



Amaryllis

Advent time is knitting with color time — whether you want to use a yarn advent calendar or dive into your scraps and leftovers from the past year. In Amaryllis, all the colors are framed by black-and-white checks, allowing the entire piece to shine against a calm, solid background.

The inspiration for this year's Advent sweater comes from something not Christmas-related at all. It actually came from snorkeling trips in the Maldives, where the beautiful fish wear the most wonderful colors, accented with black and white.

The pattern is written for fingering weight yarn, and in addition to your advent calendar or collection of scraps, you'll need a main color and small amounts of black and white yarn for the checkered borders.

The sweater is worked top-down, with a circular yoke and ribbed edges at the neck, body, and sleeves, and is completely seamless. The pattern also includes instructions for an alternative neckline with welts and a rolled edge (see Appendix at the back of the pattern).

Sizes

1-2 (3-4-5) 6-7-8 (9)

Finished bust circumference

85-95 (100-110-120) 125-135-140 (150) cm /
33.5-37.4 (39.37-43.31-47.25) 49.25-53.15-55.12 (59.06) in

Length

56-56 (58-58-58) 60-60-60 (62) cm /
22.05-22.05 (22.83-22.83-22.83) 23.62-23.62-23.62 (24.41) in

Fit

Amaryllis is designed to be worn with 5-20 cm (2-8 in) of positive ease, depending on your personal preference. Measure your bust, add 5-20 cm (2-8 in), and choose the size that comes closest to the result.

You can easily adjust the length of the body or sleeves, but please note that it will affect the yardage requirements.

Yardage

Main Color (MC): approx.

650-725 (800-875-950) 1025-1100-1180 (1250) m /
710-790 (875-955-1040) 1120-1200-1290 (1370) yds of fingering weight yarn

Contrast Colors (CCs): an advent calendar with 24 mini skeins or approx. 1000-1800 m / 1090-1970 yds of fingering weight yarn.

Additionally: about 60 m (65 yds) each of fingering-weight black and white yarn.
Yardage is estimated and may vary between knitters!

I suggest starting with either a full fingering-weight advent calendar or an equivalent amount of leftover yarn. Each of the 24 colors is typically used for one stripe on either the body or sleeves. Two of them are only used for sleeve bind-offs, so only a tiny amount is needed for those. If working from leftovers instead of 20 g mini skeins, you can repeat colors, make the sleeves match, or play with color placement. The most important thing is to enjoy the process!

Depending on your gauge and the actual yardage of your yarn, you may find that in larger sizes, some yoke stripes require more than 20 g. In that case, I recommend introducing an additional stripe color.

I used Rauma Finull from Cosy Mind: <https://cosymind.dk/shop/122-rauma-garn/2182-rauma-finull/>.

My main color is 0411, and I the following contrast colors:

4115 - 0453 - 4048 - 0430 - 4106 - 0456 - 4705 - 4069, plus black (0436) and white (0401).

Gauge

24 sts × 31 rnds in stockinette stitch on larger needles = 10 × 10 cm / 4 × 4 in.

Please note: Maintaining gauge is essential to achieve the correct fit. Adjust needle size as necessary.

Suggested needles

2.75 mm (US 2) circular needle, 80 cm / 31.5 in for ribbing (use magic loop as needed)

3.25 mm (US 3) circular needle, 80 cm / 31.5 in for body and sleeves (use magic loop as needed)

Note: Needle size is only a suggestion. Adjust as needed to achieve correct gauge. Pay attention to your tension when working flat (in the short row sections): many knitters tend to work their purls looser than their knits and may need to go down a half or full needle size on the purl side.

Conversely, colorwork or small circumferences (e.g. sleeves) can tighten your tension—if so, go up half or a full needle size for these sections.

Abbreviations (US)

MC – Main Color

CC – Contrast Color

st(s) – stitch(es)

rnd(s) – round(s)

BOR – beginning of round

k – knit

p – purl

ssk – slip 1 knitwise, slip 1 knitwise, knit 2 together through back loops

k2tog – knit 2 together

M1L – make 1 left: lift the strand two rows below and knit through the front loop

M1R – make 1 right: lift the strand between sts from back to front and knit through front loop



Colorwork charts

Legend

	White
	Black
	KF 1
	KF 2
	KF 3
	KF 4
	KF 5
	KF 6

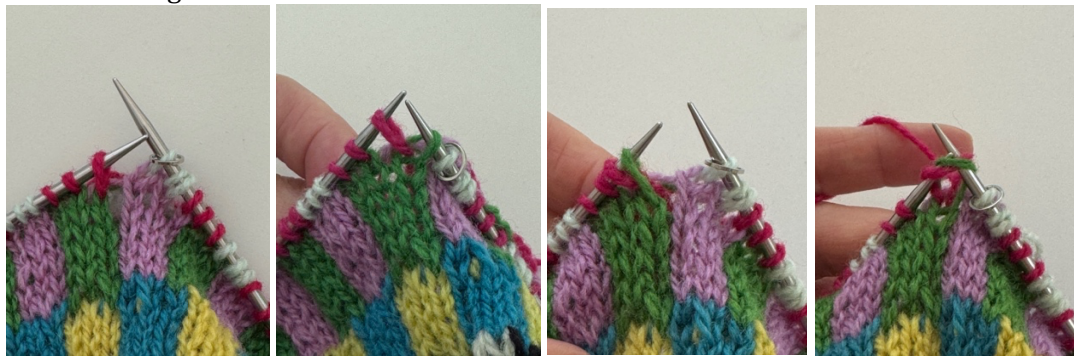
Chart 1

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Chart 2

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To prevent jogs at the beginning of the round, work the first stitch of the second round as follows: lift the right leg of the stitch below the first stitch on the round onto the left needle, and knit this new stitch together with the first stitch. This makes for a smoother transition.



Instructions

Neckband

Using smaller needles and MC, cast on 120-120 (120-120-128) 128-132-138 (138) sts.

Join to work in the round, being careful not to twist your sts. Place a marker for the beginning of round (BOR), which is centered at the back.

Work 5 cm / 2 in of k1, p1 ribbing.

Short rows in ribbing

Work short rows *in the established 1x1 ribbing* to raise the back of the neck. I use German Short Rows, but you can use your preferred technique.

- 1) Starting at BOR, work 30-30 (33-33-33) 35-35-35 (35) sts, turn.
- 2) Work 60-60 (66-66-66) 70-70-70 (70) sts, turn.
- 3) Work 6 sts past the previous turn, turn.
- 4) Work 6 sts past the previous turn, turn.
- 5) Work 6 sts past the previous turn, turn.
- 6) Work 6 sts past the previous turn, turn.
- 7) Work to BOR and continue in the round.

Change to the larger needles and work 1 rnd in stockinette stitch, still using MC.

Yoke

Increase round — no increases for size 1!

Knit 0-0 (4-0-9) 4-12-12 (12) sts, *k 0-10 (7-5-4) 3-3-3 (3), M1R*, repeat from * to * to the last 0-0 (4-0-4) 4-12-12 (12) sts, knit to BOR.

You have increased

0-12 (16-24-24) 40-36-36 (36) sts and now have 120-132 (136-144-152) 168-168-176 (176) sts.

Colorwork section 1

Work Chart 1 in black and white.

Colorwork section 2

Add two contrast colors (CCs) and work according to Chart 2.

The yoke is worked following Chart 2, with increases as described below. This will make the little rectangles offset from each other — that's intentional.

Note: increases are worked within the pattern; you do not knit a plain round for increases.

You will repeat the 18-round Chart 2 three times in total. The increases differ for each repeat, so read carefully before knitting.

Increases in 1st repeat of Chart 2

Rnd 1 — ONLY sizes 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9:

K 0-0 (0-0-4) 0-0-4 (4),

k 0-0 (68-0-9) 14-7-6 (6), LLI -

repeat from * to * until last 0-0 (0-0-4) 0-0-4 (4) sts, k to BOR.

You have increased

0-0 (2-0-16) 12-24-28 (28) sts for a stitch count of
120-132 (138-144-168) 180-192-204 (204).

Rnd 7:

K 0-6 (9-0-12) 0-6-12 (12),

k 5-5 (4-4-4) 5-5-5 (5), LLI -

repeat from * to * until last 0-6 (9-0-12) 0-6-12 (12) sts, k to BOR.

You have increased

24-24 (30-36-36) 36-36-36 (36) sts for a stitch count of
144-156 (168-180-204) 216-228-240 (240).

Rnd 13:

K 0-6 (9-0-12) 0-6-15 (15),

k 6-6 (5-6-5) 6-6-5 (5), LLI -

repeat from * to * until last 0-6 (9-0-12) 0-6-15 (15) sts, k to BOR.

You have increased

24-24 (30-30-36) 36-36-42 (42) sts for a stitch count of
168-180 (198-210-240) 252-264-282 (282).

Increases in 2nd repeat of Chart 2

Rnd 7:

K 0-0 (9-0-0) 0-6-15 (15),

k 7-6 (6-7-8) 7-6-7 (7), LLI -

repeat from * to * until last 0-0 (9-0-0) 0-6-15 (15) sts, k to BOR.

You have increased

24-30 (30-30-30) 36-42-36 (36) sts for a stitch count of
192-210 (228-240-270) 288-306-318 (318).

Rnd 13:

K 0-9 (6-0-9) 0-9-12 (12),

k 8-8 (9-8-7) 8-8-7 (7), LLI -

repeat from * to * until last 0-9 (6-0-9) 0-9-12 (12) sts, k to BOR.

You have increased

24-24 (24-30-36) 36-36-42 (42) sts for a stitch count of
216-234 (252-270-306) 324-342-360 (360).

Increases in 3rd repeat of Chart 2

Rnd 7:

K 0-9 (6-0-9) 0-9-12 (12),

k 9-9 (8-9-8) 9-9-8 (8), LLI -

repeat from * to * until last 0-9 (6-0-9) 0-9-12 (12) sts, k to BOR.

You have increased

24-24 (30-30-36) 36-36-42 (42) sts for a stitch count of

240-258 (282-300-342) 360-378-402 (402).

Rnd 13:

K 0-9 (9-0-21) 0-0-12 (12),

k 10-8 (11-10-10) 10-9-9 (9), LLI -

repeat from * to * until last 0-9 (9-0-21) 0-0-12 (12) sts, k to BOR.

You have increased

24-30 (24-30-30) 36-42-42 (42) sts for a stitch count of

264-288 (306-330-372) 396-420-444 (444).

Work Chart 1 in black and white.

Work increases on the first rnd as follows:

K 0-0 (3-0-6) 0-12-24 (24),

k 11-12 (10-11-10) 11-11-11 (11), LLI -

repeat from * to * until last 0-0 (3-0-6) 0-12-24 (24) sts, k to BOR.

You have increased

24-24 (30-30-36) 36-36-36 (36) sts for a stitch count of

288-312 (336-360-408) 432-456-480 (480).

Work 3 rnds in MC.

Sizes 1, 2: go to “All sizes.”

Sizes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9:

Work 7 rnds in MC.

Sizes 3, 4, 5: go to “All sizes.”

Sizes 6, 7, 8, 9:

K 2-8-9 (12),

k 33-22-21 (12), LLI -

repeat from * to * to the last 1-8-9 (12) sts, k to BOR.

You have increased

13-20-22 (38) sts for a stitch count of

445-476-502 (518).

Work 6 rnds in MC.

Sizes 6, 7: go to “All sizes.”

Sizes 8, 9:

Work 7 rnds in MC.

All sizes:

K 0–2 (3–4–9) 1–8–9 (12),

k 36–14 (11–11–15) 34–23–22 (13), LLI -

repeat to last 0–2 (3–4–9) 2–8–9 (12) sts, k to BOR.

You have increased

8–22 (30–32–26) 13–20–22 (38) sts for a stitch count of
296–334 (366–392–434) 458–496–524 (556).

Separate body and sleeves

Begin at BOR:

knit 44–50 (55–59–64) 68–72–76 (81) sts,

place the next 57–63 (72–74–86) 93–102–108 (112) sts on hold for sleeve,

cast on 11–10 (9–10–13) 14–16–14 (14) sts, placing a marker (1) after 5–5 (5–5–5) 7–8–7 (7) of the
new sts,

knit 94–108 (112–126–134) 136–148–156 (170) sts,

place the next 57–63 (72–74–86) 93–102–108 (112) sts on hold for sleeve,

cast on 11–10 (9–10–13) 14–16–14 (14) sts, placing a marker (2) after 5–5 (5–5–5) 7–8–7 (7) of the
new sts,

knit remaining 44–50 (55–59–64) 68–72–76 (81) sts.

Please note: the front has more stitches than the back — this is intentional, to prevent excess fabric on the back.

Body

Work stockinette stitch in the round over the 204–228 (240–264–288) 300–324–336 (360) sts for the
body, while working short rows to lengthen the back.

Short rows to lengthen the back

Work one round.

k to marker (1), turn.

GSR, purl to marker (2), turn.

GSR, knit to 8 sts past the last turn, turn.

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GSR, purl to 8 sts past the last turn, turn.

GSR, knit to BOR.

Continue working in the round with MC until the work measures

50.5–50.5 (52.5–52.5–52.5) 54.5–54.5–54.5 (56.5) cm /

19.88–19.88 (20.67–20.67–20.67) 21.5–21.5–21.5 (22.25) in

at center front from the start of the yoke.

Note: Some testers decided to add another colorwork section just before the ribbing. If you want to try this, adjust your stitch count so it is divisible by 4 and/or 6!



Ribbing

If you prefer a ribbing that doesn't cinch in, you need to work a few increases when switching from stockinette to ribbing. I recommend increasing approx. 14-14 (16-16-16) 18-18-18 (20) sts evenly across the round. You can also choose to continue on the larger needles, but the ribbing will look crisper, with better stitch definition, using the smaller needles.

Switch to smaller needles, continuing in MC. Work 5.5 cm / 2.17 in k1, p1 ribbing. Knit 1 rnd, then bind off all sts loosely, going up a needle size if necessary.

Sleeves

To prevent underarm holes: Pick up one extra stitch on each side (one more than indicated in the pattern below) and decrease it out immediately, on the first round.

Place the 57-63 (72-74-86) 93-102-108 (112) held sts on the larger needle and pick up 11-10 (9-10-13) 14-16-14 (14) sts at the underarm plus 1 extra st on each side.
You now have 70-75 (83-86-101) 109-120-124 (128) sts for the sleeve.

Place a BOR marker after 6-6 (6-6-7) 8-9-8 (8) of the new stitches.

Work 3-5 (1-3-5) 0-1.5-0.5 (0) cm / 1.18-2 (0.39-1.18-2) 0-0.6-0.25 (0) in in stockinette with MC, then work the first decrease round:

k2tog, knit to 3 sts before BOR, ssk, k1.

Repeat this decrease round every

6-4 (4-3-2) 2-1.5-1.5 (1.5) cm / 2.36-1.57 (1.57-1.18-0.75) 0.75-0.6-0.6 (0.6) in until you have decreased 5-7 (8-10-14) 18-21-23 (25) times, and the sleeve measures approx. 33-33 (33-33-33) 35-35-35 (36.5) cm / 13-13 (13-13-13) 13.75-13.75-13.75 (14.37) in.

Decreases ONLY for sizes 2, 3, 5, and 6:

k2tog, knit to BOR.

You now have 60-60 (66-66-72) 72-78-78 (78) sts on the sleeve.

Sleeve pattern - For sizes 1, 2, 5, and 6 only:

Work Chart 1.

Work rounds 1-6 of Chart 2.

Work Chart 1 again.

Sleeve pattern - For sizes 3, 4, 7, 8, and 9 only:

Chart 1 with decreases

Note: This decrease round is worked together with the first round of Chart 1!

K 0-0 (31-31-0) 0-37-37 (37), k2tog – repeat once more.

You now have 60-60 (64-64-72) 72-76-76 (76) sts on the round.

Continue working Chart 1.

Chart 2 with increases

Note: This increase round is worked together with the first round of Chart 2!

K 0-0 (32-32-0) 0-38-38 (38), yo – repeat once more.

You now have 60-60 (66-66-72) 72-78-78 (78) sts on the sleeve.

Continue working rounds 2-6 of Chart 2.

Chart 1 with decreases

Note: This decrease round is worked together with the first round of Chart 1!

K 0-0 (31-31-0) 0-37-37 (37), k2tog – repeat once more.

You now have 60-60 (64-64-72) 72-76-76 (76) sts on the round.

Continue working Chart 1.

Ribbing

Switch to smaller needles. Using MC, knit 1 rnd, then work k1, p1 rib until the sleeve measures

43-43 (43-43-43) 45-45-45 (47) cm /

16.93-16.93 (16.93-16.93-16.93) 17.75-17.75-17.75 (18.5) in.

Switch to CC, work 1 rnd knit and 2 rnds purl. Bind off all sts purlwise using a stretchy bind-off. You may need go up one or two needle sizes.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Wash and block to measurements.

Appendix – Edges with welts and rolled edge

My talented tester, Sanne, made a lovely version featuring welts and a rolled edge instead of ribbing. It looks wonderful, and with her permission, the instructions are included here. This edge is less elastic than ribbing, so be careful with cast-on and bind-off tension.

Neckline

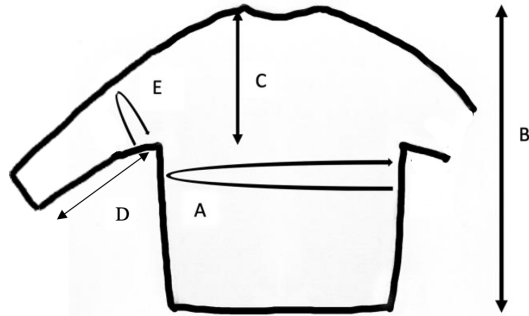
Cast on loosely (Old Norwegian Cast-On works well) with the larger needles and the number of sts stated in the pattern. Switch to the smaller needles and work 12 rnds knit. Form the welt by knitting together with the stitches from the 5th round on the WS. Then work one round increasing according to the pattern's instructions.

Sleeves and body

Switch to the smaller needle and work 8 rnds knit. Form the welt by knitting together with the stitches from the 5th round on the WS. Work 4 rnds knit and bind off loosely. Optional bind-off method (used on every other stitch): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YAoTWihYtz4>



Schematics



Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A – Bust circumference (cm / in)	85 / 33½	95 / 37½	100 / 39¼	110 / 43¼	120 / 47¼	125 / 49¼	135 / 53¼	140 / 55	150 / 59
B – Length (cm / in)	56 / 22	56 / 22	58 / 22¾	58 / 22¾	58 / 22¾	60 / 23½	60 / 23½	60 / 23½	62 / 24½
C – Yoke depth (cm / in)	21.3 / 8⅜	21.3 / 8⅜	23.5 / 9¼	23.5 / 9¼	23.5 / 9¼	25.8 / 10⅛	25.8 / 10⅛	28 / 11	28 / 11
D – Sleeve length (cm / in)	44 / 17⅜	44 / 17⅜	44 / 17⅜	44 / 17⅜	44 / 17⅜	46 / 18⅛	46 / 18⅛	46 / 18⅛	48 / 18⅞
E – Sleeve circumference (cm / in)	29 / 11⅜	31 / 12¼	34.5 / 13½	36 / 14¼	42 / 16½	45.5 / 17⅞	50 / 19¾	51.5 / 20¼	53.5 / 21

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