



# Arbor

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## Pattern to fit bust sizes:

XS (S, M, L, XL, 1X, 2X)

28-30" (31-33", 34-36", 38-40", 42-44", 45-47", 48-50")

A note about sizing: Pattern is designed with 5-7 inches of negative ease in the bust for a close fit. Bust sizes on the smaller end (28") of a size range will have a slightly looser fit than those on the higher end (30").

**Gauge:** 6 sts & 8 rows per inch in lace pattern

**Needles:** 2 - US size 3 (3.25mm) circular needles, or one circular needle and one set of DPNs. Smaller sizes can use a 16" length circular, larger sizes will want a 24" or 29" needle—whatever is most comfortable for you!

**Notions:** Cable needle, tapestry needle, waist yarn or extra cable for holding stitches.

## Yarn:

*The original design is in Knit Picks Andean Treasure (sport weight, 100% baby alpaca), however I do not recommend this yarn, as it stretches without springing back into shape, and thus grows too much for a close fit. I recommend a wool or wool blend yarn instead. The yarn ball requirements below are for Andean Treasure, which is 110 yards/ball. Don't worry about it if your sport weight yarn is slightly less than that, as I tried to be generous with my yarn estimations.*

Sport weight wool or wool blend yarn, approx. 110 yards/50 gram ball.

5 (6, 6, 7, 8, 8, 9) balls.

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## Yoke:

Using #3 circular needle, cast on 160 (192, 208, 240, 256, 272, 304) sts using the provisional method. Place markers every 16 stitches as you cast on. Join, being careful not to twist sts. This is the start of the round, located at the mid back. Identify it with a contrasting marker.

Work in starting chart pattern. This chart will have you increase to the normal chart repeat of 20 stitches over the course of 5 rounds. When you reach the end of the starting chart (round 5a) continue in the regular chart at round 6. You should have 200 (240, 260, 300, 320, 340, 380) stitches on the needles now.

Work in pattern stitch for 4.5-5" according to regular chart (end at row 13). Final round (row 14): K27 (33, 36, 41, 45, 48, 54) sts in pattern, slip 46 (54, 58, 68, 70, 74, 82) sts onto a piece of waste yarn, cast on 7 (7, 9, 9, 10, 12, 11) sts, pm (XS, XL & 2X only), cast on 1 (0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1) sts, pm (XS, XL & 2X only), cast on 7 (7, 9, 9, 10, 12, 11) sts, K54 (66, 72, 82, 90, 96, 108) stitches in pattern, slip 46 (54, 58, 68, 70, 74, 82) sts onto a piece of waste yarn, cast on 7 (7, 9, 9, 10, 12, 11) sts, pm (XS, XL & 2X only), cast on 1 (0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1) sts, pm (XS, XL & 2X only), cast on 7 (7, 9, 9, 10, 12, 11) sts, K27 (33, 36, 41, 45, 48, 54) sts in pattern. 139 (160, 180, 200, 221, 240, 261) stitches now on needle.

**XS, XL & 2X SIZES ONLY:** Because your size doesn't work perfectly with the lace chart, you will be creating faux side seams with a purl stitch.

On subsequent rounds you will work the pattern as follows:

Knit in pattern to first marker, sm, p1, sm, continue in pattern starting with stitch #7 (#6, #16) in the lace chart, repeat this process when you get to the markers on the opposite underarm.

NOTE: When starting to knit in the middle of the chart, take care that you are pairing the decreases and increases so that you end up with the same amount of stitches every time. For example, if the stitch you are to start with is supposed to be a [s2, k1, pss0], simply do a k2tog to just decrease 1 st instead of two. Similarly, if the stitch you are to start with is a YO that would normally immediately follow the decrease, omit the YO and move on to the next stitch.

### **Bodice:**

Work in established pattern for approx. 5-6" or until the garment reaches the bottom of the bust. I recommend slipping the stitches onto waste yarn to check the fit on your body. In order to transition smoothly to the waist ribbing, you must make a few changes to the chart. Depending on where you are in the lace pattern, choose one of the following options:

Between rounds 19-5: Knit in chart pattern through row 4. Round 5: Knit in chart pattern as usual, except on stitches 9 & 13 you will purl instead of knit. Round 6: Knit according to chart, except you will purl on stitches 3, 9, 13 & 19.

Between rounds 5-18: Knit in chart pattern through row 17. Round 18: Knit in pattern as usual, except on stitches 8 & 14 in the chart you will purl instead of knit. Round 19: Knit in pattern as usual, except on stitches 3, 9, 13 & 19 you will purl instead of knit. Round 20: Knit the knit stitches & YOs and purl the purl stitches. End of bodice.

### **Waist:**

Cable rib pattern: Work in 3x2 ribbing for 4 rounds. 5th round: \*K3, P2, Hold 1 stitch on cable needle to front of work, K2, K stitch from cable needle.\* Repeat between \*s until end of round.

Repeat the 5 rounds above until ribbed waist measures approx. 10" or your desired length.

Bind off using a sewn bind-off on round 3 of cable rib pattern. This will form a loose edge that will stretch with your ribbing.

### **Finishing:**

Neck finishing: Pick up stitches from provisional cast on. \*K2TOG, K, K2TOG, K, K2TOG, K, K2TOG, K, K2TOG, K, K\* Repeat between \*s until end of round.

*[At this point you should try the sweater on to make sure that the neck is hitting where you want it to.*

*Especially those with narrower shoulders making one of the three largest sizes might find that they need to do an additional decrease row before binding off. If the neck is too big, measure it and decide how much smaller it needs to be. Then calculate the amount of decreases you need and space them evenly around the neck.]*

Bind off using an applied I-cord. This will create a very stiff, inflexible neckline that will keep your bra straps from showing. If you prefer a looser neckline, or the neck needs to be stretchy to fit over your head, bind off in purl stitch, same as the sleeves below.

Sleeves: Using 2 circular needles or a set of DPNs, pick up your live stitches from the waist yarn around the top of one sleeve. Attach your working yarn and use it to pick up the stitches you cast on for the underarm. Join to knit in the round.

Round 1: K entire round, purling the purl stitches as you get to them on the top of the sleeve.

Next 2 rounds: Purl all stitches. Bind off in purl loosely. Repeat for the second sleeve.

Weave in all ends & block lightly.

