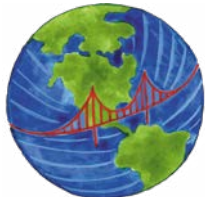




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# planning your blossom

Blossom is meant to fit like a comfy, slouchy, sweatshirt (larger than your body at its widest point) but also in a way that will skim your curves (so, not *too* oversized). Blossom is a compound raglan, which means that increases happen rapidly at first, then more gradually, and then rapidly again, to mirror your shoulder and armpit slope.

## WHICH SIZE SHOULD YOU KNIT?

**Blossom has 10 sizes.** If your full chest/bust measures anywhere from 28 inches to 66 inches (70 to 165 cm), you will be able to find a size to fit you with 4 to 6 inches of ease. (If this size range does not include your particular body, please [contact me](#) and I will be delighted to grade it just for you as part of my complementary pattern support.)

If you want your Blossom to fit as it's pictured on Tyne and me on page 1, choose a size that will make a garment that's anywhere from 4 to 6 inches larger at the full chest/bust than your actual full chest/bust measurement. If you're between sizes, or if you want a roomy look to your sweater, I recommend sizing up.

### Sizes (1, 2, 3, 4) [5, 6, 7] {8, 9, 10}

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
your full bust/chest	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64
centimeters	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	160
garment full bust/chest	33¾	38½	42	45¾	50¾	54	58½	62¾	65¾	72¾
centimeters	84.5	96	105	114.5	125.5	135	146.5	155.5	164.5	180.5

**In the pattern photos, I am wearing size 4.** My upper bust is 37 inches (92.5 cm) and my full bust is 40 inches (100 cm). I have 5¾ inches (14 cm) of ease at my full bust. I knit Cup C/D bust darts (the difference between my upper bust and full bust is 3 inches (7.5 cm)). My sweater has a straight body and a dropped, rounded back. My sleeves are bracelet length.

**Tyne is wearing size 5.** Her upper bust is 40 inches (100 cm) and her full bust is 43 inches (107.5 cm). She is between sizes, so she sized up and has 7¼ inches (18 cm) of positive ease at her full bust. Her bust darts are Cup C/D (the difference between her upper bust and full bust is 3 inches (7.5 cm)). Her sweater has an A-line body and a straight hem. Her sleeves are three-quarter length.

More pictures of Blossom, including close-ups of all the fit details, are [here](#).

## GAUGE, NEEDLES & NOTIONS

**Gauge:** 17.5 sts and 23 rows over 4 inches (10 cm) in stockinette stitch after blocking.

**Recommended needles:** Size needed to match gauge, needle one size smaller than gauge needle, and DPNs in gauge needle if not using magic loop. I used sizes US 9 (5.5 mm) and US 8 (5 mm) 40-inch (100 cm) circular needles.

### Notions:

- stitch markers of two different styles or colors (1 beginning of round marker, 3 of one color and 4 of a different color)
- 3 removable stitch markers if you will be working bust darts
- yarn needle
- waste yarn
- cable needle (optional)

## YARN REQUIREMENTS

I created this sweater especially for my [hand-dyed Targhee Worsted yarn](#) (280 yards | 115g). It's a non-superwash, US-grown and spun wool that is *especially* light and lofty. Targhee sheep are a new breed developed from cross-breeding sheep with long wool (for durability) and fine wool (for softness). The resulting wool is a fine wool with a micron count of 21 to 25 which makes it next-to-skin soft. It wears well and holds its shape beautifully. If you will be substituting yarn, I recommend using a non-superwash worsted weight wool.

### Straight body | three-quarter length sleeves

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Skeins	3	3	4	4	4	5	5	5	6	6
Yards	733	817	904	987	1067	1152	1238	1343	1443	1607
Meters	670	747	827	902	976	1053	1132	1228	1320	1470

*If you will be using my yarn*, you will be able to customize your sweater to include bust darts, A-line shaping, or bracelet-length sleeves without needing an extra skein. The number of skeins, above, will be adequate.

*If you are substituting yarn, or want to add a dropped, rounded back with my yarn*, allocate the following additional yardage:

**A-line shaping:** Add 20 yards (18 meters)

**Dropped, rounded back & hem:** Add 1 skein, or (60, 70, 80, 90) [100, 110, 120] {130, 140, 150} yards or (55, 64, 73, 82) [91, 101, 110] {119, 128, 137} meters.

**Bracelet length sleeves:** Add 35 yards (32 meters) (*bracelet-length sleeves are more fitted, so the difference in yardage required, across the size range, is fairly small*)

**Note on affordability:** Using hand-dyed yarn for a sweater is a delightful and special treat for a knitter. It can also be costly. Some hand-knitters do not have budget constraints around yarn, which is wonderful. Some hand-knitters do have budget constraints, which is also normal. If using my yarn is not in your particular budget but you would really love to try it, you may wish to consider applying to my [Community Fund](#), which can help bring the cost of my yarn to within your budget by giving you a gift card that covers a portion of the total cost. My [Community Fund](#) is generously funded by other knitters who follow and appreciate my work, particularly the way I expressly prioritize equity and inclusion.

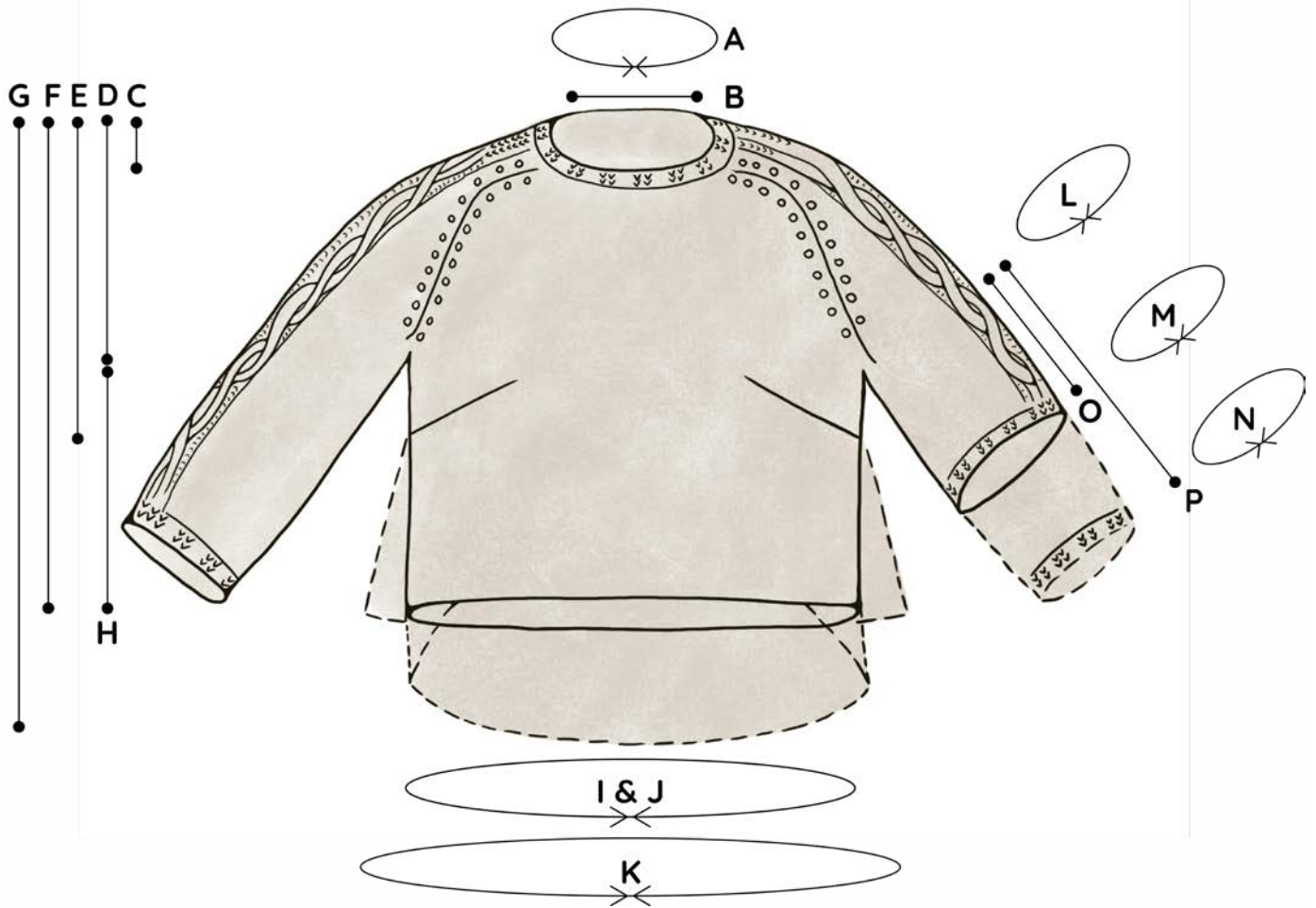
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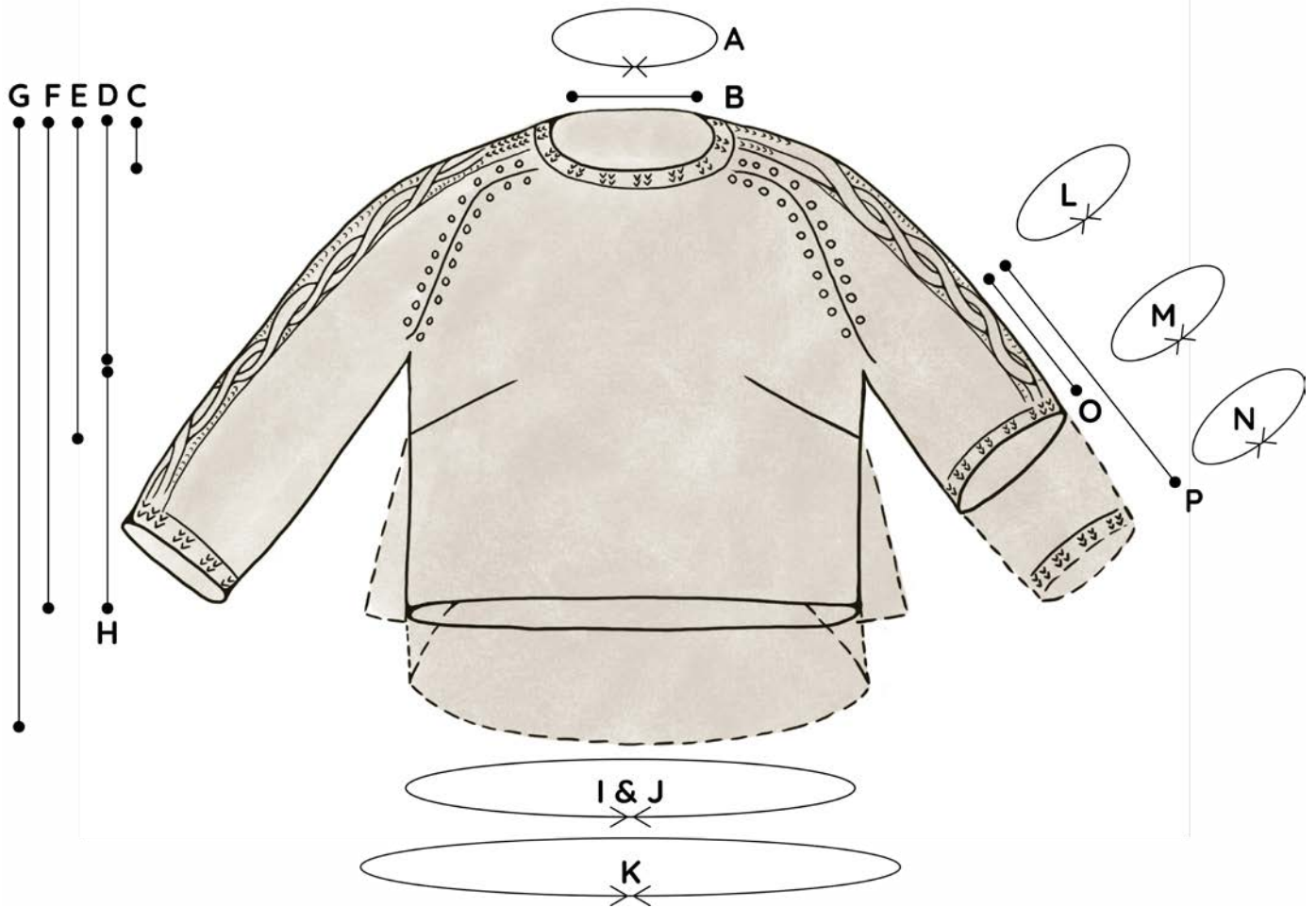
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# SCHEMATIC (INCHES)



INCHES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>A:</b> Neck circumference	17¼	18¼	19¼	20	20	21	22	22¼	22¼	23¼
<b>B:</b> Neckline width at back neck	7	7½	8	8½	8½	9	9	9½	9½	10
<b>C:</b> Depth of front center neck	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾
<b>D:</b> Depth at base of raglan (as measured from top of shoulder)	¾	8	8½	9	9	9½	9¾	10¼	10¼	11½
<b>E:</b> Depth of bust dart (top of shoulder to bust apex)	10¾	11	11½	12¼	13	13¾	14½	15¼	16	16¾
<b>F:</b> Total sweater depth (top of shoulder to front hem)	18¾	18¾	19	19¼	19¼	19¼	19½	19½	19¾	19¾
<b>G:</b> Body depth with optional dropped, rounded back (top back shoulder, perpendicular, to center back hem)	21¾	21¾	22	22¼	22¼	22¼	22½	22½	22¾	22¾
<b>H:</b> Body depth (underarm to hem in front)	11	10¾	10½	10¼	10¼	9¾	9¾	9¾	9	8¾
<b>I:</b> Full chest/bust circumference of garment	33¾	38½	42	45¾	50¼	54	58½	62¼	65¾	72¼
<b>BODY OPTIONS</b>										
<b>STRAIGHT: J:</b> Circumference at hem	33¾	38½	42	45¾	50¼	54	58½	62¼	65¾	72¼
<b>A-LINE: K:</b> Circumference at hem	37½	42	45¾	49¾	54	57½	62¼	65¾	69½	76
<b>SLEEVES</b>										
<b>L:</b> Bicep circumference at underarm	12¾	14	15½	16¼	17¼	19	20½	22¼	23¼	25½
<b>THREE-QUARTER: M:</b> Cuff circumference at mid-forearm	12¾	13¼	14	14	14½	15½	16¼	17¼	18¼	19½
<b>BRACELET: N:</b> Cuff circumference at wrist	9½	9½	10	10	10¼	10¼	10¼	10¼	11¼	11¼
<b>THREE-QUARTER: O:</b> Length (underarm to cuff)	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
<b>BRACELET: P:</b> Length (underarm to cuff)	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15

# SCHEMATIC (CENTIMETERS)



CENTIMETERS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>A:</b> Neck circumference	43.5	45.5	48	50	50	52.5	55	57	57	59.5
<b>B:</b> Neckline width at back neck	17.5	19	20	21.5	21.5	22.5	22.5	24	24	25
<b>C:</b> Depth of front center neck	8	8	8	8	8	8	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5
<b>D:</b> Depth at base of raglan <i>(as measured from top of shoulder)</i>	19.5	20	21	22.5	22.5	23.5	24	25.5	27	29
<b>E:</b> Depth of bust dart <i>(top of shoulder to bust apex)</i>	27	27.5	9	30.5	32.5	34.5	36.5	38	40	42
<b>F:</b> Total sweater depth <i>(top of shoulder to front hem)</i>	47	46.5	47.5	48	48.5	48	48.5	48.5	49.5	49.5
<b>G:</b> Body depth with optional dropped, rounded back <i>(top back shoulder, perpendicular, to center back hem)</i>	54.5	54.5	55	55.5	55.5	55.5	56.5	56.5	57	57
<b>H:</b> Body depth <i>(underarm to hem in front)</i>	27.5	27	26.5	25.5	25.5	24.5	24.5	23	22.5	20.5
<b>I:</b> Full chest/bust circumference of garment	84.5	96	105	114.5	125.5	135	146.5	155.5	164.5	180.5
<b>BODY OPTIONS</b>										
<b>STRAIGHT: J:</b> Circumference at hem	84.5	96	105	114.5	125.5	135	146.5	155.5	164.5	180.5
<b>A-LINE: K:</b> Circumference at hem	93.5	105	114.5	123.5	135	144	155.5	164.5	173.5	189.5
<b>SLEEVES</b>										
<b>L:</b> Bicep circumference at underarm	32	35	38.5	41	44.5	48	51	56	59	64
<b>THREE-QUARTER: M:</b> Cuff circumference at mid-forearm	32	33	35	35	36.5	38.5	41	43	45.5	49
<b>BRACELET: N:</b> Cuff circumference at wrist	24	24	25	25	25.5	25.5	27	27	28	28
<b>THREE-QUARTER: O:</b> Length <i>(underarm to cuff)</i>	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5
<b>BRACELET: P:</b> Length <i>(underarm to cuff)</i>	37.5	37.5	37.5	37.5	37.5	37.5	37.5	37.5	37.5	37.5