the front.



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One size

Style: generous but not full

MATERIALS

- 600g Trendsetter Yarns Merino 12 (124m/100g; 100% merino wool) in light pearl for the poncho and 124m for the wrist-warmers
- 6mm (UK4/US10) circular needles, 60 and 80cm (24 and 32in) long
- Set of 6mm (UK4/US10) double-pointed needles
- Stitch markers or safety pins
- Stitch holders or cable needles



Increases | After two rounds, begin increasing. Work the increases with a yarn over before and after each of the 16 sleeve stitches. Increase 4 stitches per round, 5 times in successive rounds ($90 + 20 = 110$ stitches) and 8 times in every other round ($110 + 32 = 142$ stitches). Then increase 5 times in every 5th round, so that when you reach the arm openings, there are 162 stitches in total on the needle.

Arm openings | When work measures 45cm (17 $\frac{3}{4}$ in), start the arm openings. At this point you will have 65 stitches for the back, 16 stitches for the right arm, 65 stitches for the front and 16 stitches for the left arm.

The arm openings will be positioned on either side of the centre 51 stitches of the front, with 7 stitches to the right and left of them. Work one more round without any increases, ending this round at 7 stitches before the end of the front section, ready to start the arm openings.

Work in rows, starting at the left arm opening with a right-side row: Knit 7 stitches to the right of the opening, 16 stitches of the left sleeve, 65 stitches across the back, 16 stitches of the right sleeve and 7 stitches to the left of the other opening.

Turn and work the wrong-side row.

Slip the centre front 51 stitches onto a holder. Work 25cm (10in), remembering to increase either side of the sleeves as before, and continue increasing in every 5th row (another 10×4 stitches = 40 stitches; total stitch count = 202). Slip the stitches onto a spare needle and work 25cm (10in) on the 51 stitches between the openings, including the zigzag pattern.

Now return all the stitches to the circular needle and work in rounds. Continue without further increasing until the work measures 70cm (27 $\frac{1}{2}$ in).

Bottom border | Work 10cm (4in) in rib, then cast off all stitches loosely.

Arm opening borders | With the circular needle, pick up 45 stitches along one edge of the opening and work 2cm ($\frac{3}{4}$ in) in rib, starting and ending with a knit stitch. Cast off all stitches. Work the other 3 borders in the same way.

Sew the narrow edges of the borders to the fronts, with the top layer pointing towards the side and the lower layer towards the centre of the garment.

Finishing | Darn in all the ends.

FOR THE WRIST-WARMERS

On the set of 6mm double-pointed needles, cast on 28 stitches and distribute evenly between the needles. Work 5cm (2in) in knit 1 purl 1 rib. For the thumb opening, change to working in rows. Knit into the front and back of the last stitch of the last needle, so that the rows begin and end with a knit stitch.

Work 6cm (2 $\frac{3}{8}$ in) (total length 11cm (4 $\frac{3}{8}$ in)), then cast off the extra stitch and change back to working in rounds.

When work measures 22cm (8 $\frac{3}{4}$ in) and again at 28cm (11 $\frac{1}{4}$ in), increase by working make 1 in the strands before and after the 6th stitch for the right wrist-warmer and before and after the 22nd stitch for the left wrist-warmer (32 stitches).

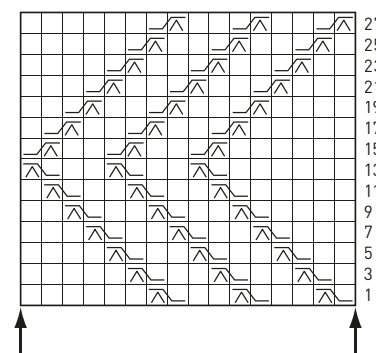
When work measures 34cm (13 $\frac{3}{8}$ in), cast off all stitches loosely and sew in the ends.

Chart and pattern




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CHART

Zigzag pattern



Key:

-  = Knit 1
-  = Twist 2 right: slip 1 stitch onto a cable needle and hold at back of work, slip the next stitch purlwise with the yarn behind the stitch, then knit the stitch from the cable needle.
-  = Twist 2 left: slip 1 stitch onto a cable needle and hold at front of work, knit the next stitch, then slip the stitch from the cable needle purlwise with the yarn behind the stitch.

PATTERN DIAGRAM

Measurements in cm (in)

