



**BETTER-THAN-BASIC PULLOVER': Sleeveless Version in Lang *Lino*
Instructions for knitting a sleeveless version of your
Churchmouse Classics 'Better-Than-Basic Pullover' in Lang *Lino*.**

We took off both the sleeves and the collar of this classic pullover to make a cool summer-time top in breezy linen.

Yarn: 6 (7, 8, 9, 10) skeins Lang *Lino* (119 yds/108m each). Or approx. 700 (800, 900, 1000, 1100) yds/640 (730, 820, 915, 1005)m of an equivalent linen tape.

Needles US 8 (5mm) needles, or size to obtain gauge.

& Notions: US 7 (4.5mm) needles, or one size smaller than gauge needle for reverse stockinette edging.

*Please refer to the original pattern for complete instructions.
Only changes are covered in this adaptation.*

BACK *Back and front begin with a reverse stockinette edging.*

Cast on: With smaller needle, using long tail cast-on method, cast on 97 (107, 115, 125, 135) sts. Beginning with a purl row, work 4 rows in stockinette stitch, ending with a knit row.

Next row (RS): Change to gauge needle and knit one row.

Work according to pattern instructions for Back, beginning with short-row hem shaping, and ending at back armhole shaping.

Back armhole shaping: Work first 4 rows as directed in original pattern. [89 (99, 107, 117, 127) sts]

From this point, armhole edges have a flat slipped-stitch edge.

Next row (RS): WYIB Sl 2, knit to end.

Next row (WS): WYIF Sl 2, purl to end.

Repeat last 2 rows once more (end with WS row).

Inc row (RS): WYIB Sl 2, K1, M1R, knit to last 3 sts, M1L, K3. [2 sts inc'd]

Complete armhole shaping as directed in pattern, slipping first 2 sts of each row, and working increase rows as above. [105 (115, 123, 133, 143) sts].

Work back shoulder and neck shaping as directed in pattern.

FRONT Work reverse stockinette stitch edging as for Back. Follow pattern instructions for Back up to armhole shaping, remembering to match any customization in length.

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- Front armhole shaping:** Work first 4 rows as directed in original pattern. [89 (99, 107, 117, 127) sts]
From this point, armhole edges have a flat slipped-stitch edge.
Next row (RS): WYIB Sl 2, knit to end.
Slipping the first 2 sts of each row, work 1 (1, 3, 3, 3) row(s), ending with WS row.
Inc row (RS): WYIB Sl 2, K1, M1R, knit to last 3 sts, M1L, K3. [91 (101, 109, 119, 129) sts]
Continue working armhole shaping as directed in pattern, slipping first 2 sts of each row, working increase rows as above, and placing markers on last row. [36 (38, 42, 44, 46) armhole rows completed; 105 (115, 123, 133, 143) sts]
- Front right shoulder & neck shaping:** *Center neck sts are bound off rather than placed on holder.*
Row 1 (neck bind-off row, RS): Knit to first neck marker, SM, K7, KFB, K1, lift st created by KFB over K1, continue to bind off normally until 7 sts remain on left needle before next marker, K7, SM, knit until 3 (4, 4, 5, 5) sts remain on left needle, C&T. [21 (21, 21, 21, 25, 25) sts bound off at center neck; 8 sts inside markers on both sides of neck]
Continue working front right shoulder and neck shaping following pattern instructions.
Work front left shoulder and neck shaping following pattern instructions.
- Assembly & Finishing:** Join shoulders with 3-needle bind-off as directed in original pattern. Sew side seams from hem to underarm using mattress stitch, taking a 1-stitch seam allowance. Weave in all ends, taking particular care at the neckline since this will be the finished edge.
Wet-block according to pattern instructions; using a press-cloth, lightly steam-press.