LIGHT_LOOP_SWEATER is a simple and light sweater. Feminine details along the neckline and shoulder creates a fine contrast to the boxy fit of the body with straight sleeves.

The sweater is worked top down in 1 piece and is thus sewing-free.
First, the neckline is worked in ribbing. This is followed by short rows to shape the neckline while increases are worked for the shoulders. Then the yoke is worked with front and back panels worked separately until joined for the body, which is knitted in the round. Finally, stitches are picked up in the arm hole and the sleeves are knitted in the round.

Sizes_
XS (S) M (L) XL (XXL).
The sweater has a boxy fit with approx. 20-30 cm positive ease.
You should choose a size with the circumference approx. 20-30 cm larger than your own bust circumference, depending on how loose fit you want the sweater to be.

Measurements_
Bust circumference_ 107 (112) 117 (123) 130 (138) cm.
Length_ 46 (47) 48 (50) 51 (53) cm measured on the back.

Materials_
Suggestion 1_
1 strand of Kid Silk 5 (80% Kid mohair, 20% Shappe silk) from Gepard 25 g / 125 m. 100 (100) 125 (125) 150 (150) g. (Shown in the colour way 481).

Suggestion 2_
1 strand of Boucle (100% Alpaca) from Isager 50 g / 175 m. 150 (150) 200 (200) 250 (250) g.
(Show in colour way E0).

Recommended needles_
Circular needles 4 mm (40 cm) and circular needles 7 mm (40, 60 and 80 cm).

Gauge_
13 sts x 19 rows in stockinette stitch on needles 7 mm = 10 x 10 cm.

Abbreviations_
k = knit
p = purl
st = stitch (es)
pm = place marker
sm = slip marker from the left to the right needle
BoR = beginning of round
RS = Right Side
WS = Wrong Side

Short rows_
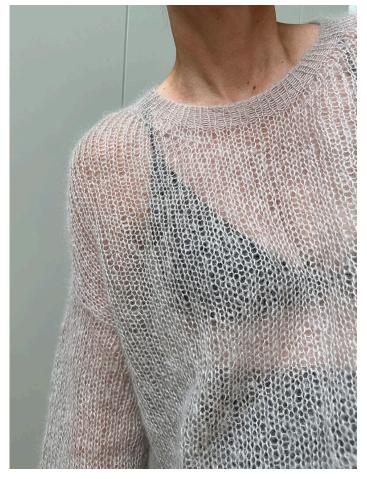The short rows in the pattern are worked according to the German Short Row method.

Increases_
M1L_ left leaning increase – from the front insert the left needle under the chain between the stitches and knit the chain through back loop.
M1R_ right leaning increase – from the back insert the left needle under the chain between the stitches and knit the chain.

Decreases_
k2tog_ right leaning knit decrease - knit 2 sts together.
SSK_ left leaning knit decrease – SSK modified - slip 1 st knitwise, slip 1 st purlwise, insert the left needle into both stitches from left to right and knit the stitches together through back loop.

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Neckline_
Cast on 84 (84) 88 (88) 92 (98) sts on circular needles 4 mm (40 cm) using Italian cast on in rib stitch (k1, p1).

The first 2 rows after the cast on are worked flat in double knit as follows:

Row 1_ *k1, slip 1 st purlwise with yarn in front* repeat * to * to end
Row 2_ worked like 1st row

Join to knit in the round. Make sure the work doesn't twist. Pm to indicate BoR (centre of the back).

Work 3 cm of ribbing (k1, p1).

Yoke_
Change to circular needles 7 mm (40 cm) and knit to end. *(You can change the wire length as the work grows).*

The work is now divided into shoulder-sts, front, and back by placing the markers as follows:

Pm (**M1**) after 20 (20) 21 (21) 22 (23) sts (right back), pm (**M2**) after 1 st (right shoulder), pm (**M3**) after 41 (41) 43 (43) 45 (47) sts (front), pm (**M4**) after 1 st (left shoulder), after 21 (21) 22 (22) 23 (25) sts the marker is BoR (left back).

Work flat while working the short rows to shape the neckline while also working increases on both sides of the shoulder sts on all RS rows.

Work as follows:

Row 1_ (RS) knit to and including 1 st after **M2**, **turn**
Row 2_ (WS) purl to and including 1 st after **M3**, **turn**

Row 3_ (RS) **M1R**, sm, k1, sm, **M1L**, knit to **M1**, **M1R**, sm, k1, sm, **M1L**, knit to and including 1 st after the last short row, **turn**
Row 4_ (WS) purl to and including 1 st after last turn, **turn**
Row 5_ (RS) knit to **M3**, **M1R**, sm, k1, sm, **M1L**, knit to **M1**, **M1R**, sm, k1, sm, **M1L**, knit to and including 1 st after last turn, **turn**
Row 6_ (WS) purl to and including 1 st after last turn, **turn**

You have now worked 6 short rows and 8 increases = 92 (92) 96 (96) 100 (104) sts on your needles.

Repeat **Row 5-6** further 11 (12) 12 (14) 15 (16) times = 136 (140) 144 (152) 160 (168) sts on your needles.

The yoke is now divided for the front and back as follows:

Knit to **M1**, set the front marker and the 2 shoulder sts aside, purl back across the 67 (69) 71 (75) 79 (83) sts on the back. Remove marker on the back.

Back_
Work the back flat while also working increases on both sides to shape the top of the arm hole.

Work as follows:

Row 1_ (RS) knit to end
Row 2_ (WS) purl to end
Row 3_ (RS) k2, **k2tog**, knit to 4 sts before end, **SSK**, k2
Row 4_ (WS) purl to end

You've now worked 2 decreases = 65 (67) 69 (73) 77 (81) sts on your needles.

Repeat **Row 1-4** further 1 (1) 1 (1) 1 (1) time = 63 (65) 67 (71) 75 (79) sts on your needles.

Work flat until your work measures 17 (17,5) 18 (18,5) 19 (19,5) cm measured from where you divided the front and back. End on a WS.

Work increases to shape the arm hole.

Work as follows:

Row 1_ (RS) k2, **M1L**, knit to 2 sts before end, **M1R**, k2
Row 2_ (WS) purl to end

You've now worked 2 increases = 65 (67) 69 (73) 77 (81) sts on your needles.

Repeat **Row 1-2** further 1 (1) 1 (1) 1 (1) time = 67 (69) 71 (75) 79 (83) sts on your needles.

Break yarn and set the back sts aside.

Front_
Set the 2 shoulder sts aside and work on the front.
Add new yarn and work the front flat while also working decreases on both sides of the front to shape the top of the arm hole.

Work as follows:

Row 1_ (RS) knit to end
Row 2_ (WS) purl to end
Row 3_ (RS) k2, **k2tog**, knit to 4 sts before end, **SSK**, k2
Row 4_ (WS) purl to end

You have now worked 2 decreases = 65 (67) 69 (73) 77 (81)

sts on your needles.

Repeat **Row 1-4** further 1 (1) 1 (1) 1 (1) time = 63 (65) 67 (71) 75 (79) sts on your needles.

Work the front flat until it measures 17 (17,5) 18 (18,5) 19 (19,5) cm measured from where you divided the front and back. End on a WS.

Work increases to shape the arm hole.

Work as follows:

Row 1_ (RS) k2, **M1L**, knit to 2 sts before end, **M1R**, k2
Row 2_ (WS) purl to end
You have now worked 2 increases = 65 (67) 69 (73) 77 (81) sts on your needles.

Repeat **row 1-2** further 1 (1) 1 (1) 1 (1) time = 67 (69) 71 (75) 79 (83) sts on your needles.

Do not break yarn.

Body_
Join the front and back and knit in the round.

Work as follows:

Knit across the front 67 (69) 71 (75) 79 (83) sts, cast on 3 (4) 5 (5) 6 (7) sts using backwards loop method, knit across the back 67 (69) 71 (75) 79 (83) sts, cast on 3 (4) 5 (5) 6 (7) sts using backwards loop method. Pm for BoR between the new sts on the left side = 140 (146) 152 (160) 170 (180) sts on your needles.

Knit in the round until the work measures 46 (47) 48 (50) 51 (53) cm measured from the back or to desired length. Bind off loosely.

Sleeves_
The sleeves are knitted in the round on circular needles 7 mm (40 cm).

The stitches are picked up from the RS where you pick up 2 out of 3 stitches.
Begin at the bottom of the arm hole and pick up 23 (24) 25 (26) 27 (28) sts to the top of the arm hole, slip the shoulder sts onto the needle, and pick up 23 (24) 25 (26) 27 (28) stitches to the bottom of the arm hole = 47 (49) 51 (53) 55 (57) sts on your needles. Make sure to pick up the stitches closest to the shoulder stitches for the smoothest result.

Knit in the round until the sleeve measures 42 (42) 42 (42) 42 (42) cm measured from the inside of the sleeve or to desired length.
Bind off loosely.

Work the other sleeve alike.

Finish_
Weave in all ends.
Wash and block the sweater.

Happy loops.

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