

LEIF'S TWISTED TREE PULLOVER

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This sweater is sized for children aged 1-7. It is worked in the round from the bottom up, with raglan shaping at the yoke. The sleeves, too, are worked in the round – it's up to you whether you use a second circular needle, magic loop, or double-pointed needles. No seams to sew at the end! The sweater features panels of knit and purl stitches, rolled cuffs, hem, and crew neck, and Twisted Tree traveling stitch motifs delineating the sides and raglan lines.

MATERIALS:

Cleckheaton Country 8-Ply Naturals (superwash wool, 106 yds), or other yarn to achieve gauge, 5(5,6,7) skeins

US #4 (3.5 mm) circular needle, 24", *or size to obtain gauge*

US #6 (4 mm) circular needle, 24", *or size to obtain gauge*

Additional needles of your choice to work sleeves and top of yoke in the round, both sizes
Stitch markers

SIZES:

1 yr (25" (63.5cm) finished circumference)

2/3 yrs (29" (74cm) finished circumference)

4/5 yrs (32" (81cm) finished circumference)

6/7 yrs (36" (91.5cm) finished circumference)

GAUGE:

20 sts x 28 rows = 4" over stockinet stitch on US #6



TWISTED TREE PANEL:

Right Cross (RC): Slip next 2 sts to right needle and reverse their positions, holding 2nd st to the *front* as you return 1st st to left needle, then replacing 2nd st on left needle. Ktbl, p.

Left Cross (LC): As RC, but hold 2nd st to the *back*. P, ktbl.

Rows 1 and 2: K1tbl, p3, k3tbl, p3, k1tbl.

Row 3: K1tbl, p2, RC, k1tbl, LC, p2, k1tbl.

Row 4: K1tbl, p2, k1tbl, p1, k1tbl, p1, k1tbl, p2, k1tbl.

Row 5: K1tbl, p1, RC, p1, k1tbl, p1, LC, p1, k1tbl.

Row 6: K1tbl, p1, k1tbl, p2, k1tbl, p2, k1tbl, p1, k1tbl.

Row 7: K1tbl, RC, p1, k3tbl, p1, LC, k1tbl.

Row 8: K2tbl, p2, k3tbl, p2, k2tbl.

Repeat Rows 1-8.

DIRECTIONS:

Body:

On smaller needles, CO 118(138,152,170) sts and join to work in the round. Knit 8 rounds, then switch to larger needle.

Rnd 1: P1, pm, work Row 1 of Twisted Tree motif (TT), pm, p11(15,17,20), k1tbl, k11(13,16,19), k1tbl, p11(15,17,20), pm, work Row 1 of TT, pm, p2, pm, work Row 1 of TT, pm, p11(15,17,20), k1tbl, k11(13,16,19), k1tbl, p11(15,17,20), pm, work Row 1 of TT, pm, p1.

Rnd 2: P1, work Row 2 of Twisted Tree motif (TT), p11(15,17,20), k13(15,18,21), p11(15,17,20), work Row 2 of TT, p2, work Row 2 of TT, p11(15,17,20), k13(15,18,21), p11(15,17,20), work Row 2 of TT, p1.

Continue to knit and purl panels and side “seams” as established by these two rounds – twisting edge sts of k panel every other rnd will keep the edge tidy – and progress up TT motif panel. Work 7(8,9,10) reps of TT motif, complete round, then place all sts on waste yarn and set aside. Break yarn, leaving a tail long enough to graft 4 sts and weave in.

Sleeves (make 2):

On smaller needles CO 31(35,40,45) sts and join to work in the round. Knit 8 rounds, then switch to larger needles.

Rnd 1: P1, k1tbl, p7(8,9,10), k1tbl, k11(13,16,19), k1tbl, p7(8,9,10), k1tbl, p1.

Rnd 2: P1, k1tbl, p7(8,9,10), k13(15,18,21), p7(8,9,10), k1tbl, p1.

Inc rnd: P1, k1tbl, m1, work in patt to last 2 sts of rnd, m1, k1tbl, p1.

Repeat rnds 1 and 2, taking new sts into pattern as p sts. Every 5(4,5,5) rnds, work inc rnd: inc 1 st each side of the twisted sts as given above until there are 55(65,70,75) sts. When sleeve measures 9(10,11,12)” or desired length, cease work and put the 2 purled underarm “seam” sts on a holder. Break yarn, leaving a tail long enough to graft 4 sts and weave in. On sleeve 2 (left sleeve), cease work just before the last k1tbl of the rnd. Do not break yarn.

Join sleeves to body:

Position left sleeve at left side of body and join the two pieces by working the twisted k st of the sleeve together with its corresponding twisted k st on the body. Work across sweater front, keeping pattern correct. K twisted st at right body front tog with twisted k st of right sleeve. Work across right sleeve sts, place 2 p sts of body side “seam” on a holder, and ssk twisted k st of sleeve tog with first twisted k st of body back. Work across sweater back, keeping pattern correct. K twisted body and left sleeve sts tog, place 2 p sts of body side “seam” and 2 p sts of sleeve underarm “seam” on holders, and work across left sleeve sts to complete rnd. Work 1 rnd even.

Shape yoke:

On next rnd, work a short row as follows: work to 2 sts before end of round, keeping pattern correct. Bring working yarn to the back as if to knit, slip next st from left needle to right, bring working yarn btw needles to front of work, then return slipped st to left needle. This st is now wrapped with a loop of yarn. Turn work. Work across back and right sleeve sts to 2 sts before right front TT panel. (Row 4 of TT patt becomes: P1tbl, k2, p1tbl, k1, p1tbl, k1, p1tbl, k2, p1tbl.) Bring yarn to the front as if to purl, slip next st to right needle, bring yarn btw needles to back of work, then return slipped st to left needle. Turn work and resume working in the round. When you encounter the wrapped st at the end of the rnd, lift the wrap onto the left needle tip and p the wrap together with its wrapped st to prevent a hole.

*Your short rows have advanced the TT panels on the back 2 rows ahead of the ones on the front. By this time the pattern should be familiar enough that you’ll be able to see the difference and it won’t trip you up, but stay sharp each time you finish a round and remind yourself to look two rows back in the TT directions.

On the next rnd begin raglan yoke decreases: As you work the TT panels, dec one st at either side by k2tog (the twisted flank st of the motif with its purl neighbor) on the right and ssk on the left of each panel. The twisted sts will consume 1 st of the body and 1 of the sleeve: 8 sts decreased by end of rnd. Continue to work these decreases every second rnd until 68(72,72,76) sts remain, or until neck opening measures desired circumference. *At the same time*, after six rnds repeat the instructions for the short rows, and note that the back TT panels are now 4 rows ahead of the ones on the front.

Neckband:

With smaller needles, knit 8 rnds, then BO quite loosely with larger needles. Graft underarm sts, weave in all ends, and give your sweater a good stiff blocking.



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