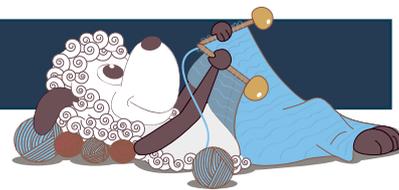


Malte - a warm cardigan for little boys



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A small cardigan knit in the softest yarn, with a sweet little slipped stitch pattern. Malte takes time to knit, but is worth the effort!

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Materials

Anina by Filcolana: 100 (150) 150 (200) 200 g 1061 (Arctic blue) (A) and 50 g in color 2169 (Blue haze) (B) + a scrap in color 332 (Warm olive) (C).

2,5 and 3 mm circular needles

Stitch markers

4 (4) 4 (5) 5 buttons

Sizes

3 months (6 months) 1 year (2 years) 4 years

Measurements

Cardigan, chest: 53 (57) 60 (64) 68 cm

Total length: 29 (31) 34 (38) 42 cm

Sleeve length: 16 (19) 22 (25) 28 cm

Gauge

32 sts and 56 rows in pattern on 3 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm

Edge stitches

Slip first stitch knit-wise with the yarn held in back and purl the last stitch of every row.

Special abbreviations

Sl: slip stitch(es)

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

Slipped Stitch Pattern

Row 1 (color A, RS): Sl1, knit to last stitch, p1.

Row 2 (color A): Sl1, knit to last stitch, p1.

Row 3 (color B): Sl1, *k1, sl1 purl-wise with the yarn held in back*. Repeat from * to *. End with k1, p1.

Row 4 (color B): Sl1, *k1, sl1 purl-wise with the yarn held in front*. Repeat from * to *. End with k1, p1.

Repeat these 4 rows.

Directions for knitting

The cardigan is worked from the bottom up, back and forth on a circular needle. First the body is worked to the armholes, then the sleeves are worked to the same point. Then sleeves and body are joined and the yoke is worked with raglan decreases and decreases along the front edges for the v-neck. Finally the front and neck edge is worked as one, with buttonholes.

Body

Cast on 163 (175) 187 (199) 211 sts with color C on a 2,5 mm circular needle using the long-tail cast-on method. Change to color A and work twisted rib:



Row 1 (WS): p1, *k1, p1 through the back loop*. Repeat from * to *. End with k1, p1.

Row 2: k1, *p1, k1 through the back loop*. Repeat from * to *. End with p1, k1.

Repeat these 2 rows until a total of 9 rows have been worked.

Change to a 3 mm circular needle and work in pattern until the work measures 13 (15) 17 (20) 23 cm. End

on Row 4 of pattern.

Work decreases for v-neck (RS): Sl1, skp, work in pattern to the last 3 sts, k2tog, p1.

Repeat these decreases every 4th row a total of 4 times = 155 (167) 179 (191) 203 sts on the needle.

Bind off for the armholes on the next WS row: Sl1, knit 32 (35) 38 (41) 44 sts, bind off 6 sts, knit until there are 77 (83) 89 (95) 101 sts on the needle after the bound off sts, bind off 6 sts, knit to end of row. Let the work rest on the needle while the sleeves are worked.

Sleeves

Cast on 43 (45) 47 (49) 51 sts with color C on a 2,5 mm circular needle. Change to color A and work ribbing the same way as for the body.

Change to a 3 mm circular needle and work pattern. Work an increase row on Row 1 of pattern and then on every 8th row until there are 61 (67) 71 (75) 79 sts on the needle.

Increase row: Sl1, M1, work in pattern to last stitch, M1, p1.

Continue straight in pattern when all increases have been worked, until sleeve measures 16 (19) 22 (25) 28 cm. End on Row 4 of pattern. Bind off 4 sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows.

Work a second sleeve the same way as the first.

Yoke

Join the sleeves to the body over where sts were bound off for the armholes on either side of the body. Place a marker each of the 4 places where body and sleeves meet. There are now 249 (273) 293 (313) 333 sts on the needle.

Continue the decreases at the front edges every 4th row for as long as possible, while at the same time beginning raglan decreases every 4th row (RS): Work to 2 sts before marker, *k2tog, slip marker, skp*. Repeat from * to * a total of 4 times, work to end of row.

Work a total of 16 (18) 20 (22) 24 raglan decrease rows, then work one last row of raglan decreases, but with no decreases on the fronts (RS): Work to marker, slip marker, skp, work to 2 sts before marker, *k2tog, slip marker, skp*. Repeat from * to * once more. Work to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, slip marker, work to end of row. Leave work on needle.

Finishing

Using color A and a 2,5 mm circular needle, pick up and knit sts along the right front edge (pick up approx. 3 sts for every 4 rows along the rib edge and 1 stitch for every 2 rows along the body). Continue across the sts of the shoulder and neck already on the needle, knitting together every 5th and 6th stitch. Then pick up and knit sts along the left front edge, the same way as for the right front edge. Make sure to end up with an odd number of sts.

Work twisted rib the same way as at the beginning of the work.

Chart

∇	-	∇	-	∇	-	∇	4
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∇	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
-	-	-	-	-	-	∇	1
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	

 color A

 color B

 knit on the RS, purl on the WS

 purl on the RS, knit on the WS

 slip stitch knit-wise with yarn held in back

 slip stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in back on the RS, then slip the same stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front on the WS

 pattern repeat

Work buttonholes on the 5th row. The buttonholes are worked on the left front edge for boys and on the right for girls. Place the first buttonhole approx. 1 cm from the hem and the top buttonhole right where the decreases along the front begin. Distribute the remaining 2 (2) 2 (3) 3 buttonholes evenly between these 2.

Buttonhole: Bind off 2 sts, cast on 2 new sts on the following row.

Work a total of 8 rows of ribbing, then change to color C. Work 1 last row of ribbing, then bind off in pattern.

Sew the sleeve seams. Sew up the little holes under the sleeves. Sew in the buttons across from the buttonholes.

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