

# Peter - a pullover or cardigan for the littlest ones



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A lovely pullover or cardigan is essential in any baby wardrobe, and so useful all year round: In the summer as light outerwear in itself and in the fall and winter as an extra layer under much weather proof outerwear. The changing colors of the yarn makes the knitted surface look almost like a watercolor, which fits so well with the natural colors of a baby.

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## Sizes

3 months (6 months) 9-12 months

## Measurements

Sweater, width: 50 (54) 60 cm

The hat fits head circumference: 40 (43) 45 cm

## Materials

Anina by Filcolana:

100 g of multicolored and 50 gram of a solid color for the pullover and cardigan (enough for all sizes although not for the hat as well in size 9-12 months). 2.5 and 3 mm needle and a small circumference 2.5 mm circular needle.

3 little buttons for the pullover, 6 buttons for the cardigan.

## Gauge

28 sts on a 3 mm needle in reverse stockinette = 10 cm

The multicolored yarn is worked in reverse stockinette (purl on the RS, knit on the WS). The edges are worked in the solid color in k2, p2 ribbing.



Selvedge stitches for seams: Knit the first and last stitch of every row.

Selvedge stitches not for seams: Slip the first stitch of every row knit-wise with the yarn in the back, knit the last stitch of every row.

## Abbreviations

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

## Pullover

Work from cuff to cuff without shoulder seams. This way, the only seams to be sewn are the side seams and the sleeve seams. The button band is worked at the same time as the pullover itself.

Sleeve: Cast on 38 (40) 44 sts using the solid color and 2.5 mm needles. Work 10 (10) 12 rows of k2, p2 ribbing.

Change to the multicolored yarn and 3 mm needles and work in reverse stockinette stitch. Work the first and last stitch of each row as edge stitches for seams. Increase row: Work 1, M1, work until there is 1 st left





of the row, M1, work 1.

Repeat the increase row every 4th row a total of 9 (11) 13 times, until there are 56 (62) 70 sts on the needle.

**At the same time**, work stripes when a total of 8 rows in reverse stockinette has been worked with the multicolored yarn:

Work 2 rows in "normal" stockinette stitch using the solid colored yarn, then work 4 rows in reverse stockinette with the multicolored yarn, then 2 more rows of "normal" stockinette stitch using the solid colored yarn. Now work the rest of the sleeve in reverse stockinette using the multicolored yarn.

When all increases have been worked and the sleeve measures 14 (16) 18 cm or the desired length, change to the solid colored yarn and work 2 rows of "normal" stockinette stitch. **AT THE SAME TIME** cast on 32 (35) 40 new sts at the side seam at either end of the work using the solid colored yarn. There are now 120 (132) 150 sts on the needle. Work in stripes:

Work 2 rows in "normal" stockinette stitch using the solid colored yarn, then work 4 rows in reverse stockinette with the multicolored yarn, then 2 more rows of "normal" stockinette stitch using the solid colored yarn.

Now work in reverse stockinette again using the multicolored yarn until the work measures 8,5 (9) 9,5 cm from the side seam. Part the work down the middle and continue to work each side separately for the back and front.

**Back:** Bind off 2 sts at the neck, then bind off 1 st twice. Work 7 (8) 9 cm straight in reverse stockinette across the back before casting on 1 new st at the neck twice, the 2 sts once. Let the back rest and work the front.

**Front:** Shape the neckline by binding off 4, then 2 then 1 st twice. Work straight in stockinette stitch until the front measures 3 (3,5) 4 cm from the last bound off st. Work the 20 (22) 24 sts toward the bottom hem of the front, while letting the topmost 32 (36) 33 sts rest (for the button band). Work 8 rows

and then let the sts rest on the needle.

Change to the solid colored yarn and work 8 rows of ribbing over the 32 (36) 33 sts for the button band. Knit 2 buttonholes 12 sts apart (bind off 4 sts, then cast them on again on the following row) after the first 4 rows of ribbing. The topmost buttonhole is placed 8 sts from the neck edge. Bind off in ribbing when the 8 rows have been worked

Cast on 32 (36) 33 new sts for the second button band using the solid colored yarn and work 8 rows of ribbing. Change to the multicolored yarn and work in reverse stockinette and work another 3 (3,5) 4 cm across all the sts of the front - both the sts from the button band and the resting sts for the lower part of the front. Cast on the same number of sts as were bound off (1 st twice, then 2 sts, then 4 sts) until there are 60 (66) 75 sts on the needle.

Now work across all 120 (132) 150 sts of both front and back in reverse stockinette until the work measures the same as the other half of the body to where the stripes start.

Work the stripes:

Work 2 rows in "normal" stockinette stitch using the solid colored yarn, then work 4 rows in reverse stockinette with the multicolored yarn, then 2 more rows of "normal" stockinette stitch using the solid colored yarn.

Bind off 32 (35) 40 sts for the side seams at either end of the work and work the sleeve the same way as the first one but with decreases instead of increases and with stripes when only 2 more decrease rows need to be worked.

Change to the solid colored yarn and 2.5 mm needles when there are a total of 38 (40) 44 sts left on the needle. Work 10 (10) 12 rows of k2, p2 ribbing, then bind off.

**Neck edge:** Using the solid colored yarn and 2.5 mm needles, pick up and knit 88 (92) 100 sts along the neck edge. Work 8 rows of k2, p2 ribbing while working a button hole 3 sts from the edge across 4 sts after the first 4 rows. Bind off loosely in ribbing.

**Ribbing at the hem:** Using the solid colored yarn and 2.5 mm needles, pick up and knit approx. 168 (176) 184 sts. (pick up approx. 4 sts for every 6 rows). Work 16 (16) 18 rows of k2, p2 ribbing. Bind off loosely in ribbing.

**Finishing:** Weave in all ends and sew up the side seams using the solid colored yarn. Sew up the sleeve seams. Overlap the bottom edges of the button bands so the one with the buttonholes are on top before seaming them to the pullover.

Sew the buttons on across from the buttonholes.

**Solid colored hat with a "point"**

Cast on 106 (114) 122 sts using a 2.5 mm needle and the solid colored yarn. Work 15 rows of k2, p2 ribbing. Change to 3 mm needles and the multi-colored yarn and work in reverse stockinette for 8 rows, then work in "normal" stockinette with the solid colored yarn for 2 rows, then 4 more rows in reverse stockinette in the multicolored yarn, then 2 more rows in "normal" stockinette with the solid colored yarn.

Continue in reverse stockinette in the multicolored yarn until the work measures 10 (11 1/2) 13 cm.

Decrease on the next WS row (the side where the work looks like "normal" stockinette stitch!):

1 selvedge st, \*k6, k2tog\*. Repeat from \* to \* to the end of the row. End with a selvedge st.

Purl the next row and all following RS rows.

Next WS row: 1 selvedge st, \*k5, k2tog\*. Repeat from \* to \* to end of row. End with a selvedge st. Continue working decreases as established above, knitting one less stitch between the decreases for every repeat. The decreases must align, which can be seen clearly from the WS of the work.

Continue until there are 13 (14) 16 sts left on the needle, then knit the stitches together 2 and 2.

Continue straight for 8 rows in the solid colored yarn. Knit the stitches together 2 and 2 one more time, then break the yarn and thread through the remaining stitches on the needle.

**Finishing:** Weave in the ends and sew the seam along the selvedge stitches all the way to the point. Lightly steam or wash the work using wool soap. Always place the hat on the child's head, so it does not lie on the seam.

**Cardigan**

The cardigan is worked from cuff to cuff without shoulder seams the same way as the pullover.

This way, the only seams to be sewn are the side seams and the sleeve seams. The button band are knitted on at the end.

Work the same way as for the pullover until the work is divided into front and back. Work the back the same way as for the pullover, then let it rest.

**Front:** Shape the neckline by binding off 4, then 2 then 1 st twice = 56 (62) 71 sts on the needle. Work straight in reverse stockinette stitch until the front measures 3 (3,5) 4 cm from the last bound off st.

Bind off all remaining sts or place them on a stitch holder for when the edges are worked at the end.

Cast on 56 (62) 71 sts for the second front using the multicolored yarn and work straight in reverse

stockinette stitch for 3 (3,5) 4 cm. Cast on the same number of sts as were bound off (1 st twice, then 2 sts, then 4 sts).

Now work across all 120 (132) 150 sts of both front and back in reverse stockinette until the work measures the same as the other half of the body to where the stripes start.

Work the stripes: Work 2 rows in "normal" stockinette stitch using the solid colored yarn, then work 4 rows in reverse stockinette with the multicolored yarn, then 2 more rows of "normal" stockinette stitch using the solid colored yarn.

Bind off 32 (35) 40 sts for the side seams at either end of the work and work the sleeve the same way as the first one but with decreases instead of increases and with stripes when only 2 more decrease rows need to be worked.

Change to the solid colored yarn and 2.5 mm needles when there are a total of 38 (40) 44 sts left on the needle. Work 10 (10) 12 rows of k2, p2 ribbing, then bind off.

**Neck edge:** Using the solid colored yarn and 2.5 mm needles, pick up and knit approx. 76 (84) 92 sts along the neck edge. Work 8 rows of k2, p2 ribbing. Bind off loosely in pattern.

**Ribbing at the hem:** Using the solid colored yarn and 2.5 mm needles, pick up and knit approx. 156 (164) 172. (pick up approx. 4 sts for every 6 rows). Work 16 (16) 18 rows of k2, p2 ribbing. Bind off loosely in ribbing.

**Button band** (traditionally for boys on the right side, and for girls on the left side): Using the solid colored yarn and 2.5 mm needles, pick up and knit 80 (88) 96 sts. Work 10 rows of k2, p2 ribbing. Bind off loosely in pattern.

On this edge, mark the placement of 6 buttons, so they are evenly distributed.

**Buttonhole band:** Pick up and knit the same number of sts as for the other front band and work 5 rows of ribbing. Work 6 buttonholes on the next row by binding off 4 sts 10 (11) 13 sts apart. The first buttonhole is placed 3 (4) 3 sts from the edge. On the next row, 4 sts are cast on over where 4 sts were bound off.

Continue until a total of 10 rows have been worked. Bind off loosely in pattern.

**Finishing:** Weave in all ends and sew up the side seams (from the RS) using the solid colored yarn. Sew up the sleeve seams.

Sew the buttons on across from the buttonholes.