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DARIO TUBIANA

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Beautiful patterning and
Latvian braids decorate this
soft, warm yoked sweater

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The sweater is
knitted from
the top down



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A SMART stranded colourwork pattern decorates the yoke of this sweater by Dario Tubiana, standing out crisply in white against the rich red background. Dario's top-down sweater design is complemented by two-colour Latvian braids, which are worked above the ribbed cuffs and hem.

NECKBAND

Using 3.5mm circular needles and yarn A, cast on 100 (104:108:112:116:120:124:128) sts. Pm and join to work in the rnd, taking care not to twist sts.
Rib rnd: *K1, P1; rep from * to end.
Continue in rib as set until neckband meas 2.5cm from cast-on edge.

Change to 4mm circular needles.

YOKE

Increase 20 (22:24:26:28:30:32:34) sts evenly across next rnd, working as given for your size below:

- Size 1: (K5, M1) 20 times. 120 sts.
- Size 2: K2, (M1, K5) 8 times, (M1, K4) 5 times, (M1, K5) 8 times, M1, K2. 126 sts.
- Size 3: K2, (M1, K5) 6 times, (M1, K4) 11 times, (M1, K5) 6 times, M1, K2. 132 sts.
- Size 4: K2, (M1, K5) 4 times, (M1, K4) 17 times, (M1, K5) 4 times, M1, K2. 132 sts.
- Size 5: (K4, M1) 28 times, K4. 144 sts.

SIZE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
TO FIT BUST	76-81	86-91	97-102	107-112	117-122	127-132	137-142	147-152	cm
	30-32	34-36	38-40	42-44	46-48	50-52	54-56	58-60	in
ACTUAL BUST	83½	96½	108	119	128½	139½	150½	160	cm
	32¾	38	42½	46¾	50½	55	59¼	63	in
ACTUAL LENGTH	47	48½	50	50½	51½	53½	54	55	cm
	18½	19	19¾	20¼	21	21¼	21¼	21¼	in
SLEEVE SEAM	45	45	46	46	47	47	48	48	cm
	17¾	17¾	18	18	18½	18½	19	19	in

Note: If desired you can make sleeves longer, but you will need more yarn.

YARN

The Fibre Co. Cumbria (Aran weight; 60% Merino wool, 30% Masham wool, 10% Mohair; 216m/236yds per 100g skein)

	A APPLEBY CASTLE	4	5	6	6	7	7	8	8	x100g
B		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	x100g

- Size 6: (K4, M1) 30 times. 150 sts.
- Size 7: K2, (M1, K4) 14 times, (M1, K3) 3 times, (M1, K4) 14 times, M1, K1. 156 sts.
- Size 8: K2, (M1, K4) 13 times, (M1, K3) 7 times, (M1, K4) 13 times, M1, K1. 162 sts.

All sizes
120 (126:132:138:144:150:156:162) sts

The rnd currently begins at centre back. In Sizes 2, 4, 6, and 8, if you begin the next rnd here, the yoke pattern will not be correctly centred at centre front, as there is an odd number of yoke pattern repeats in these sizes. To keep the yoke centred in these sizes, slip the next three sts purlwise and strand the yarn evenly across the back of these sts. Pm for beginning of first pattern repeat. Keep original beginning of round marker in position until the yoke patterning is complete.

Begin working from Yoke chart for your size, joining yarn B at the beg of rnd 2. You should have 20 (21:22:23:24:25:26:27) repeats per rnd.

Note that you will work increases on rnds 5, 9, 14, 18, and 22. In Sizes 1 to 5 you will also increase on rnds 28 and 31. In Sizes 6 to 8 you will also increase on rnds 26, 28, 30 and 32. At the end of the chart you will have 13 (13:13:13:13:15:15:15) sts per repeat and a total of 260 (273:286:299:312:375:390:405) sts on your needles. In Sizes 2, 4, 6, and 8, break yarn and rejoin it to the first st after the beginning of the rnd marker

so that you are now at centre back again. Remove pattern repeat marker.

- Increase 22 (27:36:43:50:37:56:61) sts evenly across next rnd, working as given for your size below:
- Size 1: K5, (M1, K12) 9 times, (M1, K11) 3 times, (M1, K12) 9 times, M1, K6. 282 sts.
- Size 2: K6, M1, (K10, M1) 26 times, K7. 300 sts.
- Size 3: K3, (M1, K8) 17 times, M1, K7, (M1, K8) 17 times, M1, K4. 322 sts.
- Size 4: K3, M1, K6, (M1, K7) 41 times, M1, K3. 342 sts.
- Size 5: K3, (K6, M1) 50 times, K9. 362 sts.
- Size 6: K8, M1, (K10, M1) 36 times, K7. 412 sts.
- Size 7: K3, (M1, K7) 27 times, M1, K6, (M1, K7) 27 times, M1, K3. 446 sts.
- Size 8: K3, (M1, K6) 11 times, (M1, K7) 39 times, (M1, K6) 10 times, M1, K3. 466 sts.

All sizes
282 (300:322:342:362:412:446:466) sts.

SHORT-ROW SHAPING

- Short row 1 (RS): K105 (111:117:125:133:143:153:163), w&t.
- Short row 2 (WS): P105 (111:117:125:133:143:153:163), slm for beg of rnd, P105 (111:117:125:133:143:153:163), w&t.
- Short row 3: K to mrk, slm, K to previously wrapped st, work wrapped st tog with its wrap, work 5 (5:5:5:6:6:7:7) more sts, w&t.
- Short row 4: P to mrk, slm, P to previously wrapped st, work wrapped st tog with its wrap,

NEEDLES & ACCESSORIES

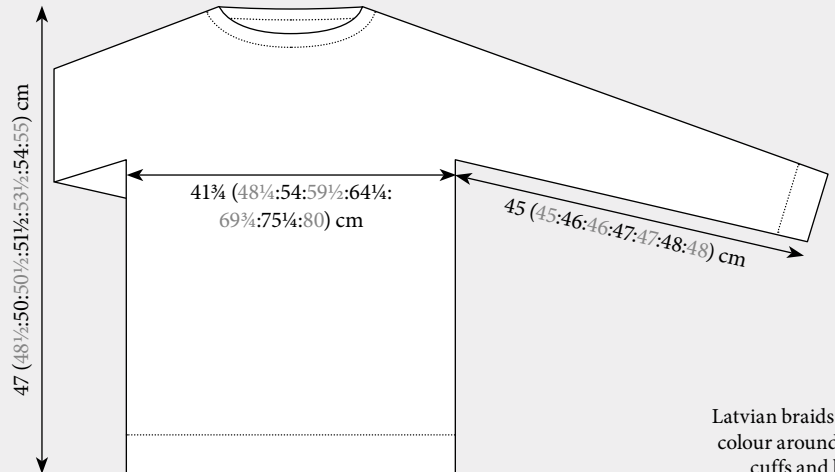
3.5mm (UK 10-9/US 4) circular needles, 40cm and 80cm long
4mm (UK 8/ US 6) circular needles, 40cm, 60cm and 80cm long, for yoke and body
Set of 3.5mm (UK 10-9/US 4) double-pointed needles (DPNs), or your preferred needles for working small circumferences
Set of 4mm (UK 8/US 6) DPNs, or your preferred needles for working small circumferences
Stitch markers
Stitch holders

Note: Circular needle sizes are given in different lengths for working the yoke, body and hem. If preferred, when working shorter circumferences you can use the Magic Loop method, or use double-pointed needles.

TENSION

21.5 sts and 29 rows to 10cm over st st on 4mm needles

BLOCKING



Latvian braids add colour around the cuffs and hem

work 5 (5:5:5:6:6:7:7) more sts, w&t.
Rep last 2 rows another 4 times.

Next rnd: Knit to end, working wraps together with any remaining wrapped sts.

Work straight until Yoke meas 18½ (20:20½:21:22:23:23½:24½) cm from centre back neck, excluding rib. This should be approximately another ½ (2:2½:3:4:4½:5:6) cm.

SEPARATE BODY FROM SLEEVES

Next rnd: K41 (46:50:54:57:65:70:74) for half Back, place next 59 (58:61:63:67:76:83:85) sts on a holder or waste yarn for Right Sleeve, cast on 8 (12:16:20:24:20:22:24) sts for underarm, knit 82 (92:100:108:114:130:140:148) for Front, place next 59 (58:61:63:67:76:83:85) sts on a holder or waste yarn for Left Sleeve, cast on 8 (12:16:20:24:20:22:24) sts for underarm, knit 82 (92:100:108:114:130:140:148) for Front, place next 59 (58:61:63:67:76:83:85) sts on a holder or waste yarn for Left Sleeve, knit 41 (46:50:54:57:65:70:74) to centre Back. 180 (208:232:256:276:300:324:344) sts for Body.

BODY

Work in st st (knit every rnd) until Body meas 21 (21:22:22:22:23:23:23) cm from underarm.

LATVIAN BRAID

Join in yarn B and beg working the braid as follow:

Set-up rnd: (K1A, K1B) to end.

Rnd 1: *Bring both yarns to the front and P1 ▶



with yarn A and P1 with yarn B; rep from * to end, always taking the new yarn under the yarn just worked. You will notice that the two yarns are now twisted together. Leave them as they are, because the next rnd will untwist them.
 Rnd 2: (P1A, P1B) to end, always working the next stitch by taking and bringing the new yarn over the yarn just worked.

Change to 3.5mm needles.
 Break yarn B.
 Rib rnd: *K1, P1; rep from * to end.
 Continue in rib as set until hem meas 4cm.
 Cast off loosely in rib.

SLEEVES

(make both alike)

With RS facing, using 4mm DPNs and yarn A, and beg at centre of underarm, pick up and knit 4 (6:8:10:12:10:11:12) sts, knit across 59 (58:61:63:67:76:83:85) held Sleeve sts, pick up and knit 4 (6:8:10:12:10:11:12) sts to centre of underarm. Pm for beg of rnd.
 67 (70:77:83:91:96:105:109) sts.

Work 2 (2:2:2:2:2:10:2) rnds in st st.
 Dec rnd: K1, K2tog, knit to last 3 sts, SSK, K1. 2 sts dec'd.

Work 29 (23:17:12:8:7:5:5) rnds straight.
 Rep dec rnd once more. 2 sts dec'd.
 Rep last 30 (24:18:13:9:8:6:6) rnds another 2 (3:5:7:11:13:16:18) times.
 59 (60:63:65:65:66:69:69) sts.
 Work 1 rnd, dec 1 (0:1:1:1:0:1:1) st at beg of rnd.
 58 (60:62:64:64:66:68:68) sts.
 Cont straight until Sleeve meas 40 (40:41:41:42:42:43:43) cm from underarm.

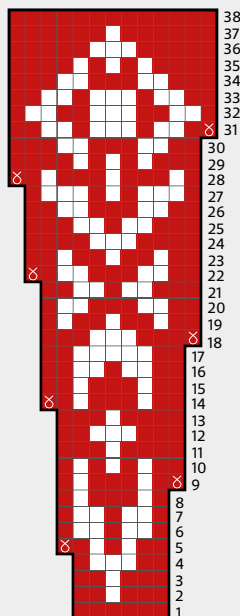
Join yarn B and work Latvian Braid as for Body.

Change to 3.5mm DPNs.
 Break yarn B.
 Work in rib as for Body until cuff meas 4cm.
 Cast off loosely in rib.

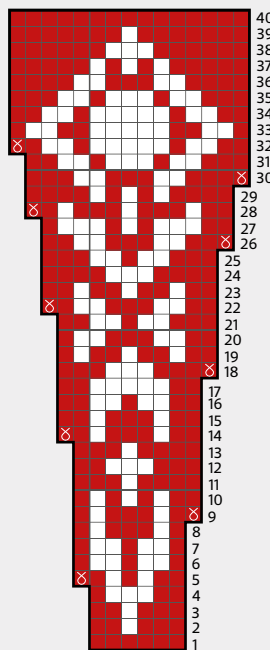
FINISHING

Weave in ends, using yarn ends to close any holes at underarms. Block gently to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the yarn label. 🧶

Yoke Chart Sizes 1-5



Yoke Chart Sizes 6-8



KEY

- Yarn A
- Yarn B
- M1

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

K1A (B): Knit 1 st in yarn A (B).

The yoke features a bold stranded colourwork pattern

