

THE KARAMELL SWEATER



GENERAL INFO

Introducing the **Karamell Sweater**; a soft and comfortable pullover that works up quickly and comes in sizes from 4Y to women's size XL. *Karamell* is Swedish for candy, and is also the name of the yarn I designed it for: *Karamell* by Falkgarn, a worsted weight self-stripping yarn. This is a straightforward pattern, perfect if it is your first time tackling something bigger than hats and scarves.

The sweater is crocheted top down and is seamless. It is made with a larger hook than recommended for the yarn, and worked in the back loop throughout, giving it drape and softness. (The only stitches not worked into back loops are slip stitches and stitches worked into chain-spaces.)

Never turn your work at the end of the round, but continue in the same direction, always with the right side facing you. Aim for at least 5 cm/ 2 inches positive ease when picking size, and test your gauge. If you fall in-between sizes, opt for the larger one. The ribbing and cuffs are crocheted with a smaller hook.

This clever yarn creates stripes all by itself, making for a fun and interesting project whilst leaving you with a minimum of loose ends to weave in. However, when I was making my prototype I wanted to be able to control colour transitions to make both sleeves look the same. So I wound each colour sequence in the yarn cake into a separate little ball. But this is of course completely unnecessary unless you are a control freak like me!





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SIZES

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Kids: 4-6Y (6-8Y, 8-11Y); **Women:** XS (S/M, M/L, XL)

FINISHED SWEATER CHEST CIRCUMFERENCE:

Kids: 67 (73, 78) cm / 26 (29, 31) inches; **Women:** 88 (95, 108, 122) cm / 34 (37, 42, 48) inches

Size XS is quite small and will likely fit teenagers or kids aged around 12-15. Aim for at least 5 cm/ 2 inches positive ease when picking size, and test your gauge. If you fall in-between sizes, opt for the larger one. Read through the pattern before you start and highlight the size you are making.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- ★ 6 mm / J hook & 5 mm / H hook for ribbing and cuffs
- ★ 4 stitch markers
- ★ Darning needle, scissors
- ★ 2 cakes *Karamell* from Falkgarn will be enough for all sizes up to and including S/M. For the two largest sizes, M/L and XL, you will need 3 yarn cakes. Alternatively, use any worsted weight yarn in the following quantity: **Kids:** 450m (500m, 550m) / 490 (550, 600) yards; **Women:** 650m (750m, 830m, 930m) / 710 (820, 910, 1020) yards

GAUGE

10 cm / 4 x 4 inches = 12 dc x 6.5 rows, worked in back loops only. When crocheting a gauge swatch (as this is done in rows back and forth), work every other row in front loops in order to get a similar texture fabric as when working in rounds.

SPECIAL STITCHES

There is only one stitch in this pattern that is perhaps a little bit less common: **foundation double crochet**. This is a way of crocheting your first round without having to work a long chain first. It creates a much more stretchy first round compared to chains + double crochet; very useful when you want the neckline to be able to stretch to go over your head, as in this case. If you are unfamiliar with this stitch, I would recommend a YouTube search for 'foundation double crochet' - there are lots of great tutorials.



ABBREVIATIONS

fdc.....	foundation double crochet
st.....	stitch
slst.....	slip stitch
sc.....	single crochet
ch.....	chain
ch-sp.....	chain-space
dc.....	double crochet
sk.....	skip
BLO.....	back loop only
beg.....	beginning
2sc tog.....	2 single crochet together (decrease)
2dc tog.....	2 double crochet together (decrease)



PART 1: YOKE

Round 1: With 6 mm / J hook, crochet 48 (54, 60); 66 (72, 78, 84) foundation dc & close to form a circle with a slst in the first st. (There will be a gap between the base of the first and the last fdc – we will sort this out later, when we crochet the collar.)

Place stitch markers in the 1st st, in the 17th (19th, 21st); 23rd (25th, 27th, 29th) st, in the 25th (28th, 31st); 34th (37th, 40th, 43rd) st, and in the 41st (46th, 51st); 56th (61st, 66th, 71st) st.

Round 2: ch 3 (counts as dc + ch), dc in marked st, dc in each st to the next marked st, * dc, ch, dc in marked st, dc in each st to the next marked st, repeat from * around, close the round with a slst in the 3rd of the beginning ch3. Stitch count: 52 (58, 64); 70 (76, 82, 88) dc.

Round 3: slst to the ch-sp before the first dc, ch 3 (counts as dc + ch), dc in the same ch-sp, dc in each st to the next ch-sp, * dc, ch, dc in the ch-sp, dc in each st to the next ch-sp, repeat from * around, close the round with a slst in the 3rd of the beg. ch-3. Stitch count: 60 (66, 72); 78 (84, 90, 96) dc.

Repeat round 3 until you have 9 (10, 10); 11 (12, 14, 16) rounds in total.

PART 2: DIVIDE FOR SLEEVES & BODY

Division round 1: slst to the ch-sp before the 1st dc, ch 2 (does not count as a st), dc in the same ch-sp, dc in each dc until the next ch-sp, dc in this ch-sp, ch 7 (7, 8); 10 (10, 12, 14) for underarm, sk all sts until the next ch-sp, dc in this ch-sp, dc in each dc until the next ch-sp, dc in this ch-sp, ch 7 (7, 8); 10 (10, 12, 14) for the other underarm, sk all remaining sts, close the round with a slst in the 1st dc. Stitch count: 80 (88, 94); 106 (114, 130, 146)

Round 2: ch 2 (does not count as a st), dc in each st around, (when you work into the chs under the arms, work into the 'bump' or loop at the back of each chain st), close with a slst to the first dc. St count: **80 (88, 94); 106 (114, 130, 146)** sts.

Repeat round 2 until you have a total of about **25 (27, 29); 30 (32, 35, 37)** rounds from the very first round at the neck down to the last round. Alternatively, try on as you go and stop when the sweater is long enough, minus the 7 cm / 2½-3 inches of ribbing which we are going to add next.

Ribbing round 1: with 5 mm / H hook, and still in back loops, ch 1 (does not count as a st), sc in the first 6 sts, *2 sc tog (=decrease), sc in next 6 sts, repeat from * around, close with a slst in the first sc. Stitch count: **70 (77, 83); 93 (100, 114, 128)** sts.

Ribbing round 2: ch 1 (does not count as a st), sc in each st around, sl st to the first sc. Stitch count: **70 (77, 83); 93 (100, 114, 128)** sts.

Repeat ribbing round 2 until you have a total of **7 (8, 8); 10 (10, 11, 11)** ribbing rounds.

PART 3: SLEEVES

Round 1: start in one of the sts in the middle under one arm, ch 2 (does not count as a st), dc in each st until you get to the dc from the division round, marked with red arrows in the photo, work 2 dcs into the side of this dc, continue working dcs into each st around the shoulder (still in back loops only), 2 dc in the side of the other dc from the division round (marked with red arrow), dc in each remaining st under the arm, close with a slst in the first st. Stitch count: **34 (37, 39); 44 (47, 54, 61)** sts.

Round 2: ch 2 (does not count as a st), dc in each st around, close with a slst in the first st.

Repeat round 2 until you have **17 (19, 21); 24 (26, 28, 28)** sleeve rounds in total. (Alternatively, stop when you think the sleeve is long enough, minus 6-8 cm / 2-3 inches of cuff that we'll add next.) Meanwhile, start making decreases in the sleeve, from the elbow down, like this:



Crochet 2 dc tog (decrease) in the first 2 sts and the last 2 sts of every other round starting from round **11 (13, 15); 16 (18, 18, 20)**. See diagram below for stitch counts and decreases by round in the sleeves.

Cuff round 1: with 5 mm / H hook and still in back loops, ch 1 (does not count as a st), sc in first 6 sts, *2 sc tog (decrease), sc in each of the next 6 sts, repeat from * around, close with a slst in the first st. Stitch count **22 (25, 26); 29 (31, 36, 40)** sts.

Cuff round 2: ch 1 (does not count as a st), sc in BLO of each st around, close with a slst in first st. Stitch count **22 (25, 26); 29 (31, 36, 40)** sts.

Repeat cuff round 2 until you have a total of **7 (8, 8); 10 (10, 11, 11)** cuff rounds.

SLEEVES: STITCH COUNT BY ROUND								
ROUND	4-6Y	6-8Y	8-11Y	XS / teen	S/M	M/L	XL	ROUND
1	34	37	39	44	47	54	61	1
2	34	37	39	44	47	54	61	2
3	34	37	39	44	47	54	61	3
4	34	37	39	44	47	54	61	4
5	34	37	39	44	47	54	61	5
6	34	37	39	44	47	54	61	6
7	34	37	39	44	47	54	61	7
8	34	37	39	44	47	54	61	8
9	34	37	39	44	47	54	61	9
10	34	37	39	44	47	54	61	10
11	<u>D: 32</u>	37	39	44	47	54	61	11
12	32	37	39	44	47	54	61	12
13	<u>D: 30</u>	<u>D: 35</u>	39	44	47	54	61	13
14	30	35	39	44	47	54	61	14
15	<u>D: 28</u>	<u>D: 33</u>	<u>D: 37</u>	44	47	54	61	15
16	28	33	37	<u>D: 42</u>	47	54	<u>D: 59</u>	16
17	<u>D: 26</u>	<u>D: 31</u>	<u>D: 35</u>	42	47	54	59	17
18		31	35	<u>D: 40</u>	<u>D: 45</u>	<u>D: 52</u>	<u>D: 57</u>	18
19		<u>D: 29</u>	<u>D: 33</u>	40	45	52	57	19
20			33	<u>D: 38</u>	<u>D: 43</u>	<u>D: 50</u>	<u>D: 55</u>	20
21			<u>D: 31</u>	38	43	50	55	21
22				<u>D: 36</u>	<u>D: 41</u>	<u>D: 48</u>	<u>D: 53</u>	22
23				36	41	48	53	23
24				<u>D: 34</u>	<u>D: 39</u>	<u>D: 46</u>	<u>D: 51</u>	24
25		D=DECREASE			39	46	51	25
26					<u>D: 37</u>	<u>D: 44</u>	<u>D: 49</u>	26
27						44	49	27
28						<u>D: 42</u>	<u>D: 47</u>	28

PART 4: COLLAR

Now we're going to fix that gap in the neckline, between the first and the last foundation dc in the very first round. Grab your 5 mm / H hook:

Round 1: right side facing, insert your hook in the first fdc (to the right of the gap) and pull up a loop, ch 1 (does not count as a st), sc in the same st, sc in the next st (=the last fdc, left of the gap), sc in each st around the neckline, close with a slst in the first st. Stitch count: **48 (54, 60); 66 (72, 78, 84)** sts. (Don't forget – back loops throughout!)

Rounds 2-?: ch 1 (does not count as a st), sc in each sta round, close with a slst in the first st How many collar rounds you work is up to you, just a matter of personal taste.



NOW JUST SEW IN THE ENDS, WASH, BLOCK AND - TAH-DAAH! FINISHED!

I really hope you like the result. Please follow and tag me (@hooked_by_anna) if you're sharing your work on Instagram, or link up your project page with my pattern on Ravelry. I'd love to see your Karamell Sweaters!

