

The Fog Sweater by Tiennie



My hubby, Matt, (the model) and I were watching the 2005 movie, *The Fog*, where we spied a sweater worn by the star, Tom Welling. Matt requested to have a similar one and this is my interpretation of it - a modified drop-shoulder sweater. It is blogged about [here](http://tiennieknits.typepad.com/tiennie_knits/2008/01/the-fogthe-ski.html) (http://tiennieknits.typepad.com/tiennie_knits/2008/01/the-fogthe-ski.html.) In designing this, I relied on the book - **The Knitter's Handy Book of Sweater Patterns by Ann Budd**. I would highly recommend this book to anyone interested in knitting sweaters. The book provides directions for knitting sweaters flat but this pattern is mostly knit in the round. I originally conceived the sweater to be knitted for my hubby in the 44" size. After receiving requests, I wrote up this pattern for different sizes. This is my first time writing up a sweater pattern for public use, so please e-mail me at tiennieknits@comcast.net if you find any errors or have any questions. Also, this sweater has heavy amounts of ribbing in it so be forewarned - it's not for knitters who can't stand ribbing! Thanks and I hope you enjoy knitting this.

Size: [36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54] inches (My husband has a 40" chest, he is wearing the 44" sweater.)

Materials:

- Cascade Ecological Wool (100% Peruvian Highland Wool; 250 grams/8.75 oz and approximately 437 m/478 yards) #8018 Silver [4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 6] skeins. The yarn gauge is 3 1/2 stitches per 1" on US #10 needles. This is a chunky weight yarn that I knit at a light worsted weight gauge for warmth. If you'd like a lighter weight sweater, please choose a light worsted or worsted weight yarn. As I have found with lots of patterns, the amounts are usually just an estimate. Please have at least 1 extra skein to make sure you have enough for the pattern.
- One US #7 and two US #8 circular needles in 32" length (the 2nd US #8 needles do not have to be 32" length or circular needles.) Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain preferred gauge.) I knit in the round on smaller diameter projects using the magic loop method. The 32" length works well for the sweater body. It is also useful for the sleeves and turtleneck. If you prefer, the 16" circular needle would work well for the sleeves and turtleneck or you can use DPNs or 2 circular needles - whichever is your preference for knitting in the round. In this pattern, I am assuming that you would use your preferred method for knitting in the round so I don't list which stitches should be on which needles, etc.
- Stitch markers in different colors
- Tapestry needle for weaving in ends

Gauge:

6 sts and 7 rows = 1" in 1x1 rib. (Knit 1, Purl 1)

When I measured gauge for this pattern, I counted both the knit and slightly hidden purl stitches in the 1x1 rib pattern. The 1x1 rib pulls in a bit so the final width of my sweater was about 40" unblocked. After blocking, the ribbing stretched slightly to 44" in body width. I wet blocked the sweater and after a quick and gentle spin in the washing machine to get rid of excess water, I pinned the sweater to shape, on a blocking board. This yarn relaxes and blocks beautifully to shape.

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Pattern Notes:

This sweater is knitted in pieces. The lower body of the sweater is knitted in the round until the armholes. Stitches are then bound off for the armholes and the sweater is then split and knitted back and forth for the back and then back and forth for the front. The sleeves are knitted in the round until the last inches where it is split and then it is knitted back and forth. The front and back of the sweater are seamed together at the shoulder and then stitches are picked up at the neck to form the turtleneck. The sleeves are joined lastly to the sweater to make it easier to knit the turtleneck (you won't have to deal with sleeves flopping around as you keep knitting and turning the sweater) in the round.

Abbreviations:

CO - Cast on

BO - Bind off

sts - stitches

1x1 - Knit 1, Purl 1

K - Knit

P - Purl

inc - increase

4x2 - Knit 4, Purl 2

WS - Wrong side

RS - Right side

PM - Place marker

2x4 - Knit 2, Purl 4

M1R - With left needle, lift loop between stitches by moving needle tip from back to front and knit into the front of loop to make a stitch that slants to the right

M1L - With left needle, lift loop between stitches by moving needle tip from front to back and knit into the back of loop to make a stitch that slants to the left

M1P - With left needle, lift loop between stitches by moving needle tip from back to front and purl into the front of loop to make a purl increase

Lower Body:

Using smaller circular needles, CO [108, 114, 120, 126, 132, 138, 144, 150, 156, 162] sts. PM and continue to CO [108, 114, 120, 126, 132, 138, 144, 150, 156, 162] more sts. PM, of a different color to indicate beginning of round, join for working in the round, being careful not to twist stitches. Work 4x2 ribbing for 3 inches, starting with a K2, P2 then K4, P2 for the 4x2 pattern - the round will end on a K2. Switch to larger needles and work 1x1 rib until piece measures desired length to armholes, or about [14, 14.5, 15, 15.5, 16, 16, 16, 16, 16] inches.

Back:

Shape armholes:

On the next round, work in pattern until [8, 10, 10, 12, 12, 12, 14, 14, 15, 15] sts before marker. BO these stitches before the marker and [8, 10, 10, 12, 12, 12, 14, 14, 15, 15] sts after the marker. Continue in pattern to next marker and repeat BO of [8, 10, 10, 12, 12, 12, 14, 14, 15, 15] sts before the marker and BO [8, 10, 10, 12, 12, 12, 14, 14, 15, 15] sts after the marker. There will remain [92, 94, 100, 102, 108, 114, 116, 122, 126, 132] sts for the back and [92, 94, 100, 102, 108, 114, 116, 122, 126, 132] sts for the front of sweater. Leave stitches for the front of sweater on the circular needles. Move stitches for the back of sweater onto 2nd set of needles and begin working back of sweater, back and forth. Continue 1x1 ribbing for 2 inches ending with a WS row. Switch back to 4x2 ribbing (making sure to match up the 4x2 pattern with hem of sweater) until armholes measure [9, 9.5, 10, 10.5, 11, 11.5, 12, 12.5, 13, 13.5] inches.

Shape shoulders and back neck:

BO all sts, marking first and last [27, 27, 30, 31, 33, 35, 34, 37, 37, 40] sts with a stitch marker for each shoulder and remaining [38, 40, 40, 40, 42, 44, 48, 48, 52, 52] sts for back neck.

Front:

Work as for the back until armholes measure [6.5, 7, 7.5, 8, 8.5, 8.5, 9, 9.5, 10, 10] inches (ending with a WS row.)

Shape neck:

With RS facing, work across [36, 37, 40, 41, 42, 45, 46, 49, 50, 53] sts, join new yarn and BO [20, 20, 20, 20, 24, 24, 24, 24, 26, 26] for front neck. Work to end. There will be [36, 37, 40, 41, 42, 45, 46, 49, 50, 53] sts at each side.

Working each side separately, at each neck edge BO 3 sts [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2] rows. Then BO 2 sts 2 times. Then decrease 1 stitch at each neck edge every RS row [2, 3, 3, 3, 2, 3, 2, 2, 3, 3] times. There will remain [27, 27, 30, 31, 33, 35, 34, 37, 37, 40] sts at each side. Work even until armholes measure same as back to shoulders. BO all sts.

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Sleeves:

For the sleeves, 2 increases - a knit increase AND a purl increase will be made on each side of marker that indicates beginning of round. To make increases continue in the 1x1 rib pattern, do so in this fashion: If a purl increase is next in pattern, do a M1P on either side of marker (where necessary). If a knit increase is next in pattern, do a M1R if a knit increase is to be made before marker, or a M1L if a knit increase is to be made after the marker. For example: you would M1R, slip marker, then M1P on increase round. Or you would M1P, slip marker, M1L on increase round.

CO [56, 56, 60, 60, 60, 66, 66, 66, 68, 68] sts. PM and join for working in the round being careful not to twist stitches. Work 1x1 rib for 3 inches (These are the inches for the turned up cuff.) Continuing in 1x1 rib pattern and inc 1 st each side of marker every 2 rows [0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 0, 6, 14, 18, 26] times, if number is zero, omit these rows.

Then, inc 1 st each side of marker every 4 rows [16, 23, 24, 31, 34, 36, 33, 28, 26, 21] times.

Then inc 1 st each side of marker every 6 rows [10, 6, 6, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0] times. If number is zero, omit these rows.

There will be [108, 114, 120, 126, 132, 138, 144, 150, 156, 162] sts. Work even, if necessary, until piece measures desired length to armhole (including length for turned up cuff), or about [22, 22.5, 23, 23.5, 24, 24.5, 25, 25, 25, 25] inches.

Discontinue working in the round and begin working back and forth on needles for [1.25, 1.75, 1.75, 2, 2, 2, 2.25, 2.25, 2.5, 2.5] inches. BO all sts loosely in pattern.

Finishing:

With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew left shoulder seam and sew right shoulder seam.

Turtleneck:

Beginning at back of right shoulder, pick up and knit, in 2x4 rib st pattern, approximately [84, 90, 90, 90, 90, 96, 96, 96, 102, 102] sts (approximately 1 stitch for every stitch that was bound off, making sure you have multiples of 6 sts in order to have the turtleneck 2x4 stitch pattern match up with the 4x2 rib pattern of the sweater when the neck is turned down.) Where there was a K stitch in the sweater body, there will now be a P stitch and vice versa. The extra sts can be added at each shoulder seam and neck front. Join sts for working in the round and continue in 2x4 rib st pattern for 6 inches. BO all sts loosely in pattern.

Sew sleeve tops to armholes matching up the markers to the correct BO sts and matching tops of sleeves with shoulder seams. Weave in any loose ends. Block sweater to measurements.

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