

Cosmo Simplified



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Skill level: advanced intermediate

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Sizes	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL
Bust	34in	35.5	37	38.5	40	42.5
	86cm	90	94	98	102	108
Length	20.5in	21.25	22	22.75	23.75	24.5
	52cm	54	56	58	60	60
Sleeve	24in	24.5	25	25.5	26	26.5
	61cm	62.25	63.5	64.75	66	67.25

### The Road Ahead

Here's a brief overview of Cosmo Simplified's construction. You'll find pattern instructions keyed to the following steps:

**Step 1:** Body is worked in one piece from hem to underarm, including buttonhole and beginning front neck shaping;

**Step 2:** Work across one row of right front to back underarm, where you'll begin to work back separately from fronts;

**Step 3:** Back underarm shaping, finish back;

**Step 4:** Return to fronts to work underarm shaping, complete neck shaping, finish fronts. Seam (or 3-needle BO) backs to front at shoulders;

**Step 5:** Sleeves are picked up from armhole and worked in the round to cuff;

**Step 6:** Collar and I-cord edgings.

Your seed stitch pattern will flow without interruption from collar to hem, from shoulder to sleeve cuff. An elegantly-simple jacket you'll find yourself reaching for to wear with jeans and then out for the evening.

### Stitch Glossary

Seed Stitch

Over **odd** number of sts: \*k1, p1\* rpt across row. Rpt \* to \* for every row.

Over **even** number of sts: \*k1, p1\* rpt across row. For every subsequent row, k purl sts as they face you and p knit stitches as they face you.



### Yarn

Misti Alpaca Chunky or Chunky Hand Paint (100% baby alpaca, 100 grams = approx 108 yards)

Main Color 8 (8, 9, 9, 10, 10) hanks

Trim Color 1 (1, 1, 1, 2, 2) hanks

### Needles

U.S. 10 (6 mm) 24 in (60 cm) & 16 in (40 cm) circ, U.S. 9 (5.5 mm) double-pointed

or correct needle size to obtain gauge

### Notions

coilless pin markers

ring stitch markers

tapestry needle

1 large button

### Gauge/Tension

14 stitches and 26 rows = 4 in/ 10 cm in seed stitch after blocking



## To knit

### Step 1

#### Body of jacket

With trim color and 24" (60 cm) circ needles, CO 121 (127, 133, 139, 143, 149) sts and knit 2 rows (= 1 garter ridge). Then:

Change to main color.

Row 1: (RS) k1, pm (selvage), M1, k22 (24, 25, 26, 27, 29), pm (side), k75 (77, 81, 85, 87, 89), pm (side), k22 (24, 25, 26, 27, 29), M1, pm (selvage), k1.

Note: The increases made in this set-up row are the first of 11 increases to be made at each selvage marker.

Row 2: (WS) p1, sm, begin seed stitch with k1, work to final selvage marker, sm, end p1.

From here on, you'll work the two selvage sts in St st (k on RS, p on WS) while working all sts between first and last markers in seed stitch.

Rows 3 and 4: Work even.

Row 5: (RS): k1, sm, M1, \* work to 2 sts before side marker, k2tog, sm, sl1, k1, pss0 (= decreases made before and after side marker), rpt from \* once, work to selvage marker, M1, sm, k1.

Note: Increases made in Row 5 at selvage markers are the 2nd of the 11 to be made.

Note: Decreases made at each side of the side markers are the first of 7 you'll be making.

Continue to make increases every 4th row until you have the 11 increases on each side at selvage marker. At the same time, continue to make decreases at side markers every 8th row 7 times. Maintain seed stitch pattern between selvage markers.

You'll know you've finished the body shaping (increases and decreases) when you have:

Each front: 27 (29, 30, 31, 32, 34) sts  
Back: 61 (63, 67, 71, 73, 75) sts

Work even through row 70 (72, 74, 76, 80, 82).

#### Buttonhole

Row 71 (73, 75, 77, 81, 83): (RS) Buttonhole: work 3 sts, BO 2 sts, work to end of row as established.

Row 72 (74, 76, 78, 82, 84): (WS) Work to bound-off sts of previous row, CO 2 sts over bound-off sts, work rem 3 sts.

#### Front neck shaping:

Decrease row

Row 73 (75, 77, 79, 83, 85): (RS) k1, sm, k2tog, work to 2 sts before second selvage marker, ssk, sm, k1. There will be a total of 9 (11, 10, 10, 10, 12) neck-edge decreases but

### Step 2

AT 4th DEC ROW OF RIGHT FRONT, work to side marker.

### Step 3

#### Back armhole shaping

At this point you'll begin working on back stitches only. You're now at the side marker between right front and back:

\*BO 2 sts in pattern, work to second side marker, turn, rpt from \* 5 more times.

Note: Total underarm shaping is 6 sts bound off at each side, 2 sts at a time.

Note: Replace side stitch ring markers with coilless pins at center underarm. Place coilless pin in fabric of each side to indicate where bind-offs end.



**Continue** to work in seed st as established without shaping for the next 38 (42, 44, 46, 48, 50) rows.

#### **Back neck shaping:**

Next RS row: Work 14 (14, 16, 17, 18, 18) sts, attach second ball of yarn, BO center 21 (23, 23, 25, 25, 27) sts, work rem 14 (14, 16, 17, 18, 18) sts. Working both sides at the same time, BO 1 st at each side of neck edge 2 times = 12 (12, 14, 15, 16, 16) sts rem. BO **or** place shoulder sts on holder for 3-needle BO.

#### **Step 4**

##### **Left front**

With RS facing, attach yarn at armhole edge and \*BO 2 sts at armhole edge, work to 2 sts before front selvage marker, ssk, sl m, k1.\* Repeat \* to \* on next 3 RS rows (point C1 or C2 in Diagram 1). Place a coilless pin to indicate point of last armhole BO.

Cont to dec with ssk before selvage marker only until 9 (11, 10, 10, 10, 12) sts have been decreased from left front neck edge past buttonhole = 12 (12, 14, 15, 16, 16) sts rem. Work 44 (48, 50, 52, 54, 56) more rows plain. BO shoulder sts **or** place on holder for 3-needle BO.

##### **Right front**

With WS facing, attach yarn at armhole edge and \*BO 2 sts, work to end of row.\* Rpt from \* to \* 3 times FOR WS ROWS ONLY, placing coilless pin markers as for left front. FOR RS ROWS ONLY: k1, sm, k2tog, work seed st pattern across. Cont right front neck edge dec until 9 (11, 10, 10, 10, 12) sts have been removed = 12 (12, 14, 15, 16, 16) sts rem. Work 44 (48, 50, 52, 54, 56) more rows plain.

BO shoulder sts or place on holder for 3-needle BO.

#### **Shoulder seam**

Sew fronts to back at shoulders, or join using 3-needle BO.

#### **Step 5**

##### **Sleeves**

With RS facing and 16" (40 cm) circ needles, beg at side marker (C1 in Diagram 1) pick up and knit 7 sts before underarm, place ring marker at underarm ctr (B in Diagram 1), pick up and knit 7 sts from underarm to second coilless pin marker, place ring marker (C2 in diagram), pick up and knit 22 (24, 25, 26, 27, 28) sts to shoulder seam, pick up and knit 1 st at shoulder seam, pick up and knit 22 (24, 25, 26, 27, 28) sts between shoulder seam and first picked-up stitch, **turn**.

WS: sl 1, place ring marker (at C1 in Diagram 1), beg with k st work in seed st pattern to 1st marker (C2), remove marker, **turn**.

RS: sl 1, place ring marker, work in seed st to next ring marker, remove marker, p2tog, k1, p1, k1, turn.

WS: sl 1, place ring marker, work in seed st to next ring marker, remove marker, p2tog, k1, p1, k1, turn.

RS: sl 1, place ring marker, work in seed st to next marker, remove marker, k2tog, p1, k1, sl underarm marker, p1, k1, p2tog, remove ring marker placed at beg of this round.

As established in seed st, work 6 rounds even.

Dec round: work to 2 sts before underarm marker, k2tog, sm, sl1, k1, pssso, work rest of round as established in seed st.

Rpt these seven rounds 11 times.

Try on Cosmo at this point to check sleeve length.

Then work 13 (16, 19, 23, 26, 29) rounds even in seed st OR to 3 in/ 7.5 cm less than desired finished sleeve length.

#### Cuff increases

In next round of seed st, pm after the 12th (12th, 14th, 14th, 14th) st past the underarm marker and pm again after 22nd (24th, 28th, 28th, 30th, 30th) st past underarm marker. The st before each marker should be a purl st.

Increase round: kfb in purl st before underarm marker, sm, kfb in k st after the marker, work in seed st and rep inc at each of the next two markers = 6 sts added.

Work 6 rounds even.

Rpt inc round.

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Rpt inc round.

Work 2 rounds even = 51 (55, 57, 61, 63, 67) sts.

#### Cuff trim

Change to trim color and work I-cord bind-off:

Remove underarm marker, cable cast-on 4 new sts at first st, \*k3, k2tog tbl, put these 4 sts back on left needle\* rpt from \* to \* until 4 sts rem. BO last 4 sts, break yarn, leaving a 10 in/ 25 cm tail to join last 4 BO sts to the first 4 CO sts.

## Step 6

### Collar

WS facing of left front, with smaller circ needles and main color, pick up and knit 14 sts along the decreases of the front neck shaping, 22 (24, 25, 26, 27, 28) sts up to back neck BO, 21 (23, 23, 25, 25, 27) sts across back to neck BO, then 22 (24, 25, 26, 27, 28) sts, and 14 sts across right front. **Turn.**

Next row: BO first 2 sts, work to end in seed st. Rpt for 14 rows = 28 sts dec: 14 sts at each end of collar.

Cont in seed st even until collar measures 6.75 in/ 17 cm long at center back. BO.

### Trim for collar and front edges:

With RS facing, beg at right front hem and working around collar and down left front to hem, work attached I-cord:

On double-pointed needle using trim color, CO 5 sts, \*k3, k2tog tbl, pick up a new st along raw edge, slide these sts to the other end of needle\* rpt from \* to \* around.

### Finishing

Weave in ends.

Block or steam press between cloths.

Sew on button.



## Abbreviations

beg = begin, beginning  
 BO = bind off  
 CO = cast on  
 cont = continue  
 dec = decrease  
 inc = increase  
 k = knit  
 kfb = knit in front and back of st (inc)  
 k2tog = knit 2 sts together  
 M1 = make 1 (inc)  
 p = purl  
 p2tog = purl 2 sts together  
 pssso = pass slipped st over  
 pm = place marker  
 rem = remaining  
 rpt = repeat  
 RS = right side (outside) of garment  
 sl1 = slip 1 st  
 sm = slip marker  
 ssk = slip slip knit (dec)  
 st, sts = stitch, stitches  
 tbl = through back of loop  
 WS = wrong side (inside) of garment

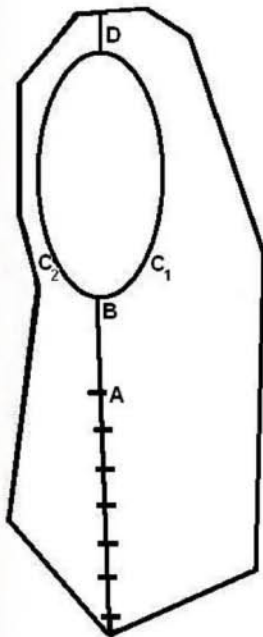
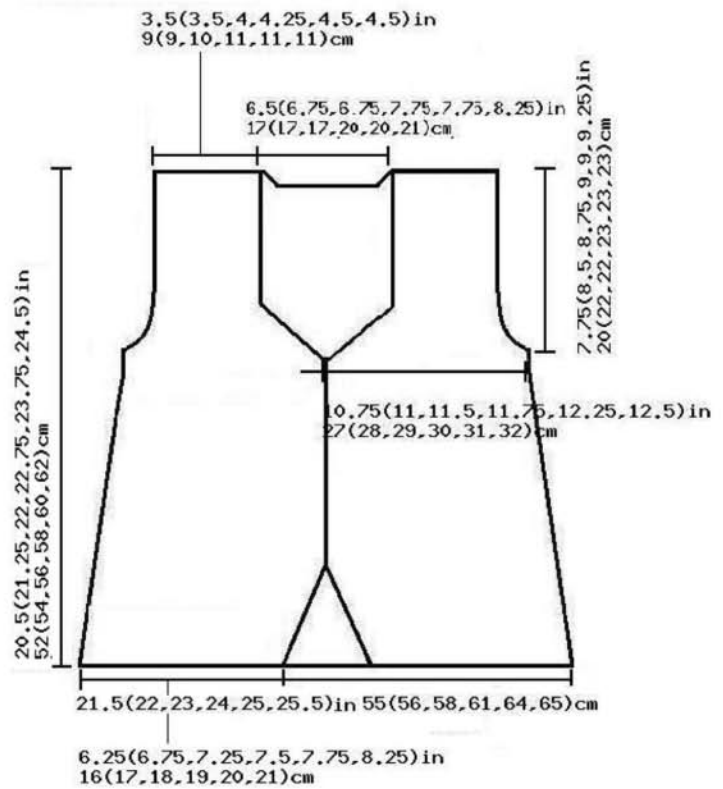


Diagram 1

