

Erik - a handsome sweater for men



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Erik has lovely wide saddle shoulders that also cover the top of the back, and really suit boys and men. The sweater is worked from the top down, so the length of sleeves and body are easy to adjust. Erik is worked seamlessly, so you avoid the usual finishing work of assembly and seaming. The combination of alpaca and lambswool creates a lovely light and warm fabric, and the attractive saddle shoulders gives the design a beautifully classic menswear look.

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Materialer

Saga by Filcolana:

150 (200) 200 (200) 250 (250) 250 (300) g

Indiecita by Filcolana:

250 (300) 300 (350) 400 (450) 450 (500) g

3,5 mm and 4 mm circular needles, 40, 60 and 80 cm
(also 100 cm for the larger sizes)

Maskemarkører

Grey version

Saga in colour 951 (Light Grey) and Indiecita in colour 401 (Light Grey)

Blå version

Sagain colour 228 (Smoke Blue) and Indiecita in colour 228 (Smoke Blue)

Sizes

12 years (14 years) XS/16 years (S) M (L) XL (XXL)

Measurements

Body, chest: 80 (84) 88 (94) 99 (104) 109 (114) cm

Sweater, chest: 90 (93) 98 (107) 112 (117) 120 (125) cm



Sleeve length: 43 (44) 45,5 (47) 48 (49) 50 (51) cm
 Length to armhole: 39 (41) 43 (45) 47 (50) 52 (54) cm

Gauge

20 sts and 26 rows in stockinette stitch on 4 mm needles with one strand of each yarn held together = 10 x 10 cm.

Special abbreviations

Skp: slip1, knit1, pass the slipped stitch over.

Saddle shoulders

Cast on 9 (9) 10 (10) 10 (11) 11 (12) sts mid back with one strand of each yarn held together on a 4 mm, 80 cm circular needle for the left saddle shoulder. Work 5 (5) 6 (6) 7 (7) 7,5 (7,5) cm of stockinette stitch.

Make a M1 increase at the beginning of every RS row a total of 4 (4) 4 (5) 5 (5) 5 (5) times. There are now a total of 13 (13) 14 (15) 15 (16) 16 (17) sts on the needle.

Now cast on 12 (13) 13 (13) 14 (14) 14 (15) sts at the beginning of the next RS row, then work 7 (7,5) 8,0 (9) 9,5 (10) 10,5 (11) cm straight across the 25 (26) 27 (28) 29 (30) 30 (32) sts on the needle.

Now bind off 1 stitch at either end of the next row (seam allowance) and place the sts on a stitch holder.

Work the right saddle shoulder the same as the left, only mirror reversed. Start by picking up and knitting 1 stitch in every cast-on stitch of the left saddle shoulder.

Yoke

Join the work to work in the round at the neck, while placing 4 markers as follows (see illustration):

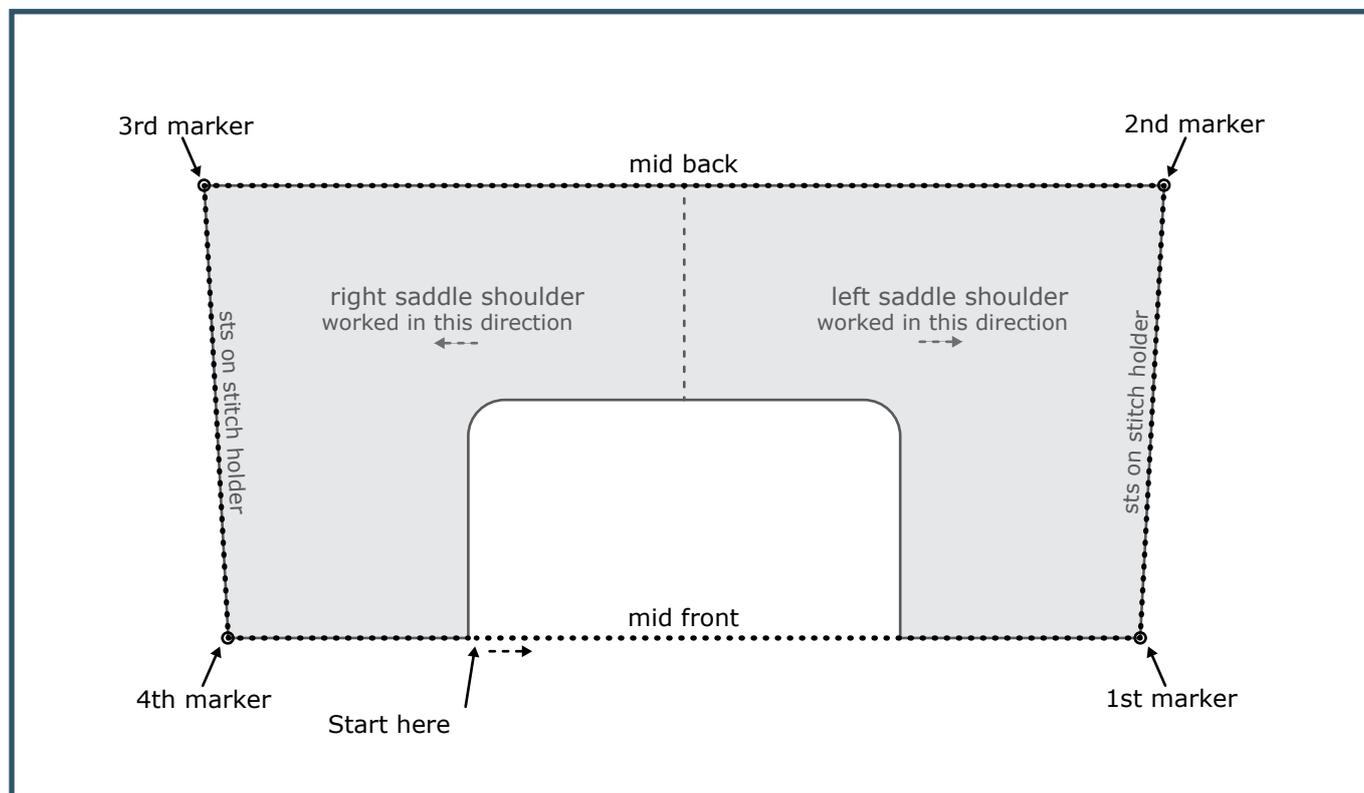
Cast on 34 (36) 36 (36) 36 (38) 38 (40) sts on a 4 mm, 80 cm circular needle for the front of the neck edge, then pick up and knit sts from the RS along the side of the saddle shoulders as follows: Pick up and knit 15 (16) 17 (18) 19 (20) 21 (22) sts along the front side of the left saddle shoulder, place 1st marker, knit across the 23 (24) 25 (26) 27 (28) 28 (30) sts on the left saddle shoulder stitch holder, place 2nd marker, pick up and knit 66 (66) 68 (74) 78 (80) 84 (88) sts along the entire back side (both right and left section), place 3rd marker, knit across the 23 (24) 25 (26) 27 (28) 28 (30) sts on the right saddle shoulder stitch holder, place 4th marker, pick up and knit 15 (16) 17 (18) 19 (20) 21 (22) sts along the front side of the right saddle shoulder.

There are now a total of 176 (182) 188 (198) 206 (214) 220 (232) sts on the needle.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch (knit all rounds) and work increases as follows (A): Knit to 1 stitch before 1st marker, *M1, k2, M1*. Repeat from * to * at the next 3 markers (8 sts have been increased).

Repeat these increases (A) every other round a total of 4 times (all sizes). A total of 32 sts have been increased and there are 208 (214) 220 (230) 238 (246) 252 (264) sts on the needle.

Now work in the round with the following increases (B – only increases on sleeves):



Knit to 1st marker, k1, M1, knit to 1 stitch before 2nd marker, M1, k1, knit to 3rd marker, k1, M1, knit to 1 stitch before 4th marker, M1, k1 (4 sts have been increased).

Repeat these increases (B) every other round a total of 13 (14) 15 (16) 17 (18) 19 (20) times. There are now 260 (270) 280 (294) 306 (318) 328 (344) sts on the needle.

Now work increases on the front and back only (C) as follows, i.e. 1 stitch before 1st marker, 1 stitch after 2nd marker, 1 stitch before 3rd marker, 1 stitch after 4th marker. Repeat these increases (C) every other round a total of 4 (4) 4 (5) 5 (5) 5 (6) times. A total of 16 (16) 16 (20) 20 (20) 20 (24) sts have been increased and there are 276 (286) 296 (314) 326 (338) 348 (368) sts on the needle.

Now place the sleeve sts, i.e. the sts between the 1st and 2nd marker, as well as the sts between 3rd and 4th marker on stitch holders. There are 57 (60) 63 (66) 69 (72) 74 (78) sts on each sleeve.

Body

Work in the round across the remaining 162 (166) 170 (182) 188 (194) 200 (212) sts for the body, while at the same time casting on 10 (10) 12 (16) 18 (20) 20 (20) new sts under each sleeve. (Note: There are 4 more sts on the back than on the front).



Work in the round across the 182 (186) 194 (214) 224 (234) 240 (252) sts until the work measures 33 (34,5)

36 (38) 40 (42) 44 (46) cm (or desired length before rib) from the armholes down.

Change to a 3,5 mm circular needle and decrease 2 (2) 2 (2) 0 (2) 0 (0) sts evenly across the next round to make the total number of sts divisible by 4 for the rib.

Work 5 (5) 6 (6) 7 (7) 7 (7) cm of k2, p2 rib. Bind off in rib without tightening the edge.

Sleeves

Place the sts for the first sleeve on a 4 mm, 40 cm circular needle and pick up and knit 10 (10) 12 (16) 18 (20) 20 (20) sts in the cast-on sts under the sleeve on the body. There are now a total of 67 (70) 75 (82) 87 (92) 94 (98) sts on the needle.

Place a marker in the middle of these new sts under the arm to mark the beginning of the round. Work a decrease round as follows: K1, k2tog, knit to 3 sts before marker, skp, k1 (2 sts have been decreased).

Work a decrease round every 8 (8) 8 (7) 7 (6) 6 (6) th round a total of 10 (10) 12 (14) 15 (16) 17 (17) times. There are now 47 (50) 51 (54) 57 (60) 60 (64) sts left on the needle.

Work straight until the sleeve measures 38 (39) 40 (41) 42 (43) 44 (45) cm from the armhole down (or desired length before rib). Change to 3,5 mm double-pointed needles and increase 3 (2) 3 (2) 1 (0) 0 (0) sts evenly across the next round, so the total number of sts is divisible by 4.

Work 5 (5) 5,5 (6) 6 (6) 6 cm of k2, p2 rib. Bind off in rib without tightening the edge.

Neck edge

Pick up and knit sts from the RS for the neck edge with a 3,5 mm circular needle as follows: Pick up and knit 1 stitch for every stitch around the neck edge and 3 sts for every 4 rows along the row end edges. Adjust the number of sts on the first round to a total of 92 (96) 96 (100) 100 (100) 104 (104) sts. For example, sts can be knitted together at the corners of the neck edge to avoid the edge gaping.

Work 3 (3,5) 3,5 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) cm of k2, p2 rib. Bind off in rib without tightening the edge.

Finishing

Weave in all ends and gently steam gently or wash the finished sweater and leave it on a flat surface to dry.