

Erenia - a delightful and feather light sweater



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Erenia is a delightful and feather light sweater worked in brioche knitting. By working brioche stitch loosely on large needles, you get a very open and delicate almost lace-like look. Across the front of the design an almost shadow knitting like pattern is created by switching to purled brioche. For an even simpler knit, this pattern can be omitted.

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Materials

50 (75) 75 (75) g Tilia by Filcolana in colour 341 (Winter Peach)
50 (75) 75 (75) Tilia by Filcolana in colour 213 (Fuchsia)
50 (50) 75 (75) g Paia by Filcolana in colour 704 (Peach Shimmer)
- one strand of each yarn is held together throughout
8 mm needles
Optional: a safety pin to mark the RS

Sizes

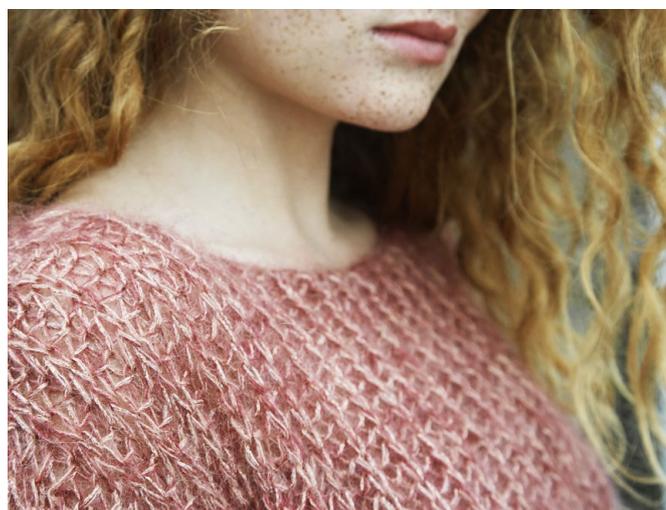
S (M) L (XL)

Measurements

Body, chest: 86-96 (96-106) 106-116 (116-126) cm
Sweater, chest (stretched measurement): 110 (120) 130 (140) cm
Sleeve length: 33 (32) 31 (30) cm
Total length: 34 (36,5) 40 (45) cm
Wing span (cuff to cuff): 120,5 (123) 127,5 (130) cm
(All given measurements are after wash and bloc mål er taget efter vask og udspænding)

Gauge

Un-stretched: 10 sts and 28 rows (14 brioche rows) in brioche stitch on a 8 mm needle= 10 x 10 cm.



Lightly stretched: 9 sts and 28 rows in brioche stitch on a 8 mm needle= 10 x 10 cm.

Directions for knitting

First the front is worked, then the back. The shoulder seams are knitted together. Stitches for the sleeves are picked up and knitted from the armholes and the sleeves are worked down from there. Finally the side and sleeve seams are sewn together with Kitchener stitch.

Special abbreviations

sl1yo: slip stitch purl-wise, while bringing the yarn to the front and then up and over the needle to create a yarn over.

brp: brioche purl – purl stitch and yarn over together

brk: brioche knit – knit stitch and yarn over together

b3togR: slip 1 brioche stitch, k1, pass slipped stitch over, slip remaining stitch back to left needle, pass next brioche stitch over, slip remaining stitch back on right needle.

b3togL: slip 1 brioche stitch, k1, slip knitted stitch back to left needle, pass next brioche stitch over, slit stitch back to right needle and pass slipped stitch over.

Special techniques

Italian cast-on: Hold the yarn between thumb and index finger with the fingers pointing down and for-



ward. Place the needle over the yarn and then move it down and out towards the thumb and back, so a stitch is formed on the needle, *now go over and around the end of the yarn coming from the thumb, then up and over the end of the yarn coming from the index finger, then back under the thumb end returning to centre position = a knit stitch has been created. Now go over the index finger, then around and under the thumb end = a purl stitch has been created*. Repeat from * to * until you have the required number of sts.

It can be very helpful to look up a video of the technique on Youtube.

Brioche stitch

Set-up row (WS): *Sl1yo, k1 through the back loop*, repeat from * to * to the last stitch, sl1yo.

Row 1 (RS): *Brk, sl1yo*, repeat from * to * to the last stitch, 1 brk.

Row 2: *sl1yo, brk*, repeat from * to * to the last stitch, sl1yo.

Repeat Row 1 and 2.

Front

Cast on 43 (53) 63 (73) sts with the 3 strands of yarn held together and the Italian cast-on method (see above).

Work 8 (10) 12 (14) cm in brioche stitch (see above).

It can be helpful to place a safety pin on the RS as the sides can be very difficult to tell apart.

End on a WS row.

Arrow pattern

Now work the pattern, where brk is changed to brp to form the "arrow".

(This pattern can be omitted and the front worked only in "regular" brioche stitch throughout.)

Next row (RS): *Brk, sl1yo*, repeat from * to * 3 times, work *brp, sl1yo*, repeat from * to * to the last 7 sts, *brk, sl1yo*, repeat from * to * 3 times, brk.

On the following WS rows work brk over brk and brp over brp (insert a marker if you find it hard to see where in the pattern you are).

Next RS row: *Brk, sl1yo*, repeat from * to * 3 times, work *brp, sl1yo*, repeat from * to * to the last 9 sts, *brk, sl1yo*, repeat from * to * 4 times, 1 brk.

Next RS row: *Brk, sl1yo*, repeat from * to * 3 times, work *brp, sl1yo*, repeat from * to * to the last 11 sts, *brk, sl1yo*, repeat from * to * 5 times, 1 brk.

Continue as established working to sts less in brp brioche stitch than on the previous RS row until all the sts are yet again worked as brk.

Now continue in "regular" brioche stitch until the front measures 30 (32,5) 36 (41) cm. End on a WS row.

Right shoulder

Next row (RS): Work 12 (16) 20 (24) sts i brioche stitch, bind off the next 19 (21) 23 (25) sts in rib as the sts present, work the next 12 (16) 20 (24) sts i brioche stitch.

Row 1 and all following WS rows: Work the sts as they present.

Row 2: Sl1yo, br3togL, work in brioche stitch to the end of the row.

Row 4: Work as Row 2.

There are 8 (12) 16 (20) sts left on the needle. Work 3 rows straight in brioche stitch. End on a WS row. Slip the sts to a stitch holder.

Left shoulder

Join the yarn from the WS at the neck edge.

Row 1 (WS): Work the sts as they present.

Row 2: Work in brioche stitch to the last 4 sts, br3togR, sl1yo.

Row 3: Work the sts as they present.

Row 4: Work as Row 2.

There are 8 (12) 16 (20) sts left on the needle. Work 3 rows straight in brioche stitch. End on a WS row. Slip the sts to a stitch holder.

Back

Cast on 43 (53) 63 (73) sts and work in brioche stitch until the back is 4 rows longer than the front when sts were bound off for the neck edge. Do NOT work the arrow pattern on the back. End on a WS row.

Left shoulder

Next row (RS): Work 10 (14) 18 (22) sts i brioche stitch, bind off the next 23 (25) 27 (29) sts in rib as the sts present, work the next 10 (14) 18 (22) sts i brioche stitch.

Row 1: Work the sts as they present.

Row 2: Sl1yo, br3togL, work brioche stitch to end of row.

Row 3: Work as Row 1.

There are 8 (12) 16 (20) sts left on the left shoulder. Knit the sts together with the front left shoulder sts using the 3-needle bind-off method. Break the yarn and weave in the end in the shoulder seam.

Right shoulder

Join the yarn from the WS at the neck edge.

Row 1 (WS): Work the sts as they present.

Row 2: Work in brioche stitch to the last 4 sts, br3togR, sl1yo.

Row 3: Work the sts as they present.

There are 8 (12) 16 (20) sts left. Knit the sts together with the front right shoulder using the 3-needle bind-off method. Break the yarn and weave in the end in the shoulder seam.

Sleeves

Count down 15 (20) 25 (30) brioche rows from the shoulder seam and down the side seam on the front, place a marker. Count down 16 (21) 26 (31) brioche rows from the shoulder seam and down the side seam

on the back, place a marker.

Now pick up and knit sts from the RS with a 8 mm needle and the 3 strands of yarn held together. Pick up a total of 31 (41) 51 (61) m sts between the 2 markers.

Work brioche stitch (the first row is a WS row) until the sleeve measures 33 (32) 31 (30) cm from the shoulder seam. End on a WS row.

Bind off in rib on the next row.

Work the second sleeve the same as the first.

Finishing

Sew the side and sleeve seams using from the RS mattress stitch. Weave in all ends.

Wash and blocking

Wash according to the guidelines on the Tilia label. block the sweater while it is drying, either by using blocking wires or by pulling it into shape and to the measurements given at the top of the pattern several times while it is drying.