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This design is a lovely cardigan in bomber-fit, and the inspiration for the pattern is found in the traditional sweaters of the Dutch fishermen. The sweater is knitted in a wonderful mix of Peruvian and Tilia. The model is knitted top-down with a very spacious fit.

SIZES

S (M) L (XL)

MEASUREMENTS

Fits chest sizes: 80-88 (89-96) 97-104 (105-112) cm

Circumference: 141 (149) 157 (165) cm

Sleeve length: 38 cm (all sizes)

Length (measured from middle of the back incl. neckband): 63 (65) 67 (69) cm

GAUGE

16 sts and 23 rows in stockinette with one strand of each yarn held together on 6 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm.

Needle sizes are for guidance only.

If you have more sts per 10 cm, change to a larger needle. If you have fewer sts per 10 cm, change to smaller needles.

MATERIALS

Yarn from Filcolana

500 (550) 600 (650) g **Peruvian** colour 977 (Marzipan)

125 (150) 150 (175) g **Tilia** colour 336 (Latte)

The two yarns are held together throughout work.

Circular needle 6 mm, 40 and 100 cm

Doublepointed needles 6 mm

Stitch markers or contrast coloured thread

2 safety pins

4 buttons

Technical

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

Sl1 k1 pss0: Slip 1 st purlwise, knit 1 stitch, and pass the slipped stitch over the knitted stitch.

M1L: From the front, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle and knit through the back loop (1 st increase).

M1R: From the back, lift the horizontal strand between the two stitches with the left needle and knit through the front loop (1 st increase).

M1PL: Left slanted increase as seen on right side – With the left needle pick up the strand between 2 sts from front to back. Purl through the back loop.

M1PR: Right slanted increase as seen on right side – With the left needle pick up the strand between the 2 sts, from back to front. Purl through the front loop.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

Italian bind off

NOTE! The first point changes depending on whether the first stitch on the needle is a knit or a purl stitch:

If first st is a knit st: Start at point .

If first st is a purl st: Start at point 4, but do NOT slip the st off the needle.

Break yarn with a string 3 times the length of the circumference you need to bind off.

1. Insert needle into 1st st on left needle as if to purl, pull string through.

2. Insert needle between 1st and 2nd st from behind work. Pull needle and string to front of work.

3. Insert needle from front into 2nd st and out on the back.

4. Insert needle into 1st st as if to knit, drop st off needle.

5. From the front insert needle - from right to left – into the front leg of the 2nd st, pull yarn through.

6. Insert needle into 1st st as if to purl, drop st off needle.

Repeat steps 2-6, till you have 1 st left on LH needle.

Follow point 4 to finish the bind off.

Carefully weave in the loose end.

CHART

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Workflow

The model is knit top down.

The cardigan starts with a cast-on neckline.

Increases are made on each side of a shoulder stitch to shape the front and the back.

Then work is divided and the two front pieces and the back are knit separately, until the armhole has the desired length.

The pieces are reassembled and knitted back and forth over all stitches with new stitches in the armhole until the body has the specified size. The body is finished with a rib edge.

Then stitches are picked up along the armhole, and the sleeve is knit in the round from top to bottom with decreases.

The sleeve is finished with a ribbing edge

Finally stitches are picked up along the front pieces and along the neck, and a button band is knit in rib.

The chart is worked from bottom up, from right to left on right side needles and from left to right on wrong side needles. The 6 rows in the chart are repeated throughout work.



Pattern

YOKE

With 6 mm needles and one strand of each yarn cast on 41 sts.

1st row (WS): Purl all sts.

2nd row: k1, M1R, k1 (mark this st), M1L, follow 1st row of chart over 37 sts, M1R, k1 (mark this st), M1L, k1.

3rd row: p2, M1PR, p1, M1PR, p1, place marker, follow 2nd row of chart over 37 sts, place marker, p1, M1PR, p1, M1PR, p2.

4th row: k3, M1R, k1, M1L, k2, slip marker, follow 3rd row of chart over 37 sts, slip marker, k2, M1R, k1, M1L, k3.

5th row: p4, M1PR, p1, M1PR, p3, slip marker, follow 4th row of chart over 37 sts, slip marker, p3, M1PR, p1, M1R, p4.



Continue with increases like this on each side of the marked st on each shoulder.

When you have increased 12 (14) 16 (18) times like this, increases on the front pieces begin and will be worked at the same time.

Next row (RS): k1, M1L, knit to the marked st, M1R, k1, M1L, knit to the marked st, slip marker, follow chart over 37 sts, slip marker, knit to next marked st, M1R, k1, M1L, knit to last st, M1R, k1.

Repeat the increases on both fronts like described above on every 4th row.

When you have increased on the shoulders a total of 36 (38) 40 (42) times, work is divided and the front pieces and the back are knit separately. Finish with a wrong side row.

You now have 109 (113) 117 (121) sts on the back, between the marked sts.

Now the back and the front are divided as follows:

LEFT FRONT

Next row (right side): Knit to the marked st, turn work and let the remaining sts rest while left front piece is knitted.

Continue in stockinette over those sts and at the same time continue the increases along the front edge, until you have increased 16 times in total.

Continue stockinette until the sleeve measures 16 (17) 18 (19) cm from the marked shoulder st. Finish with a wrong side row.

Leave the front piece for now, but do not break the yarn.

Place the marked shoulder st in each side on a safety pin.

BACK

Join new skeins of Tilia and Peruvian on the right side of the back piece. Now, knit back and forth while following the pattern as previously between the markers and knit stockinette over the remaining side sts. Continue until the back piece has the same length as the front piece. Finish with a wrong side row.

Break yarn and leave the back piece for now.

RIGHT FRONT

Join yarn on the right side of the right front sts and knit like the left front piece, only mirrored. Finish with a wrong side row.

Break yarn and leave the front piece sts for now.

BODY

Slide the sts so that you can begin with the resting yarn of the left front piece edge, remember increases on the front edge.

Next row (RS): Knit stockinette over left front piece sts, remember increases at the edge, if you haven't already made all of those, cast on 5 (7) 9 (11) sts along the left armhole and knit the sts on the back as stockinette – EXCEPT for the 37 middle sts, which follow the pattern – cast on 5 (7) 9 (11) sts along right armhole, knit stockinette over all sts on right front piece, remember the increases along the edge if you haven't made them all.

When all increases have been made you have 225 (237) 249 (261) sts on your needles.

Continue knitting stockinette flat over all sts, except for the 37 middle sts that follow the pattern, until work measures 24 (25) 26 (27) cm from armhole or has the desired length. Finish with a right side row.

Continue with rib as follows:

1st row (WS): *k1, p1*, repeat from * to * to last st, k1.

Knit 6 cm ribbing and bind off with Italian bind off (see special techniques).

SLEEVES

Join yarn on right side in the middle of the cast on sts in the armpit, pick up 3 (4) 5 (6) sts in the new sts and place a marker in the first of those sts, pick up approximately 3 sts for every 4 rows along the armhole to the shoulder, knit the resting shoulder st, pick up the same number of sts along the second sleeve edge and pick up 2 (3) 4 (5) sts in the cast on sts in the armhole = 58 (62) 68 (72) sts in total.

Knit in the round and decrease on every 14th (13th) 12th (11th) round like this: k1, k2tog, knit to last 2 sts, sl1 k1 pss0.

Decrease like this 5 times in total = 48 (52) 58 (62) sts.

Continue knitting in the round until sleeve measures 33 (32) 31 (30) cm or has the desired length minus 5 cm.

Next round: Decrease evenly to 36 (38) 40 (42) sts.

Knit 5 cm ribbing (k1, p1).

Bind off with Italian bind off.

Knit a second sleeve.

BUTTON BAND

Start from the right side and the bottom right front and pick up 3 sts for every 4th row along the entire front band, a total of 245 (249) 253 (257) sts.

Knit ribbing like this:

1st row (WS): *p1, k1*, repeat from * to * to last st, p1.

Continue in rib, until rib measures 2.5 cm. Finish with a wrong side row.



