

# Alcea - a long cardigan in fisherman's rib



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"Alcea" is part of Filcolana's "Colours of the Scandinavian Summer" collection. For this collection our team of designers have found inspiration in the incredible Scandinavian light and colours in the works of the Skagen Painters.

Alcea is the latin name for hollyhock – the tall flowers that grow along the houses and fences in Skagen town.

This long cardigan worked in two-coloured fisherman's rib has a base of a blue as dark as the sea on a cloudy day, and contrast colours worked in two-coloured fisherman's rib at the top of the design, which are reminiscent of the colours of the hollyhocks.

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## Materials

Peruvian Highland Wool by Filcolana:

MC: 550 (600) 650 (700) in colour 270 (Midnight Blue)

CC1: 150 (150) 150 (150) in colour 817 (Cinnamon)

CC2: 50 (100) 100 (100) in colour 281 (Rime Frost)

4,5 mm circular needle, 80 cm long

5,5 mm circular needle, 40 and 80 cm long

4,5 mm double-pointed needles

4 buttons, approx. 25 mm diameter

## Sizes

S (M) L (XL)



**Measurements**

Body, chest: 80-88 (89-96) 97-104 (105-112) cm  
 Sweater, chest: 96 (104) 112 (120) cm  
 Sleeve length: approx. 41 cm (alle str.).  
 Note: The raglan yoke is quite long!  
 Total length: approx. 92 (94) 96 (98) cm

**Gauge**

16 sts and 33 rows in fisherman's rib on 5,5 mm needles afterwashing = 10 x 10 cm.  
 Note: When counting rows from the RS in fisherman's rib, 1 stitch represents 2 knitted rows.

**Særlige forkortelser**

Sl1: Slip 1 stitch purlwise.

3-in-1: increase – knit 3 sts in 1 stitch as follows: knit yarn over and stitch together without dropping the stitch off the needle, yarn over, then knit same yarn over and stitch together again. Let stitch drop off needle.

Right decrease (3 sts together, right leaning): Slip 1 stitch knit-wise (stitch and yarn over together), k1, pass slipped stitch over, slip remaining stitch back to left needle and pass next stitch over, then slip it back on the right needle.

Left decrease (3 sts together, left leaning): Slip 1 stitch knit-wise (stitch and yarn over together), k2tog (stitch and yarn over together), pass slipped stitch over.

**Directions for knitting**

Back and fronts are worked back and forth together. The sleeves are worked in the round to the armholes, then body and sleeves are joined and the yoke is worked back and forth with raglan decreases. Finally, stitches are picked up and knitted for the front and neck edge.

**Body**

Cast on 151 (163) 175 (187) sts on a 4,5 mm circular needle with MC and work back and forth in ribbing, beginning with a WS row as follows: \*k1, p1 \*. Repeat from \* to \*. End with k1.  
 Work 4 cm in ribbing as established, ending on a RS row.



Change to a 5,5 mm needle and continue in fisherman's rib in one colour as follows:

Row 1 (WS): \*k1, sl1 and wrap the yarn up and over the needles (like a yarn over)\*. Repeat from \* to \*. End with k1.

Row 2: \*p1, knit yarn over and stitch together\*. Repeat from \* to \*. End with p1.

Repeat these 2 rows until the work measures approx. 47 cm, ending on a WS row.

Join CC1 and work in two-colour fisherman's rib as follows:

Pattern row 1 (CC1, RS): P1, \*knit yarn over and stitch together, p1\*. Repeat from \* to \* to end of row. Do not turn the work, but slide the sts to the opposite end of the circular needle and work one more row from the RS.

Pattern row 2 (MC, RS): Sl1 purl-wise, \*sl1 and wrap the yarn up and over the needles, p1\*. Repeat from \* to \*. End with sl1 and wrap the yarn up and over the needles, sl1. Turn.

Pattern row 3 (CC1, WS): K1, \*purl yarn over and stitch together, k1\*. Repeat from \* to \* to end of row. Do not turn the work, but slide the sts to the opposite end of the needle and work one more row from the WS.

Pattern row 4 (MC, WS): Sl1, \*sl1 and wrap the yarn up and over the needles, k1\*. Repeat from \* to \*. End with sl1 and wrap the yarn up and over the needles, sl1. Turn.

Repeat these 4 rows.

Note: The first and last stitch of the row can also be worked with both colours together, but I think the edge becomes too chunky this way. I prefer to "catch" CC1 with MC as above.

Work approx. 17 (18) 19 (20) cm with MC+CC1, then bind off for the armholes on a Pattern row 1 as follows:

Work 35 (37) 41 (45) sts, bind off 3 sts, work until there are 75 (83) 87 (91) sts on the right needle, after the bound off sts, bind off 3 sts, work to end of row.

Let the body rest, while the sleeves are worked.

**Sleeves**

Cast on 36 (40) 44 (48) sts on a 4,5 mm double-pointed needles with MC. Join in the round, place a marker around the first stitch and work in rib as follows: P1 (marked stitch) \*k1, p1\*. Repeat from \* to \*. End with k1.

Work a total of 4 cm of rib.

Change to 5,5 mm needle and work in fisherman's rib in one colour as follows:

Pattern round 1: P1, \*sl1 and wrap the yarn up and over the needles, p1\*. Repeat from \* to \*. End with sl1 and wrap the yarn up and over the needles.

Pattern round 2: P1, \*knit yarn over and stitch together, p1\*. Repeat from \* to \*. End with knit yarn over and stitch together.

Repeat these 2 rounds.

Begin increases when the sleeve measures approx. 10 cm. Work increases on Pattern round 2 as follows: P1, 3-in-1, \*p1, knit yarn over and stitch together\*, repeat from \* to \* to the last stitch of the round, 3-in-1. On the next round the yarn over is purled.

Work an increase round in this way approx. every 8 cm another 2 times – each time on a Pattern round 2. There are now 48 (52) 56 (60) sts.

At the same time, when the sleeve measures approx. 21 cm, two-colour fisherman's rib is worked as follows: End on a Pattern round 1, join CC1 and work as follows:

Pattern round 2 (CC1): P1, \*knit yarn over and stitch together, p1\*. Repeat from \* to \*. End with knit yarn over and stitch together.

Pattern round 1 (MC): P1, \*sl1 and wrap the yarn up and over the needles, p1\*. Repeat from \* to \*. End with sl1 and wrap the yarn up and over the needles. Repeat these 2 round until as many rounds have been worked with MC+CC1 as on the body (the sleeve now measures approx. 41 cm), then bind off for the armhole on a Pattern round 2 with CC1 as follows: Do not work the last stitch of the previous round (the one before the marked stitch). Begin by binding off 3 sts (the marked stitch + one stitch on either side of it), then work to end of round.

Work a second sleeve the same way as the first.

### Yoke

Join the sleeves to the body on the circular needle, over where stitches were bound off for the armholes.

There are 235 (255) 275 (295) sts on the needle.

Continue in two-coloured fisherman's rib.

Begin with MC + CC1 as on the body. Work Pattern row 2 (MC, RS), while at the same time purling together the last stitch from each section together with the first stitch of the next section. Mark the resulting 4 sts for raglan decreases.

Break CC1 and join CC2. Work Pattern row 3 and 4, then all 4 Pattern rows.

Begin raglan decreases and decreases along the front edges for v neck (Pattern row 1, CC2, RS) as follows: Row 1 (CC2, RS): P1, \*\*left decrease, p1, \*knit yarn over and stitch together, p1\*, repeat from \* to \* to 3 sts before the marked stitch, right decrease, p1\*\*, repeat from \*\* to \*\* 4 more times. Remember – do not turn the work, but push the sts to the opposite end of the circular needle and work a row from the RS once more.

Repeat these decreases every 8th row 5 (5) 6 (7) more times.

Then do not work decreases along the front edges, but work the raglan decreases once more after 8 rows, then every 4th row a total of 3 (4) 4 (4) times = 47 (51) 51 (51) m.

At the same time, when the same number of rows have been worked with MC + CC2 as with MC + CC1, the work is continued in one colour fisherman's rib as the beginning of the body.

Let the sts rest.

### Finishing

Edge along fronts and neck: Beginning at the bottom hem of the right front and using MC and a 4,5 mm circular needle, pick up and knit 1 stitch for ever 2 rows along both fronts and knit across the resting sts along the neck edge. End on an odd number of sts.

Next row (WS): Begin with p1 and work in k1, p1 ribbing to end of row.

Work a total of 4 rows of ribbing.

Mark the placement of 4 buttonholes along the right front. The top buttonhole should be placed just below the first decreases along the front edge. The remaining evenly spaced approx. 10 cm apart below this.

Next row (WS): Work in ribbing and bind off 3 sts at each marked buttonhole position.

Next row (RS): Work in ribbing and cast on 3 new sts over where sts were bound off on the previous row. Bind off when a total of 9 rows of ribbing have been worked.

Sew the little hole under each sleeve and weave in all ends.

Gently rinse work, put it through a (dry) spin cycle in the washing machine and lay it flat to dry.