

# february fitted pullover



*A bust-friendly spin on the EZ classic by* **Amy Herzog**

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## Final Measurements:

**Bust:** 33 (36, 39½, 43, 46, 49 ½)" / 84 (91.5, 100.5, 109, 117, 125.5) cm

**Length:** 21¾ (22 ¼, 23½, 24, 24¼, 24¾)" / 55 (56.5, 59.5, 61, 61.5, 63) cm

Intended to be worn with a bit of negative ease in the bust

## Materials:

Dream in Color Classy (100% merino wool; 250 yds/228 m per 100 g hank), shown in color 230 Deep Seaflower: 3 (4, 4, 5, 5, 6) skeins

## Gauge:

17 sts x 28 rows = 4" in gull lace pattern, blocked

## Needle size:

1 set US #7/4.5mm 24" circular needles, or size needed to obtain gauge

## Notions:

Stitch markers, stitch holder, darning needle

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## Pattern Notes

**The February Fitted Pullover** is a bust-friendly take on an old classic. This fitted, scoop-neck pullover is worked in the round to the neck shaping, then worked flat. Waist shaping occurs on the side, with one full lace repeat decreased for the waist **on each side**. If you desire more gentle waist shaping, please omit the waist shaping charts entirely and knit approximately 1"/2.5 cm at your natural waist on needles one size smaller than your main needle size.

The gull lace pattern and instructions for working waist shaping are offered both charted and in written form.

Like most lace garments, the February Fitted Pullover will look best when knit in a yarn with some memory and which responds to blocking--the solid wool Dream in Color Classy is an excellent choice. Other wools that have been used successfully include Cascade 220, Madelinetosh Tosh DK, and Tanis Fiber Arts Green Label.

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## Stitch Patterns

### **Gull Lace Pattern (written instructions):**

Adapted from Elizabeth Zimmerman's Knitter's Almanac, worked over a multiple of 7 stitches and 4 rows. Chart located at end of pattern.

#### **Flat:**

**Rows 1 and 3 (WS):** Purl

**Row 2 (RS):** \*K1, k2tog, YO, K1, YO, ssk, K1; rep from \*

**Row 4 (RS):** \*K2tog, YO, k3, YO, ssk; rep from \*

#### **In the round:**

**Rounds 1 and 3:** K

**Round 2:** \*K1, k2tog, YO, K1, YO, ssk, K1; rep from \*

**Round 4:** \*K2tog, YO, k3, YO, ssk; rep from \*

### **Garter Stitch in the round:**

**Round 1:** Knit.

**Round 2:** Purl.

## Back

CO 140 (154, 168, 182, 196, 210) stitches and join for working in the round, being careful not to twist.

**Set-up round (RS):** Place side/round markers as follows: K 70 (77, 84, 91, 98, 105) sts, pm, K 70 (77, 84, 91, 98, 105) sts, place round marker. Work even in garter stitch until piece measures 2"/5 cm from CO edge, ending with a P round.

**Next round:** Work Round 1 of Gull Lace Pattern around.

Continue working even in lace pattern as established until piece measures approximately 2½"/6.5 cm from CO edge, ending with Round 1 of chart. On your last round, place additional markers one lace repeat out from each side marker as follows: K 7, pm, k to 7 sts before side marker, pm, k to 7 sts after side marker, pm, k to 7 sts before end of round, pm, k to end of round.

On each side of the sweater, these two lace panels will decrease to one and then increase back to two.

**The side markers will be after st 4 of the single lace repeat during the smallest part of the waist.** They will return to their original placement once the increases are complete.

### **Charted Instructions:**

**Next round:** Work Round 2 of Waist Decrease Chart to marker, sm, work round 2 of Gull Lace Chart to next shaping marker, sm, work round 2 of waist decrease chart to next shaping marker, sm, work round 2 of Gull Lace Chart to final shaping marker, sm, work round 2 of waist decrease chart.

Continue as established, working the Waist Decrease Chart on the marked side sts and the Gull Lace Chart in the middle, until you have completed the chart.

### **Written Instructions:**

**Next round (Round 2 of gull lace pattern):** K 1, K2tog, k 1, yo, SSK, k 1, sm, **work even in gull lace pattern until next shaping marker**, sm, k 1, K2tog, yo, k 1, SSK, k 1, slip side marker, k 1, K2tog, k 1, yo, SSK, k 1, sm, **work even in gull lace pattern until final shaping marker**, sm, k 1, K2tog, yo, k 1, SSK, k 1.

Four stitches decreased by omitting 4 yos. You now have 12 marked sts on each side of the sweater.

**Next round: K.**

**Next round (Round 4 of gull lace pattern):** K2tog, k 2, yo, SSK, sm, *work even in gull lace pattern until next shaping marker*, sm, K2tog, yo, k 2, SSK, slip side marker, K2tog, k 2, yo, SSK, sm, *work even in gull lace pattern until final shaping marker*, sm, K2tog, yo, k 2, SSK.

Four additional sts decreased; 10 marked sts remain on each side of sweater.

**Next round: K.**

**Next round (Round 2 of gull lace pattern):** K2tog, yo, SSK, k 1, sm, *work even in gull lace pattern until next shaping marker*, sm, k 1, K2tog, yo, SSK, remove side marker, K2tog, pass previous stitch over, replace side marker, yo, SSK, k 1, *work even in gull lace pattern until final shaping marker*, k 1, K2tog, yo, SSK, remove round marker, slip last stitch over 1st stitch of round, replace round marker.

6 additional stitches decreased. You have now eliminated one full lace repeat, or 7 stitches, from each side of the garment. K one round even. The round and side marker are after stitch 4 in the 7-stitch repeat.

#### **All Instructions:**

Continue even in lace as established for approximately 1"/2.5 cm, ending with row 1. You will now work the bust increases, increasing the one gull lace repeat on each side of the garment into your original two lace repeats. At the end of the increases, the side markers will be between lace repeats, just as at the beginning of the pattern.

#### **Charted Instructions:**

Work waist increases as follows.

**Next round:** Work Round 2 of Waist Increase Chart to marker, sm, work round 2 of Gull Lace Chart to next shaping marker, sm, work round 2 of Waist Increase Chart to next shaping marker, sm, work round 2 of Gull Lace Chart to final shaping marker, sm, work round 2 of Waist Increase Chart to end.

Continue as established, working the Waist Increase Chart on the marked side sts and the Gull Lace Chart in the middle until you have completed the chart.

#### **Written Instructions:**

**Next round (Round 2 of gull lace pattern):** M1, yo, SSK,

K1, sm, *work even in gull lace pattern until next shaping marker*, sm, k 1, K2tog, yo, M1, k 1, slip side marker, M1, yo, SSK, k 1, sm, *work even in gull lace pattern until final shaping marker*, sm, k 1, K2tog, yo, M1, k 1.

Two sts increased in each marked side section.

**Next round: K.**

**Next round (Round 4 of gull lace pattern):** K 1, yo, k 1, yo, SSK, sm, *work even in gull lace pattern until next shaping marker*, K2tog, yo, k 2, yo, k 1, slip side marker, k1, yo, k 1, yo, SSK, sm, *work even in gull lace pattern until final shaping marker*, sm, K2tog, yo, k 2, yo, k 1.

Two sts increased in each marked side section.

**Next round (Round 1 of gull lace pattern):** K 3, M1, k to shaping marker, sm, k to side marker, slip side marker, k 3, M1, k to end, slipping remaining shaping marker.

Two sts increased on a "rest" row of the lace pattern.

**Next round (Round 2 of gull lace pattern):** K 2, yo, k 1, yo, SSK, k 1, sm, *work even in gull lace pattern until next shaping marker*, sm, k 1, K2tog, yo, k 1, yo, k 2, slip side marker, k 2, yo, k 1, yo, SSK, k 1, sm, *work even in gull lace pattern until final shaping marker*, k 1, K2tog, yo, k 1, yo, k 2.

You are now back to your original number of stitches: 140 (154, 168, 182, 196, 210). Your side markers should also be back in their original position between two lace repeats. Remove shaping markers.

Work even in lace pattern as established until piece measures 13 (13, 13¼, 13¼, 13¼, 13½)"/33 (33, 33.5, 33.5, 33.5, 34.5) cm from CO edge, ending with either Row 1 or Row 3 of lace pattern.

## **Left Front**

### **Shape Scoop Neck:**

Work as established in lace pattern for 28 (31, 35, 38, 42, 45) sts. Turn work, and place remaining sts on a holder. You will work the left front scoop neck and armhole shaping flat. Please read ahead, as you will shape the neck and armhole *at the same time*.

P 1 row even.

Continue in lace pattern as established, decreasing 1 stitch at neck edge every RS row 10 times, then every 4th row 5 (6, 4, 6, 8, 9) times, and **at the same time**, when piece measures 14 (14, 14¼, 14¼, 14¼, 14½)" / 35.5 (35.5, 36, 36, 36, 37) cm from CO edge, shape armhole beginning with a RS row:

**Next row (RS):** BO 4 (4, 4, 4, 4, 5) sts, work as established with neck decreases to end.

Work 1 row as established with neck decreases.

**Next row (RS):** BO 0 (0, 0, 2, 4, 5) stitches (if the number is zero, omit this row).

Continue as established with neck decreases, decreasing 1 st at armhole edge every RS row 2 (4, 7, 6, 6, 6) times.

After all neck and armhole decreases have been worked, 7 (7, 10, 10, 10, 10) sts remain.

Continue working straight in lace pattern as established until armhole measures 7¼ (7¾, 8¾, 9¼, 9½, 9¾)" / 18.5 (19.5, 22, 23.5, 24, 25) cm, ending with a WS row.

**Next row (RS):** BO 4 (4, 5, 5, 5, 5) sts, work to end.

Work one row even. BO remaining 3 (3, 5, 5, 5, 5) sts.

## Right Front

Re-join yarn to RS of held sts and BO 14 (15, 14, 15, 14, 15) sts, then work as established in lace pattern for 28 (31, 35, 38, 42, 45) sts until side marker.

Turn work and place remaining sts on holder for back. Please read ahead, as you will shape the neck and armhole **at the same time**.

P 1 row even.

Continue in lace pattern as established, decreasing 1 stitch at neck edge every RS row 10 times, then every 4th row 5 (6, 4, 6, 8, 9) times, and **at the same time**, when piece measures 14 (14, 14¼, 14¼, 14¼, 14½)" / 35.5 (35.5, 36, 36, 36, 37) cm from CO edge, shape armhole beginning with a WS row:

**Next row (WS):** BO 4 (4, 4, 4, 4, 5) sts, work as established with neck decreases to end.

Work 1 row as established with neck decreases.

**Next row (WS):** BO 0 (0, 0, 2, 4, 5) stitches (if the number is zero, omit this row).

Continue as established with neck decreases, decreasing 1 st at armhole edge every RS row 2 (4, 7, 6, 6, 6) times.

After all neck and armhole decreases have been worked, 7 (7, 10, 10, 10, 10) sts remain.

Continue working straight in lace pattern as established until armhole measures 7¼ (7¾, 8¾, 9¼, 9½, 9¾)" / 18.5 (19.5, 22, 23.5, 24, 25) cm, ending with a RS row.

**Next row (RS):** BO 4 (4, 5, 5, 5, 5) sts, work to end.

Work one row even. BO remaining 3 (3, 5, 5, 5, 5) sts.

## Back

Re-join yarn to RS of held sts and work even in lace pattern until piece measures 14 (14, 14¼, 14¼, 14¼, 14½)" / 35.5 (35.5, 36, 36, 36, 37) cm from CO edge ending with a WS row.

### Shape armholes:

BO 4 (4, 4, 4, 4, 5) sts at the beginning of the next two rows. BO 0 (0, 0, 2, 4, 5) sts at the beginning of the following two rows (if the number is zero, omit these rows).

Decrease 1 st at each armhole edge every RS row 2 (4, 7, 6, 6, 6) times. 58 (61, 62, 67, 70, 73) stitches remain.

Continue even in lace as established until armhole measures 5¼ (5¾, 6¾, 6¾, 7, 7¼)" / 13.5 (14.5, 17, 17, 18, 18.5) cm, ending with a WS row.

**Next row (RS):** Work in lace pattern as established for 13 (13, 16, 18, 17, 18) stitches, BO center 32 (35, 30, 31, 36, 37) stitches, continue in lace pattern for remaining 13 (13, 16, 18, 17, 18) stitches. Place left shoulder/neck stitches on holder if desired.

P 1 row even. Working in lace pattern as established, decrease 1 stitch on neck edge every RS row 6 (6, 6, 8, 7, 8) times. Continue even until left shoulder stitches match front to shoulder shaping, ending with a RS row.

**Next row (WS):** BO 4 (4, 5, 5, 5, 5) sts, work to end of row. Work one row even in lace pattern as established. BO remaining 3 (3, 5, 5, 5, 5) sts.

Join yarn to WS of held sts and P one row even. Working



in lace pattern as established, decrease 1 st on neck edge every RS row 6 (6, 6, 8, 7, 8) times. Continue even until right shoulder stitches match front to shoulder shaping, ending with a WS row.

**Next row (RS):** BO 4 (4, 5, 5, 5, 5) sts and work to end of row. P 1 row even. BO remaining 3 (3, 5, 5, 5, 5) sts.

## Sleeves (make 2)

CO 42 (49, 56, 63, 63, 70) sts and work even in garter stitch until sleeve measures 2"/5 cm from CO edge, ending with a RS row.

**Next row (WS):** Work Row 1 of gull lace pattern to end.

Continue even as established until sleeve measures 11 (11½, 12, 12, 12, 12½)"/28 (29, 30.5, 30.5, 30.5, 32) cm from CO edge, ending with a WS row.

### Shape sleeve cap:

BO 4 (4, 4, 4, 4, 5) sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows.

Decrease 1 st at each end of every RS row 2 (5, 4, 7, 3, 3) times, then every other RS row 5 (2, 1, 0, 2, 1) times, every 6 rows 1 (3, 4, 4, 5, 5) times, every 4 rows 0 (0, 0, 1, 0, 2) times, every 2 rows 0 (1, 0, 1, 1, 0) times.

**Size 49 ½"/125.5 cm only:** Decrease 1 st at each end of next 2 rows.

**All sizes:** work 7 (0, 5, 0, 2, 0) rows even.

BO 3 (3, 4, 4, 5, 5) stitches at the beginning of the next 4 rows. BO final 6 (7, 14, 13, 13, 14) sts.

## Finishing

Pin and sew shoulder seams. Pin and sew in sleeves. Sew arm and side seams.

### Scoop neck:

With RS facing and beginning at right shoulder seam, pick up and knit 10 (10, 10, 12, 12, 13) sts along right back neck, pm, pick up and knit 32 (35, 30, 31, 36, 37) sts along center back, pm, pick up and knit 10 (10, 10, 12, 12, 13) sts along left back neck, 37 (41, 44, 46, 49, 50) sts along left front neck, placing markers at 19 (23, 26, 28, 31, 32) and 27 (31, 34, 36, 39, 40), pm after left front neck sts, pick up and

knit 14 (15, 14, 15, 14, 15) stitches along center front neck, pm, pick up and knit 37 (41, 44, 46, 49, 50) sts along right front neck, placing markers at stitches 10 (all sizes) and 18 (all sizes): 140 (152, 152, 162, 172, 178) sts and 8 markers placed.

Work in garter stitch, decreasing 4 sts every RS row as follows. (The stitches must be decreased in multiple places to ensure a smooth scoop neck.)

**First 3 RS rounds:** K to 2 sts before first back neck marker, SSK, K to 2nd back neck marker, K2tog, K to 2 sts before first center-neck marker (the 3rd marker on the front), SSK, K to 2 sts before 2nd center-neck marker (the 4th marker on the front), K2tog. After these three rounds remove center neck markers. You now have two markers on the back of the sweater and 4 markers on the front.

Continue to decrease 2 sts around back neck markers each RS row.

In subsequent rows, alternate decreasing 2 sts at outermost front markers and innermost front markers.

BO all sts when garter edging measures 1½"/4 cm.

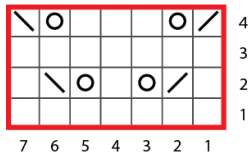
Sew seam of garter stitches at right shoulder seam. Block sweater to finished measurements.



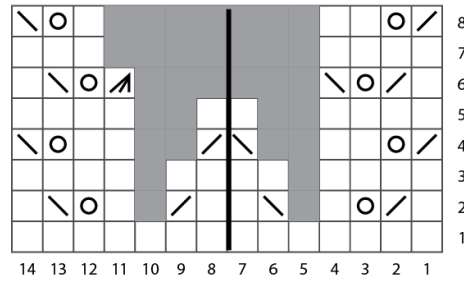
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## Charts

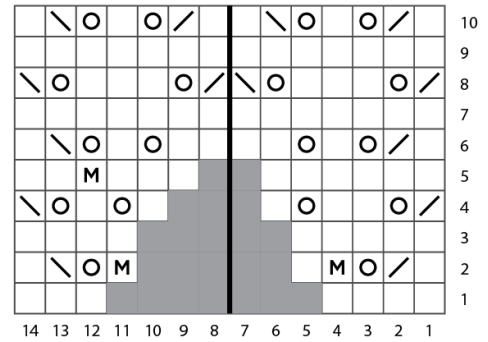
Gull Lace Chart



Waist Decrease Chart



Waist Increase Chart



### Legend

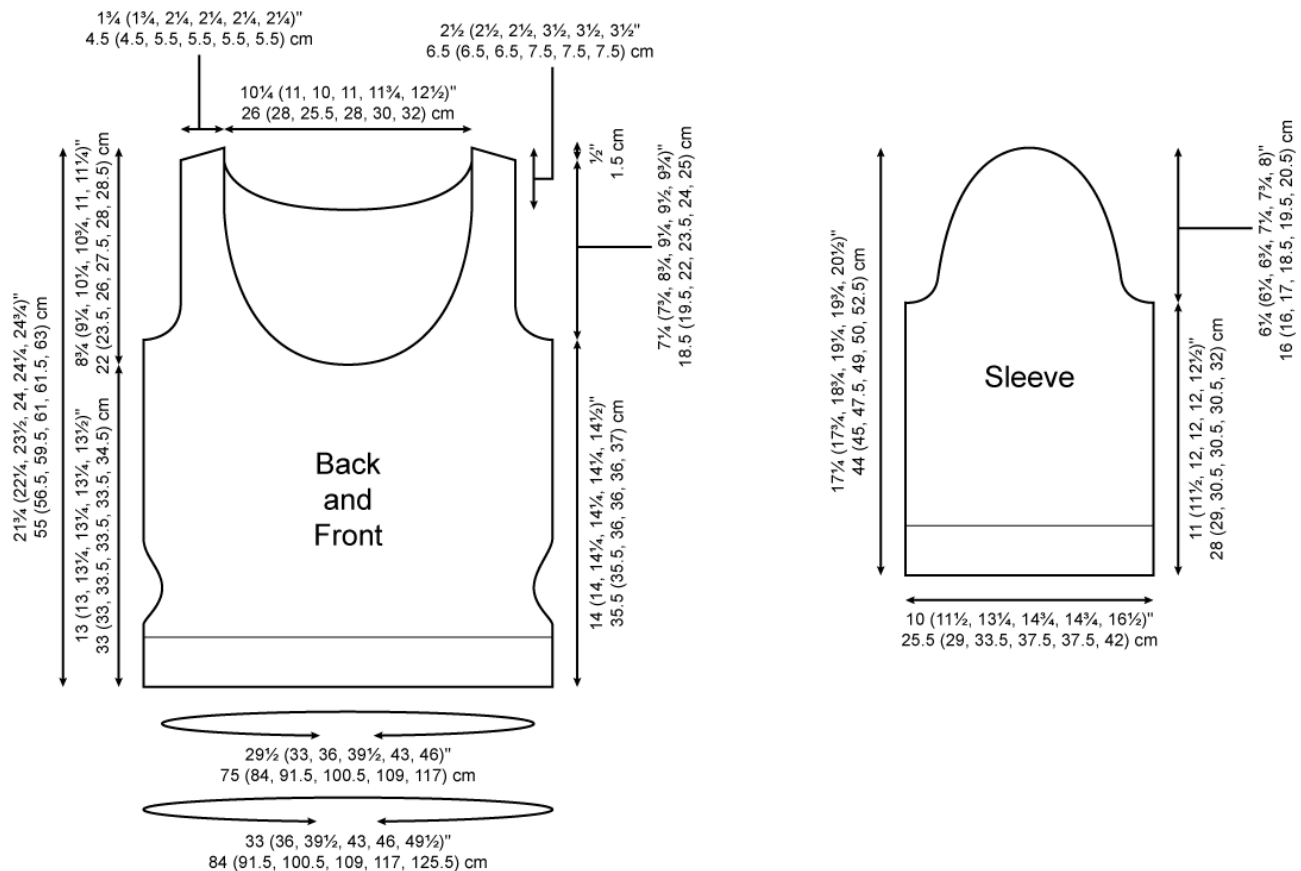
- k on RS, p on WS
- yo
- k2tog
- ssk
- k2tog, slip previous st over
- Make 1: Lift strand in between stitch st just worked and the next stitch, knit into back of this strand.
- no stitch
- marker position (can be a dashed line)
- pattern repeat





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## Schematic



## Abbreviations

CO	Cast on
BO	Bind off
K	Knit
P	Purl
RS	Right side
WS	Wrong side
pm	Place marker
sm	Slip marker
sl	Slip specified st purlwise
rem	Remain
St(s)	Stitch(es)
St st	Stockinette stitch

psso	Pass slipped stitch over
rep	Repeat
SSK	Slip the next 2 sts knitwise, one at a time. Insert left needle into the fronts of the slipped sts and k them together
K2tog	Knit the next 2 sts together as one st
P2tog	Purl the next 2 sts together as one st
P2togtbl	Purl the next 2 sts together as one st through the back loops
m1R	Pick up bar between sts with left needle from back to front, and knit through the front loop
m1L	Pick up bar between sts with left needle from front to back and knit through the back loop