



**Isabella (C169)  
Using Cascade Bollicine Sissi Pattern**



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A lightweight mohair sweater with deep lace borders. Isabella can be worn over a shirt or turtleneck to the office and over a tank or camisole for an evening out. Factor in its trans-seasonal weight, you will find yourself wearing it often. The largest size only takes 4 balls of the finest Italian kid mohair yarn, available in 17 wonderful colors, and there is every reason to knit one for every mood.

**Sizes:** 34[38, 42.5, 46.75]" finished chest, 21.5[21.5, 22, 22.5]" length  
**Gauge:** 19 sts and \_\_\_ rows = 4"/10cm in stocking stitch  
**Materials:** Bollicine Sissi yarn[70% kid mohair, 30% nylon; 328yds to 50gms] 3, 3, 4, 4 balls

## Needles & Tools:

Size 4mm USA size 6 needles  
Darning needle for seaming  
Optional stitch markers  
Stitch holders or spare needle or length of smooth cotton yarn

## Abbreviations:

**K**= knit

**P**= purl

**yo**= yarn over ~ bring yarn between needle tips as if to purl and over right hand needle before working next stitch

**ssk**= slip one stitch, knit next stitch, pass slipped stitch over knit stitch and off of needle

**k2tog**= knit two stitches together

**dbl decrease**= slip two stitches together as if to knit, knit 1 stitch, pass 2 slipped stitches over knit stitch and off of needle

**st st**= stocking stitch ~ knit right side rows and purl wrong side rows

## Notes:

1] please carefully read neckline finishing section for attached I-cord instructions. If you chose not to work an attached I-cord, bind off neckline stitches where pattern instructs you to place stitches on holder and work I-cord separately then stitch into place.

2] The lace pattern is a very simple 10 st/4 row repeat but if you are unfamiliar with working lace you might want to place a marker between repeats.

3] The sleeves all start with the same number of stitches and are worked without shaping until after the lace border.

4] On some sizes neckline decreases will be worked on same rows as shoulder shaping.

## Arrows Lace:

**Row 1 [RS]:** \*K1, [yo, ssk]2X, K1, [k2tog, yo]2X\* work from \* to \* to last stitch, K1

**Row 2 and 4 [WS]:** purl all stitches

**Row 4:** \*K2, yo, ssk, yo, dbl decrease, yo, k2tog, yo, K1\* work from \* to \* to last stich, K1

## INSTRUCTIONS

### Back:

Using long tail cast on method worked over two needles, Cast On 81[91,101, 111] sts. Remove one needle and purl a row. Work 9 repeats, 36 rows, of Arrows Lace. Piece should measure 5". Next row begin st st and work even until piece measures 14" ending after a WS row.

Begin armhole shaping.

Bind Off 5 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows. Next row[RS] k2, k2tog, knit to last 4 stitches, ssk, k2. Next row purl all stitches. Repeat last two rows an additional 3 times 63[73, 83, 93] sts remain. Work even in st st until armhole measures 7[7, 7.5, 8]" ending with a WS row~ garment should measure 21[21, 21.5, 22]" long. Begin shoulder shaping: Bind off 5[7, 8, 9]sts at beginning of next 4[6, 4, 4]rows; 7[0, 9, 11 ] sts beginning of next 2 rows. Place remaining 29[31, 33, 35 sts] onto stitch holder or spare needle.

**Front:**

Work as for back until armhole measures 6" ending with a WS row.

Begin neckline shaping.

K 27[32, 36, 41] sts, attach second ball of yarn and knit 9[9, 11, 11] sts and place these stitches on a holder for center front neck, then knit to end of row. Working both shoulder sections at same time shape neckline by binding off 3 sts at each neckline edge twice~ 21[26, 30, 35]sts on each shoulder. Continue neckline shaping decreasing on RS rows only as follows: knit to last 4 sts on first shoulder, ssk, k2, neckline opening, k2, k2tog, knit to end of second shoulder. Repeat neckline decrease row 3[4, 4, 5] times and at same time when armhole measures 7[7, 7.5, 8]" begin shoulder shaping by binding off 5[7, 8, 9] sts at beginning of next 4[6, 4, 4] rows; 7[0, 9, 11] sts beginning of last two rows.

**Sleeve (Make two):**

Using long tail cast on method worked over two needles, Cast On 51 sts. Purl one row. Work 36 rows, 9 full repeats, of Arrows Lace. Begin st st and at same time increase on 5th row by: k2, pick up running thread between st just worked and next st from front to back, knit into back of running thread loop, knit to last 2 sts, pick up running thread between st just worked and next st from back to front, knit into front of running thread loop, k2. Repeat increase row every following 6th row 10[10, 11, 12]times~ 73[73, 75, 77] sts. Work even until sleeve measures 16[16, 16.5, 16.5]" ending with wrong side row. Begin shoulder shaping: Bind Off 5 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows. Next row[RS] k2, k2tog, knit to last 4 stitches, ssk, k2. Next row purl all stitches. Repeat last two rows an additional 3 times~ 55[55, 57, 59] sts remain. Begin cap shaping: Bind off 2 sts at beginning of next 2 rows; 3 sts at beginning of next 4 rows; 4 sts at beginning of next 2 rows, 5 sts at beginning of next 2 rows, bind off remaining 21[21, 23, 25] sts.

**Neckline finishing:**

Sew together shoulders. With right side of garment facing, transfer back neck stitches onto knitting needle working from left to right. Cast on 3 sts and end of this needle. \*K1, P1, slip third stitch, K1, pass slipped stitch over last K st and off of needle.\* 3 sts remain on right needle and 28[30, 32, 34] sts remain on left needle. Slip 3 sts on right needle onto left needle one at a time. Repeat from \* to \* until only 3 sts remain on right needle and none on left needle. \*\*

Transfer 3 sts onto empty left needle, K1, P1, slip one, insert right needle tip between edge and next st of neckline and pick up and knit 1 st, pass slipped stich over knit st and off of needle 3 sts remain on right needle. Repeat from \*\* until you reach part of neckline where you shaped by binding off sts instead of decreasing sts and: \*\*\* transfer 3 sts from right needle onto left needle, K1, P1, slip 1, insert needle into bound off st and pick up and knit, pass slipped st over knit st and off of right needle. Repeat from \*\*\* until you reach center front sts on holder and transfer these sts onto left needle working from left to right. Attach I-cord as for back of neck sts. When sts from holder are gone work as from \*\*\* until you reach point in neckline that was shaped by decreases and attach as from \*\*. When I-cord circles neckline Bind off 3 sts and sew to 3 sts Cast on after transferring back of neckline sts onto a needle.

**Finishing:**

Sew in sleeve cap to armhole openings. Sew side and sleeve seems. Work in any ends. Block lightly. If desired you may pin out scallops on Arrows Lace.