Udda

A Yarn-Madness pattern, by Madeleine Nilsson

Time for a fun and unusual poncho for the small ones, perhaps? Udda (meaning "Odd" in Swedish) is worked sideways from the cuff and is a true homage to asymmetric garments! It's easily spiced up with different textures and decorations, and instructions for several different neckline ideas are included.



Sizes:

3m/6m/12m/2y (4y/6-8y/8-10y)

Gauge:

4.5 sts and 6 rows per inch in stockinette on larger needles Gauge isn't critical, and the sizing can easily be adjusted, since almost the whole garment is worked after measurements.

Materials and tools:

Worsted or light aran weight yarn

MC - Appr **100/120/170/200** (260/320/400) m or **110/130/185/220** (280/340/440) yards

CC - Appr **30/35/40/50** (60/80/100) m or **35/40/45/55** (65/85/110) yards

4 and 4.5 mm circular needle (US 6 and 7), or size to get gauge 4 mm double pointed needles, if not knitting shorter circumferences with magic loop or short circular. Needle for weaving in ends

Cuff:

With CC and smaller needles, loosely CO 24/24/28/28 (32/32/32) sts.

Being careful not to twist, join to work in the round and place beginning of round marker.

Work 2x2 rib (knit 2, purl 2) over all sts for 2.5 inches.

Knit 1 round. Break yarn for CC.



Abbreviations

K = knit

P = purl

sts = stitches

CO = cast on

BO = bind off

Yo = yarn over

MC = main color

CC = contrast color Tbl = through the back loop

Sm = slip marker

Body:

The body will be worked flat.

Instructions are given to work the body in stockinette, with 3 edge sts on each side, but it looks just as good in garter stitch, where you knit all sts every row. Or why not something else, like moss stitch?

Row 1 (RS): With MC and larger needles, knit all sts. When you get to the marker, remove it and turn work.

Row 2 (WS): K3, purl to last 3 sts, k3.

Row 3 (Increase): K1, yo, knit to last st, yo, k1.

Row 4: K1, k1 tbl, k1, purl to last 3 sts, k1, k1 tbl, k1.

Repeat rows 3-4 until garment measures approximately 23/25/30/40 (45/50/55) cm or 9/10/12/16 (18/20/22) inches from the CO.

(Note: For centered neckline, see notes on the last page.)

Count the number of sts you've got, and place a marker at the middle, dividing them in two halves.

Neckline:

Row 1 (RS): K1, yo, knit to marker, sm, knit to last st, yo, k1.

Row 2 (WS): K1, k1 tbl, k1, purl to marker, turn work.

Row 3: Knit to last st, yo, k1.

Row 4: K1, k1 tbl, k1, purl to marker, turn work.

Repeat rows 3-4 until the neckline measures 18/20/20/20 (22/23/25) cm or 7/7.5/7.5 (8.5/9/9.5) inches, ending with the WS row. Break yarn, and rejoin it at the sts you left off near the marker, ready to work a WS row.

Row 1 (WS): Purl to last 3 sts, k1, k1 tbl, k1.

Row 2 (RS): K1, yo, knit to marker, turn work.

Row 3: Purl to last 3 sts, k1, k1 tbl, k1.

Repeat rows 2-3 until the neckline measures the same on both sides of garment.

Finish:

Fold the garment in half, and hold the two "points" at the bottom together. Join CC and start working a 3-needle-BO (or kitchener stitch, if you don't want a visible "seam"). BO the sides together until you have approximately 12/14/16/18 (20/22/24) cm or 4.7/5.5/6.3/7 (8/8.6/9.5/10) inches of sts left up to the "fold" at the shoulder.

With smaller needles, start working in the round over the remaining sts. (You will knit up one side of the body, and at the top continue over and down the other side. Knit 1 round, and then continue with 2x2 rib (you may need to decrease if the stitch count doesn't add up with the rib). Work rib for 1 inch, then BO all sts.

With CC and smaller needles, evenly pick up sts all the way around the neckline, making sure you get a number of sts dividable by 4.

Work 2x2 rib in the round for an inch, then BO all sts loosely.

Wet block garment – especially sideways.

Weave in ends and decorate the "tip" of the poncho as you please. Tassle, pompom or a crochet flower, perhaps?

Neckline variations:

See project notes on Ravelry for more neckline ideas!

A. Centered neckline

Body: Repeat rows 3-4 until garment measures approximately 20/22/27/37 (42/47/52) cm or 8/8.6/10.6/14.5 (16.5/18.5/20.5) inches from the CO.

Repeat rows 3-4 until the neckline measures 18/20/20/20 (22/23/25) cm or 7/7.5/7.5/7.5 (8.5/9/9.5) inches, ending with the WS row. Break yarn, and rejoin it at the sts you left off near the marker, ready to work a WS row.

Join both sides after working the neckline, working back and forth repeating body rows 3-4 for another 3 cm or 1.2 inches before continuing with the Finish.



B. Centered narrow neckline, with BO "V" at the center front

Repeat Neckline rows 3-4 until the neckline measures 12/12/12/12 (13/13/13) cm or 4.5/4.5/4.5/4.5 (5/5/5) inches, ending with the WS row. Break yarn, and rejoin it at the sts you left off near the marker, ready to work a WS row.

Work until the second section measures half of the the first one. On the next WS row, BO sts as deep as you prefer your "V" at the front. Work 2 rows in pattern, and then CO the same number of sts at the beginning of the next row.

Join both sides after working the neckline, working back and forth repeating body rows 3-4 until garment measures 18/20/20/20 (22/23/25) cm or 7/7.5/7.5/7.5 (8.5/9/9.5) inches from the beginning of the neckline. Continue with the Finish.

C. Assymetric neckline to the armhole, but with a couple of buttons across the shoulder.

Work the neckline according to the pattern.

When working the neckline rib, on the sleeveless side of the garment, work a couple of button holes on either the front or back part. The neckline then can be folded down to button over the shoulder.