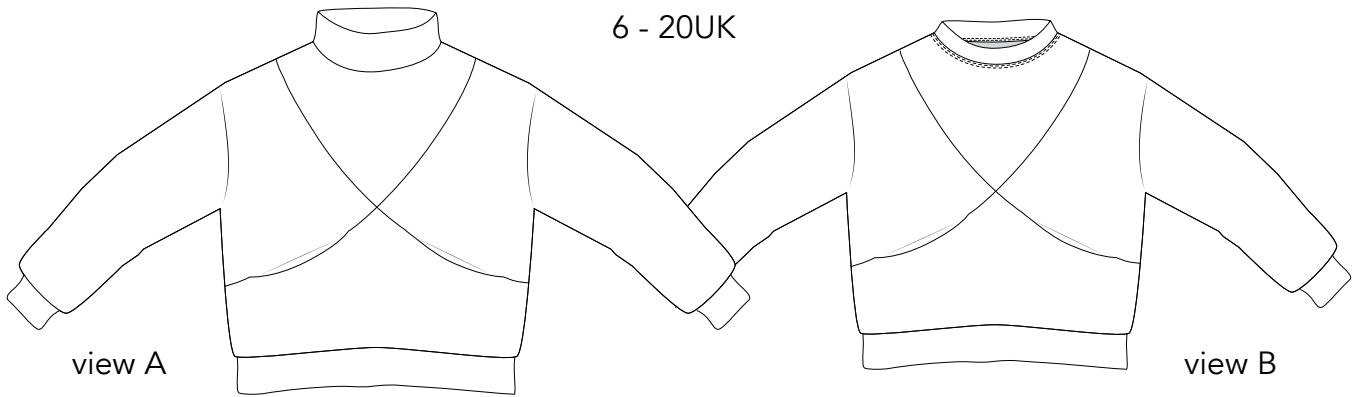

Maxine Sweater

6 - 20UK



Maxine is a very cosy and stylish sweater featuring a criss-cross front detail, generous secret pockets, two neckband variations, drop shoulder, waistband and cuffs. It is suitable for a wide variety of medium to heavy weight stretch fabrics. The pattern is aimed at but not exclusive to adventurous beginners who would like to learn more about sewing with stretch fabrics using a domestic sewing machine.

Please note that all original measurements are metric and seam allowances are included at 1cm (3/8") throughout the pattern unless otherwise stated in the instructions. Imperial measurements are included in the next page.

UK size	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
body measurements								
bust	76cm	80cm	84cm	88cm	92cm	96cm	100cm	104cm
waist	60cm	64cm	68cm	72cm	76cm	80cm	84cm	88cm
hip	84cm	88cm	92cm	96cm	100cm	104cm	108cm	112cm
fabric amount - all views								
110cm wide	230cm	230cm	230cm	240cm	240cm	240cm	245cm	245cm
150 wide	175cm	175cm	175cm	180cm	180cm	185cm	185cm	190cm
finished garment flat measurements								
across chest	50cm	52cm	54cm	56cm	58cm	60cm	62cm	64cm
length (waistband incl.)	54cm	55cm	56cm	57cm	58cm	59cm	60cm	61cm

fabric suggestions:

- any medium or heavy weight stretch fabric with at least 20% stretch - sweater knits, fleece backed jersey, boiled wool, ponte, scuba... or get adventurous and try something different

other notions:

- 50cm (1/2 yard) of fusible seam tape interfacing (or cut strips of lightweight interfacing fabric)

EXPERIENCE LEVEL



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Please note that the imperial measurements below are converted for your convenience from the original metric measurements and approximated to the nearest 1/2 inch.

UK size	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
body measurements								
bust	30"	31.5"	33"	34.5"	36"	38"	39.5"	41"
waist	23.5"	25"	27"	28.5"	30"	31.5"	33"	34.5"
hip	33"	34.5"	36"	38"	39.5"	41"	42.5"	44"
fabric amount - all views								
42" wide	2.5y	2.5y	2.5y	2.6y	2.6y	2.6y	2.7y	2.7y
59" wide	1.9y	1.9y	1.9y	1.7y	2y	2y	2y	2y
finished garment flat measurements								
across chest	19.5"	20.5"	21"	22"	23"	23.5"	24.5"	25"
length (waistband incl.)	21"	21.5"	22"	22.5"	23"	23"	23.5"	24"

BEFORE YOU START:

- Use a medium or heavy weight fabric with at least 20% stretch. To check this, cut a 10cm x 10cm square of fabric and stretch it crosswise and then lengthwise next to a ruler. If it stretches to 12cm, the fabric has 20% stretch, if it stretches up to 13cm it has 30% stretch, etc.
- Please pre-wash (steam clean) your fabric when possible to avoid shrinkage or twisting after.
- Use a 'stretch' or 'ballpoint' sewing machine needle when possible.
- Handle your fabric lightly and let it move freely when sewing it. Guide it, but do not pull it, stretch it or force it in any way when sewing unless specifically asked to do so in the instructions.
- You can't use a straight stitch to join the pieces on knit fabrics as it will break when stretched. Use a lightning stitch or a narrow (1.5-2mm) zigzag stitch instead. Stretch stitches will keep your seams flexible and longer lasting. Practice on a scrap of the fabric you intend to use and adjust the stitch width and length if necessary. A good result is when the stitch does not stretch or gather the fabric but sits relatively flat and does not break when stretched.
- You can use a medium/wide zigzag, a triple zigzag or a twin needle to hem or topstitch.
- You don't need an overlocker to sew with knit fabrics. If you would like to mimic an overlocker stitch and if your machine has that option, use an overcasting stitch and overcasting/overedge presser foot.



lightning
stitch



narrow
zigzag



overcasting
stitch



medium
zigzag



wide
zigzag



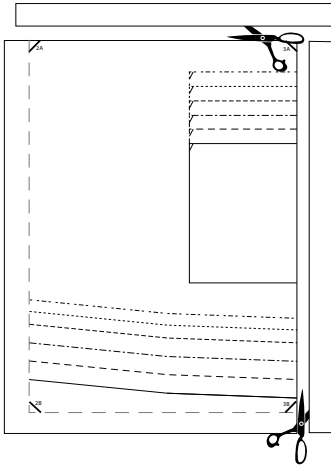
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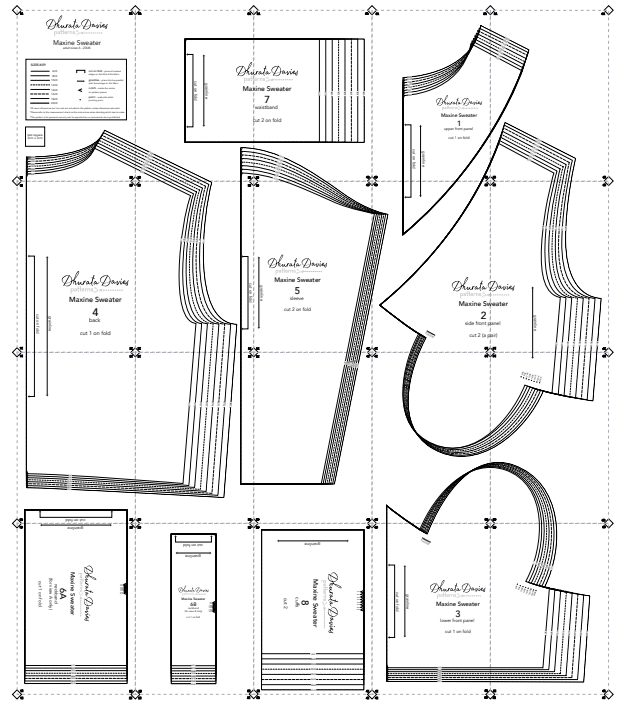
twin needle
stitch

PRINTING INSTRUCTIONS:

When printing your pattern, make sure you print at 100% scale and that the test square on the first page measures 5cm x 5cm (2" x 2").



Trim the top and right hand side of each page along the trim lines and use a glue stick to put all the pages together, while matching the diamonds on each corner. When put together correctly, it should look something like this



SUGGESTED CUTTING LAYOUT:

Please remember to measure twice and cut once. Check measurement tables to make sure you cut the right size. Lay the fabric on a flat surface and do not let it hang from the side if cutting on a table. This cutting layout is a suggestion only and you should feel free to explore other ways of cutting the fabric, as long as you stick to the grainline marked on each pattern piece.

