

Butterfly - a lovely kids sweater with butterflies



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Butterfly is inspired by the blue butterfly Morpho ssp., that has wings in such beautiful blue colours that they are sometimes used for jewellery. Accentuate one or more of the little butterflies by embroidering them with the Paia glitter yarn.

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Materials for knitting

MC: 150 (150) 200 (200) 200 g Pernilla by Filcolana in colour 977 (Marzipan melange)
CC: 50 (50) 50 (50) 50 g Pernilla by Filcolana in colour 812 (Granite melange)
3 mm and 3,5 mm circular needle, 40 or 60 cm
3 mm and 3,5 mm double-pointed needles
Markers

Materials for embroidery

A length of Paia by Filcolana in colour 709 (Rose Shimmer)
Blunt embroidery needle

Sizes

4 years/104 cl (6 years/116 cl) 8 years/128 cl (10 years/140 cl) 12 years/152 cl

Measurements

Body, chest: 58-62 (62-68) 68-76 (76-84) 84-90 cm
Sweater, chest: 64 (70) 78 (86) 92 cm
Total length: 44 (46) 48 (50) 52 cm
Length to armhole: 22 (23) 25 (26) 28 cm
Sleeve length: 26 (28) 30 (32) 36 cm

Gauge

23 sts and 31 rows in stockinette stitch on 3,5 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm



Special abbreviations

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

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

Tbl: through the back loop.

Special techniques

Short rows - GSR (German short rows): Work to where the turn needs to be, turn, then slip the first stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front. Bring the working yarn up and over the needle and down on the other side, pulling hard enough on the yarn to make the stitch on the needle look like a double stitch (the 2 legs of the stitch are visible). Continue row as pattern describes.

When working across the stitch that looks like a double stitch, work it as 1 stitch, either knitting or purling the 2 legs together, as the pattern describes.

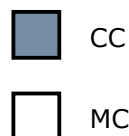
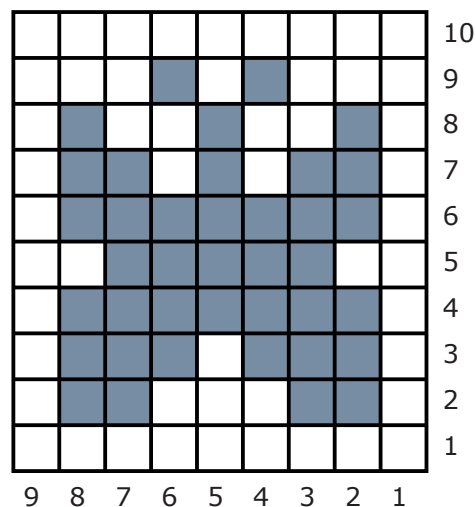
Raglan increases: Work raglan increases are worked every other row on the yoke and are placed on either side of a central raglan stitch, so a lovely eyelet pattern is formed as follows: Lift chain between sts onto left needle and knit it (M1), knit to marker, M1, slip marker, k1 (raglan stitch), slip marker*, repeat from * to * to end of round. (8 sts have been increased across round).

Directions for knitting

The sweater is worked from the top down. The yoke is worked with raglan increases, then the stitches are divided for sleeves and body and each section is finished separately. The body and sleeves are worked with a lovely stranded butterfly pattern. And if you want you can embroider over one or more of the butterflies with duplicate stitch.



Chart



Read first

If you want longer sleeves or body, you can either work more rows of butterflies or work extra rounds in the Main Colour before the rib edge.

Yoke

Cast on 80 (86) 96 (106) 106 sts on a 3 mm needle with MC.

Work 4 rounds in stockinette stitch (rolling edge), then work 8 rounds of k1 tbl, p1 rib. Purl 1 round. Change to a 3,5 mm needle.

Place raglan markers on the next round as follows: Knit 26 (29) 34 (36) 38 sts (back), place marker, k1 (raglan stitch), place marker, knit 11 (11) 11 (14) 12 sts (sleeve), place marker, k1 (raglan stitch), place marker, knit 28 (31) 36 (38) 40 sts (front), place marker, k1 (raglan stitch), place marker, knit 11 (11) 11 (14) 12 sts (sleeve), place marker, k1 (raglan stitch), place marker (beginning of round).

Now shape the neckline by working short rows as follows:

Short row 1 (RS): Knit 19 (21) 24 (25) 26 r, turn.
Short row 2 (WS): Strik 12 (13) 14 (14) 14 vr, turn.
Short row 3: Knit to 6 sts after last RS turn, turn.
Short row 4: Purl to 6 sts after last WS turn, turn.
Short row 5: Knit to 6 sts after last RS turn, while at the same time working raglan increases (as described at the top of the pattern) at both raglan markers,

turn.

Short row 6: Purl to 6 sts after last WS turn, turn.

Last row: Knit to beginning of round marker.

There are now 84 (90) 100 (110) 110 sts on the needle.

Now work in the round in stockinette stitch with raglan increases on every other round (as described at the top of the patter) a total of 21 (24) 25 (26) 30 times.

Slut af med 4 (4) 4 (4) 8 omg retstrik.

There are now 252 (282) 300 (318) 350 sts on the needle.

Place the sts for each sleeve + the 4 raglan sts (2 per sleeve) on two stitch holders.

Join the sts for front and back, while at the same time casting on 2 (2) 4 (9) 7 new sts under each sleeve. There are now 144 (162) 180 (198) 214 sts on the needle for the body.

Body

Work in the round in stockinette stitch, while at the same time placing a marker in the middle of the new sts under each sleeve.

Work 2 rounds in MC, then work the butterfly chart. Repeat all the rows of the chart a total of 5 (5) 6 (6) 6 times.

The number of rows of butterflies depends on the desired total length of the sweater (see length from armhole at the top of the pattern). A butterfly (one repeat of all rows of the pattern) is approx. 3,3 cm tall.

The length of the sweater can also be adjusted by adding rounds in MC before the rib edge at the hem.

Work 3 (4) 4 (3) 6 rounds in stockinette stitch.

Change to a 3 mm needle and purl 1 round, then work 8 (8) 10 (10) 10 rounds of k1 tbl, p1 rib. Knit 4 rounds. Bind off.

Sleeves

Slip the sts for the sleeve to 3,5 mm double-pointed needles (unless using the Magic Loop technique). Pick up and knit 2 (2) 4 (8) 6 sts in the newly cast on sts under the sleeve. There are now 58 (64) 68 (78) 82 sts on the needle.

Work 2 rounds in MC.

Only size (6) 8 years: Decrease 1 stitch under the sleeve on the second round, so there are now 63 (67) sts on the needle.

Place a marker in the middle of the sts under the sleeve for the beginning of the round.

Work 2 (0) 2 (3) 1 sts before and after this stitch in MC until they are decreased. These sts are not worked in pattern.

Now work the butterfly pattern, repeating all rows of

the chart a total of 6 (6) 7 (7) 8 times.

At the same time, work a decrease row every 8th row a total of 6 (7) 7 (8) 8 times as follows: k1, skp, knit to the last 3 sts of the round, k2tog, k1.

There are now 46 (49) 53 (62) 67 sts on the needle.

Work 3 (4) 4 (3) 6 rounds in stockinette stitch. Then decrease to 46 (48) 52 (62) 66 sts evenly across the next round.

Change to a 3 mm needle and purl 1 round, then work 8 (8) 10 (10) 10 rounds in k1 tbl, p1 rib. Knit 4 rounds. Bind off.

Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Wash the sweater according to the instructions on the yarn label and lay it on a flat surface to dry.

Embroidery

Embroider over one or more of the butterflies with Paia using duplicate stitch.