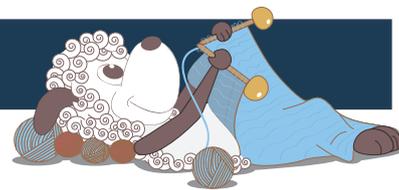


Iben - an adorable small vest for little boys and girls



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This design is part of a little collection inspired by the works of the famous Danish-Norwegian poet and author **Ludvig Holberg**. Holberg lived from 1684-1754, and even though this is a long time ago, he had a very special talent for showing – and exposing – different types of people, which is a big part of what makes him relevant still today.

The little vest Iben is inspired by Holberg's comedy "Barselsstuen". Although women no longer have an extended period of confinement after birth where they are to remain in bed to recover, the particular mood of the "barselsstue" after a new baby is born with well meaning maternity advice, gossip and chatter still exists. Most bring a gift for the new baby and this undershirt or vest would make any new mother happy. The wool is soft as butter, so nothing can irritate the soft, delicate skin of the little wearer.

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Materials

Anina from Filcolana: 100 (100) 100 (100) g in color 820 (isabella melange) or color 978 (oatmeal melange)
3 (3) 4 (4) buttons
3 mm circular needle, 40 cm

Sizes

0-3 (6-9) 12-18 (24) months/56 (74) 86 (92) cl
Body, chest: 39-43 (44-48) 49-53 (54-58) cm
Vest, chest: 44 (49) 55 (60) cm
Total length: 27 (30) 33 (36) cm

Gauge

30 sts and 40 rows in broken rib on 3 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm.

Special abbreviations

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

M1R: from the back, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle and knit through the front loop (right leaning increase).



Broken rib in the round

Round 1: *k1, p1*. Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 2: Knit.

Repeat these 2 rounds.

Broken rib worked back and forth

RS rows: Knit.

WS rows: Work k1, p1 rib.

Directions for knitting

The vest is worked from the top down with raglan increases on the yoke. The vest is worked back and forth until the little button placket has been worked, as well as all of the raglan increases. The stitches are bound off for the armholes and the work is joined in the round for the knitting of the body.

Vest

Cast on 75 (79) 83 (87) sts on a 3 mm needle and knit 4 rows. At the same time place the following 4 markers: Knit 15 (16) 17 (18) sts, place a marker around the next stitch, k7, place a marker around the next stitch (raglan stitch), knit 27 (29) 31 (33) sts, place a marker around the next stitch, k7, place a marker around the next stitch, knit 15 (16) 17 (18) sts.

The marked sts are knit on all rows. The stitch before and the stitch after each marked stitch is knit on the RS and purled on the WS.

Work the next row (WS) as follows:

Girl: k1, k2tog, yarn over (buttonhole), work k1, p1 rib – beginning with k1 (p1) k1 (p1) – until there are 12 (14) 14 (16) sts left on the needle, turn and slip the first stitch purl-wise with the yarn in front of the needle, then lift the working yarn up and over the needle and pull until the stitch looks as through it is 2 sts.

Boy: k3, work k1, p1 rib – beginning with k1 (p1) k1 (p1) – until there are 12 (14) 14 (16) sts left on the needle, turn and slip the first stitch purl-wise with the yarn in front of the needle, then lift the working yarn up and over the needle and pull until the stitch looks as through it is 2 sts.

Next row (RS): Knit while working increases before and after each marked stitch as follows: *Knit to 1 stitch before marked stich, M1r, k3, M1l*. Repeat from * to * 3 more times, then knit until there are 12 (14) 14 (16) sts left on the needle, turn and slip the first stitch purl-wise with the yarn in front of the needle, then lift the working yarn up and over the needle and pull until the stitch looks as through it is 2 sts.

Continue in broken rib, working increases as estab-



lished above every other row. New sts are worked in pattern. Turn twice more at either end of the work a established above, each time 3 sts after the last turn. Work the double-looking stitch as one.

Now work back and forth in broken rib, while knitting the first and last 3 sts of every row.

Boy only: Work a buttonhole at the front edge on the first RS row as follows: k1, k2tog, yarn over, work in pattern to the last 3 sts, k3.

Both boys and girls: Work a buttonholes in this way every 10th row another 2 (2) 3 (3) times.

Continue working raglan increases until a total of 17 (20) 23 (26) increase rows have been worked.

Now work garter ridges at armhole edges.

Next row (WS): K3, *work in pattern to 1 stitch before next marked stitch, knit to 1 stitch after next marked stitch*. Repeat from * to * once more, work in pattern to the last 3 sts, k3.

Repeat this row twice more.

Next row (RS): *Knit to the next marked stitch, knit marked stitch, bind off the next 41 (47) 53 (59) sts knit-wise*. Repeat from * to * once more, knit to the last 3 sts. Join in the round by slipping the last 3 sts to an extra needle and placing this needle in front (girls)/behind (boys) the first 3 sts on the opposite end of the circular needle, then knitting together one stitch from the front needle with one stitch from the back needle.

Break the yarn. Move the sts around on the needle, so that the round nows beginnd at the bound off sts of

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Knit on the RS, purl on the WS

Knit on the WS, knit on the RS

the right armhole. Cast on 3 new sts, work in pattern to the bound off sts of the left armhole, cast on 3 new sts, then work in pattern to the end of the round. There are now 132 (148) 164 (180) sts on the needle.

Work straight in pattern until the vest measures 26 (29) 32 (35) cm, ending on a knit round. Then work the following rounds: Purl 1 round, knit 1 round, purl 1 round. Bind off knit-wise.

Weave in the ends. Gently rinse the vest, put it through a (dry) spin cycle in the washing machine and lay it on a flat surface to dry.

Sew in the buttons across from the buttonholes.