



the fiadh sweater hack



If you'd like to knit your Fiadh cardigan without cables, the main adjustment you'll need to make is in choosing the correct size. Because the gauge in double moss stitch is different than the gauge in cables, your finished sweater will be much larger than anticipated. Here is what you can expect for final bust/chest measurements based on all three gauge options.

Option 1 (23 st in 4 in/10 cm) in Double Moss Stitch Only

40.1 (42.2, 44.3, 45.7, 47.7, 49.8, 51.2, 53.3, 54.7, 57.5, 59.6, 61, 63, 65.1, 66.5, 68.6, 70.7) in/ 100.2 (105.4, 110.7, 114.1, 119.3, 124, 128, 133.3, 136.7, 143.7, 148.9, 152.4, 157.6, 162.8, 166.3, 171.5, 176.7) cm

Option 2 (21.5 st in 4 in/10 cm) in Double Moss Stitch Only

42.5 (44.7, 46.9, 48.4, 50.7, 52.9, 54.4, 56.6, 58.1, 61.1, 63.3, 64.8, 67, 69.3, 70.7, 73, 75.2) in/ 106.2 (111.7, 117.3, 121, 126.6, 132.2, 135.9, 141.5, 145.2, 152.7, 158.3, 162.0, 167.6, 173.1, 176.9, 182.4, 188) cm

Option 3 (18 st in 4 in/10 cm) in Double Moss Stitch Only

49.6 (52.2, 54.9, 56.7, 59.3, 62, 63.8, 66.4, 68.2, 71.8, 74.4, 76.2, 78.9, 81.6, 83.3, 86, 88.7) in/ 123.9 (130.6, 137.2, 141.7, 148.3, 155, 159.4, 166.1, 170.6, 179.4, 186.1, 190.6, 197.2, 203.9, 208.3, 215, 221.7) cm

As you can see, the finished measurements for Fiadh are much larger if you don't include cables. Choose your size in the same manner as recommended in Lesson One. Find the option that most closely matches your gauge, then circle the finished measurement that is approximately 6 in/15 cm larger than your bust/chest circumference.

When working the pattern, treat all chart sections as double moss stitch. Place markers to help maintain stitch counts and sections for ease of following the pattern, but whenever the pattern references the chart, simply continue to work the Double Moss Stitch as you've established it.

Here's an example of how the Double Moss Stitch version would start:

With US size 5/3.75mm circular needle (or one size smaller than you're using for your sweater body), cast on 194 (206, 218, 226, 238, 250, 258, 270, 278, 294, 306, 314, 326, 338, 346, 358, 370) st. Starting at the bottom of the sweater (working up to the top) and working flat, begin ribbing as follows.

Ribbing (RS): K2, [p2, k2] rep bet brackets to end

Ribbing (WS): P2, [k2, p2] rep bet brackets to end

Rep these two rows until lower ribbing measures 2 in/5 cm. On the next WS row, continue in ribbing, but increase 2 st evenly across the row using kfb - 196 (208, 220, 228, 240, 252, 260, 272, 280, 296, 308, 316, 328, 340, 348, 360, 372) st.

Next Row (RS): Transition to US Size 6/4mm circular needle (or size needed to achieve gauge), k2, pm, work in double moss stitch over 37 st pm, work Double Moss Stitch side panel over 8 (14, 20, 24, 30, 36, 40, 46, 50, 58, 64, 68, 74, 80, 84, 90, 96) st, pm, work Double Moss Stitch over 102 st, pm, work Double Moss Stitch side panel over 8 (14, 20, 24, 30, 36, 40, 46, 50, 58, 64, 68, 74, 80, 84, 90, 96) st, pm, work Double Moss st over the next 37 st pm, k2.

Continue working the pattern as written, keeping the entire body in Double Moss Stitch, as established, disregarding the cable charts.

When working the pocket placement, simply knit the 30 st where indicated in the pattern.

The only other hack is that you will not need to pick up as many stitches on the sleeves. I recommend picking up only 2 of every 3 st around the sleeves.

The rest can be worked as written! I recommend keeping the little cables on the saddle, even if you are working the rest of the body without them. It will be a nice touch, and it's only a very small amount of cables to have to work.

That's it! Go forth & hack your

fiadh!