

Agnes - a lovely striped sweater



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Ditte Lerche has created a series of designs inspired by classic vintage knitwear, but designed in a very contemporary style. Agnes is a charming sweater with high contrast stripes and a delicate transition pattern between each stripe, which resembles little flowers. And edges worked in a fun accent colour.

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Materials

Colour A: 50 (50) 100 (100) 100 g Peruvian Highland by Filcolana in colour 255 (Limelight)

Colour B: 50 (50) 100 (100) 100 g Peruvian Highland by Filcolana in colour 219 (Anthracite)

Colour C: 250 (300) 300 (350) 350 g Indicita by Filcolana in colour 500 (Black)

- note that colour C is worked with 2 strand held together throughout

Colour D: 250 (300) 300 (350) 350 g Peruvian Highland by Filcolana in colour 100 (Snow White)

4,5 mm and 5 mm circular needle, 80 cm

4,5 mm and 5 mm double-pointed needles (if the magic loop technique is not used)

Stitch markers

A length of scrap yarn for the cast on, preferably cotton

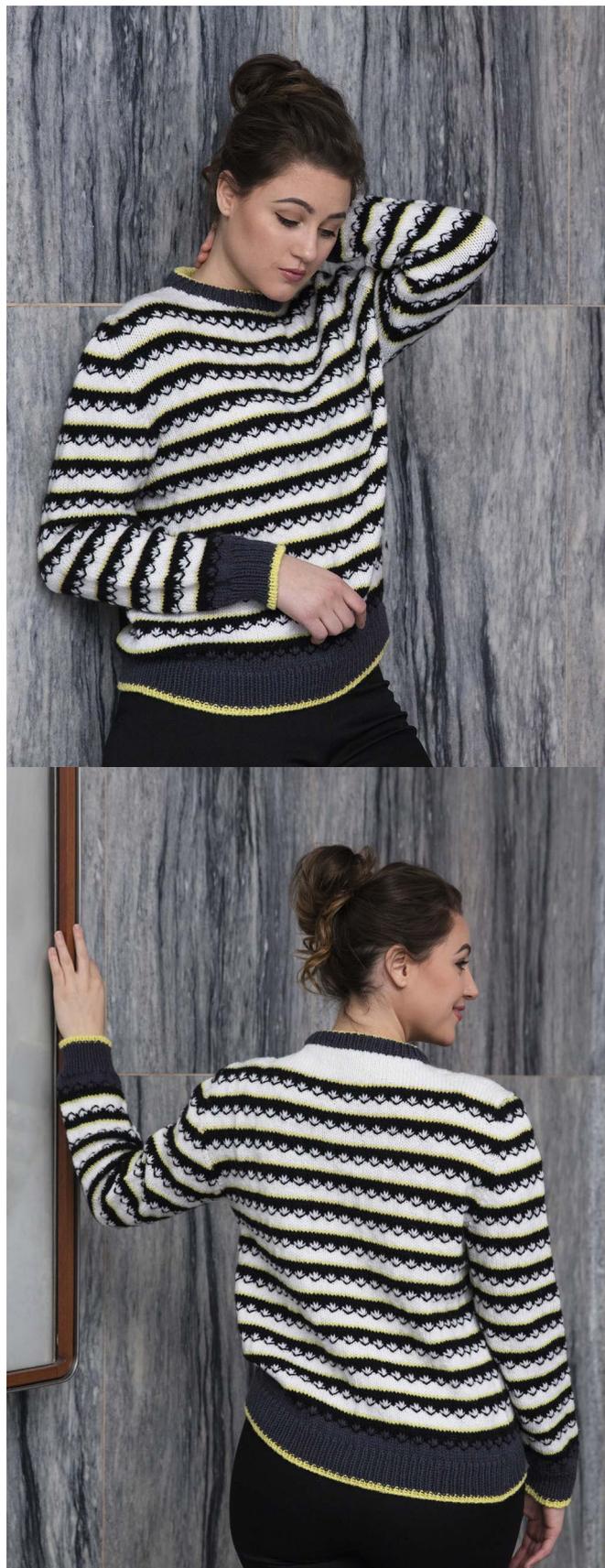
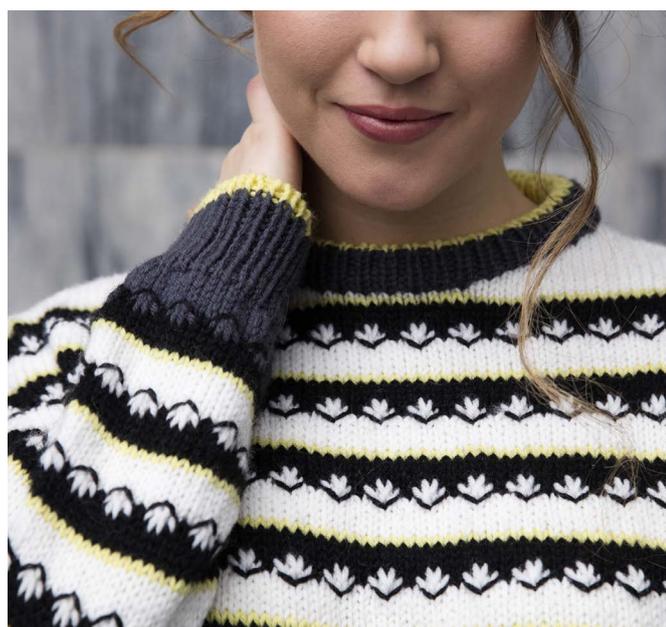
Sizes

XS (S) M (L) XL

Measurements

Body, chest: 82 (90) 98 (106) 114 cm

Sweater, chest: 88 (97) 103 (110) 118 cm



Sleeve length: 44 (44) 45 (45) 46 cm

Total length: 61 (62) 65 (66) 69 cm

Gauge

19 sts and 26 rows in stockinette stitch on a 5 mm needle = 10 x 10 cm.

Special techniques

tbl: through the back loop (twisted stitch)

Short rows - GSR (German short rows): Work to where the turn needs to be, turn, then slip the first stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front. Bring the working yarn up and over the needle and down on the other side, pulling hard enough on the yarn to make the stitch on the needle look like a double stitch (the 2 legs of the stitch are visible). Continue row as pattern describes.

When working across the stitch that looks like a double stitch, work it as 1 stitch, either knitting or purling the 2 legs together, as the pattern describes.

Directions for knitting

The sweater is worked from the bottom up. The body is worked in the round to the armholes, then the sleeves are worked in the same way. The sleeves and body are joined for the yoke, which is worked with increases. At the end, the sts at the tops of the sleeves are bound off and front and back are finished separately.

Body

Cast on 168 (184) 196 (208) 224 sts on a 4,5 mm circular needle using the Italian cast-on method as follows:

Cast on 85 (93) 99 (105) 113 sts with the contrasting yarn.

+Knit 2 rows.

Break the yarn.

Join colour A and purl 1 row.

Join in the round.

Purl 2 rounds.

Next round: *P1, insert the right needle under the strand between stitches 3 rows below the stitches on the needle (the 1st row with colour A) from the front, lift it onto the left needle and knit it*. Repeat from * to * until there is 1 stitch left, insert the right needle under the strand between stitches 3 rows below the stitches on the needle from the front, lift it onto the left needle and knit it together with the last stitch (the last stitch of the round).

There are now 168 (184) 196 (208) 224 sts on the needle. Place a marker for the beginning of the round. Change to colour B and work 5 (5) 6 (6) 7 cm of k1, p1 rib.

Change to a 5 mm circular needle and knit 6 rounds.

Now begin the pattern as follows:

Change to colour C, which is worked with 2 strand of yarn held together.

Round 1: *K1, (view the next 3 sts together as a unit) insert the right needle through the stitch 2 rows



below the centre stitch of the next 3 sts, pull the working yarn through to the RS, lift it up and over the next 3 sts on the left needle and let it fall off the right needle again, then slip the next 3 sts from left to right needle without knitting them*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 2: *K2, slip the next stitch purl-wise from left to right needle with the yarn held to the back, k1 *, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Rounds 3-5: Knit to end of round.

Change to colour A.

Round 6: Knit to end of round.

Change to colour D.

Rounds 7-12: Knit to end of round.

Repeat pattern rounds 1-12 until the pattern has been worked a total of 6 times. Then work rounds 1-11 once more.

Bind off for the next round (using colour A) as follows: Bind off 4 sts, knit 77 (85) 91 (97) 105 sts, bind off 7 sts, knit 77 (85) 91 (97) 105 sts, bind off the last 3 sts.

Let the sts for the body rest on the needle, while the sleeves are worked.

Sleeves

Cast on 40 (44) 48 (52) 56 sts with colour A on a 4,5 mm circular needle, using the Italian cast-on method. Begin with 21 (23) 25 (27) 29 sts and work the same as on the body from + to +.

Change to colour B, place a marker for the beginning of the round and work 5 (5) 6 (6) 7 cm of k1, p1 rib.

Change to a 5 mm needle and knit 6 rounds.

Now work in pattern the same way as on the body and working round 1-12 of the pattern 7 times, while working sleeve increases at the same time.

Sleeve increases: K1, M1, work to the last stitch of the round, M1, k1.

Work a round with sleeve increase every 9th round a total of 10 times.

There are now 60 (64) 68 (72) 76 sts on the needle.

After all 12 rows of the pattern have been worked round 1-11 is worked once more.

Bind off for the armhole on the next round (using colour A) as follows: Bind off 4 sts, work to the last 3 sts of the round, bind off these 3 sts.

Work a second sleeve the same way as the first.

Yoke

Join the sleeves to the body on the circular needle over where sts were bound off for the armholes.

There Place a marker each of the 4 places where body and sleeves meet. There are now 260 (284) 304 (324) 348 sts on the needle.

Continue working in pattern as established, but take care to align the "flowers" for each section with the previously worked "flowers", so the sit just over the "flowers" from the previous row. Be aware that the decreases will slowly "eat" the pattern.

Begin the round between the back and the left sleeve. Work 3 rounds straight in pattern.

Work raglan decreases on the next round as follows:

*K2tog, work in pattern to 2 sts before next marker, k2tog tbl, repeat from * to * to end of round. Work raglan decreases every other round a total of 4 times. There are now 228 (252) 272 (292) 316 sts on the needle.

Now work decreases on the sleeves only as follows:

*k2tog, work in pattern to the next marker, k2tog tbl, work in pattern to next marker, slip marker *, repeat from * to * once more.

Work decreases on the sleeves every other round a total of 18 (20) 22 (24) 26 times. There are now 156 (172) 184 (196) 212 sts on the needle - 9 sts left on each sleeve.

At the same time the pattern is worked 3 (3) 4 (4) 4 times on the yoke. Then round 1-6 is worked one last time and then the sweater is finished in colour D only.

Next round: Work to marker, slip marker, *work to 1 stitch before next marker (before sleeve sts), bind off

the next 11 sts*, repeat from * to * once more.

11 sts have now been bound off across each sleeve, with 1 stitch bound off before and after the 9 sleeve sts.

Now finish front and back separately.

Front

Bind off sts at the centre of the front as follows: Knit 29 (32) 34 (36) 39 sts, bind off the next 9 (11) 13 (15) 17 sts, knit to end of row.

Finish each side of the front separately, by working decreasing for the next edge, while at the same time working short rows as follows:

Row 1 and all following WS rows: Purl to last st, k1.

Row 2: Bind off 2 sts, knit to end of row.

Row 4: Bind off 2 sts, knit to the last 4 (4) 4 (6) 6 sts of the row, turn.

Row 6: Bind off 2 sts, knit to the last 9 (9) 10 (12) 12 sts of the row, turn.

Row 8: Bind off 2 sts, knit to the last 12 (13) 14 (16) 17 sts of the row, turn.

Row 10: Bind off 2 sts, knit to the last 15 (17) 18 (20) 22 sts of the row, turn.

Row 12: Bind off 3 sts, knit to end of row.

Place the 16 (19) 21 (23) 26 sts for the first shoulder on a stitch holder. Work the second side the same way as the first, only mirror reversed.

Back

Begin with a WS row and work 3 rows of stockinette stitch.

Now work short rows as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit to the last 4 (4) 4 (6) 6 sts of the row, turn.

Row 2: Purl to the last 4 (4) 4 (6) 6 sts of the row, turn.

Row 3: Knit to the last 9 (9) 10 (12) 12 sts of the row, turn.

Row 4: Purl to the last 9 (9) 10 (12) 12 sts of the row, turn.

Row 5: Knit to 12 (13) 14 (16) 17 sts before the last RS turn, turn.

Row 6: Purl to 12 (13) 14 (16) 17 sts before the last WS turn, turn.

Row 7: Knit to 15 (17) 18 (20) 22 sts before the last RS turn, turn.

Row 8: Purl to 15 (17) 18 (20) 22 sts before the last WS turn, turn.

Next row (RS): Knit 16 (19) 21 (23) 26 sts, bind off the next 35 (37) 39 (41) 43 sts, knit to end of row.

Sew the back shoulder together with the corresponding front shoulder using Kitchener stitch. The sew the 11 bound off sts at the tops of the sleeves to the shoulders.

Neck edge

Pick up and knit 78 (82) 86 (90) 94 sts from the RS along the neck edge using a 4,5 mm circular needle and colour B. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. Work 6 rounds of k1, p1

rib. Change to colour A and work more 9 rounds of rib. Bind off loosely in rib.

Finishing

Weave in ends. Sew the hole under each sleeve. Fold the neck edge and sew the bind-off edge to the WS. Gently steam the finished work.