

Marnie MacLean Pattern Style Guide

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Version number is v.MMDDYY. Example: for a pattern modified on February 5, 2010, the version number would be v.020510

All patterns should contain the following sections if applicable to the pattern:

- ❑ **Finished size and ease information**
Finished Bust Circumference – 30.5 (34, 36.75, 39.75, **43.25, 46, 48.75, 52.25, 55, 57.75, 61.25, 64**)" / 77.5 (86.5, 93.5, 101, **110, 117, 124, 132.5, 139.5, 146.5, 155.5, 162.5**) cm
Sample size: 34" / 86.5 cm shown on a 36" bust. Suggested ease: 1-3" If you are between sizes, choose the size smaller.
- ❑ **Yarn formatted as follows:**
7 (7, 8, 8, **9, 10, 10, 11, 11, 12, 13, 13**) skeins of Elsebeth Lavold Silky Wool (45% wool, 35% silk, 20% nylon) – 500 yd / 457 m per 5 ¼ oz / 150 g in Color Name and/or #.
Include suggested yardage instead of number of skeins if yardage per ball is close to or exceeds 200 yd
If yarn label does not indicate a particular attribute such as yarn weight, that attribute is omitted
- ❑ **Supplies in a bulleted list, no periods at the end of lines, sentence caps.**
 - US 5 / 3.75mm circular knitting needle in 24"/60 cm length*
 - US 5 / 3.75mm in preferred style for small circumference knitting in the round*
 - US 4 / 3.5mm circular
 - 5 stitch markers
 - Tapestry needle*or size to obtain gauge
- ❑ **Gauge: List gauges for all applicable stitch patterns. Provide gauge in St st whenever possible**
23 sts x 32 rows over 4" / 10cm in St st with larger needles, [include blocking instructions if applicable]
Width of center body motif chart A (A, A, B, **B, B, C, C, C, D, D, D**) = 5.5 (5.5, 5.5, 6.25, **6.25, 6.25, 7, 7, 7, 8, 8, 8**)", wash and lay flat to dry before checking gauge.
- ❑ **Skills: should contain any information a potential customer needs to know to determine if they are ready to knit the pattern. This info will also be used on the pattern page on my site and ravelry. Use gerunds where applicable.**
 - Reading charts
 - Short rows
 - Knitting
 - Purling
 - Cabling
 - Knitting in the round
- ❑ **Abbreviations, listed alphabetically. Description case matches abbreviation case unless abbreviation is lowercase in which case, description has sentence cap.**
 - BO** Bind Off
 - CO** Cast On
 - dec('d)** Decreas(ed)
 - inc('d)** Increas(ed)
 - k** Knit
 - k2tog** Knit two together (right leaning decrease)
 - m1k** Increase 1 stitch by lifting the bar before the next st from back to front, knit through the back loop
 - m1p** Increase 1 stitch by lifting the bar before the next st from back to front, purl through the back loop
 - m1** Increase 1 stitch in pattern using m1k for knit sts and m1p for purl sts
 - p** Purl
 - p2tog** Purl two together (left leaning decrease)

rem	Remain(ing)
rep	Repeat
RS	Right Side
sm	Slip marker
ssp	Slip slip purl (right leaning decrease)
ssk	Slip slip knit (left leaning decrease)
Stst	Stockinette stitch
st(s)	Stitch(es)
WS	Wrong Side
w&t	Wrap and turn
yo	Yarn over

- ❑ Introduction: can contain romance copy, pattern inspiration, things people should be aware of, construction notes or any sort of information that might be interesting or helpful before beginning the pattern. Should also contain section on reading the pattern if necessary.
- ❑ When applicable, this should be included in the Introduction

Pattern instructions are indicated for the smallest size, with larger sizes appearing in parentheses. If there are no parentheses, the instruction applies to all sizes. To make those instructions easier to read, the sizes are formatted so that the first 4 sizes are plain text, the next 4 sizes are **bolded** and the last 4 sizes are plain text again. It is strongly encouraged that you read through the entire pattern before starting, as some sections are worked simultaneously.
- ❑ Notes are italicized, preceded with the word “note” and set off in their own paragraph
- ❑ Row and st counts are in smaller type, set off by rules above and below and italicized. Row and st counts should be included whenever possible.
 - Single sized counts are broken up by commas:
16 sts, 27 rnds in section, 50 rnds total
 - Multi sized counts are broken up by line breaks:
You have worked 1 rnd of the yoke and are on rnd 91 of the body
*188 (204, 216, 232, **256, 264, 284, 304**, 316, 332, 352, 360) sts*
*54 (60, 64, 70, **76, 80, 86, 92**, 98, 104, 110, 116) sts each front/back*
*40 (42, 44, 46, **52, 52, 56, 60**, 64, 66, 70, 72) sts each sleeve*
- ❑ Fitting tips appear in shaded boxes **after** the relevant instructions. That said, if a box needs to move for layout purposes, it may appear anywhere within the relevant section.
- ❑ Headings use Title Case with words like “a,” “the,” “an,” etc in lowercase.
 - H1: only used for pattern name on cover.
 - H2: Intro, Pattern, Finishing and other major pattern sections heads.
 - H3: Major pattern piece sections such as; body, sleeve, front, back, collar, etc.
 - H4: Subdivisions within the above sections such as; decrease to waist, front neck, cuff, etc.
 - H5: Any subdivisions within the above sections, rarely used.
- ❑ When titled sections are referenced in the instructions, they use the same case as the title itself
 - Move remaining 16 sts to needles and work Left Horn to be a mirror image of Right Horn, as follows:
- ❑ When applicable AT THE SAME TIME is in all caps and appears in ALL sections that are worked at the same time.
- ❑ Shaping is indicated as follows:
 - First the means of shaping is outlined: If applicable right and wrong side shaping instructions are included.
Dec rnds are worked as foll: Ssk, work to 2 sts before side marker, k2tog, sm, ssk, work to last 2 sts of rnd, k2tog. (4 sts dec'd).
 - Then the rate of shaping is indicated: Note that round use ordinal numbers.
If shaping is not required for a size, use a zero [0] for the rnds and a dash [-] for the number of times Rnds are listed with ordinal numbers. Use the singular, “time” if only 1 or 0 rounds is worked for all sizes. Use the plural in parenthesis, “time(s)” if there is a mix.
Decrease 6 times over the next 29 (29, 29, 29, **31, 32, 34, 35**, 37, 38, 41, 43) rnds by decreasing on the NEXT and every
5th (5th, 5th, 5th, **6th, 6th, 6th, 6th**, 7th, 7th, 8th, 8th) rnd

2 (2, 2, 2, **5**, **4**, **2**, 1, 4, 3, 5, 3) time(s)
then every
6th (6th, 6th, 6th, **0**, **7th**, **7th**, **7th**, 8th, 8th, 0, 9th) rnd
3 (3, 3, 3, -, **1**, **3**, **4**, 1, 2, -, 2) time(s)

❑ Row by row instructions are formatted as follows:

Row 1: *K1, [yo, k1] 3 times, rep from * to last 5 sts, knit to end of row.

- No space between asterisk and instruction.
 - Space on either side of repeat-from-asterisk
 - Sentence cap after row number and colon.
 - Repeated instruction in square brackets.
 - Period at end of line.
 - Spell out “knit” and “purl” when they are the only instruction or when followed by a prepositional phrase such as “knit to thumb gusset.”
 - In cases where an instruction is worked two times, use “twice” (eg: [yo, k1] twice)
- ❑ Multi color patterns should use MC for Main Color and then CC# for all subsequent colors, ordered first by yardage (greatest to least used) then by order used.
- ❑ When indicating stitch counts or stitches decreased as part of a row/rnd instruction, use this format:
- Row 5: K1, k2tog, k4, ssk, k1. 16 sts.
 - Row 7: K1, k2tog, k4, ssk, k1. (2 sts dec'd)
- ❑ Full chart key appears on every page with a chart, if space permits.
- ❑ General proofreading
- Weight/measure abbreviations are singular (yd, g, oz, m)
 - Keep an eye open for widows/orphans or breaks in columns/pages that may be confusing for the reader
 - Imperial measurements should be in fractions, rounded to the nearest quarter inch. Metric measurements should be in decimals and rounded to the closest half centimeter.
 - Check that all inch measurements use inch marks not curly quotes.
 - I'm the most inconsistent punctuator on the planet. Please help me be more betterer.
 - In a war between clarity and brevity, I prefer the former if I can't have both. Please check that my descriptions make sense and fully communicate the info a knitter will need.
 - Check that instructions for middle 4 sizes are bolded, in garment patterns.
 - Check that rows are labeled rows and rounds are labeled rnds.
 - Be sure that all abbreviations are listed and used consistently throughout the document. No abbreviations should be used in the intro.
 - Cross references should be live active hyperlinks in the PDF. Please check that they are underlined and link correctly.
- ❑ Terminology:
- Purlwise/Knitwise
 - i-cord (lowercase unless it is the first word of a sentence)
 - When listing left and right side of garment, indicate “as worn” to avoid ambiguity.
 - Cast(ing) On (CO) or Bind(ing) Off (BO) used for the verb form (ex: “Switch to smaller needles after casting on.”)
 - Cast-on or bind-off when used as an adjective or noun (ex: “Cast-on edge”, or “bind-off of choice”)