

# Jumping Sun

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**Yarn:** Sandnesgarn Smart, orange #2708, a little less than 6 balls

**Needles:** two US 6 / 4mm circular needles, one for the body and one for the pocket, one set of double pointed needles for the sleeves (or you can use the other circular needle and magic loop technique)

2 stitch markers, a tapestry needle, 2 row counters

**Finished measurements:** chest 64cm/25", total length (with the edging) 62cm/24,5"

**Gauge:** 21 sts x 28 rows in St st = 10x10cm / 4";  
20 sts in garter stitch = 10cm / 4"

k - knit

p- purl

SM- slip marker

PM- place marker

M1- make one

**The tunic is started by knitting the bottom edging first.**

CO 2 sts

Row 1: slip one, M1, k1

Rows 2-3: slip one, knit until the end of row

Row 4: slip one, M1, knit until there is 1 stitch left, M1, k1

Repeat rows 2-4, until you have 15 sts. Knit one more row. Cut the yarn and leave the first triangle waiting. Cast on for the next triangle, so it's next to the first one. Make 12 triangles. Don't cut the yarn after the last triangle.

**Joining:**



Round 1: After knitting all 12 triangles, join to work in the round being careful not to twist stitches. Place a stitch marker

at the beginning of round and increase 9 stitches as follows: \*knit 20, M1, repeat from \* until the end of the round (189 sts). Place a second marker after 94 sts to indicate the side "seam". The front has 94 sts and the back has 95 sts. The increases are made because there are gauge differences between garter stitch and Stockinette stitch.

Rounds 2-7: knit

Shaping the sides:

Next round (decrease round): k 1, k 2 tog, k 88 (front), ssk, k 1, SM, k 1, k 2 tog, k 89 (back), ssk, k 1

Repeat these decreases as follows:

1x every 15. rnd

3x every 7. rnd (the beginning of the pocket is right after these decreases, see below)

5x every 5. rnd (during the last of these decrease rounds, k 2 tog in the middle of the back, so there are same amount of stitches at the front and back)

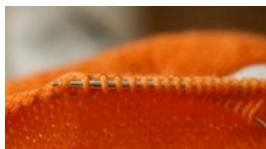
and 4x every 2. rnd (it's possible that every 3. rnd could look better)

### The pocket

The pocket is knitted back and forth in one circular needle (or you can use straight needles if you wish). Let's call it the "pocket needle" and the other needle you've used this far, the "body needle".

I started knitting the pocket right after "3x every 7. rnd"-decreases, in the next rnd. The work measures 7,5" at this point (with the edging).

It's a good idea to use a separate row counter for the pocket.



Knit 19 sts. Transfer next 46 sts to the "pocket needle". Using the "body needle", pick new 46 stitches for the body behind these stitches (pictured above). Knit until the end of rnd.

Leave body stitches waiting and knit the pocket first.

Rows 1-7: knit

Row 8 (WS): k 4, purl until there are 4 sts left, k 4

Row 9: knit

Row 10: as row 8

Row 11: knit

Row 12: as row 8

Row 13: k 4, ssk, knit until there are 6 sts left, k 2 tog, k 4

Repeat rows 8 and 13 four more times, 21 rows total.

Row 22: k 4, purl 28, k 4

Row 23: knit

Repeat rows 22 and 23 five more times, 33 rows total.

Rows 34-38: knit (garter stitch=knit every row). Leave the pocket stitches waiting.

Next knit the body for 36 rounds (counted from the beginning of the pocket), don't forget to continue the side decreases at the same time.

Round 37: join the pocket to the body: k 15, place the "body needle" and the "pocket needle" so they are parallel to each other and knit one stitch from the "body needle" together with one stitch from the "pocket needle" until there are no pocket stitches left, k 15, SM, knit until the end of round.

Continue working in St st, until the work measures 43 cm / 17" (bottom edging included). This is about 28 rows from the point where you joined the pocket to the body.

Next round: Knit to within 5 sts to the side marker, cast off next 10 sts for the underarm, knit within 5 sts to the end of round and cast off next 10 sts for the other underarm. Instead of casting off, you can also put the underarm stitches to holders and kitchener stitch them together later or use three needle bind off.

## Sleeves

CO 54 sts, join to work in the round being careful not to twist stitches

Rnd 1: purl

Rnd 2: knit

Rnd 3: k 1, p 7, \*k 2, p 7, repeat from \* until there is 1 st left, k 1

Rnd 4 and all even rnds: knit

Rnd 5: k 2, p 5, \*k 4, p 5, repeat from \* until there are 2 sts left, k 2

Rnd 7: k 3, p 3, \*k 6, p 3, repeat from \* until there are 3 sts left, k 3

Rnd 9: k 4, p 1, \*k 8, p 1, repeat from \* until there are 4 sts left, k 4

Rnd 10: knit until there are 5 sts left, cast off next 10 sts for underarm (or place to a holder)

Knit the other sleeve the same way.

## The yoke

Put the body and sleeves on one circular needle. You have 200 sts. The round begins behind the left shoulder.

Knit for 6 rounds.

Rnd 7: Knit, decreasing 20 sts evenly spaced around.

Repeat rnds 1-7 three more times (120 sts left)

Switch to garter stitch (in this case it means row 1: purl; row 2: knit) and work for 9 rnds.

Next rnd: Repeat decrease rnd 7 one more time ( 100 sts left)

Work 9 more rnds in garter stitch.

Next round: decrease 10 sts evenly spaced around (90 sts left).

## Shaping the neck using short rows

Row 1: Turn, k 24, turn

Row 2: knit 26, turn

Row 3: knit 28, turn

Row 4: knit 30, turn

Row 5: knit 32, turn

Row 6: knit 34, turn

Row 7: knit 36, turn, k 36, PM. It's the new beginning of the round.

The front has 54 sts and the back has 36 sts.

Knit over all neck stitches as follows:

Rnd 1: purl

Rnd 2: knit

Rnd 3: purl

Rnd 4: knit, knitting together every 14. and 15. stitch (6 sts will disappear)

Next rnd: Cast off.

Weave in the ends and sew the underarms closed. This tunic needs wetblocking or good steamblocking for stopping the bottom edge from curling. I washed it myself and that worked fine.

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