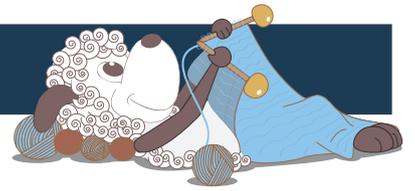


# Ludvig - a lovely little sweater for babies



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A lovely traditional "lusekofte" for little rascals. There is something very adorable about a traditional sweater knitted for the littlest ones among us. Ludvig is worked with raglan shaping and has almost no finishing work at the end.

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## Materials

Arwetta Classic fra Filcolana:  
100 (100) 150 (150) g in color 973 (Nougat melange)  
50 (50) 50 (50) g in color 101 (Natural White)  
2 small buttons  
2 1/2 mm and 3 mm circular needle (60 cm length)  
21 /2 mm and 3 mm double-pointed needles (for the sleeves, unless these are worked on the circular needle using the magic loop technique)  
5 stitch markers or loops of yarn  
Stitch holders

## Sizes

3 (6) 12 (24) months

## Measurements

Chest, body: 46 (49) 52 (54)cm  
Chest, sweater: 52 (56) 60 (62)cm  
Sleeve length: 15 (18) 21 (26) cm

## Gauge

27 sts and 36 rows in pattern on 3 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm.

## Abbreviations

M1: Make 1. Increase one stitch by lifting the chain between sts onto the left needle and knitting it through the back loop.

Skp: slip 1 stitch, knit the next stitch, pass the slipped stitch over the knit stitch.



Sl2 wyif: slip 2 stitches with the yarn held in front.  
Tbl: through the back loop.

### Directions for knitting

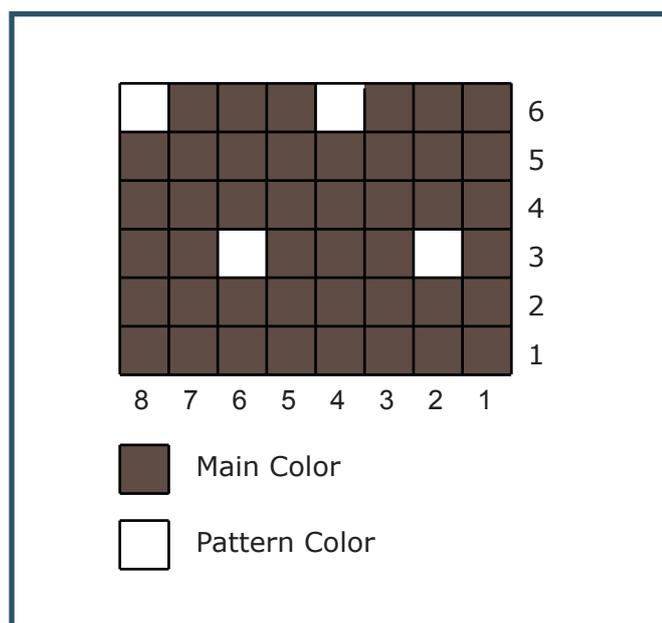
The sweater is worked in the round to the armholes. Then stitches are bound off for the armholes and the body rests while the sleeves are knit. The sleeves are then joined to the body at the armholes and the yoke is worked in the round with raglan decreases up to the button closure at the neck. Then the sweater is finished working back and forth.

### Body

Cast on 144 (156) 168 (180) sts on a 2 1/2 mm circular needle using the main color. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. Work a total of 7 rounds in stockinette stitch. Work 1 purl round (for the folded hem). Change to a 3 mm needle and work in chart pattern. Place a second marker after 72 (78) 84 (90) sts, so both side "seams" are marked. Continue straight in pattern until the work measures 14 (16) 18 (21) cm from the purl row. Divide the work into front and back: Bind off 4 sts, knit 64 (70) 76 (82) sts, bind off 8 sts, knit 64 (70) 76 (82) sts, bind off 4 sts. Break the yarns and let the work rest.

### Sleeves

Cast on 36 (38) 40 (42) sts on 2,5 mm double-pointed needles using the main color. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. Work in k1, p1 ribbing in stripes. Change to the pattern color and work 2 rounds, then work 2 rounds in the main color. Continue in this pattern until you have worked a total of 11 (11) 13 (13) rounds in ribbing. Change to 3 mm double-pointed needles. Work in the charted pattern, increasing 6 sts evenly across the first round using the M1 increase.



42 (44) 46 (48) sts on the needle.  
 Increase round: k1, M1, work in pattern until there is 1 st left of the round, M1, k1.  
 Work an increase round every 6th rounds a total of 7 (10) 12 (14) times.  
 56 (64) 70 (76) sts on the needle.  
 Continue straight in pattern until the sleeve measures 15 (18) 21 (26) cm, ending on the same row of the pattern as on the body. Bind off the first and last 4 sts of the round.  
 Place the sleeve stitches onto the circular needle with the body, placing the sleeve over the bound off armhole stitches of the body. Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

### Yoke

There are now a total of 224 (252) 276 (300) sts on the needle. Place markers where the sleeves meet the the back, as well where the sleeves meet the front. The beginning of the round is where the front meets the right sleeve.  
 Work in the round while decreasing at the raglan markers: \*k2tog, work to 2 sts before the next marker, skp, slip marker\*. Repeat from \* to \* to end of round. (8 sts decreased)  
 Repeat the decrease round every other round a total of 7 (9) 11 (12) times. Break the yarn after the last decrease round.

Place a marker at the center of the front, and divide the work for the front bands: Place the right front stitches + 4 sts to the left on the center on the left needle (= 29 (30) 31(32) sts). The first 7 sts on the left needle form the right front (buttonhole) band and are worked in the main color.  
 Turn the work.  
 Cast on 7 new sts in extension of the left front. These new sts form the left front (button) band and are also worked in the main color.

Work back and forth, working in pattern between the 2 front bands

and with raglan decreases every RS row.

Working the front bands:

WS rows: Sl2 wyif, k 5. Work in pattern to the last 7 sts of the row, k5, sl2 wyif.

RS rows: k7, work in pattern and with raglan decreases to the last 7 sts, k7

On all rows where 2 colors are used, the pattern color is twisted around the main color right before/after the front band to avoid a gap where the first pattern stitch is worked.

Work a buttonhole in the right front band after 10 (12) 12 (12) rows: slip 2 wyif, k1, k2tog, yarn over twice, skp. Work to end of row. On the next row: k1 tbl through each of the 2 yarn overs.

When a total of 16 (19) 21 (23) raglan decrease rounds and rows have been worked (= 96 (100) 108 (116) sts on the needle), the first and last 11 (12) 13 (14) sts are placed on stitch holders for the front of the neckline. Work back and forth, continuing to decrease sts for raglan every RS row while AT THE SAME TIME binding off sts at either end of the work to shape the neckline:

Bind off 3 sts once each side, then bind off 2 sts once each side, then bind off 1 st once each side.

Break the yarn.

### Neck edge

Starting from the RS using a 2 1/2 mm circular needle and the main color, slip the 7 sts of the right front band from the stitch holder onto the needle without knitting them, knit the remaining sts on the stitch holder onto the needle. Pick up and knit sts along the side of the neck edge - 1 st for each bound off st, then knit all sts left on the 3 mm needle. Pick up and knit sts along the other side of the neck edge, then knit the sts from the stitch holder onto needle. (if you get little holes at the bind-offs, you can lift the chain between the stitches onto the left needle and knit it together with the next stitch on the needle tbl).

Work in ribbing (k1, p1) on the WS row. Change to the pattern color work 2 rows in ribbing (k1, p1) in the pattern color, then 2 more rows in the main color, while **at the same time** continuing to only work the front bands in the main color (use an extra stand of the main color and twist the yarns together at the color change).

Note: Work another buttonhole after 2 rows. Work a total of 5 (5) 6 (6) rows, then bind off loosely in pattern.

### Finishing

Sew up the holes under the sleeves. Weave in all ends and sew in the 2 small buttons.

Lightly steam, or gently wash the sweater in tepid water using liquid wool soap, rinse, press the water out without wringing and lay it flat to dry.