

Urban Hiker Sweater Class

In this class we will make a sweater with bulky weight yarn. The sweater pattern is shown with a separating zipper, but you can easily swap this out for a button band if you prefer. The sweater is knit from the bottom up – the sleeves are knit in the round using double-pointed needles and then the body is knit in one piece to the armholes, before you join it all into a seamless raglan to finish. The stitch pattern is charted only.

This is appropriate for an intermediate knitter – the actual stitches aren't hard but there are a lot of things to keep track of at the same time.

In this class we will practice:

- Reading a pattern with multiple sizes
- Reading a chart
- Picking the right size and making a sweater that fits
- Kitchener stitch (just a tiny bit in the armpits)
- Knitting in the round, including double pointed needles for the sleeves
- Sewing a zipper into a knitted garment by hand

Required Materials:

- The pattern – Urban Hiker from Tin Can Knits
- Yarn for the size sweater that you are going to make – I used Malabrigo Vientos for the class sample, but you could also use Mecha, Cascade 128 Superwash, Anthem Chunky or another yarn that will get **16 sts = 4 inches**.
- Needles to get gauge, both double pointed for the sleeves and a longer circular for the body (at least 24" long for ease, 32" would be better)
- Scissors, stitch markers, pencil/pen, yarn needle
- Separating zipper or buttons depending on your choice

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