

Annika - a sweet and feminine cardigan for girls



Design: Sanne Bjerregaard

Annika is a sweet and feminine cardigan with cables down the sleeves, worked in a lovely combination of our Merci and Tilia yarns. The designer Sanne Bjerregaard is very inspired by the stories created by the wonderful imagination of Swedish author Astrid Lindgren. She's especially charmed by the stories about Pippi Longstocking and has created a series of designs based on the characters in these stories.

The Pippis sweater is like Pippi herself – colourful and a bit crazy. The Tommy and Annika designs are a bit more cautious and timid, as the 2 siblings are always looking on with open mouths as Pippi puts her wild ideas into action.

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Materials

100 (100) 150 (150) 200 (200) g Merci by Filcolana in colour 1090 (White)
50 (75) 75 (100) 100 (100) g Tilia fra Filcolana in colour 255 (Limelight)
3 mm and 4 mm circular needles, 60 or 80 cm
3 mm and 4 mm soule-pointed needles (if the magic loop technique is not used)
5 (6) 6 (6) 7 (7) buttons

Sizes

1 year/80 cl (2 years/92 cl) 4 years/104 cl (6 years/116 cl) 8 years/128 cl (10 years/140 cl)

Measurements

Body, chest: 50-52 (53-55) 56-58 (59-61) 62-64 (65-68) cm
Sweater, chest: 58 (61) 64 (68) 71 (75) cm
Length (measured mid back): 31 (35) 41 (43) 47



(50) cm

Gauge

21 sts and 31 rows in stockinette stitch on a 4 mm needle with 1 strand of Merci and 1 strand of Tilia held together = 10 x 10 cm.

Directions for knitting

Annika is worked from the top down, with cables on the shoulders and down the sleeves. All rib edges are worked in 2 strands of Tilia, while the rest of the cardigan is worked in 1 strand of Tilia and 1 strand of Merci held together.

Special abbreviations

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

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

Ldec (left leaning decrease): Insert right needle through first stitch as if to knit leaving the stitch on the needle, then insert the needle through the back loop of the second stitch and pull the working yarn through both sts and letting them fall off the needle.

Special techniques

Short rows with shadow twin: See page 4

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.

Cable (12 sts)

Row 1 (RS): Knit.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: Knit.

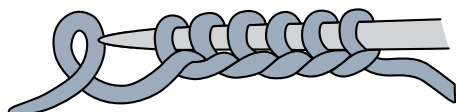
Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: Slip 4 sts onto a cable needle and hold to front of work, k4, k4 from cable needle, k4.

Row 6: Work as Row 2.

Special techniques: Backward loop cast-on

Form a loop of yarn where the working yarn (ending in the ball of yarn) folds over the end of the yarn ending at the stitches on the needle. Insert the right needle into the front of the loop and tighten the loop to form the stitch. Repeat for the required number of stitches.



Row 7: Work as Row 3.

Row 8: Work as Row 2.

Row 9: Work as Row 3.

Row 10: Work as Row 2.

Row 11: K4, slip 4 sts onto a cable needle and hold to back of work, k4, k4 from cable needle.

Row 12: Work as Row 2.

Repeat these 12 rows.

Yoke

Cast on 75 (81) 81 (85) 85 (85) sts on a 3 mm circular needle with 2 strands of Tilia held together. Work back and forth on the circular needle:

Row 1 (WS): P1, *p1, k1*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts, p2.

Row 2: K1, *k1, p1*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts, k2.

Repeat these 2 rows until the rib measures 2 (2) 3 (3) 3 (3) cm. End on a RS row.

Break a strand of Tilia and join a strand of Merci to knit with 1 strand of Tilia and 1 strand of Merci held together.

Change to a 4 mm circular needle and work 1 row of decreases as follows:

Size 1 year: K9, *p2tog, 9 vr*, repeat from * to * to end of row. There are now 69 sts.

Size (2) and 4 years: P8, *p2tog, p7*, repeat from * to *, end with p2tog, p8. There are now 73 sts.

Size (6), 8 and (10) years: P7, *p2tog, p8*, repeat from * to *, end with p2tog, p6. There are now 77 sts.

All sizes

Now divide the work for back, fronts and sleeves while at the same time working short rows (RS): Knit 9 (10) 10 (11) 11 (11) sts, M1L, mark and knit the next stitch (raglan stitch), M1R, place marker, work Row 1 of the cable pattern over the next 12 sts, place marker, M1L, mark and knit the next stitch (raglan stitch), M1R, knit 23 (25) 25 (27) 27 (27) sts, M1L, mark and knit the next stitch (raglan stitch), M1R, place marker, work Row 7 of the cable pattern over the next 12 sts, place marker, M1L, mark and knit the next stitch (raglan stitch), M1R, turn (using shadow twin method).

Row 2: Purl to 1 after the last marked raglan stitch, turn (using shadow twin method).

Row 3: Knit to marked raglan stitch, M1L, k1 (raglan stitch), M1R, knit to marker, work Row 3 of the cable pattern over the next 12 sts, knit to raglan stitch, M1L, k1 (raglan stitch), M1R, knit to raglan stitch, M1L, k1 (raglan stitch), M1R, knit to marker, work Row 9 of the cable pattern over the next 12 sts, knit to raglan stitch, M1L, k1 (raglan stitch), M1R, knit to turn, knit shadow twin stitch, turn (using shadow twin method).

Row 4: Purl to turn on left front, purl shadow twin stitch, turn (using shadow twin method).

Row 5: Work as Row 3, working the appropriate row of the cable.



Row 6: Work as Row 4.

Row 7: Work as Row 3.

Row 8: Work as Row 4.

Size (2) and 4 years

Repeat Row 5 and 6 once more.

All sizes

Row 9: Work as Row 3, but knit to turn, knit shadow twin stitch, turn (using shadow twin method).

Row 10: Work as Row 4, but purl to turn, purl shadow twin stitch, turn (using shadow twin method).

Row 11: Work as Row 9.

Row 12: Work as Row 10.

Size (6) 8 and (10) years

Repeat Row 9 and 10 once more.

All sizes

Row 13: Work as Row 3, but knit to turn, knit shadow twin stitch, knit to end of row.

Row 14: Work as Row 4, but purl to turn, purl shadow twin stitch, purl to end of row.

All short rows have now been worked.

Continue by working back and forth in stockinette stitch across all sts, with raglan increases as established on all RS rows and repeating the cable pattern on the sleeves until there are 25 (27) 28 (30) 31 (33) sts on each front, 44 (46) 50 (50) 52 (56) sts on each sleeve and 55 (59) 61 (65) 67 (71) sts on the back. End on a WS row.

Body

Split the work for sleeves and body. Note which rows

of the cable pattern you have gotten to, so you know where to continue where to continue from, when working the sleeves.

Next row (RS): Knit to raglan stitch, k1, place the sts for the sleeve (up to the next raglan stitch) on a stitch holder, cast on 6 (6) 7 (7) 8 (8) new sts in extension of the sts on the needle using the backward loop method, k1 (raglan stitch), knit across back to next raglan stitch, k1, place the sts for the sleeve (up to the next raglan stitch) on a stitch holder, cast on 6 (6) 7 (7) 8 (8) new sts in extension of the sts on the needle using the backward loop method, k1 (raglan stitch), knit across front to end of row. There are now 121 (129) 135 (143) 149 (157) sts on the needle for the body.

Continue in stockinette stitch as established until the body measures 15 (18) 21 (23) 26 (28) cm from the armhole down. End on a WS row.

Break the strand of Merci and join in a strand of Tilia, so the rib edge can be worked in 2 strands of Tilia held together. Change to a 3 mm circular needle.

Next row (RS):

Size 1 year: K11, *M1L, 9 r*, repeat from * to * to the last 11 sts, M1L, k11. There are now 133 sts.

Size 2 years: *K10, M1L*, repeat from * to * to the last 9 sts, k9. There are now 141 sts.

Size 4 years: *K9, M1L*, repeat from * to * to the last 9 sts, k9. There are now 149 sts.

Size 6 years: K7, *M1L, k10*, repeat from * to * to the last 6 sts, M1L, k6. There are now 157 sts.

Size 8 years: *K10, M1L*, repeat from * to * to the last 9 sts, k9. There are now 163 sts.

Size 10 years: K11, *M1L, 9 r*, repeat from * to * to the last 11 sts, M1L, k11. There are now 173 sts.

All sizes

Row 1 (WS): P1, *p1, k1*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts, p2.

Row 2: K1, *k1, p1*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts, k2.

Repeat these 2 rows until the rib measures 4 (4) 5 (5) 5 (5) cm. End on a RS row.

bind off in rib on the next (WS) row.

Sleeves

Begin at the centre of the newly cast on sts for the body in the armhole opening with a 4 mm double-pointed needle, and pick up and knit 4 (4) 4 (4) 5 (5) sts from the armhole edge, from the centre to the sts resting on the stitch holder, knit across the sts on the stitch holder, while working the appropriate row of the cable pattern, then pick up and knit 4 (4) 4 (4) 5 (5) more sts along the from the armhole edge. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round.

Round 1: Knit 3 (3) 3 (3) 4 (4) sts, k2tog, knit to the last 5 (5) 5 (5) 6 (6) sts, k2tog, knit to end of round. There are now 50 (52) 56 (56) 60 (64) m.

Work straight in stockinette stitch and cable pattern until sleeves measures 17 (20) 22 (25) 27 (29) cm. Break the strand of Merci and join in a strand of Tilia,

so the rib edge can be worked in 2 strands of Tilia held together.

Next round: Knit 1 (2) 1 (1) 0 (2) sts, *k1, k2tog*, repeat from * to * to the last 1 (2) 1 (1) (0) 0 (2) sts, knit 1 (2) 1 (1) 0 (2) sts. There are now 34 (36) 38 (38) 40 (44) m.

Change to a 3 mm needle.

Rib: *K1, p1*, repeat from * to * to end of round. Work 4 cm of rib. Bind off in rib.

Work the second sleeve the same as the first.

Left front edge - buttons

Start at the top of the left front edge with a 3 mm needle and 2 strands of Tilia held together. Pick up and knit approx 4 sts for every 5 rows, for a total of 69 (79) 93 (99) 109 (121) sts.

Row 1 (WS): P1, *p1, k1*, repeat from * to * to the last stitch, p1.

Row 2: K1 *k1, p1*, repeat from * to * to the last stitch, k1.

Repeat Row 1 and 2 another 4 times. Bind off in rib on the next (WS) row.

Right front edge - buttonholes

Start at the hem and pick up and knit 69 (79) 93 (99) 109 (121) sts with a 3 mm needle and 2 strand of Tilia held together.

Row 1 (WS): P1, *p1, k1*, repeat from * to * to the last stitch, p1.

Row 2: k1 *k1, p1*, repeat from * to * to the last stitch, k1.

Repeat Row 1 and 2 once more. Repeat Row 1 once more.

Row 6 (buttonholes - RS): K1, 6 (2) 6 (2) 6 (6) sts in rib, *Ldec, yarn over twice, p2tog, 10 (10) 12 (14) 12 (14) sts in rib*, repeat from * to * until there are 6 sts left, Ldec, yarn over twice, p2tog, k2.

Row 7: Work as Row 1, but work p1, k1 through the cabk loop in the double yarn overs from the last row. Work 3 more rows of rib. Bind off in rib on the next (WS) row.

Finishing

Weave in the ends and sew in the buttons across from the buttonholes.

Gently wash the finished cardigan, stretch it into shaping according to the measurements for the knitted size and leave it on a flat surface to dry.

Special techniques: Short rows with shadow twin

Shadow twin from the RS

Turn the work towards you. Insert the right needle through the "back of the neck" of the stitch below the next stitch on the needle as if to knit. Pull the working yarn through to create a stitch.

Place this stitch (the shadow twin of the stitch on the needle) onto the left needle. Turn and continue according to the pattern. When the stitch with the shadow twin is worked, the stitch and the twin are worked together as if they were one stitch.

Shadow twin from the WS

Insert the right needle into the "back of the neck" of the stitch below the next stitch on the needle as if to purl. Pull the working yarn through to create a stitch.

Place this stitch (the shadow twin of the stitch on the needle) onto the left needle. Turn and continue according to the pattern. When the stitch with the shadow twin is worked, the stitch and the twin are worked together as if they were one stitch.

