

# Bessebluse - a lovely, nostalgic sweater



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*Besseblusen (The Granny Sweater) is a dear memory from the designer's childhood. Her grandmother "Besse" knitted lots and lots of sweaters with this fan pattern for her grandchildren, who all remember wearing this sweater in all the colours of the rainbow throughout their childhood. The memories of her grandmother and the happy carefreeness of childhood combined with a twist of modern details all went into the design of this gorgeous sweater.*

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## Materials

250 (250) 300 (300) 350 (350) 400 g Arwetta Classic by Filcolana in colour 363 (Caramel)  
125 (125) 150 (150) 175 (175) 200 g Tilia by Filcolana in colour 363 (Caramel)  
3 mm and 3,5 mm circular needle, 40 and 80 cm (the short circular needle is only needed if the Magic Loop technique is not used)  
Length of scrap yarn for cast-on  
Cable needle

## Sizes

XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL) 3XL

## Measurements

Body, chest: 70-79 (80-89) 90-99 (100-109) 110-119 (120-129) 130-139 cm  
Sweater, chest: 91 (106) 121 (129) 137 (152) 162 cm  
Total length: 54 (55) 56 (61) 66 (68) 69 cm  
Sleeve length: 33 (33) 37 (37) 33 (33) 33 cm

## Gauge

21 sts and 36 rows in pattern on 3,5 mm needles with one strand of each yarn held together = 10 x 10 cm.





selvage sts, which are knitted on every row. Continue working pattern according to Chart A until the 12 rows of the chart have been worked another 5 (5) 5 (5) 6 (6) 6 times. End on Row 11 of the chart the same as on the front.

## Shoulders

Re-join the front and back on the circular needle and work in the round again. Continue working pattern according to Chart A, while working decreases on both shoulders.

**Note:** Each yarn over of the pattern must be matched by a decrease. If there are not enough sts for this, the sts are worked in stockinette stitch instead.

Work across the front sts in extension of the sts for the back. Slip 1 stitch from the right needle onto the left needle.

**Round 1:** K2tog (mark this stitch), work 95 (111) 127 (135) 143 (159) 169 sts in pattern, k2tog (mark this stitch), work 95 (111) 127 (134) 142 (158) 168 sts in pattern.

Size (L) XL (2XL) 3XL

**Round 2:** CDD, work in pattern to 1 stitch before marked stitch, CDD, work in pattern to 1 stitch before marked stitch.

Repeat Round 2 until – (-) – (1) 1 (2) 2 repeats of the chart has been worked.

**Work the last round as follows:** CDD, work in pattern to 1 stitch before marked stitch, CDD, work in pattern to marked stitch.

## All sizes

Break yarn and slip 43 (51) 59 (51) 55 (50) 54 front sts from the right to the left needle without knitting them. Slip the middle 9 (9) 9 (11) 11 (13) 15 sts of the front to a stitch holder. Re-join the yarn at the front sts after the middle sts on the stitch holder. Continue working in pattern, while working shoulder decreases as follows:

**RS rows:** Work in pattern to 1 stitch before marked stitch, CDD, work in pattern to 1 stitch before marked stitch, CDD, work in pattern to end of row.

**WS rows:** Purl to 1 stitch before marked stitch, CDD, purl to 1 stitch before marked stitch, CDD, purl to end of row.

**At the same time** bind off sts to shape the neck edge at the beginning of every row as follows. Bind off 3 sts a total of 4 times, bind off 2 sts a total of 10 times and then bind off 1 stitch a total of 8 times. A total of 20 sts have been bound off at either end of the needle.

Size (L) XL, 3XL

Work 2 more rows as established in pattern according to Chart A and with shoulder decreases, while binding off 1 stitch at the beginning of both rows. A total of 21 sts have been bound off at either end of the needle.



## All sizes

Continue in pattern according to Chart A with shoulder decreases until a total of 27 (30) 38 (41) 45 (53) 56 rows/rounds with shoulder decreases have been worked.

## Neck edge

Change to a 3 mm circular needle and knit across the sts on the needle, then in extension of this, pick up and knit 22 (25) 26 (24) 25 (25) 25 sts along the bound off sts on the left side of the neck edge, knit across the 9 (9) 9 (11) 11 (13) 15 resting mid front sts, pick up and knit 22 (25) 26 (24) 25 (25) 25 sts along the right side of the neck edge. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round.

Work 7 cm in rib (k1, p1). Bind off loosely.

## Sleeves

Cast on 26 (26) 26 (26) 31 (31) 31 sts with the length of scrap yarn on a 3 mm circular needle. Knit 2 rows. Break the yarn. Join 1 strand of Arwetta Classic and 1 strand of Tilia to the work and purl 1 row. Do not turn the work. Join to work in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. Purl 2 rounds.

**Next round:** P1, insert right needle under the chain of the first stitch on the first round knitted with Arwetta Classic and Tilia 3 round below the sts on the needle, and knit it, p1, insert right needle under the chain of the next stitch on the first round knitted with Arwetta Classic and Tilia and knit it\*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 2 sts, p1, insert right needle under the chain of the last stitch on the first round knitted with Arwetta Classic and Tilia and knit it together with the last stitch on the needle. There are now a total of 50 (50) 50 (50) 60 (60) 60 sts on the needle.

P1, place a marker for the beginning of the round and continue in the round in rib (k1, p1) for 7 cm. Carefully cut away the scarp cast-on yarn.

Change to a 3,5 mm circular needle and work all the rows of Chart B. There are now a total of 80 (80) 80 (80) 96 (96) 96 sts on the needle.

Now continue working in pattern according to Chart A, working the 12 rows of the chart a total of 7 (7) 8 (8) 7 (7) 7 times.

For a short a longer sleeve, adjust the number of repeats of the chart.

Now work back and forth. Start with a RS row and work Chart A once, while binding off 3 sts at the beginning of every row a total of 12 times.

Bind off the last 44 (44) 44 (44) 56 (56) 56 sts on the next RS row.

Work a second sleeve the same way as the first.

## **Finishing**

Fold the neck edge double to the WS and sew it in place. Take care not to make the neck edge too tight. Sew the sleeves in the armholes.

Gently wash the work according to the directions of the yarn label and lay it to dry on a flat surface.