



# THE BENNIE TOP

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Are you ready to put your mohair suit? Keep it cropped, make it long. Knit it with a contrast collar or keep it monotone. The Bennie Top is versatile, fun, and a great way to bust through all that gorgeous mohair in your stash. Make it with a single thread of 50g/100m mohair or hold 3 strands of 50g/459 yds held together. If you want a thicker fabric, add more strands. Note that yardage estimates will change based on which technique you choose.



## LOGISTICS:

SIZE	WIDTH	LENGTH
XS	16"	12"
Small	18"	13"
Medium	20"	14"
Large	22"	15"
XL	24"	16"
2X	26"	17"
3X	28"	18"
4X	30"	19"
5X	32"	20"

Note these are flat measurements, the top tends to become longer and less wide when actually worn

## MATERIALS:

- 1 Pair of 5.5 mm circular needles, 24" - 36" cord
- 1 Pair of 9 mm circular needles, 24" - 36" cord
- 4 stitch markers (can also use scrap yarn)
- 2 (2) 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 (4) 4 skeins of 50 g/100m (can also hold 3strands of 50 g/400m)

## GAUGE:

10 stitches x 16 rows in stockinette on 9mm needles to make 4"x4"

12 stitches x 20 rows in 1x1 ribbing on 5.5 mm needles to make 4"x4"

## ABBREVIATIONS:

- M1L: make 1 left
- M1R: make 1 right
- PM: place marker
- SM: slip marker
- RS: right side
- WS: wrong side

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## READING THE PATTERN:

Sizes are separated by parentheses, so you can interpret them as size 1 (size 2) size 3 (size 4) size 5 (size 6) size 7. For example when you see "cable cast on 3 (3) 4 (4) 4 (4) 5 stitches" this means that size 1 should cast on 3 stitches, size 2 should cast on 3 stitches, size 3 should cast on 4 stitches, and so on.

## YARN:

The pictured sweater was made in Loopy Mango, Mohair so Soft in Lilac and Ultra Violet

- Wool and the Gang, Take Care Mohair
- Qing Fibre, Melted Baby Suri, hold 2 strands together
- Any 50g/400m mohair, hold 3 strands together
- Pingouin, Pingo Fluffy
- Abbey Road, Truly Madly Mohair
- Sirdar, Temptations
- Debbie Bliss, Nell
- Qing Fibre, Melted Baby Suri, 2 strands held together
- Blue Sky Fibers, Brushed Suri
- Lang Yarns, Suri Alpaca
- Loopy Mango, Mohair so Soft
- Cloudborn, Brushed Alpaca Wool DK
- Knitato, Fluffy Cloud
- Hip Knit Shop, Fluff
- Sandnes Garn, Borstet Alpakka
- Ice Yarns, Mohair Kan
- Pickles, Big Fuzz

## TECHNIQUES:

### MAKE 1 LEFT ( M1L ) :



Find the bar in between stitches



Pick up the bar, going front to back with your left needle.



Knit this stitch **through the back loop**. This prevents a hole in your work

### MAKE 1 RIGHT ( M1R ) :



Find the bar in between stitches



Pick up the bar, going back to front with your left needle.



Knit this stitch normally

## NOTE ABOUT THE PICTURED SWEATER:

The pictured top was made with a contrasting collar, to do the color change properly, switch from the contrasting yarn and do one more row of ribbing with the main body color

## THE TOP:

1. Using your 5.5 mm needles, long tail cast on 60 (60) 60 (64) 64 (64) 68 (68) 68 stitches. Join in the round, place a marker at the beginning of the row.
2. \*K1P1\* repeat section inside \* until end of the row.
3. Repeat step 2 until you have done 6 rows of 1x1 ribbing. If you want a higher neckline (more mock neck) do 12 rows of 1x1 ribbing
4. Switch to your 9mm needle. Dividing the work between the front and the back: Cast off 10 (10) 10 (11) 11 (11) 12 (12) 12 stitches, knit 20 (20) 20 (21) 21 (21) 22 (22) 22 stitches, cast off 10 (10) 10 (11) 11 (11) 12 (12) 12 stitches, knit 20 (20) 20 (21) 21 (21) 22 (22) 22. You have set up the stitches for the back and front. You will now be working on the front only. Note that you are working flat.
5. Increase row: Slip 1 stitch knitwise, M1L, knit until there is 1 stitch left in the row, M1R, knit 1. You have increased by 2 stitches.
6. Slip 1 purl wise, purl all stitches.
7. Repeat steps 5 and 6 until you have 40 (40) 40 (45) 45 (45) 50 (50) 50 stitches for the front. You will now leave the stitches for the front on hold and continue working on the back.
8. Reattach your yarn to the 20 (20) 20 (21) 21 (21) 22 (22) 22 stitches of the back. Begin on a knit row.
9. Repeat steps 5 and 6 until you have 40 (40) 40 (45) 45 (45) 50 (50) 50 stitches for the back. You will now join the stitches for the front and back and begin to knit in the round.
  - a. Take the first stitch of the back and the last stitch of the front, place the first stitch of the back on your right needle
  - b. Pull the last stitch of the front over your first stitch and onto the left needle
  - c. You've now joined the work in the round. Knit until you have 1 stitch left for the back
  - d. Repeat for the other side with the first stitch of the front and the last stitch of the back. Place a marker to denote the halfway mark.
10. You will now continue to add length and stitches to the body. You have 80 (80) 80 (90) 90 (90) 100 (100) 100 stitches for the body.



Place the first stitch of the row on your right needle



Pull the last stitch of the row over your first stitch and onto the left needle



Work in the round



## THE BODY:

You will now just be working on the stitches for the body.

1. Increase row: \*Knit 1, M1L, knit until 1 stitch before stitch marker, M1R, knit 1, SM\*, repeat section inside \* a total of 2 times. You have increased by 4 stitches
2. \*Knit until you reach the stitch marker, SM\* repeat section inside \* a total of 2 times.
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 until you have 88 (96) 104 (110) 122 (130) 140 (148) 156 stitches. 44 (48) 52 (55) 61 (65) 70 (74) 78 stitches for both the front and the back.
4. Knit in stockinette until your piece measures 11 (12) 13 (14) 15 (16) 17 (18) 19 inches from the bottom of the neckline (or to desired length, I highly recommend trying it on a bunch and checking if you want it longer)
5. Cast off loosely (or use a sewn bind off). You can also do a few rows of ribbing here to prevent a roll at the bottom (but blocking the piece will also get rid of the roll)





YOU'RE DONE!

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