

# Wildfire Sweater

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**Size:** Comfortably fits a 38 in ribcage. To make larger sweater, do 6 (or 7) repeats of the lace pattern before AND after the collar split.

**Yarn:** 5 skeins Worsted (1080 yards)

**Notions:**

- Markers: 6, removable, all can match
- Needle to sew in ends

**Needles:** I got my gauge with size 9 (5.5mm) DPN; Two size 9 (5.5mm) 28" circular needles (but whatever size needle that gets you gauge is the needle that you should use).

**Gauge:** 17 sts and 24 rows – 4" in St st.

**Stiches:** K, P, SKP (slip, knit, Pass), SL, PSSO (pass slip st over), K2tog, YO.

**Difficulty:** Intermediate.

**Skills:** Provisional Cast-on, Lace, Jenny's Stretchy Bind-off, 3 needle bind-off.

Sweater is knit sideways from left to right.

**Measurements**

My fabric was 19 inches from CO to the split and 19 from the split to the end (38 inches total).  
42 inches wide.

My sleeves are 13 inches total (last 4 inches is ribbing).

**Cast on:**

Provisional CO 160 Sts

(CO over an additional circular needle and not waste yarn to make life easier when it's time to start the sleeves.)

**Lace Pattern:** Multiple of 8sts plus 2

*Row 1 (RS):* K1 \*YO, SKP, K6; Rep from \*, K1

*Row 2 and every WS row:* K1, Purl to last ST, K1

*Rows 3, 5, 7, and 9:* K1, \*K1, YO, K2, SL 1-K2TOG-PSSO, K2, YO; Rep from \*, K1

*Row 11:* K1 \*K4, YO, SKP, K2; Rep from \*, K1

*Rows 13, 15, 17 and 19:* K1, K2TOG \*K2, YO, K1, YO, K2, SL 1-K2TOG-PSSO; Rep from \* to last 7 STS, K2, [YO, K1]



TWICE, SKP, K1

Row 20: K1, Purl to last ST, K1

### Body:

Row 1 – Knit, (place marker after 82 sts)

Row 2 - Purl

Row 3 - begin the lace pattern and work to marker, SM, Knit to end

Row 4 – Purl to marker, SM, k1, purl to 2nd to last st, k1

*RS Rows:* Work lace pattern to marker, SM, Knit 78 sts

*WS Rows:* Purl to marker, SM, k1, purl to 2nd to last st, k1

-Knit the established pattern for 5 repeats of the lace pattern.

*Final WS row (split for collar):* BO 39st for collar. Purl to marker, SM, K1, purl to 2nd to last st, k1.

-Knit row 1 of lace pattern to marker, knit to end, CO 39 sts.

-Continue for 5 repeats of the lace pattern.

-Knit 2 rows in stockinette stitch.

### Arm holes:

Time to sew up the ends for the arm holes.

-From the marker, count 25 lace sts towards edge, Place marker.

-From the marker, count 21 St sts towards edge, Place marker.

-You will use a 3-needle bind-off at each end. Fold the fabric in half (along the line between the lace and stockinette). Start the BO with the 1st and last live stitches of the row.

Easy way – 3-needle BO until you reach the two markers and have 1<sup>st</sup> left on BO needle.

Fancy Way – Combine 3-needle BO with Jenny’s super stretchy BO (wrap yarn around BO needle *before* you BO the two sts from left needle, pull both the BO st and the wrap st over the next st to BO). BO until you reach the two markers and have 1<sup>st</sup> left on BO needle.

Remove all markers from this sleeve.

-Pick up a st before and after the final bind-off st (pick up the bar before the next st. Make sure this st is twisted or there will be a large gap under the arm). Turn garment right-side out.

-Place one marker between last remaining BO st and left-most picked up st. This marks start of round. Repeat for other side of garment. You now have arm holes!

### Sleeves:

49sts total for each sleeve on circular needles

(Slip sts to DPNs. 16 sts on first and last needle, 17 sts on middle)

Knit 6 rounds

*DEC ROW:* SSK, K1, SM, K2TOG (47 sts)

Knit 5 rounds

*DEC ROUND:* (45 sts)

Continue to dec after 4 knitted rounds until you have 35 sts remaining

Knit 17 Rows

Knit to 1 before Marker, SL st, Remove Marker, SL st back to left needle, K2TOG, Place Marker (34 sts)

### Cuff:

K1, P1 for 24 Rows (or until cuff reaches wrist)

Jenny stretchy BO

-When you have 1<sup>st</sup> left, wrap yarn around as if to BO one more st

-Insert needle (front to back) under the first bound off st to the left, and pick up a new st (3 sts on needle)

-Bo (slip the 2 right sts over the newly picked up st)

-Pull yarn through loop and sew in end

Block sweater to remove curl in collar.

The sweater is finished. I hope you enjoy it!