

Lyon - an angular cardigan



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A talk between two very skilled knitwear designers was the inspiration behind this cardigan. Rachel Søgaard tells about the design: When I had the idea for this design, a colleague of mine – a very accomplished knitting designer – said that this construction was impossible. Naturally I had to disprove her, so started on the design immediately. Her opinion was, that the combination of stockinette stitch and garter stitch at a right angle to each other was impossible to make work. In theory it should indeed cause issues, but in practice it works quite wonderfully.

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Materials

200 (250) 250 (300) g New Zealand lammeuld by Filcolana in colour 950
3 mm circular needle
Stitch markers
Crochet hook and a scrap of yarn for the provisional cast-on
4 buttons

Sizes

S (M) L (XL)

Measurement

Body, chest: 80-88 (89-96) 97-104 (105-112) cm
Sweater, chest (measured just under sleeve): 86 (92) 100 (108) cm
Sleeve length (measured from under sleeve): 43,5 (45) 46,5 (48) cm
Total length (to shoulder): 50 (53) 56 (59) cm

Gauge

26 sts and 38 rows in stockinette stitch on a 3 mm needle = 10 x 10 cm



25 sts and 54 rows in garter stitch on a 3 mm needle = 10 x 10 cm

Special abbreviations

sl: slip stitch(es) purl-wise

wiyf: With the yarn in front.

wyib: With the yarn in back.

M1L (Make 1 Left): from the front, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle and knit through the back loop.

M1R (Make 1 Right): from the back, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle and knit through the front loop.

CDD (Centered Double Decrease): slip 2 sts together as if knitting them together, k1, pass the 2 slipped stitches over the knitted stitch.

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

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.

Backward loop cast-on: Form a ring in the working yarn with the long end (attached to the ball of yarn) over the end coming from the knitting, insert the right needle into the front of the ring and tighten the yarn to form a stitch.

Directions for knitting

The design is worked from the centre of the back and up, then each front is worked and then the top of the back is worked. Finally sts for the sleeves are picked up and knitted and the sleeves are worked from the body out.

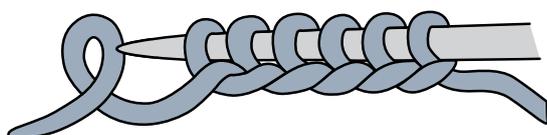
Back

Start at the centre of the back at the hem.

Cast on 17 sts using an i-cord cast-on as follows: Cast on 3 sts using a knitted cast-on, *knit into the front

Backward loop cast-on

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and back of the first stitch, knit to end of row. Slip the last 3 sts back on the left needle *. Repeat from * to * until there are 17 sts on the needle.

Now work back and forth, working an i-cord edge across the first and last 2 sts on the needle, while working increases at the same time as follows:

Row 1 (WS): Sl2 wiyf (i-cord), k5, p3, k5, k2 (i-cord).

Row 2: Sl2 wiyf, k5, M1R, k1 (place marker around this stitch), M1L, k1, M1R, k1 (place marker around this stitch), M1L, k5, k2 (4 sts have been increased).

Row 3: Sl2 wiyf, k6, p5, k6, k2.

Row 4: Sl2 wiyf, k6, M1R, k1, M1L, k3, M1R, k1, M1L, k6, k2.

Row 5: Sl2 wiyf, k7, p7, k7, k2.

Row 6: Sl2 wiyf, k7, M1R, k1, M1L, k5, M1R, k1, M1L, k7, k2.

Continue as established, working an increase on both sides of the marked sts every other row (ie. every RS row) until there is a total of 115 (123) 131 (139) stockinette stitch sts between the marked sts and 62 (66) 70 (74) garter ridge sts + edge sts on either side. A total of 57 (61) 65 (69) increase rows have been worked. End on a WS row.

Right front

Let the centre 117 (125) 133 (141) sts rest (the 115 (123) 131 (139) stockinette sts + the marked stitch either side) and continue across the 64 (68) 72 (76) sts on the right side of the work, for the right front. Work back and forth in garter stitch with an i-cord edge at the right edge of the work until 10 (12) 14 (16) garter ridges have been worked after the split. End on a RS row, then cast on 59 (62) 65 (68) new sts in extension of the sts on the needle, using the provisional cast-on method. There are now a total of 123 (130) 137 (144) sts on the right front.

Now work back and forth across all of these sts, still working an i-cord edge at the right edge and working an increase at the left edge (shoulder) 1 stitch from the edge every 14th (14th) 16th (16th) row a total of 4 times. There are now 127 (134) 141 (148) sts on the needle.

Work 7 (13) 11 (17) rows straight. End on a WS row. Now work short rows to widen the hem of the front as follows:

Starting with a RS row, work until there are 9 (10) 11 (12) sts left on the needle, turn (as described at the beginning of the pattern). Work to end of row.

Work to 9 (10) 11 (12) sts before last turn. Work to end of row. Repeat from * to * until a total of 7 turns have been worked. Now work a RS row across all sts, remembering to knit the 2 legs of the turning sts together. Cast on 23 (24) 25 (26) new sts for the collar in extension of the sts on the needle using the backward loop cast-on method.

Work 25 rows across all sts, then bind off from the RS using the i-cord bind-off method, while at the same time working buttonholes as follows:

Place the work so the 2 i-cord edge sts at the right side of the work are facing RS out and are placed on the left needle with the other sts.

Work *k1, skp, slip these 2 sts back to the left needle, and pull the yarn around the back of the work*. Repeat from * to *.

Bind off 22 sts in this way. Work a buttonhole as follows: *k2, slip these 2 sts back on the left needle*. Repeat from * to * 2 more times (this is the buttonhole). Bind off the next 10 sts the same way as before, then work 3 more buttonholes with the same interval. Bind off the remaining sts the same way as before.

Left front

Now work across the 64 (68) 72 (76) sts on the left side of the work for the left front. Work back and forth in garter stitch with a 2 stitch i-cord edge at the left edge until a total of 10 (12) 14 (16) garter ridges have been worked since the split.

Cast on 59 (62) 65 (68) new sts using the provisional cast-on method, then continue across the 64 (68) 72 (76) sts on the needle from the RS. Finish the left front the same way as the right front, only mirror reversed, and working the short rows from the WS and binding off using the i-cord bind-off from the Rs, but without buttonholes. Finish by sewing the 2 i-cord edge sts together with the 2 edge sts from the hem of the cardigan.

Back

Now work the 117 (125) 133 (141) sts, beginning with a RS row. Work back and forth in stockinette stitch for a total of 19,5 (21) 22,5 (24) cm. End on a WS row.

Now bind off the centre 27 (29) 31 (33) sts and finish each side separately.

Bind off 9 sts at the armhole edge every other row a total of 4 times, then bind off 6 (9) 12 (15) sts once 2 rows after. At the same time work a decrease at the neck edge every other row a total of 3 times.

Finish the other side on the same way, only mirror reversed.



Left sleeve

Open the provisional cast-on a place the resulting 59 (62) 65 (68) sts on the needle. Beginning from the RS, knit 1 row while at the same time increasing 4 sts evenly across the row. Now pick up and knit 60 (63) 66 (69) sts (approx. 3 sts for every 4 rows) from the RS along the armhole on the back. There are now a total of 123 (129) 135 (141) sts on the needle.

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch, working a decrease after the first and before the last stitch every 4th row a total of 34 (35) 36 (37) times. There are now a total of 55 (59) 63 (67) sts on the needle. If necessary, work straight until sleeve has the desired length minus approx. 12 (13) 14 (15) cm. End on a RS row.

Now work the cuff in vertical garter ridges as follows: Cast on 31 (33) 35 (37) sts in extension of the sts on the needle. Turn. Work sl2 wiyf (i-cord edge), knit 29 (31) 33 (35) sts, purl 55 (59) 63 (67) sts, cast on 31 (33) 35 (37) sts in extension of the sts on the needle. There are now 117 (125) 133 (141) sts on the needle.

Now work decreases as follows:

Row 1: Sl2 wiyf (i-cord edge), knit 28 (30) 32 (34) sts, CDD, knit 51 (55) 59 (63) sts, CDD, knit 30 (32) 34 (36) sts. (A total of 4 sts have been decreased).

Row 2: Sl2 wiyf (i-cord edge), knit 28 (30) 32 (34) sts, purl 53 (57) 61 (65) sts, knit 30 (32) 34 (36) sts.

Row 3: Sl2 wiyf, knit 27 (29) 31 (33) sts, CDD, knit 49 (53) 57 (61) sts, CDD, knit 29 (31) 33 (35) sts.

Continue in this way, working decreases every other row until there is 1 stitch left between the 2 decreases. End with a decrease row (RS).

Next row: P2tog, bind off 3 sts knit-wide, p3tog, pass the right stitch on the right needle over the next stitch, bind off 3 sts, p2tog, pass the right stitch on the right needle over the next stitch.

Right sleeve

Work the same as the left sleeve, only mirror reversed. The first stitches are picked up and knited along the armhole on the back and then the provisional cast-on is opened up.

Finishing

Sew the collar together at the back of the neck.

Sew the shoulder seams and sew the collar to the neck edge. The collar is slightly larger than the neck edge, so may need to be eased in place.

Sew the sleeve seams and sew the top of the sleeve seam to the front and back.

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

Sew button in across from the buttonholes.