

Mikkel - a warm vest for little boys



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A small vest knit in the softest yarn, with a sweet little slipped stitch pattern. Mikkel takes time to knit, but is very much worth the effort.

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Materials

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

2,5 and 3 mm circular needles
2,5 m double-pointed needles

Sizes

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

Measurements

Vest, chest: 51 (55) 59 (63) 66 cm
Total length: 25 (28) 31 (34) 37 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

In the round

Round 1 (color A, RS): Knit.

Round 2 (color A): Knit.

Round 3 (color B): *k1, sl1 purl-wise with the yarn held in back. *Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 4 (color B): *p1, sl1 purl-wise with the yarn held in back. *Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Repeat these 4 rounds.

Back and forth

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 vest is worked from the bottom up and in the



round to the armholes. Then the work is split into a back and two fronts and each is finished separately. The shoulder stitches are bound off together using the 3-needle bind-off. Then armhole edges are worked on double-pointed needle and the neck edge back and forth on a circular needle.

Body

Cast on 164 (176) 188 (200) 212 sts with color C on a 2,5 mm circular needle using the long-tail cast-on method. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. Change to color A and work twisted rib:

Round 1: *k1 through the back loop, p1. *Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Work Round 1 for a total of 9 rounds.

Change to a 3 mm circular needle and work in pattern until the work measures 15 (17) 19 (21) 23 cm. End on Round 1 of pattern.

Bind off for the armholes and v-neck: Bind off 3 sts, work until there are 37 (40) 43 (46) 49 sts on the needle after the bound off sts, bind off 1 m af, work until there are 37 (40) 43 (46) 49 sts on the needle after the bound off sts, bind off 7 sts, work until there are 75 (81) 87 (93) 99 sts on the needle after the bound off sts, bind off 4 sts.

Back

Work the back in pattern, beginning with color B and Row 3 of pattern. Align pattern with sts below.

Work a decrease row every RS row: Sl1, k2tog, work to the last 3 sts, skp, p1.

Work a total of 5 decrease rows, then continue

straight in pattern until the armhole measures 9 (10) 11 (12) 13 cm. End on a WS row.

Work across the first 17 (19) 21 (23) 25 sts in pattern for a total of 4 more rows for the shoulder. Place sts on a stitch holder.

Work the last 17 (19) 21 (23) 25 sts in the same way for the other shoulder and place them on a stitch holder.

Let the remaining sts rest on a needle and work the fronts.

Left front

Work left front in pattern, beginning with color B and Row 3 of pattern. Align pattern with sts below.

Work decreases for both armhole and v-neck every RS row: Sl1, k2tog, work to the last 3 sts, skp, p1. Work a total of 5 decrease rows in this way.

Now continue decreases for the v-neck only every RS row: Work to the last 3 sts, skp, p1.

Work a total of 10 (11) 12 (13) 14 of the v-neck decrease rows. Work straight in pattern until the armhole measures 10 (11) 12 (13) 14 cm.

Place the sts on a stitch holder and finish the **right front** in the same way, only mirror reversed. Work decreases for both armhole and v-neck in the same way as for the right front.

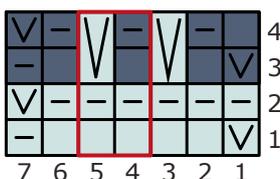
Work decreases for the v-neck only in the following way: Sl1, k2tog, work to end of row.

Finishing

Place the sts for both front and back of the left shoulder back on needles and bind them off together using the 3-needle bind-off. Repeat for the right shoulder.

Charts

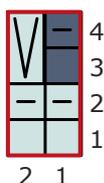
Back and forth



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

In the round



- knit on the RS
- purl on the RS
- slip stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in back, then slip the same stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in back on the next round
- pattern repeat

Armhole edges

Pick up and knit sts along one armhole edge using color A and 2,5 mm double-pointed needles. Pick up and knit approx. 1 stitch for every 2 rows along the straight vertical edges and 1 stitch at the bottom of the armhole. Make sure to end up with an even number of sts.

Join in the round and work twisted rib the same way as at the beginning of the work for a total of 8 rounds. Change to color C and work one last round of twisted rib. Bind off in pattern.

Work the second armhole edge the same way as the first.

Neck edge

Pick up and knit sts along the neck edge, beginning mid front. Pick up and knit 1 stitch for every 2 rows up along the right front edge to the resting back of neck sts, knit across these sts, then pick up and knit sts along the left front edge the way as for the right front down to the mid front point. Make sure to end up with an odd number of sts. Work back and forth in 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 8 rows of ribbing have been worked. Change to color C and work one last row of twisted rib. Bind off in pattern.

Overlap the left part of the ribbing over the right mid front and sew down the ends.

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.

