Southfields Sweater

This light sweater is so easy to knit and finish that I managed to make mine throughout the excitement of Andy Murray’s Wimbledon final! The majority of the pattern is in stocking stitch, a great way to perhaps show off a beautiful yarn with a little texture; alternatively, in a neutral shade it is the perfect non-clashing cover up for your prettiest spring and summer florals. The lattice lace panels are inspired by tennis nets and straw hats and the simple dropped shoulder construction is flattering and fashionable. I’ve named it after Southfields – which, in confusing London fashion, is the underground station for Wimbledon.



**Sizes:**

Actual size across widest part of bust: 80 (90, 101.5, 112, 123, 133, 144) cm / 32 (36, 40, 45, 50, 54, 58)”. This designed to fit with positive ease so knit the size up from your actual bust measurement.

**Materials:**

750 (850, 950, 1050, 1200, 1300, 1450) m / 800 (910, 1020, 1125, 1285, 1390, 1550) yds aran weight yarn or yarn to achieve tension.

One pair 4.5mm (US size 7) and one pair 5mm (US size 8) needles or size to achieve tension.

Darning needle for seaming.

**Tension:**

15 st & 21 rows to 10 cm/4” over stocking stitch on larger needles, blocked.

**Abbreviations:**

k – knit

ktbl – knit through back of loop

k2tog – knit 2 together

m1 – make one by picking up yarn between stitches & ktbl

p – purl

patt - pattern

r/s – right side

rep - repeat

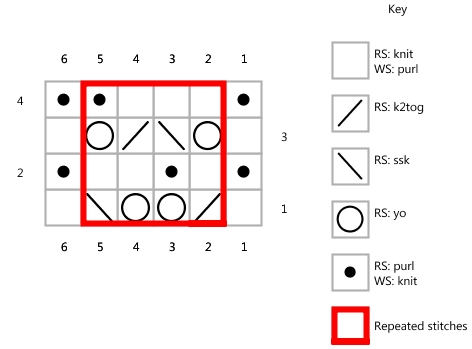
ssk – sl 1 knitwise, sl 1 purlwise, knit 2 slipped sts together

st st – stocking stitch (knit on right side, purl on wrong side)

w/s – wrong side

yo – yarn over

**Pattern:**

Row 1 (RS): k1, \*(k2tog, yo, yo, ssk); rep from \* to last st, k1.

Row 2 (WS): k1, \*(p2, k1, p1); rep from \* to last st, k1.

Row 3 (RS): k1, \*(yo, ssk, k2tog, yo); rep from \* to last st, k1.

Row 4 (WS): k1, \*(k1, p3); rep from \* to last st, k1.

**Back & front (both the same):**

With smaller needles, cast on 62 (70, 78, 86, 94, 102, 110) sts.

Knit 8 rows.

Change to larger needles.

\*\*Work 8 rows in pattern.

Next row (r/s) p one row.

Work 6 rows st st.

Next row (w/s) k one row.

Rep. from \*\*.

Work 8 rows in pattern.

Next row (r/s) p one row.

Starting with a w/s purl row, continue in st st until piece measures 46 (47, 48, 51.5, 53. 54.5, 56.5) cm / 18.5 (19, 19, 21, 21, 22, 23)” from cast on edge, finishing with a r/s row.

Next row (w/s) k one row.

Work 20 rows in patt.

Purl 6 rows.

Cast off.

**Sleeves (both the same):**

With smaller needles, cast on 38 (38, 38, 42, 46, 46, 50) sts.

Knit 4 rows.

Change to larger needles.

Patt. 8 rows.

Purl 2 rows.

K1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1

Last row sets increase. Continue in st st, working increase rows as above every 6th row until you have 60 (60, 64, 68, 72, 76, 76) sts on needles.

Continue in st st until work measures 42 (43, 43, 44.5, 44.5, 45.5, 45.5) cm / 17 (17, 17, 18, 18, 18, 18)”, or desired sleeve length, from cast on edge.

Cast off.

Block pieces to measurements.

**Making up:**

Sew shoulders together using backstitch, leaving a 30cm / 12” gap at the centre for the neck.

Fold sleeves in half lengthways and pin to sides of back and front (see schematic). Join shoulder seams using backstitch. Sew sleeve and side seams using mattress stitch. Weave in ends.

