

# Asclepias

Designed by the Berroco Design Team / Skill level: Intermediate



## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Bust: (35½, 40, 44½) [49, 53½, 57] {61½, 66½, 71} / (90, 101.5, 113) [124.5, 136, 145] {156, 169, 180.5} cm  
Length: (20½, 21, 21) [21½, 21½, 22] {22½, 23, 23½} / (52, 53.5, 53.5) [54.5, 54.5, 56] {57, 58.5, 59.5} cm  
Shown in size 40" / 101.5 cm.  
Recommended ease:  
Approximately 2–4" / 5–10 cm positive ease.

## YARN

**BERROCO COMFORT CHUNKY**  
(100 grs): (5, 5, 6) [6, 7, 7] {8, 9, 9} balls #5724 Pumpkin

## NEEDLES and NOTIONS

Knitting needles, sizes 9 / 5.5 mm and 10½ / 6.5 mm *or size to obtain gauge*  
16" circular needle, size 9 / 5.5 mm  
2 stitch markers  
2 stitch holders  
Waste yarn to hold stitches

## GAUGE

14 sts and 20 rows = 4" in Reverse St st on larger needles  
*Gauge shown is after blocking.*  
*To save time and ensure accurate measurements, take time to check gauge.*

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## SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

**Inc 1:** Purl into the back, then front of next stitch—2 sts made

## LEAF PATTERN

Due to the nature of this pattern, the number of stitches will vary from row to row. The numbers shown at the end of rows is the number of stitches you will have after completing that row.

**Row 1 (RS):** P12, [k1, p1] twice, k1, p12—29 sts.

**Row 2 and all WS rows:** Knit the knit stitches and purl the purl stitches as they face you.

**Row 3:** P12, k1, [Inc 1, k1] twice, p12—31 sts.

**Row 5:** P2tog, p10, yo, k1, yo, Inc 1, p1, k1, p1, Inc 1, yo, k1, yo, p10, p2tog—35 sts.

**Row 7:** P2tog, p9, [k1, yo] twice, k1, p1, Inc 1, p1, k1, p1, Inc 1, p1, [k1, yo] twice, k1, p9, p2tog—39 sts.

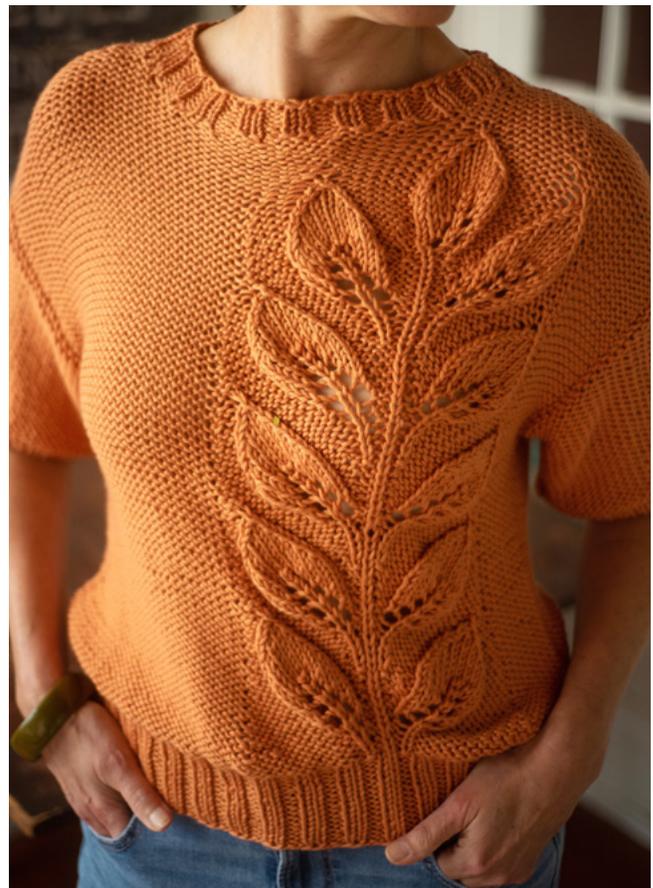
**Row 9:** P2tog, p8, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, p2, Inc 1, p1, k1, p1, Inc 1, p2, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, p8, p2tog—43 sts.

**Row 11:** P2tog, p7, k3, yo, k1, yo, k3, p2, Inc 1, [k1, p1] twice, k1, Inc 1, p2, k3, yo, k1, yo, k3, p7, p2tog—47 sts.

**Row 13:** P2tog, p6, k4, yo, k1, yo, k4, p3, Inc 1, [k1, p1] twice, k1, Inc 1, p3, k4, yo, k1, yo, k4, p6, p2tog—51 sts.

**Row 15:** P2tog, p5, sl 1, k1, pssso, k7, k2tog, p5, k1, [Inc 1, k1] twice, p5, sl 1, k1, pssso, k7, k2tog, p5, p2tog—47 sts.

**Row 17:** P2tog, p4, sl 1, k1, pssso, k5, k2tog, p5, yo, k1, yo, Inc 1, p1, k1, p1, Inc 1, yo, k1, yo, p5, sl 1, k1, pssso, k5, k2tog, p4, p2tog—47 sts.



**Row 19:** P2tog, p3, sl 1, k1, pssso, k3, k2tog, p5, [k1, yo] twice, k1, p1, Inc 1, p1, k1, p1, Inc 1, p1, [k1, yo] twice, k1, p5, sl 1, k1, pssso, k3, k2tog, p3, p2tog—47 sts.

**Row 21:** P2tog, p2, sl 1, k1, pssso, k1, k2tog, p5, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, p2, Inc 1, p1, k1, p1, Inc 1, p2, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, p5, sl 1, k1, pssso, k1, k2tog, p2, p2tog—47 sts.

**Row 23:** P2tog, p1, CDD, p5, k3, yo, k1, yo, k3, p2, Inc 1, [k1, p1] twice, k1, Inc 1, p2, k3, yo, k1, yo, k3, p5, CDD, p1, p2tog—47 sts.

**Row 24:** Rep Row 2, knitting the CDD's.

Repeat rows 13–24 three times more, end on WS.

**Row 25 (RS):** P2tog, p6, k4, yo, k1, yo, k4, p3, Inc 1, p1, k1, yo, k1, yo, k1, p1, Inc 1, p3, k4, yo, k1, yo, k4, p6, p2tog—53 sts.

**Row 27:** P2tog, p5, sl 1, k1, pssso, k7, k2tog, p4, Inc 1, p1, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, p1, Inc 1, p4, sl 1, k1 pssso, k7, k2tog, p5, p2tog—51 sts.

**Row 29:** P2tog, p4, sl 1, k1, pssso, k5, k2tog, p7, k3, yo, k1, yo, k3, p7, sl 1, k1, pssso, k5, k2tog, p4, p2tog—47 sts.

**Row 31:** P2tog, p3, sl 1, k1, pssso, k3, k2tog, p7, k4, yo, k1, yo, k4, p7, sl 1, k1, pssso, k3, k2tog, p3, p2tog—43 sts.

**Row 33:** P2tog, p2, sl 1, k1, pssso, k1, k2tog, p7, sl 1, k1, pssso, k7, k2tog, p7, sl 1, k1, pssso, k1, k2tog, p2, p2tog—35 sts.

**Row 35:** P3, CDD, p7, sl 1, k1, pssso, k5, k2tog, p7, CDD, p3—29 sts.

**Row 37:** P3, Inc 1, p7, sl 1, k1, pss0, k3, k2tog, p7, Inc 1, p3—29 sts.

**Row 39:** P4, Inc 1, p7, sl 1, k1, pss0, k1, k2tog, p7, Inc 1, p4—29 sts.

**Row 41:** P5, Inc 1, p7, CDD, p7, Inc 1, p5—29 sts.

**Row 43:** Purl.

**Row 44:** Knit.

## BACK

With smaller needles, cast on (62, 70, 78) [86, 94, 100] {108, 116, 124} sts.

**Set Up Rib: Row 1 (WS):** P2, \* k2, p2; rep from \* across.

**Row 2 (RS):** K2, \* p2, k2; rep from \* across.

Rep these 2 rows until piece measures 3" / 7.5 cm from cast-on, end on WS.

Change to larger needles and work even in Reverse St st (purl on RS and knit on WS) until piece measures 12" / 30.5 cm from cast-on, end on WS. Mark beginning and end of last row for beginning of armholes. Work even until armholes measure (7½, 8, 8) [8½, 8½, 9] {9½, 10, 10½}" / (19, 20.5, 20.5) [21.5, 21.5, 23] {24, 25.5, 26.5} cm from markers, end on WS.

**Shape Shoulders:** Bind off (6, 8, 9) [10, 12, 13] {14, 15, 17} sts at beginning of the next 4 rows, then (7, 7, 9) [11, 11, 12] {14, 16, 16} sts at beginning of the next 2 rows. Slip remaining 24 sts to holder for back neck.

## FRONT

Work as for back until ribbing has been completed and piece measures 3" / 7.5 cm from beginning, end on WS—(62, 70, 78) [86, 94, 100] {108, 116, 124} sts. Change to larger needles.

**Establish Leaf Pattern: Row 1 (RS):** Purl (6, 10, 14) [18, 22, 26] {30, 34, 38} pm, work Row 1 of Leaf Pattern over 29 sts, pm, purl to end.

**Row 2:** Knit to first marker, sm, work Row 2 of Leaf Pattern to last marker, sm, knit to end.

Work even in pattern as established until piece measures 12" / 30.5 cm from cast-on, end on WS. Mark beginning and end of next row for beginning of armholes. Work even in pattern as established until armholes measure (5½, 6, 6) [6½, 6½, 7] {7½, 8, 8½}" / (14, 15, 15) [16.5, 16.5, 18] {19, 20.5, 21.5} cm from markers, end on WS. **Note:** When last row of Leaf Pattern has been completed, remove markers and work entire piece in Reverse St st.

**Shape Neck: Next Row (RS):** Work (24, 28, 32) [36, 40, 43] {47, 51, 55} sts, slip these stitches to waste yarn for left side, work center 14 sts, slip these stitches to holder for front neck, work to end—(24, 28, 32) [36, 40, 43] {47, 51, 55} sts, sts.



**Right Shoulder:** Work 1 WS row.

**Next Row (RS):** Bind off 3 sts, work to end—(21, 25, 29) [33, 37, 40] {44, 48, 52} sts. Work 1 WS row.

**Dec Row (RS):** P1, p2tog, work to end—1 st dec'd.

Rep Dec Row once more—(19, 23, 27) [31, 35, 38] {42, 46, 50} sts. Work even until armhole measures (7½, 8, 8) [8½, 8½, 9] {9½, 10, 10½}" / (19, 20.5, 20.5) [21.5, 21.5, 23] {24, 25.5, 26.5} cm from marker, end on RS.

**Shape Shoulder:** Bind off (6, 8, 9) [10, 12, 13] {14, 15, 17} sts at beginning of the next 2 WS rows, then (7, 7, 9) [11, 11, 12] {14, 16, 16} sts at beginning of the next WS row. Fasten off.

**Left Shoulder:** With WS facing, slip (24, 28, 32) [36, 40, 43] {47, 51, 55} sts from waste yarn to larger needle. Join yarn and work 1 WS row, then 1 RS row.

**Next Row (WS):** Bind off 3 sts, work to end—(21, 25, 29) [33, 37, 40] {44, 48, 52} sts.

**Dec Row (RS):** Work to the last 3 sts, SSP, p1—1 st dec'd. Rep Dec Row once more—(19, 23, 27) [31, 35, 38] {42, 46, 50} sts. Work even until armhole measures (7½, 8, 8) [8½, 8½, 9] {9½, 10, 10½}" / (19, 20.5, 20.5) [21.5, 21.5, 23] {24, 25.5, 26.5} cm from marker, end on WS.

**Shape Shoulder:** Bind off (6, 8, 9) [10, 12, 13] {14, 15, 17} sts at beginning of the next 2 RS rows, then (7, 7, 9) [11, 11, 12] {14, 16, 16} sts at beginning of the next RS row. Fasten off.

## SLEEVES

With smaller needles, cast on (42, 46, 46) [50, 50, 54] {58, 58, 62} sts. Work in ribbing as for back for 2" / 5 cm, end on RS.

**Inc Row (WS):** \* Knit (4, 4, 4) [6, 6, 6] {7, 4, 6}, M1; rep from \* (9, 9, 9) [7, 7, 7] {7, 11, 9} times more, knit to end—(52, 56, 56) [58, 58, 62] {66, 70, 72} sts.

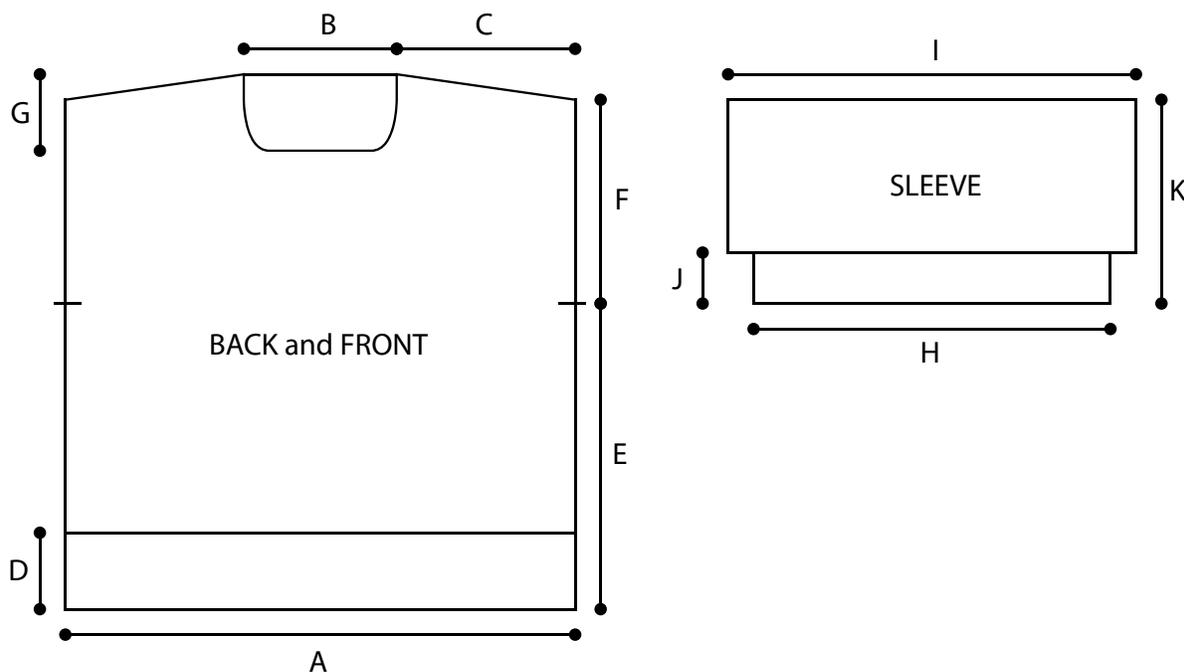
Change to larger needles and work even in Reverse St st until sleeve measures 8" / 20.5 cm from cast-on, end on WS. Bind off.

## FINISHING

Sew shoulder seams.

**Neckband:** With RS facing, using circular needle, begin at left shoulder seam, pick up and knit 68 sts around entire neck edge (knitting stitches from holders). Place marker and join for working in the round. Work even in k2, p2 ribbing for 1" / 2.5 cm. Bind off loosely in ribbing. Sew on sleeves between markers. Sew side and sleeve seams. Weave in all ends and block as desired.

## ASCLEPIAS SCHEMATIC



## ASCLEPIAS MEASUREMENTS

A (Back and Front Width): (17¾, 20, 22¼) [24½, 26¾, 28½] {30¾, 33¼, 35½}" / (45, 51, 56.5) [62, 68, 72.5] {78, 84.5, 90} cm

B (Neck Width): 7" / 18 cm

C (Shoulder Width): (5½, 6½, 7¾) [8¾, 10, 10¾] {12, 13, 14½}" / (14, 16.5, 19.5) [22, 25.5, 27.5] {30.5, 33, 36.5} cm

D (Lower Ribbing Length): 3" / 7.5 cm

E (Length to Underarms): 12" / 30.5 cm

F (Armhole Length): (7½, 8, 8) [8½, 8½, 9] {9½, 10, 10½}" / (19, 20.5, 20.5) [21.5, 21.5, 23] {24, 25.5, 26.5} cm

G (Front Neck Depth): 3" / 7.5 cm

H (Sleeve Cuff Width): (12, 13, 13) [14¼, 14¼, 15½] {16½, 16½, 17¾}" / (30.5, 33, 33) [36, 36, 39.5] {42, 42, 44} cm

I (Upper Sleeve Width): (15, 16, 16) [16½, 16½, 18] {19, 20, 20½}" / (38, 40.5, 40.5) [42, 42, 45.5] {47.5, 51, 52} cm

J (Sleeve Cuff Length): 2" / 5 cm

K (Sleeve Length): 8" / 20.5 cm



## STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS & TERMS

**beg:** beginning  
**CC:** contrasting color  
**CDD:** Centered Double Decrease—Slip 2 together (as if to k2tog), knit 1, pass the 2 slipped stitches over  
**cn:** cable needle  
**dec:** decrease  
**dpn(s):** double pointed needle(s)  
**end on WS:** end having just completed a Wrong Side row.  
**end on RS:** end having just completed a Right Side row  
**Garter St:** Knit EVERY row when working back and forth in rows. Knit 1 round, purl 1 round when working in the round.  
**inc:** increase  
**k:** knit  
**k tbl:** knit through the back loop(s)  
**k2tog:** knit 2 stitches together  
**k3tog:** knit 3 stitches together  
**kfb:** knit in the front and back of the next st  
**LH:** left hand  
**LLI:** Left Lifted Increase—Insert LH needle into the purl bump one row below the st just worked on the RH needle and knit into this st (1 st inc'd)  
**M1:** Make 1—Pick up horizontal strand between stitch just worked and next stitch from front to back, place on left hand needle, knit this stitch through the back (1 stitch increased).  
**M1L:** Make 1 Left—Work as for M1.  
**M1p:** Make 1 purl—Pick up horizontal strand between stitch just worked and next stitch from front to back, place on left hand needle, purl this stitch through the back (1 stitch increased).  
**M1pL:** Make 1 purl Left—Work as for M1p.  
**M1pR:** Make 1 purl Right—Pick up horizontal strand between stitch just worked and next stitch from back to front, place on left hand needle, purl this stitch through the front (1 stitch increased).  
**M1R:** Make 1 Right—Pick up horizontal strand between stitch just worked and next stitch from back to front, place on left hand needle, knit this stitch through the front (1 stitch increased).  
**MC:** main color  
**p:** purl  
**p tbl:** purl through the back loop(s)  
**p2tog:** purl 2 stitches together  
**p3tog:** purl 3 stitches together  
**pat(s):** pattern(s)  
**pm:** place marker  
**pss:** pass slipped stitch over knit stitch  
**rep:** repeat

**Rev St st:** Reverse Stockinette Stitch—Purl 1 row, knit 1 row alternately when working back and forth in rows. The purl side is the right side of the work. Purl EVERY round when working in the round.

**RH:** right hand

**RLI:** Right Lifted Increase—Insert RH needle into the purl bump of the next st on the LH needle and knit into this st (1 st inc'd)

**rnd(s):** round(s)

**RS:** right side

**sl:** slip

**sm:** slip marker

**SSK:** Slip 2 stitches knitwise, insert point of left hand needle through fronts of these 2 stitches and knit 2 together.

**SSP:** Slip 2 stitches knitwise, transfer these 2 stitches back to left hand needle, purl 2 together through the back loops.

**SSSK:** Slip 3 stitches knitwise, insert point of left hand needle through fronts of these 3 stitches and knit 3 together.

**st(s):** stitch(es)

**St st:** Stockinette Stitch—Knit 1 row, purl 1 row alternately when working back and forth in rows. The knit side is the right side of work. Knit EVERY round when working in the round.

**tbl:** through back loop(s)

**w&t:** wrap and turn, a method of concealing a hole created in short row shaping. On RS rows: With yarn held in front, slip next stitch purlwise, then bring yarn between needles to the back. Slip that same stitch back to the left needle. Turn your work. On WS Rows: With yarn held in back, slip next stitch purlwise, then bring yarn between needles to the front. Slip that same stitch back to the left needle. Turn your work. Unless otherwise indicated, each time you come to a wrapped stitch when working subsequent rows, slip the wrap back over stitch and onto needle, then work the wrap together with its accompanying stitch.

**WS:** wrong side

**wyib:** with yarn in back

**wyif:** with yarn in front

**yo:** yarn over

### QUESTIONS?

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