



# Druid Circle Sweater

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In fantasy settings, I am often drawn towards the primal magics of druids. The leaf-inspired colorwork on this top-down, circular-yoke sweater evokes the druid's connection to their land. With customizable shaping, thumb holes, and a folded collar, this sweater will be excellent for morning hikes.

## Sizing

This pattern is written in gender-neutral sizes XS (S, M, L) (XL, 2L, 3L) corresponding to a finished chest dimension of 32 (36, 40, 44) (48, 52, 56)" or 80 (90, 100, 110) (120, 130, 140) cm, with an intended positive ease of 2-4" or 5-10cm in the chest. See schematic on next page for complete dimensions and sizing details.

## Gauge

6 sts x 8 rows = 1"/2.5cm or 24 sts x 32 rows = 4"/10cm in stockinette with larger needles and MC, after gentle blocking.

## Yarn Requirements

Sport or DK weight yarn in a main color (MC) and two contrasting colors (CC1 and CC2)

**MC:** 700 (850, 1050, 1300) (1500, 1800, 2000) yds

**CC1:** 90 (90, 90, 90) (100, 105, 105) yds

**CC2:** 80 (80, 80, 85) (90, 95, 95) yds

## Needles

### Size A (for main fabric)

- 16" circular needle in size needed to obtain gauge. *Suggested: US 4/3.5mm*
- 32" circular needle in the same size.

### Size B (for ribbing)

- 32" circular needle one size smaller than Size A.
- (optional) 16" circular needle or DPN's for sleeve cuffs and collar.

## Other Tools & Notions

Stitch markers, waste yarn, tapestry needle.

## Techniques

This pattern is suitable for an advanced beginner with some familiarity with stranded colorwork and top-down sweater construction. Prior to knitting this pattern, you should be comfortable with knitting in the round, increasing/decreasing, and simple colorwork. Some support is provided for wrap & turn short row shaping, the tubular bind off, and modifying to fit your body. For a complete list of stitches used, see Pattern Key.

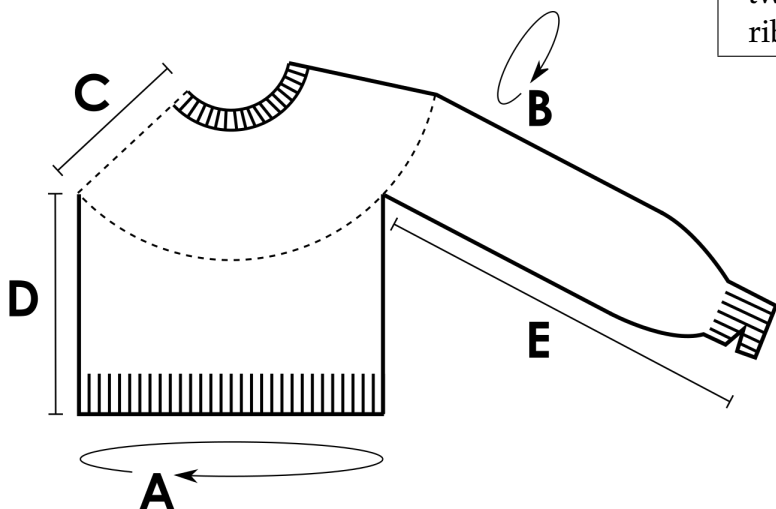
## Pattern Key

**Written instructions:**

repeats = \*[stitches], repeat from \* to \_\_\_\_

Abbr.	Description
CO	cast on
BO	bind off
MC	main color
CC1	contrast color 1
CC2	contrast color 2
pm	place stitch marker
sm	slip stitch marker
rm	remove stitch marker
k	knit
p	purl
k tbl	knit through the back loop
k2tog	knit 2 together
ssk	slip slip knit
m1	<b>make one:</b> with L needle, pick up bar between sts front to back, k tbl
w&t	<b>wrap &amp; turn:</b> See <i>Special Techniques</i> .
st st	<b>stockinette stitch:</b> (worked in the round) k all sts
1x1 twisted ribbing	<b>*[k tbl, p1], repeat from * to end of round</b>

## Schematic





## Additional Yoke Shaping

Work 4 rounds in st st, then work Yoke Increase Round 1. Continue increasing every 10 rounds or 1.25", stopping after Yoke Increase Round 2 (2, 2, 3) (3, 4, 5). If your size calls for it, work 9 rounds in st st and then work the Final Yoke Increase Round.

**Yoke Increase Round 1:** \*[k1, m1, k10, m1, k1], repeat from \* to end of round.

**Yoke Increase Round 2:** \*[k1, m1, k12, m1, k1], repeat from \* to end of round.

**Yoke Increase Round 3:** \*[k1, m1, k14, m1, k1], repeat from \* to end of round.

**Yoke Increase Round 4:** \*[k1, m1, k16, m1, k1], repeat from \* to end of round.

**Yoke Increase Round 5:** \*[k1, m1, k18, m1, k1], repeat from \* to end of round.

*Sizes M, L, XL, 2L only*

**Final Yoke Increase:** \*[K - ( -, 16, 18) (18, 20, - ) sts, m1], repeat from \* to end of round.

After the last increase round, work st st until piece measures 9.5 (10, 10.5, 11) (12, 13.5, 15)" from back neckline.

Before separating for the body and sleeves, you should have 320 (352, 374, 418) (456, 504, 528) sts total.

## Separate for Body and Sleeves

In this round, use a short-tail cast on such as the cable, backwards loop, or knitted cast on. K 42 (48, 53, 60) (65, 72, 76) from marker, place next 76 (80, 80, 88) (98, 108, 112) sts on waste yarn for right sleeve, CO 12 (12, 14, 12) (14, 12, 16) sts for right underarm, k 84 (96, 107, 121) (130, 144, 152) sts for front, place next 76 (80, 80, 88) (98, 108, 112) sts on waste yarn for left sleeve, CO 12 (12, 14, 12) (14, 12, 16) sts for right underarm, k to marker. You should have 192 (216, 242, 264) (288, 312, 336) sts on the needle for the body.

## Body

Work st st until the body measures 10 (11, 12.5, 13.5) (14.5, 16, 18)" from underarm CO edge. Or if you are modifying the body length, work until the piece measures 2"/5cm shorter than the desired length. If desired, work shaping for bust, waist, and/or belly. *See **Modification Suggestions** for shaping guidelines.*

Switch to smaller needles and work 1x1 twisted ribbing for 2". BO loosely for a stretchy hem. *Suggested: tubular bind off. It's so pretty, it's worth the effort! See **Special Techniques** for detailed instructions.*

## Sleeves (make two)

Transfer sts from waste yarn to larger needles. Join MC and knit across the 76 (80, 80, 88) (98, 108, 112) held sts. Continuing around the sleeve, pick up and knit 6 (6, 7, 6) (7, 6, 8) sts from CO edge, pm, then pick up and knit 6 (6, 7, 6) (7, 6, 8) more sts from CO edge. Join in the round and knit to marker. 88 (92, 94, 100) (112, 120, 128) sts total.

## Sleeve Shaping

**Next Round:** K 5 (5, 6, 5) (6, 5, 7) sts, k2tog, k to 7 (7, 8, 7) (8, 7, 9) sts from marker, ssk, k to end (-2 sts)

**Round 1:** k around

**Round 2:** k to 1 st before previous decrease, k2tog, k to previous decrease, ssk, k to end (-2 sts)

Repeat Rounds 1-2 2 (3, 3, 3) (4, 4, 5) times more. 80 (82, 84, 90) (100, 108, 114) sts total.

*All sizes except XS and XL*

Work 1"/2.5cm in st st, then work Decrease Round as follows.

**Decrease Round:** k1, k2tog, k to 3 sts from marker, ssk, k1 (-2 sts)

Repeat shaping - (1, 2, - ) (5, 4, 7) times more. 80 (80, 80, 90) (90, 100, 100) sts total.



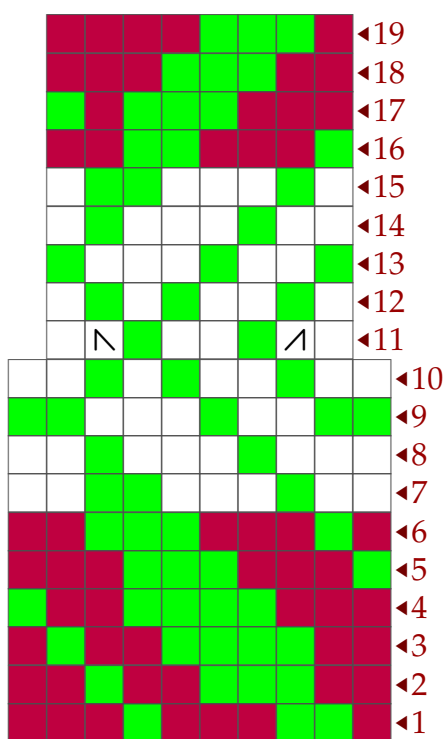
Work st st until sleeve measures 12.5 (13, 13.5, 14) (14.5, 14.5, 15)" from underarm CO edge. Or if you are modifying the sleeve length, work until the piece measures 6"/15cm shorter than the desired length.

Join CC1 and CC2. Work Rounds 1-19 of the Sleeve Cuff Chart, repeating a total of 8 (8, 8, 9) (9, 10, 10) times around.

## Sleeve Cuff Chart

■ MC    ■ CC1    □ CC2

↙ k2tog with indicated color    ↘ ssk



Upon completing the Sleeve Cuff Chart, you should have 64 (64, 64, 72) (72, 80, 80) sts total. Break CC1 and CC2, continuing in MC.

**NOTE:** The cuffs are written for hand sizes ranging from 7" to 9", measured around the broadest part of the palm. As written, the XS and S cuffs fit 7" hands; M, L, and XL fit 8" hands; 2L and 3L fit 9" hands.

See **Modification Suggestions** if you need to swap out the cuff size for smaller or larger hands.

## Additional Cuff Shaping

K 1 round.

**Cuff Decrease Round 1:** k1, \*[k2tog, k2], repeat from \* to 3 sts from end of round, k2tog, k1. 48 (48, 48, 54) (54, 60, 60) sts total.

### Sizes XS and S only

Work 4 rounds in st st.

**Cuff Decrease Round 2:** \*[k4, k2tog], repeat from \* to end of round. (-8 sts)

40 (40, 48, 54) (54, 60, 60) sts total.

Work st st until sleeve measures 16.5 (17, 17, 17.5) (18, 18, 18.5) " from underarm CO edge. Or if you are modifying the sleeve length, work until the piece measures 2 (2, 2.5, 2.5) (2.5, 3, 3)" shorter than the desired length.

Switch to smaller needles and work 1x1 twisted ribbing for 10 (10, 12, 12) (12, 15, 15) rounds or 1 (1, 1.25, 1.25) (1.25, 1.5, 1.5)" of ribbing.

## Thumb Hole

**Round 1:** Continuing in ribbing pattern, work to 6 (6, 7, 7) (7, 8, 8) sts from end of round. Using a stretchy bind off, BO sts until you reach the marker, rm, then BO 5 (5, 6, 6) (6, 7, 7) more sts.

**Round 2:** Work in ribbing pattern to the last st on the needles. CO 11 (11, 13, 13) (13, 15, 15) sts, join back in the round.

*Suggested: alternating cable CO.*

Work 10 (10, 12, 12) (12, 15, 15) more rounds or 1 (1, 1.25, 1.25) (1.25, 1.5, 1.5)" of ribbing. BO loosely for a stretchy edge using the same method as the body.

## Finishing

### Folded Hem Collar

Using MC and smaller needle, pick up and knit 120 (126, 126, 126) (132, 132, 132) sts from the collar CO edge. Work 1x1 twisted ribbing for 2 inches, then fold collar to inside of the sweater so that sts on the needle line up with the CO edge. Bind off by sewing all live sts to the CO edge. *See **Special Techniques** for detailed instructions on sewing this hem collar.*

Use yarn ends at underarms to sew holes shut. Weave in all ends. Gently block piece by soaking in cold water, pressing excess moisture out with a towel, and laying flat to dry. Enjoy your new sweater!

## Special Techniques

### Wrap & Turn Short Rows

**w&t on k side:** start with yarn in back, slip 1 (as if to purl), bring yarn forward, slip back to L needle, bring yarn back, turn.

**w&t on p side:** start with yarn in front, slip 1, bring yarn back, slip back to L needle, bring yarn forward, turn.

**working a wrapped st on k side:** insert needle into wrap as if to knit, insert needle into st as if to k, knit wrap and stitch together.

**working a wrapped st on p side:** insert needle back to front into the back half of the wrap, place on L needle like a st, p wrap and stitch together.

## Tubular Bind Off

Work the following two set-up rounds:

**Set Up Rnd 1:** \*[slip 1 st purlwise with yarn in back, p1], repeat from \* to end of round.

**Set Up Rnd 2:** \*[k tbl, slip 1 st purlwise with yarn in front], repeat from \* to end of round.

Next, bring in an extra circular needle.

**Next Rnd:** slipping all sts purlwise, \*[slip 1 knit st to working needle, slip 1 knit st to extra needle], repeat from \* to end of round, until sts are divided in half between the two needles. Your working needle should be in front, and the extra needle in the back.

Cut yarn, leaving a tail 3 to 4 times the width/circumference of the work. Using a tapestry needle and this tail, use Kitchener stitch to graft the stitches on the front needle to those on the back needle.

*Purl Soho* has an excellent [photo tutorial](#) for this bind-off.

## Modification Suggestions