

# Simple Summer Tweed Top Down V-Neck

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*A basic top-down raglan pullover, including sizing & shaping for both men and women. (Despite the name, a crew neck option is provided as well!)*



**Finished Sizes:** *(Intended to fit with some positive ease. Please also refer to schematic on the last page for more detailed finished measurements.)*

	<b><u>XS</u></b>	<b><u>(S</u></b>	<b><u>M</u></b>	<b><u>L)</u></b>	<b><u>[XL</u></b>	<b><u>XXL</u></b>	<b><u>XXXL]</u></b>
chest/bust (inches):	32	36	40	44	48	52	56
chest/bust (cm):	80	90	100	110	120	130	140

**Materials:** 8, (8, 9, 10) [11, 12, 13] skeins of Rowan Summer Tweed (@118 yds or 109 m each), or same amount of any aran weight yarn. *These are estimates for the women's v-neck version. For men, you will need about 15% more for additional length, and the crew neck version will require a little more as well.*

2 circular needles that get gauge (about 4.5 – 5.5 mm)  
1 circular needle 0.5 mm smaller than main needle  
1 color "A" marker, and 4 color "B" markers

**Gauge:** 16 st and 23 rows per 10 cm (or 4 inches)

## **Instructions:**

Knit from top down in st st. All increases and decreases are made on right side (rs).

### **Yoke:**

With one of the main needles, cast on 42 (48, 48, 50) [52, 54, 54] st. Work first wrong side (ws) row (purling) and divide with color "B" markers as follows:

XS: 1,4,32,4,1  
S: 1,6,34,6,1  
M: 1,6,34,6,1  
L: 1,6,36,6,1  
XL: 1,6,38,6,1  
XXL: 1,6,40,6,1  
XXXL: 1,6,40,6,1

Continue in st st. **READ AHEAD TO \*\*!**

Work FRONT and BACK raglans, starting on the next rs row, by kfb **before** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> markers, and **after** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> markers:

XS: every 2<sup>nd</sup> row 7 times, then every 4<sup>th</sup> row 7 times.  
S: every 2<sup>nd</sup> row 9 times, then every 4<sup>th</sup> row 7 times.  
M: every 2<sup>nd</sup> row 15 times, then every 4<sup>th</sup> row 5 times.  
L: every 2<sup>nd</sup> row 20 times, then every 4<sup>th</sup> row 3 times.  
XL: every 2<sup>nd</sup> row 20 times, then every 4<sup>th</sup> row 4 times.  
XXL: every 2<sup>nd</sup> row 24 times, then every 4<sup>th</sup> row 3 times.  
XXXL: every 2<sup>nd</sup> row 29 times, then every 4<sup>th</sup> row 1 time.

Work SLEEVE raglans, **starting on the same row** as FRONT and BACK raglans, by kfb **after** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> markers, and **before** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> markers:

XS: every 2<sup>nd</sup> row 19 times, then every 4<sup>th</sup> row 1 time.  
S: every 2<sup>nd</sup> row 17 times, then every 4<sup>th</sup> row 3 times.  
M: every 2<sup>nd</sup> row 19 times, then every 4<sup>th</sup> row 3 times.  
L: every 2<sup>nd</sup> row 22 times, then every 4<sup>th</sup> row 2 times.  
XL: every 2<sup>nd</sup> row 24 times, then every 4<sup>th</sup> row 2 times.  
XXL: every 2<sup>nd</sup> row 26 times, then every 4<sup>th</sup> row 2 times.  
XXXL: every 2<sup>nd</sup> row 29 times, then every 4<sup>th</sup> row 1 time.

### **\*\*AT THE SAME TIME:**

V-neck is shaped by working straight for 3 rows (includes first ws set up row), then m1 at 1 st in from each end of next rs row, and on following 4<sup>th</sup> row 0 (1, 1, 1) [1, 1, 1] times, then on every 2<sup>nd</sup> row 14 (14, 14, 15) [16, 17, 17] times. When these increases are complete, join the "v" and continue to work in the round. (For a deeper v-neck, work more 4<sup>th</sup> row increases, and the same number fewer 2<sup>nd</sup> row increases.)

Crew neck is shaped by m1 at 1 st in from each end of next and following 2<sup>nd</sup> row 4 (5, 5, 6) [6, 7, 7] times. On next rs row after these increases are complete, cast on x stitches to fill in neckline, and continue in the round, where x = *number of st you have at that point for the back section (between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> markers) minus the total number of st you have for BOTH sides of the front.*

After raglan increases are done:

For Men: work 6 more rounds straight (increases the yoke / armhole depth).

For all sizes, remove markers and put sleeve st on scrap yarn, join fronts and back and cast on 4 (6, 6, 6) [10, 10, 12] st under each arm {=64 (72, 80, 88) [96, 104, 112] st for each of front and back}.

Place a color "A" marker at centre of left underarm to mark the beginning of all future rounds.

### **Body:**

Continue to work body in the round.

For Men: work straight to about 45 cm (18 inches) from underarms, or desired length, and bind off.

For Women (waist shaping): place 4 color "B" markers at 10 (12, 12, 14) [14, 16, 16] st on either side of the centre of each underarm. Work decreases by ssk **before** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> color "B" markers, and k2tog **after** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> color "B" markers on 20<sup>th</sup> round from underarms, and following 10<sup>th</sup> round (=2 decrease rounds). Work 10 rounds, then work increases by m1 **before** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> color "B" markers, and m1 **after** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> color "B" markers on next and following 2 10<sup>th</sup> rounds (=3 increase rounds). Work to about 35 - 38 cm (13 -15 inches) from underarms, or desired length, and bind off.

### **Sleeves:**

Worked in the round on 2 circular needles (or your preferred method).

Transfer stitches from scrap yarn to 2 needles, and cast on (or pick up directly from body) 4 (6, 6, 6) [10, 10, 12] st underarm {=48 (52, 56, 60) [68, 72, 78] st}. Mark centre of underarm (marks beginning of sleeve rounds).

For Men: work decreases by k2, k2 tog, k to 4 st before end of round, ssk, k2, on:

XS: every 18<sup>th</sup> round, 5 times.  
S: every 18<sup>th</sup> round, 5 times.  
M: every 18<sup>th</sup> round, 6 times.  
L: every 14<sup>th</sup> round, 8 times.  
XL: every 10<sup>th</sup> round, 11 times.  
XXL: every 8<sup>th</sup> round, 13 times.  
XXXL: every 8<sup>th</sup> round, 14 times.

Work to about 46 (48,50, 52) [54,54,54] cm (18.5 (19, 20, 21) [22, 22, 22] inches) from underarm, or desired length, and bind off.

For Women: work decreases by k2, k2 tog, k to 4 st before end of round, ssk, k2, on:

XS: every 12<sup>th</sup> round, 7 times.  
S: every 14<sup>th</sup> round, 7 times.  
M: every 10<sup>th</sup> round, 9 times.  
L: every 10<sup>th</sup> round, 10 times.  
XL: every 8<sup>th</sup> round, 13 times.  
XXL: every 8<sup>th</sup> round, 7 times, and then every 6<sup>th</sup> round 8 times.  
XXXL: every 6<sup>th</sup> round, 17 times.

Work to about 43 (46, 47, 48) [48, 48, 48] cm (17 (18.5, 18.5, 19) [19, 19, 19] inches) from underarm, or desired length, and bind off.

### **Finishing:**

Stitch up underarms if necessary.

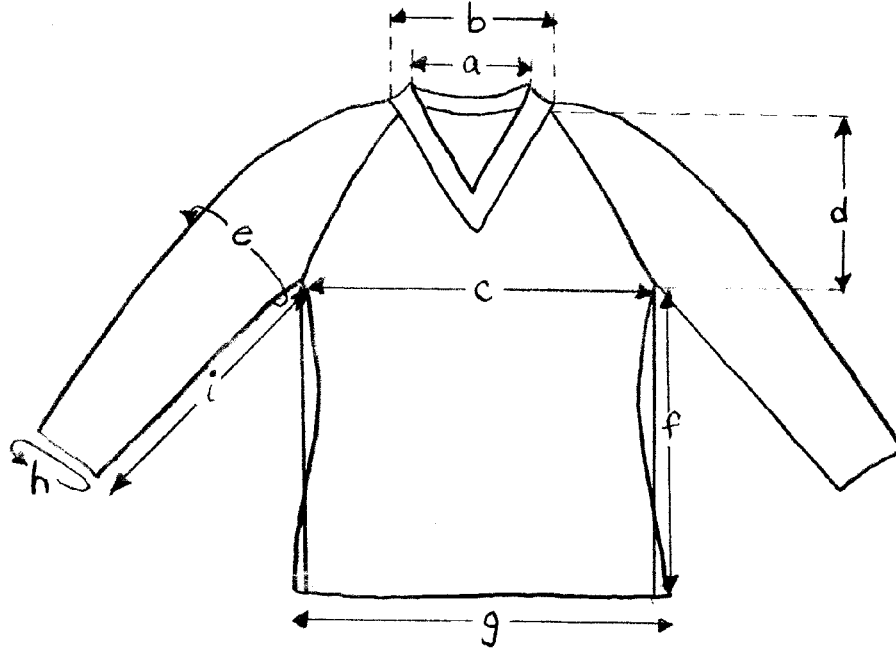
V-neck finishing: With smaller needle, start at back right raglan and pick up about 7 st per 8 st across back and top of left sleeve, and about 3 st per 4 rows (or more st for more curl) along left v neck opening, pick up one stitch at center of "v", and the same number of stitches along the right side of "v" and top of right sleeve as for the left side.

If your needle is short enough, you can work in the round, otherwise work back and forth. Work 6-8 rounds in st st, and on every second round, ssk **before** centre "v" stitch and k2tog **after** centre "v" stitch. Bind off (more loosely for more curl). If you knit this back and forth (not in the round), seam edges together.

Crew neck finishing: With smaller needle, start at back right raglan and pick up about 7 st per 8 st across back and top of left sleeve, and about 3 st per 4 rows along left angled front neck opening, about 7 st per 8 st across front cast on section, and the same number of stitches along the right angled section and top of right sleeve as for the left. Mark center of each shoulder.

If your needle is short enough, you can work in the round, otherwise work back and forth. Work in st st for 6-10 (or more if desired) rounds. On every 4<sup>th</sup> (rs) round, (k to 4 st before center shoulder marker, ssk, k2, sm, k2, k2tog) 2 times, k to end. Bind off (more loosely for more curl). If you knit this back and forth (not in the round), seam edges together.





Approximate measurements in cm:

	<b>XS</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>XL</b>	<b>XXL</b>	<b>XXXL</b>
a	17	18	18	20	21	22	22
b	20	21	21	23	24	25	25
c	40	45	50	55	60	65	70
d(Men)	21	23	25	26	27	29	30
d(Women)	18	20	22	23	24	26	27
e	30	33	35	38	43	45	49
f	Desired length: about 35 to 45 cm						
g(Men)	40	45	50	55	60	65	70
g(Women)	41	46	51	56	61	66	71
h (Men)	25	26	27	28	29	29	30
h(Women)	22	23	24	25	26	26	27
i (Men)	46	48	50	52	54	54	54
i (Women)	43	46	47	48	48	48	48