

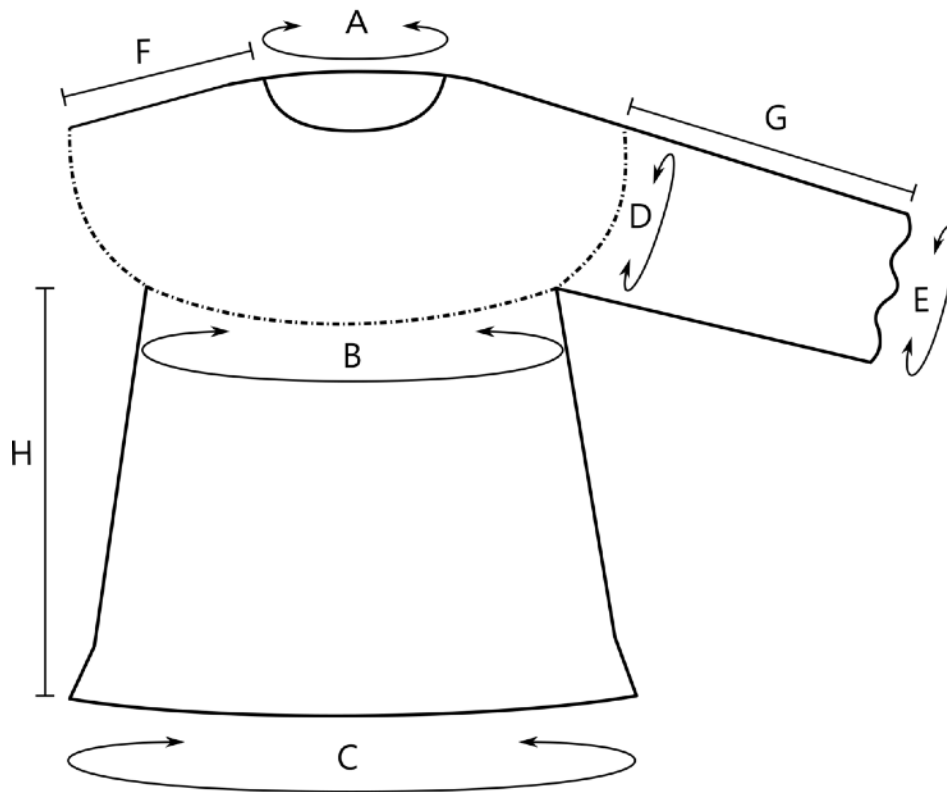


SCÉAL GRÁ

We say that knitting is a labour of love. And at no time do I feel this more keenly than when working lace. The care, the trust, the commitment, the passion - they all must be present, and sustained, for the needles to work their magic and yield a wearable piece of our heart. An ode to this process, Scéal Grá (pronounced *scale grah*) means 'love story' in Irish Gaelic.

Worked seamlessly from the top down, this lightweight, easy-to-wear top is constructed with fitted 3/4 sleeves, relaxed bodice, and an optional flounced hemline. The circular yoke features a delicate lace motif of drooping blossoms, elements of which are also echoed in the edgings of the sleeves. Scéal Grá is suitable for adventurous beginner sweater knitters, with some experience in lace.

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MEASUREMENTS

Size 1 (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10) measures as follows

A. Neck Circumference

44cm/ 17.5" (46cm/ 18.5", 48.5cm/ 19.5", 51cm/ 20.25", 53cm/ 21.25", 55cm/ 22", 55cm/ 22", 55cm/ 22", 55cm/ 22", 55cm/ 22")

B. Chest Circumference

86cm/ 34.5" (95.5cm/ 38.25", 99cm/ 39.5", 104cm/ 41.5", 116cm/ 46.5", 121.5cm/ 48.5", 138cm/ 55.25", 147.5cm/ 59", 151cm/ 60.25", 155.5cm/ 62.25")

C. Hem Circumference (A-Line Option before working Flounce)

97cm/ 38.75" (107.5cm/ 43", 114cm/ 45.75", 117.5cm/ 47", 131.5cm/ 52.5", 138.5cm/ 55.5", 156cm/ 62.25", 166cm/ 66.5", 169.5cm/ 67.75", 176.5cm/ 70.5")

D. Bicep Circumference

27.5cm/ 11" (30cm/ 12", 31.5cm/ 12.5", 34cm/ 13.5", 35.5cm/ 14.25", 37.5cm/ 15", 40cm/ 16", 41.5cm/ 16.5", 44cm/ 17.5", 45.5cm/ 18.25")

E. Cuff Circumference

23cm/ 9" (27.5cm/ 11", 27.5cm/ 11", 32.5cm/ 13", 32.5cm/ 13", 32.5cm/ 13", 37cm/ 14.75", 37cm/ 14.75", 37cm/ 14.75", 37cm/ 14.75")

F. Yoke Depth

18cm/ 7.25" (19cm/ 7.5", 21cm/ 8.5", 22cm/ 8.75", 23cm/ 9.25", 25cm/ 10", 26cm/ 10.5", 27cm/ 10.75", 29cm/ 11.5", 30cm/ 12")

G. Sleeve Length

28cm/ 11.25"

H. Bodice Length

37cm/ 14.75"

MATERIALS & INFORMATION

YARN

suitable for fingering to sport weight yarns, approximately 350-400m/ 380-440y per 100g/ 3.5oz
project requires 3 (3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5) 100g/ 3.5oz skeins

GAUGE

26 sts x 35 rounds = 10cm x 10cm in stockinette

NEEDLES

Needle A: circular needle, 3mm (US Size 3) in diameter, or as needed to meet gauge

Needle B (for Sizes 7-10 only): circular needle, 2.5mm (US Size 2) in diameter, or 0.5mm smaller than Needle A.
a sharp/ lace-tip needle is recommended for working the lace sections

NOTIONS

stitch markers, measuring tape, scrap yarn, tapestry needle

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

provisional cast-on, short rows, lace, i-cord, Kitchener st

ABBREVIATIONS

BOR = beginning of round

CO = cast on

G7/3 = knit 7 into 3 gathered

K = knit

Kfb = knit into the front and back of st

K2Tog = knit 2 sts together

K3Tog = knit 3 sts together

M1L = make 1 left

M1R = make 1 right

P = purl

PM(s) = place marker(s)

RS = right side of work

SLM(s) = slip marker(s)

SKP = slip, knit, pass slipped st over

st(s) = stitch(es)

W&T = wrap and turn

WS = wrong side of work

YO = yarn over

∅ = no action for this size

PATTERN NOTES

Garment Construction

This pullover is worked top down, in the round, with circular yoke construction. Edgings are finished with i-cord.

Fit Recommendation

This garment is designed to be fitted around the bust and arms, and relaxed throughout the Bodice. For best results, select a size with approximately 5cm/2" of ease around the chest. Note that unless your hips measure *narrower* than your chest, the A-Line Bodice option is recommended. The flounce, however, is decorative, and will have no impact on fit.

A Note on Yarn Selection

Opting for yarn with strong stitch definition in a solid or subtly tonal colourway will yield the best results.

Working Half-Sizes

If your ideal fit falls in between sizes, it is possible to work half-sizes by altering gauge, as follows:

Alter gauge to 27 sts per 10cm/ 4" and work the *larger* of the two sizes. In this manner, you can also work a half-size smaller than the smallest size offered. Alternatively, alter gauge to 25 sts per 10cm/ 4" and work the *smaller* of the two sizes. In this manner you can also work a half-size larger than the largest size offered. Note that if altering gauge to 27 sts, a fingering weight yarn is optimal; if altering gauge to 25 sts a sportweight yarn is optimal.

Short Rows

Work until indicated to W&T. Wrap yarn around the next st to avoid gap. Turn work and start next row. When pattern indicates to 'pick up wrap,' work st together with wrap. Note that '2 sts past previous turn' means 1 st past wrap, and '3 sts past previous turn' means 2 sts past wrap.

Gathered Stitch (G7/3)

Knit 7 sts into the next 3 sts gathered, as follows:

K3Tog and do not remove original 3 sts from left needle.

(YO, then K into same 3 sts) x3. Remove the original 3 sts from the left needle.

There are now 7 new sts on the right needle.

i-cord Bindoff

Using a provisional cast-on method, CO 4 sts onto the left needle. Then work as follows:

*K3, SKP, Move 4 sts back onto left needle, repeat from * to end.

Graft the final 4 sts to the cast-on sts using the Kitchener method.

DROOPING BLOSSOMS MOTIF

Worked across 12 sts and over 16 rounds, according to the Chart on Page 5, or the instructions below -

Round 1: *K3Tog, K3, K3Tog, G7/3, repeat from * to end

Round 2: (and all even rounds) K to end

Round 3: *SKP, K1, K2Tog, K2, YO, K3, YO, K2, repeat from * to end

Round 5: *YO, K3Tog, YO, K2Tog, YO, K5, YO, SKP, repeat from * to end

Round 7: *K6, YO, K3Tog, YO, K3, repeat from * to end

Round 9: *G7/3, K3Tog, K3, K3Tog, repeat from * to end

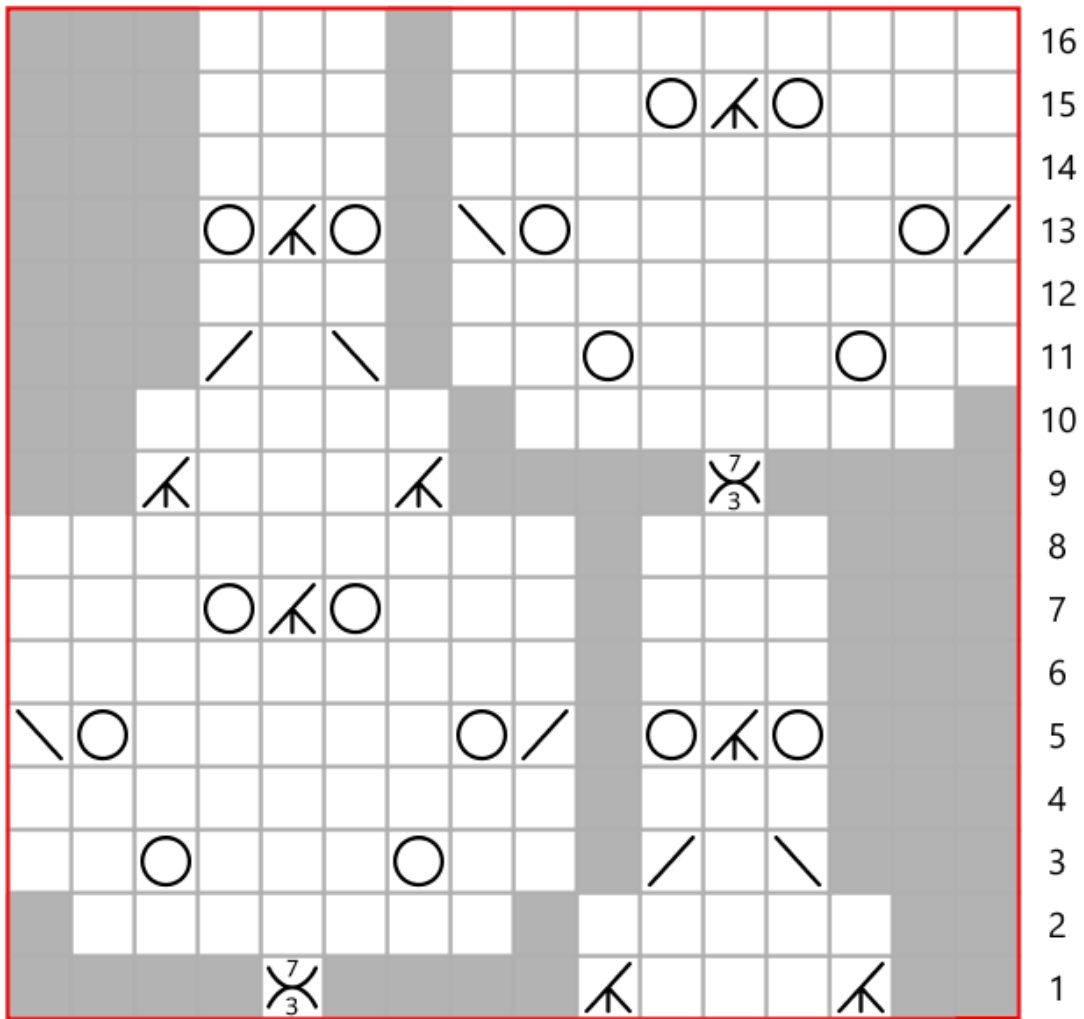
Round 11: *K2, YO, K3, YO, K2, SKP, K1, K2Tog, repeat from * to end

Round 13: *K2Tog, YO, K5, YO, SKP, YO, K3Tog, YO, repeat from * to end

Round 15: *K3, YO, K3Tog, YO, K6, repeat from * to end

Note that some knitters find it helpful to PM after every st repeat, in order to keep track.

Drooping Blossoms Chart



Key

 K3Tog	 K2Tog
 K	 YO
 G7/3	 no stitch
 SKP	 Repeat

INSTRUCTIONS

NECKLINE

For Sizes 1-6 Only: Begin with Needle A.

For Sizes 7-10 Only: Begin with Needle B.

Using a provisional cast-on method, CO 114 (120, 126, 132, 138, 144, 150, 150, 156, 156) sts.

Close to work in the round, taking care not to twist. PM at BOR (centre back).

Work 3 rounds in stockinette (K to end).

For Sizes 7-10 Only: Switch to Needle A. Then work 1 additional round in stockinette (K to end).

Continue for all sizes...

Starting at BOR, work Short Rows in order to shape the Neckline:

Short Row 1 (RS): K28 (30, 31, 33, 34, 36, 37, 39, 40, 40), W&T.

Short Row 2 (WS): P to BOR, SLM, P28 (30, 31, 33, 34, 36, 37, 39, 40, 40), W&T.

Short Row 3 (RS): K 2 sts past previous turn, SLM and picking up wrap along the way. W&T.

Short Row 4 (WS): P 2 sts past previous turn, SLM and picking up wrap along the way. W&T.

Repeat Rows 3&4 until you have worked 12 Short Rows in total.

K to BOR, then work one additional round in stockinette (K to end), picking up remaining wrap(s) along the way.

For Sizes 8-10 Only:

Next Round: *KØ (Ø, Ø, Ø, Ø, Ø, Ø, 25, 26, 13), YO, repeat from * to end.

Work 2 rounds in stockinette (K to end.)

There are now 114 (120, 126, 132, 138, 144, 150, 156, 162, 168) sts on the needles.

YOKE

Next Round: *K3, YO, repeat from * to end.

There are now 152 (160, 168, 176, 184, 192, 200, 208, 216, 224) sts on the needles.

Work 3 rounds in stockinette (K to end.)

Next Round: *YO, K1, YO, K3, repeat from * to end.

There are now 228 (240, 252, 264, 276, 288, 300, 312, 324, 336) sts on the needles.

Work 1 round in stockinette (K to end.)

Work rounds 1-16 of Drooping Blossoms Chart, or from corresponding written instructions.
Then work Rounds 1-8 of Chart once again.

Next Round: *K7, YO, K1, YO, K4, repeat from * to end.

There are now 266 (280, 294, 308, 322, 336, 350, 364, 376, 392) sts on the needles.

Work 3 rounds in stockinette (K to end.)

Next Round: *K8, YO, K6, repeat from * to end.

There are now 285 (300, 315, 330, 345, 360, 375, 390, 405, 420) sts on the needles.

Work 3 rounds in stockinette (K to end.)

Next Round: *K10, YO, K5, repeat from * to end.

There are now 304 (320, 336, 352, 368, 384, 400, 416, 432, 448) sts on the needles.

Work 3 rounds in stockinette (K to end.)

For all Sizes except Size 1, continue as follows -

Next Round: *K9, YO, K7, repeat from * to end.

There are now 304 (340, 357, 374, 391, 408, 425, 442, 459, 476) sts on the needles.

Work 3 rounds in stockinette (K to end.)

Then, for Sizes 5-10 Only, continue as follows -

Next Round: *K11, YO, K6, repeat from * to end.

There are now 304 (340, 357, 374, 414, 432, 450, 468, 486, 504) sts on the needles.

Work 3 rounds in stockinette (K to end.)

Then, for Sizes 7-10 Only, continue as follows -

Next Round: *K10, YO, K8, repeat from * to end.

There are now 304 (340, 357, 374, 414, 432, 475, 494, 513, 532) sts on the needles.

Work 3 rounds in stockinette (K to end).

Then, for Sizes 8-10 Only, continue as follows -

Next Round: *K12, YO, K7, repeat from * to end.

There are now 304 (340, 357, 374, 414, 432, 475, 520, 540, 560) sts on the needles.

Work 1 round in stockinette (K to end).

Continue for all sizes...

Work addition Short Rows to give the Neckline more depth:

Short Row 1 (RS): K75 (85, 90, 95, 102, 108, 112, 117, 128, 133), W&T.

Short Row 2 (WS): P to BOR, SLM, P75 (85, 90, 95, 102, 108, 112, 117, 128, 133), W&T.

Short Row 3 (RS): K 3 sts past previous turn, SLM and picking up wrap along the way. W&T.

Short Row 4 (WS): P 3 sts past previous turn, SLM and picking up wrap along the way. W&T.

Repeat Rows 3&4 until you will have worked 8 Short Rows in total.

K to BOR, then work one additional round in stockinette (K to end), picking up remaining wrap(s) along the way.

Work in stockinette (K to end) until work measures 18cm/ 7.25" (19cm/ 7.5", 21cm/ 8.5", 22cm/ 8.75", 23cm/ 9.25", 25cm/ 10", 26cm/ 10.5", 27cm/ 10.75", 29cm/ 11.5", 30cm/ 12") from cast-on edge, along centre back.

SLEEVE SEPARATION

You will now separate the Sleeve sts from the Bodice sts, so that you can work on these sections separately.

Next Round: K49 (55, 57, 59, 67, 70, 77, 87, 89, 92). Move the next 54 (60, 64, 68, 72, 76, 82, 86, 92, 96) sts onto scrap yarn. CO 14 (14, 14, 16, 16, 18, 18, 18, 18, 18) sts onto the right needle using a provisional cast on method and scrap yarn. K98 (110, 115, 120, 136, 140, 157, 174, 178, 184). Move the next 54 (60, 64, 68, 72, 76, 82, 86, 92, 96) sts onto scrap yarn. CO 14 (14, 14, 16, 16, 18, 18, 18, 18, 18) sts onto the right needle using a provisional cast on method and scrap yarn. K49 (55, 57, 59, 67, 70, 77, 87, 89, 92). PMs at each side centre Underarm. Leave BOR marker in place.

BODICE

There are now 224 (248, 257, 270, 302, 316, 347, 384, 392, 404) sts on the needles.

For a Straight Bodice:

Work in stockinette (K to end) until Bodice measures 35cm/14" from Underarm.

For an A-Line Bodice:

Work in stockinette (K to end) until Bodice measures 10cm/ 4" from Underarm. Then, continue in the same manner, while also working paired increases at markers, approximately every 3cm/ 1.25", as follows -

K to 1 st before marker, M1R. K1, SLM, K1, M1L, K to 1 st before marker, M1R. K1, SLM, K1, M1L, K to end - until the Bodice measures 34cm/ 12.5" from Underarms (You will have worked 8 sets of increases in total).

Then, no longer increasing work additional rounds, until Bodice measures 35cm/14" from Underarm.

There are now 256 (280, 289, 302, 334, 348, 379, 416, 424, 436) sts on the needles.

For a Bodice with a Flounce:

Work according to the Straight Bodice or A-Line Bodice instructions above, until Bodice measures 27cm/10.75" from Underarms or approximately 8cm/ 3.25" shorter than preferred length.

Then work Flounce as follows -

Setup Round for Sizes 3-7 & 10 Only: K to end, and at the same time increase by \emptyset (\emptyset , 7, 2, 2, 4, 5, \emptyset , \emptyset , 4) sts evenly throughout the round using the Kfb method.

Next Round: *K8, Kfb, repeat from * to end.

There are now 252 (279, 297, 306, 342, 360, 396, 432, 441, 459) sts on the needles if you had worked the Straight Bodice option, and 288 (315, 333, 342, 378, 396, 432, 468, 477, 495) sts on the needles if you had worked the A-Line Bodice option.

Continue for all Bodice options...

Work i-cord bindoff.

SLEEVES

(worked identically)

Move Sleeve sts and Underarm sts from scrap yarn onto the working needle.

There are now 68 (74, 78, 84, 88, 94, 100, 104, 110, 114) sts on the needles.

PM at BOR, centre Underarm.

Setup Rounds: K to end, at the same time picking up 2 sts to each side of underarm sts (4 sts in total) and knitting them twisted, to avoid holes. There are now 72 (78, 82, 88, 92, 98, 104, 108, 114, 118) sts on the needles.

Work in stockinette (K to end) until sleeve measures 5cm/ 2" from Underarm. Then, continue in the same manner, while also working paired decreases at marker, every 2.5cm/ 1", as follows - K to 2 sts before marker, K2Tog, SLM, SKP - until there are 60 (72, 72, 84, 84, 84, 96, 96, 96, 96) sts on the needles.

If needed, work in stockinette (K to end), no longer decreasing, until Sleeve measures approximately 25cm/ 10" from Underarm, or 3cm/ 1.25" shorter than preferred length.

Work rounds 1-8 of Drooping Blossoms Chart, or from corresponding written instructions.

Work i-cord bindoff.

NECKLINE

Move original cast-on sts onto working needle.

Work i-cord bindoff.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Wet block gently and let dry over flat surface, shaping bodice to flare at hem and taking care to open up lacework. If needed, press along i-cord edgings to ensure fabric lies flat.