



The Calvin Sweater

When my 6 year old son, Calvin, asked me to knit him a “green and white striped sweater,” I knew just the yarn to purchase. I picked up four skeins of lovely Morehouse Farm 2 ply yarn at Vogue Knitting Live this past January and began designing a boxy fit sweater that he could throw on top of a base layer when the weather inevitably turned cold. He loves his new sweater and I hope the little ones in your life do as well!



Sized for 6 months (12 months, 2 years, 4 years, 6 years, 8 years, 10 years, 12 years).

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

Needles

Size 4 (3.5 mm) 16" & 20 - 32" circular knitting needles

Size 5 (3.75 mm) 16" & 20 - 32" circular knitting needles

Notions

Stitch markers (1 unique to mark beginning of round), stitch holders (or scrap yarn), darning needle, scissors, DPNs (or long cord for magic loop), wool wash

Yarn

Main Color: 2 (2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5) skeins Morehouse Farm 2 Ply Sport Weight (225 yds / 2oz; 206 m / 57g)

Contrast Color: 1 skein (all sizes) Morehouse Farm 2 Ply Sport Weight (225 yds / 2oz; 206 m / 57g)

Sample shown in Green Valley and Natural Soft White.



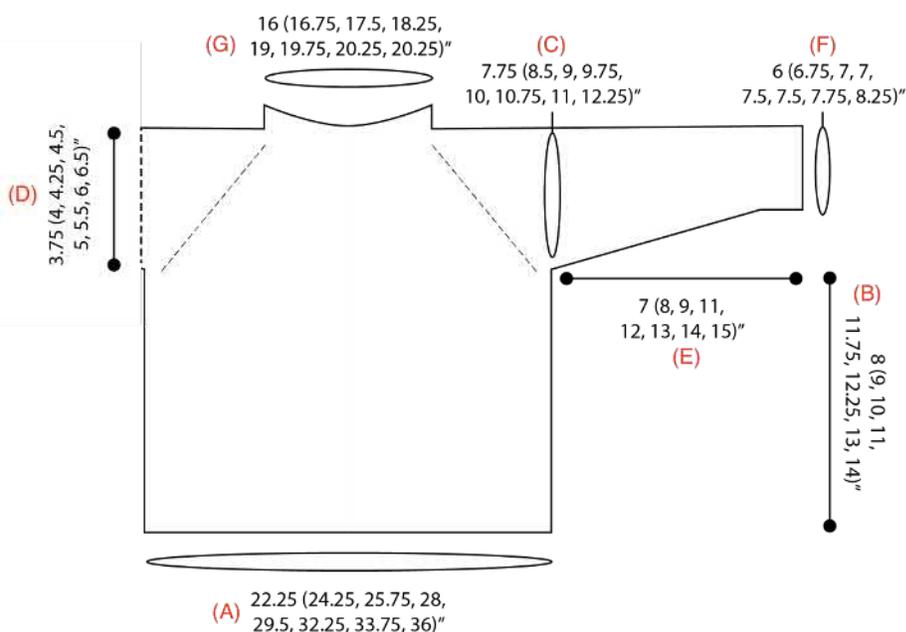
GAUGE

4 in x 4 in / 10 cm x 10 cm; 22 sts x 32 rows on larger needles in stockinette stitch, after wet blocking.

FINISHED SIZE

Numbers below indicate finished measurements. This sweater was designed to fit with 4 - 6" of positive ease. Sample shown in green is a size 6 with 6" of positive ease.

Sizes	Chest (A)	Hem to Underarm (B)	Upper Arm Circumference (C)	Yoke Depth (D)	Sleeve Length (E)	Wrist Circumference (F)	Neckline Circumference (G)	Main Color Yardage	Contrast Color Yardage
6 months	22.25" (56.5 cm)	8" (20.25 cm)	7.75" (19.75 cm)	3.75" (9.5 cm)	7" (17.75 cm)	6" (15.25 cm)	16" (40.75 cm)	360 (329 m)	105 (96 m)
12 months	24.25" (61.5 cm)	9" (23 cm)	8.5" (21.5 cm)	4" (10.25 cm)	8" (20.25 cm)	6.75" (17 cm)	16.75" (42.5 cm)	425 (389 m)	115 (105 m)
2 years	25.75" (65.5 cm)	10" (25.5 cm)	9" (23 cm)	4.25" (10.75 cm)	9" (23 cm)	7" (17.75 cm)	17.5" (44.5 cm)	485 (444 m)	125 (115 m)
4 years	28" (71 cm)	11" (28 cm)	9.75" (24.75 cm)	4.5" (11.5 cm)	11" (28 cm)	7" (17.75 cm)	18.25" (46.5 cm)	565 (517 m)	140 (128 m)
6 years	29.5" (75 cm)	11.75" (30 cm)	10" (25.5 cm)	5" (12.75 cm)	12" (30.5 cm)	7.5" (19 cm)	19" (48.25 cm)	640 (586 m)	150 (137 m)
8 years	32.25" (82 cm)	12.25" (31 cm)	10.75" (27.25 cm)	5.5" (14 cm)	13" (33 cm)	7.5" (19 cm)	19.75" (50 cm)	725 (663 m)	165 (151 m)
10 years	33.75" (85.75 cm)	13" (33 cm)	11" (28 cm)	6" (15.25 cm)	14" (35.5 cm)	7.75" (19.75 cm)	20.25" (51.5 cm)	805 (736 m)	180 (165 m)
12 years	36" (91.5 cm)	14" (35.5 cm)	12.25" (31 cm)	6.5" (16.5 cm)	15" (38 cm)	8.25" (21 cm)	20.25" (51.5 cm)	915 (837 m)	200 (183 m)



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ABBREVIATIONS

BO	Bind off	Meas	Measures	Rep	Repeat
BOR	Beginning of Round	MC	Main color	Rnd(s)	Round(s)
CC	Contrast color	M1L	Make 1 left	SM	Slip marker
CO	Cast on	M1R	Make 1 right	St(s)	Stitch(es)
Inc	Increased	P	Purl		
K	Knit	PM	Place marker		

PATTERN NOTES

Knit in the round from the top-down, this sweater is completely seamless. Designed with kids in mind, the boxy fit can accommodate base layers for those colder days and an overall roomy feel for kids to play comfortably.

The garter stitch front panel has a shorter row gauge than the stockinette back panel by design. This allows the back panel to raise slightly to mimic the effect of short row shaping for a more natural fit on the neckline. Purl stitches are in **bold** within the pattern to remind you not to knit those particular stitches.

M1L: To “make 1 left” (m1L), pick up the bar between the stitch you knit and the one you’re about to knit, bringing the needle from front to back. Then knit into the back of the stitch.

M1R: To “make 1 right” (m1R), pick up the bar between the last stitch you knit and the one you’re about to knit, bringing the needle from the back to the front. Then knit into the front of the stitch.

Jogless Stripes: When beginning a round with a new color, lift the right hand leg of the first stitch of the round below (from the center of the stitch) onto the left hand needle and knit these 2 sts together. This elongates the height of the stitch and gives the look of an even stripe line. [A quick video tutorial \(under 2 minutes!\) can be found on page 5.](#)

Cable Cast On: After separating for the sleeves, you’ll be adding stitches under the arm using the cable cast on method. [If you’ve never done this before, I’ve created a quick video tutorial for this as well. It can be found on page 5.](#)

PATTERN

With MC and smaller needles on 16” cord, long tail CO 88 (92, 96, 100, 104, 108, 112, 112) sts. Join to work in the round. Place unique marker indicating BOR. **For reference:** BOR marker is at the back right shoulder.

Rnds 1 - 11: (k1,p1) to end of rnd



—> **Change to larger needles** <—

Set up row

Knit all sts placing markers at the following points indicating Right Sleeve (BOR - already in place) | Front Panel | Left Sleeve | Back Panel:

K11, PM, k33 (35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 45), PM, k11, PM, k33 (35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 45)

Begin raglan increases

Rnd 1: k1, m1L, k to 1 st before next marker, m1R, k1, sm; k1, m1L, **p** to 1 st before next marker, m1R, k1, sm, *k1, m1L, k to 1 st before next marker, m1R, k1, sm, rep from * 1 more time (8 sts inc) [96 (100, 104, 108, 112, 116, 120, 120) sts]

Rnd 2: Knit all sts

Rep rnds 1 & 2 10 (11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19) more times (+80 (88, 96, 104, 112, 128, 136, 152) sts inc) [176 (188, 200, 212, 224, 244, 256, 272) sts]

Stitch Counts: Right Sleeve (33 (35, 37, 39, 41, 45, 47, 51)) | Front Panel (55 (59, 63, 67, 71, 77, 81, 85)) | Left Sleeve (33 (35, 37, 39, 41, 45, 47, 51)) | Back Panel (55 (59, 63, 67, 71, 77, 81, 85))

6 month (12 month, 2 year, 4 year, 6 year) sizes only:

Next rnd: k1, m1L, k to 1 st before next marker, m1R, k1, sm, k1, **p** to 1 st before next marker, k1, sm, k1, m1L, knit to 1 st before next marker, m1R, k1, sm, knit to end of rnd (+4 sts inc) [180 (192, 204, 216, 228) sts] *Inc only at sleeves*

Next rnd: Knit all sts

Stitch Counts: Right Sleeve (35 (37, 39, 41, 43)) | Front Panel (55 (59, 63, 67, 71)) | Left Sleeve (35 (37, 39, 41, 43)) | Back Panel (55 (59, 63, 67, 71))

All Sizes:

Work even (**no** raglan increases), continuing garter st pattern on front panel, until piece measures 3.75 (4, 4.25, 4.5, 5, 5.5, 6, 6.5)" from beginning of raglan shaping (i.e. ribbing), ending with a plain knit rnd.

Separate for Sleeves

You will be putting the sleeve sts on hold while the rest of the body is worked. To cast on additional sts under the arms, I recommend the cable cast on method. Keep BOR marker in place. All other raglan markers can now be removed.



[Video Tutorial: Cable Cast On](#)



Place 35 (37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 51) sts from right sleeve on waste yarn or stitch holder, cable CO 6 (8, 8, 10, 10, 12, 12, 14) sts, k1, purl to 1 st before next marker, k1, place 35 (37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 51) sts from left sleeve on waste yarn or stitch holder, cable CO 6 (8, 8, 10, 10, 12, 12, 14) sts, knit to end of rnd

Stitch Count: 122 (134, 142, 154, 162, 178, 186, 198) sts (front / back panels)

Begin Striped Section | End of Garter Front Panel

[Video Tutorial: Jogless Stripes in the Round](#)



Join CC yarn. Do not cut MC. You will be working with both colors in this section.

Rnd 1: With CC, knit all sts

Rnd 2: With MC, knit all sts

Rep Rnds 1 & 2 until piece meas 3.25 (3.75, 4.25, 4.75, 5, 5.25, 5.5, 6)" from underarm ending after a CC row.

Cut CC. Continue with MC only.

With MC, knit all rnds until piece meas 3.25 (3.75, 4.25, 4.75, 5, 5.25, 5.5, 6)" from beg of MC section.

—> [Change to smaller needles](#) <—

Hem

Rnd 1: (k1,p1) to end of rnd

Rep Rnd 1 until hem meas 1.5 (1.5, 1.5, 1.5, 1.75, 1.75, 2, 2)"

Bind off in pattern.

Pick up Sleeves

**You will be picking up not only the sts on hold and the additional sts cast on under the arm, but 2 additional sts at the points where the held sts and cast on sts meet. This reduces the gap between the points. Use longer cord for magic loop method or DPNs, if desired.*

Sleeve Set Up: With back of sweater facing up, use larger needles and MC to pick up and knit 1 st below where the held sts begin. Pick up and knit 3 (4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7) sts under the arm, place BOR marker, pick up and knit 3 (4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7) sts, pick up and knit 1 st below where the held sts end, pick up and knit 35 (37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 51) sts on hold then join to work in the round. Knit to BOR marker. **(43 (47, 49, 53, 55, 59, 61, 67) sts)**

**Size 6 months in Oatmeal & Natural Soft White.*





Join CC yarn. Do not cut MC. You will be working with both colors in this section.

Rnd 1: With CC, knit all sts.

Rnd 2: With MC, knit all sts.

Rep rnds 1 and 2 the same number of rnds as the body striped section, until piece meas 3.25 (3.75, 4.25, 4.75, 5, 5.25, 5.5, 6)" from underarm. Cut CC. Continue with MC only.

Dec rnd: k1, k2tog, knit to 3 sts before marker, ssk, k1 (2 sts dec) [41 (45, 47, 51, 53, 57, 59, 65) sts]

Rep Dec rnd every 4 (6, 6, 6, 6, 4, 4, 4) rnds, 4 (4, 4, 6, 6, 8, 8, 10) more times (8 (8, 8, 12, 12, 16, 16, 20) sts dec) [33 (37, 39, 39, 41, 41, 43, 45) sts]. Work even in stockinette until sleeve meas 5.5 (6.5, 7.5, 9.5, 10.25, 11.25, 12, 13)" from underarm.

—> *Change to smaller needles* <—

Cuff

Rnd 1: k2tog, p1, (k1, p1) to end of rnd (1 st dec) [32 (36, 38, 38, 40, 40, 42, 44) sts]

Rnds 2 to end of rnd: (k1, p1) until cuff meas 1.5 (1.5, 1.5, 1.5, 1.75, 1.75, 2, 2)"

Bind off in pattern. Repeat for right sleeve, picking up sts with front of sweater facing up.

FINISHING

Sew up any remaining gaps under the sleeves with yarn tails. Weave in all ends on WS of work. Wet block in wool wash, pin to stated size and allow to fully dry.

DON'T BE A STRANGER!

I would love to see your in progress and finished Calvin Sweater on Instagram. Tag @vanessaknits [#vanessaknits](#) and [#calvinsweater](#) so I can see your unique work — I may even feature your photos! If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at vanessaknits@gmail.com. Happy knitting and THANK YOU so much for your support! xo, Vanessa

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