

Hyben - a fine cardigan in narrow stripes



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A gorgeous cardigan with a round yoke and lovely little details. Hyben has a lovely feminine fit, as it has bust dart and neck shaping.

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Materials

Color A: 150 (200) 200 (250) g of Arwetta Classic by Filcolana in color 146 (Deep Sea)

Color B: 100 (150) 150 (200) g of Arwetta Classic by Filcolana in color 220 (Spring Green)

Color C: 25-30 g of Arwetta Classic by Filcolana in color 226 (Raspberry Pink)

8 (9) 9 (10) raspberry colored buttons

3 mm circular needle, 80-100 cm long

3 mm double-pointed needles for the sleeves (alternatively a 3 mm circular needle and the magic loop technique can be used instead)

Stitch markers and 2 small stitch holders

Sizes

S (M) L (XL)

Measurements

Body, chest: 80-86 (87-95) 96-104 (105-113) cm

Sweater, chest: 87 (96) 104 (113) cm

Sleeve length: 38 (40) 42 (44) cm

Body length to armhole: 35 (37) 39 (40) cm

Gauge

27 sts and 38 sts in stockinette stitch on a 3 mm needle = 10 x 10 cm.



Special 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 one.

s2kp: slip 2 stitches knit-wise one at a time, k1, pass the 2 slipped stitches over the knitted stitch.

Sl1: Slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in the back.

Special techniques

2-colored long-tail cast-on: Make a slip knot with both color A and C, place it on the needle and then begin the cast-on: Place the color C yarn over your thumb and color A your index finger. Cast on the desired number of stitches and then break color C. Work the slip knot as one stitch with color A on the first row.

Turns (German short rows): Work the the turning point, then turn the work. Slip the first stitch (ie. the stitch last knit) purl-wise with the yarn in front. Pull the yarn up and over the stitch knit last (and the needle) and pull lightly on the thread, creating a "double stitch". Continue working as instructed.

When knitting the "double stitch", just knit or purl it as one stitch.

(for more information on this technique, search "German short rows" in the internet)

Buttonhole (8 sts): 2 edge sts, k1, k2tog, yarn over twice, skp, k1. On the following row, knit both yarn overs through the back loop.

Chained edge:

All RS rows: Knit the 2 first and 2 last stitches.

All WS rows: Slip the 2 first and 2 last stitches purl-wise with the yarn held in front.

Note: When turning to work the RS row, the working yarn will be attached to the 3rd stitch.

**Stripe pattern**

The pattern has a 52 row repeat.

Alternately work 2 stockinette stitch rows with A and 2 with color B.

Work a row of "dots" with color C on the 19th and again on the 51st row: Alternately knit 1 stitch in the pattern color and 1 in color C across the row (odd numbered rows are RS rows). Continue in the stripe pattern after the row of "dots".

Repeat the 52 rows of the pattern or play around with the placement of the lines of "dots" if you prefer. Avoid placing the dots in the bust darts.

Directions for knitting

This design is worked from the bottom up. The body is worked back and forth in one piece to the armholes with short rows for the bust shaping. Then stitches are bound off for the armholes, splitting the body into two fronts and the back.

Then the sleeves are worked and joined with the body over where stitches were bound off for the armholes. The first part of the yoke is worked with raglan decreases, the second is worked with decreases distributed across the row. Short rows are worked at top of the yoke to shape the neckline.

Finally the front edges are worked.

Cardigan

Cast on 242 (266) 290 (314) sts on a 3 mm circular needle using the 2-colored long-tail cast-on. Break color C and continue in color A.

First row (WS): Work the 2 stitch chained edge, k6, *p2, k2*. Repeat from * to * until there are 10 sts on the needle, p2, k6, work 2 stitch chained edge.

Next row: Work 2 stitch chained edge, k6, 50 (56) 62 (68) sts in rib, place a marker, work 126 (138) 150 (162) sts, place a marker, work 50 (56) 62 (68) sts in rib, k6, 2 sts chained edge.

These markers mark the side seams.

Work a buttonhole at the right front edge on the 6th row (at the beginning of the RS row) as described above.

Work a total of 13 (15) 15 (17) rows of rib, then place the first and last 8 sts (the front edges) on stitch holders. Then cast on a new stitch in extension of the sts on the needle, at the end of the next two rows. These 2 sts will be used for sewing the front edges to the body later on.

Continue in the stripe pattern until the body measures 30 (32) 34 (35) cm.

Work the short row bust darts

Right front (from the RS): Knit to 5 sts before the side seam marker, turn and purl back.

Knit to 5 sts before the last turn, turn and purl back. Continue knitting to 5 sts before the last turn, then turn and purl back until a total of 5 (6) 6 (7) turns have been worked. Break both yarns.

Left front (from the WS): Purl to 5 sts before the side seam marker, turn and knit back.

Purl to 5 sts before the last turn, turn and knit back.

Continue purling to 5 sts before the last turn, then turn and knit back until a total of 5 (6) 6 (7) turns have been worked. Break both yarns.

Join the yarn at the right front and continue across all sts in pattern as before until the body measures 35 (37) 39 (40) cm, measured along the side seam. End on a RS row.

Next row (WS): Work across row, while binding off 10 sts at each of the 2 side seam markers - 5 sts on either side of each marker.

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

Sleeves

Cast on 68 (72) 76 (80) sts on 3 mm double-pointed needles using the 2-colored long-tail cast-on. Break color C and continue in color A. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round.

Work 9,5 (10) 10,5 (11) cm of k2, p2 ribbing.

Continue in the stripe pattern, while at the same time working an increase round every 6th round a total of 9 (10) 11 (12) times.

Increase round: K1, M1, knit to the last stitch of the round, M1, k1.

There are now 86 (92) 98 (104) sts on the needle. Continue straight in the stripe pattern until the sleeve measures 38 (40) 42 (44) cm.

Next round: Knit to the last 5 sts of the round, bind off the next 10 sts - 5 on either side of the marker. Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

Yoke

Join the sleeve to the body on the circular needle, over where sts were bound off for the armholes on the body. At the same time, place a marker each of the 4 places where the body and the sleeves join. There are now 360 (396) 432 (468) sts on the needle.

Work back and forth in the stripe pattern while working the following raglan decreases every other RS row: *Knit to 4 sts before the marker, s2kp, k2, k3tog*. Repeat from * to * at all 4 markers, knit to end of row. (= 16 sts decreased across row).

Work these decreases every 4th row a total of 5 (6) 7 (7) times.

There are now 280 (300) 320 (356) sts on the needle.

Work 3 rows straight in the stripe pattern, then decrease 16 sts on the next row:

Decrease row 1 (RS): Knit 8 (12) 16 (4) sts, [k2tog, knit 15 (16) 17 (20) sts]. Repeat from [to] a total of 16 times. There are now 264 (284) 304 (340) sts on the needle.

Work 3 rows straight in the stripe pattern.

Decrease row 2 (RS): Knit 15 (2) 6 (13) sts, [ssk, knit 14 (15) 16 (19) sts], strik fra [til] i alt 16 gange. (= 248 (268) 288 (324) m)



Work 3 rows straight in the stripe pattern.

Alternate working decrease row 1 and decrease row 2 every 4th row, each time with 1 fewer stitches between each decrease. In this way, the decreases will look dispersed, and will not look like they form lines. 16 sts are decreased for every decrease row.

work a total of 5 (5) 5 (6) decrease rows in this way. End on a WS row.

There are now 200 (220) 240 (260) sts on the needle.

Bind off the first sttitch at the beginning of the next 2 rows (the sts needed for seaming at the front edges).

Work short rows to shape the neck line: Break the yarn, slip the first 22 (24) 24 (26) sts of the RS row, then join the yarn here. Knit until there are 22 (24) 24 (26) sts left on the needle, turn. Purl back to 6 sts before where the yarn was joined on the RS row, turn. Knit to 6 sts before the last turn on the RS row, turn. Continue working back and forth, turning 6 sts before the last turn, until a total of 5 (6) 6 (7) turns have been worked at both ends.

At the same time, continue to work decreased row 1 and and 2 as established.

Let the sts rest.

Left front - button band

Using color A and a 3 mm circular needle, pick up and knit 1 stitch for each stripe (1 stitch for every 2 rows) along the left front of the cardigan. Work from the RS, beginning at the neck and ending where the extra stitch was cast on after the hem, and pick up right inside the extra stitch. Do not break the yarn.

Now begin knitting back and forth across the front edge sts that placed on a stitch holder after the ribbing at the hem.

The button band is joined with the front by knitting together the last stitch of the button band and the first stitch from the front edge:

Row 1 (WS): Work the 2 stitch chained edge (slip 2 sts purl-wise), k5, sl1 knit-wise, k1 (the first of the sts picked up along the left front edge), pass the slipped stitch over (= 2 sts have been knitted together - one from button band and one from the front edge - using skip). Turn.

Row 2 (RS): Sl1 knit-wise, knit to end of row. Repeat Row 1 and 2 until all of the sts picked up along the left front edge have worked together with the button band. End on a WS row. Place the sts on a stitch holder.

Mark the placement of a total of 8 (9) 9 (10) buttons along the button band. The top button will be placed on the neck edge approx. 3-4 garter ridges above the button band just worked. Count garter ridges to help distribute the remaining buttons as evenly as possible along the button band.

Right front edge - buttonhole band

Pick up and knit sts the same way as for the left front, starting at the hem. Break the yarn. Work the front edge while joining it with the right front:

Row 1 (RS): K7, skip (= the 8th sts of the buttonhole band and the 1st stitch of the picked up sts along the front edge are worked together). Turn.

Row 2 (WS): Sl1 knit-wise k5, sl2 purl-wise with the yarn in front.

Repeat Row 1 and 2 while at the same time working 7 (8) 8 (9) buttonholes across from where you have marked the placement for the buttons of the button band. End on a WS row. Do NOT break the yarn, but continue along the neck edge.

Neck edge

Knit across the 8 sts of the right front edge, then knit across the sts along the neck edge and finally knit the 8 sts of the left front edge. Turn the work.

Continue to work the front edges in garter stitch, with a 2 stitch chained edge at the front edges. Purl the remaining sts while decreasing approx. 8-12 sts evenly across the row. The remaining number of sts should be divisible by 4 + 2.

Next row p (RS): Knit the 8 front edge sts, work in k2, p2 ribbing to the last 8 sts, knit the 8 front edge sts.

Continue as established, remembering to work the last buttonhole after 3-4 garter ridges. Work a total of (11) 13 (13) 13 rows of ribbing.

Bind off the front edge sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows.

Work 2 rows of stockinette stitch across the remaining sts, to create a small rolling edge. Bind off loosely in stockinette stitch.

Finishing

Weave in all ends and sew the holes under the sleeves using Kitchener stitch. Sew the buttons to the button band across from the buttonholes. Lightly steam or gently wash the finished cardigan and lay it

flat to dry.