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## Leone

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#FilcolanaLeone

**A lion tamer often wears a lavish coat when making his amazing entrance into the circus. It has been the inspiration for the design of this long cardigan. The stripes are trapezoidal and despite of knitting “straight down”, the zigzag pattern appears by making increases and decreases throughout the cardigan, which is knitted in one piece, from top to bottom.**

### SIZES

(XS) S (M) L (XL) 2XL

### MEASUREMENTS

Fits chest sizes: (80-89) 90-97 (98-105)

106-115 (116-125) 126-140 cm

Chest: (112) 120 (128) 136 (148) 160 cm

Length: (89) 89 (91) 92 (92) 93 cm

Sleeve length: (43) 43 (43) 43 (40) 38 cm

### GAUGE

17 sts x 25 rows in stockinette on 5 mm needles  
= 10 x 10 cm.

Needle sizes are for guidance only.

If you have more stitches on 10 cm, change to a larger needle. If you have fewer stitches on 10 cm, change to smaller needles.

### MATERIALS

Yarn from Filcolana

#### Colour A:

(250) 300 (350) 350 (350) 400 g **Saga** in colour 120 (Carmine) and

(125) 125 (150) 150 (150) 150 g **Tilia** in colour 218 (Christmas Red)

#### Colour B:

(200) 250 (250) 300 (300) 350 g **Saga** in colour 302 (Ballet Slipper) and

(75) 100 (100) 125 (150) 150 g **Tilia** in colour 321 (Sakura)

**Each colour is knitted with 2 strands of Saga and 1 strand of Tilia held together throughout work.**

**Circular needles** 4.5 and 5 mm, 80-120 cm

**Doublepointed needles** 4.5 mm

**4 stitch markers** or contrast coloured thread

**2 stitch holders** (or waste yarn) for the resting sts

**9 buttons**

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## Technique

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### SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

**Yo:** yarn over.

**Twisted yo:** Work the yarn over twisted. Insert right needle into the yarn over and slip it onto the right needle without knitting it, insert left needle into the yarn over from the back towards the front and lift it onto the left needle, the yarn over has now been twisted, knit the twisted yarn over as a knit st.

**Cdd:** Centre double decrease. Slip 2 sts as if to knit, k1, pass the 2 slipped sts over the knitted st.

### SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

#### German short rows (GSR)

Knit to where the short row shall be. Turn work and slip st onto right needle with yarn in front. Tug the yarn up and over the needle. This creates a double stitch. Continue working the row as instructed in the pattern. On next row work the double sts together as either k2tog or p2tog depending on what the stitches indicate.

This technique is called German short rows.

#### Increases

Increases are knitted over 2 rows.

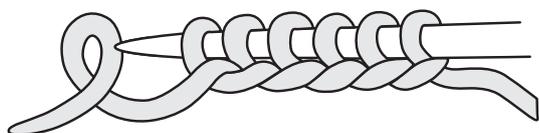
On the wrong side: Work a yarn over on each side of the marked sts.

On the right side: Knit the yarn overs from previous row through the back loop in order for the increases to be right and left leaning respectively.

#### Backward loop cast on

Form a loop with the yarn, so the end attached to the skein of yarn is in front of the end attached to the sts on the needle, insert the right needle through the front of the loop and pull tight so the loop becomes a stitch around the needle.

Repeat until you have the desired number of stitches.




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## Workflow

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Leone, the lion tamers coat is knitted in one piece, starting from the top of the neck.

The diagonal stripes are shaped with increases around marked sts.

When the yoke is knitted, the work is divided into body and sleeves and each part is finished separately.

Finally knit button bands and neckline.



# Pattern

## YOKE

With 5 mm needles and colour A cast on 5 sts.  
Now knit back and forth on the circular needles.

**1st row (WS):** \*P1 (edge st), yarn over (yo), p1, yo, p1 (centre back st), yo, p1, yo, p1 (edge st) = 9 sts.

**2nd row:** K1, k1 tbl, k1, twisted yo, k1 (centre back st) mark this st with a stitch marker, k1 tbl, k1, twisted yo, k1.

**3rd row:** P1, yo, purl to the marked centre st, yo, p1, yo, purl to last st, yo, p1 = 13 sts.

**4th row:** K1, k1 tbl, knit to next yarn over, twisted yo, k1 (centre back st), k1 tbl, knit to next yarn over, twisted yo, k1.

On each side you now have 5 sts between the edge sts and the centre st, 13 sts in total.

Repeat rows 3 and 4, 4 times more and 3rd row once more until you have 15 sts between the edge sts and the centre st (incl. the yarn over).

Change to colour B.

Repeat row 4 once, and then repeat row 3 and 4 a total of (1) 2 (2) 2 (2) 2 times, knit row 3 once more = (19) 21 (21) 21 (21) 21 sts on each side between the edge st and the centre st (incl. yarn over). Last row is a wrong side row, mark the last st on your needle with a stitch marker, this st is now left shoulder st. Do not turn work.

Next up is casting on extra sts for the fronts and knitting German short rows to increase the height of the front neckline and level it, knit as follows:

At the end of the last wrong side row, cast on (16) 18 (18) 18 (18) 18 sts after the marked shoulder sts, using the backward loop cast on method (see special techniques), turn work to right side.

### Short rows, left front:

**1st short row (RS):** K4, turn work.

**2nd short row:** Make 1 German short row (GSR), p2, yo, p1.



**3rd short row:** K1, k1 tbl, knit to short row, knit this st, k4, turn work.

**4th short row:** 1 GSR, purl to last st, yo, p1.

**5th short row:** Knit as 3rd row.

**6th short row:** Knit as 4th row.

### Only sizes S, M, L, XL, and 2XL

Repeat 5th and 6th short row once more.

### All sizes

**Next row (RS):** Knit all sts, the yarn over is knitted as previously, do not turn work. Mark the last st on the needle with a stitch marker (right shoulder) and cast on (16) 18 (18) 18 (18) 18 sts after the shoulder st, turn work.

### Short rows, right front

**1st short row (WS):** P1, yo, p3, turn.

**2nd short row:** 1 GSR, knit to yarn over, twisted yo, k1.

**3rd short row:** P1, yo, purl to short row, purl this st, p4, turn work.

**4th short row:** Knit as 2nd short row.

**5th short row:** P1, yo, purl to short row, purl this st, p4, turn work.

**6th short row:** Knit as 2nd short row.

### Only sizes S, M, L, XL, and 2XL

Repeat 5th and 6th short row once more.



### All sizes

Now work all sts on the needle. Make sure you have (19) 21 (21) 21 (21) 21 sts between all the marked sts = (81) 89 (89) 89 (89) 89 sts in total.

**Next row (WS):** \*P1, yo, purl to the marked st, yo\*, repeat from \* to \* to last st, p1.

**Next row (RS):** Knit all sts, work the yarn overs as before.

Repeat the last 2 rows, **AT THE SAME TIME** change the colourways after every 14 rows (the colour change for the 3rd stripe is most easily counted in the marked centre stitch on the back. Colour changes are always worked on right side rows.

Continue like this till you have (103) 107 (113) 113 (113) 113 sts (incl. yarn overs) on every piece, between the edge st and the marked st = (417) 433 (457) 457 (457) 457 sts in total. Finish with a wrong side row.

### Only sizes XS and S

**Next row (RS):** K1, k1 tbl, knit (58) 62 sts, place the next (89) 89 sts on a stitch holder (left sleeve), cast on 3 sts using the make 1 increase towards method and mark the middle of these sts (left side st), knit (58) 62 sts, twisted yo, k1, k1 tbl, knit (58) 62 sts, place



the next (89) 89 sts on a stitch holder (right sleeve), cast on 3 sts using the make 1 increase towards method and mark the middle of these st (right side st), knit to yo, twisted yo, k1 = (245) 261 sts.

Work is now divided into body and sleeves, stripe pattern continues as before.

**Next row (WS):** P1, yarn over, purl to the marked st on the back, yarn over, purl to last st, yarn over, p1.

**Next row:** \*K1, k1 tbl, knit to 1 st before the marked side st, work a cdd, knit to yo, twisted yo, repeat from \* to \*, knit to last st, twisted yo, k1.

Repeat these 2 rows and continue in stripe pattern till 4th stripe with colour B is knitted, last row is a wrong side row.

### Only sizes M, L, XL og 2XL

Pockets are worked BEFORE dividing into body and sleeves.

### All sizes

#### POCKETS

Stripe pattern continues as before, when you start working the pocket lining and the pocket openings.

#### Pocket opening and the inner front lining of the left front

**Next row (RS):** With colour A knit: K1, k1 tbl, knit 24 sts.

Let the remaining sts rest and continue on the first 26 sts of the front, plus the pocket sts, knit as follows:

In extension of the first 26 sts, cast on 1 st using the make 1 increase towards method, mark this st and cast on an additional 26 sts.

Turn work.

Now work the next 53 sts as follows:

**1st pocket row (WS):** P1, yo, purl to last st, yo, p1.

**2nd pocket row:** K1, k1 tbl, knit to 1 st before the marked st, cdd, knit to yo, twisted yo, k1.

Repeat these 2 rows until you have on the pocket piece worked 14 rows with colour A, and 14 rows with colour B. Last row is a wrong side row.

Break yarn and place the first 27 sts, to the centre st, on



a stitch holder, let the sts rest for now.

Join colour A to the right side of the remaining 28 pocket sts.

**Next row (RS):** K2tog tbl, knit to yo, twisted yo, k1.

**Next row:** P1, yo, purl remaining sts.

Repeat these 2 rows until you have knitted 13 rows in total, last row is a right side row.

Bind off purlwise and break yarn.

Let this side rest while you knit the pocket lining and the pocket opening on the right side, knit as follows:

### **Pocket opening and pocket inner front lining on right front**

Slip all sts except for last 26 sts (seen from RS) to a stitch holder and leave these sts to rest.

Now work only over last 26 sts and cast on new sts as follows:

**1st pocket row (RS):** With colour A cast on 27 sts, mark the last of these sts, and continue over the 26 sts on front as follows: Knit 24 sts, twisted yo, k1 = 53 sts.

**2nd pocket row:** P1, yo, purl to last st, yo, p1.

**3rd pocket row:** K1, k1 tbl, knit to 1 st before the marked st, cdd, knit to yo, twisted yo, k1.

Repeat these 2 rows, until you have knitted 14 rows in colour A and 14 rows in colour B on the pocket 'piece', last row is a wrong side row.

Break colour B, continue with colour A.

**Next row (RS):** K1, k1 tbl, knit to 1 st before the marked st, k2tog, turn work. Let the remaining 27 sts of the front rest on a stitch holder.

**Next row:** Purl to last st, yo, p1.

Repeat these 2 rows, until you have knitted 13 rows with colour A, finish with a right side row.

**Next row (WS):** Bind off purlwise and break colour A.

### **Inner back of the pocket lining**

Slip resting sts back onto needle and cast on new sts on each side, as follows:

**Next row (RS):** With colour A cast on 26 sts on right needle, knit the resting sts in the middle as before and cast on 26 sts using the make 1 increase towards

method at the end of the row = (59) 63 (113) 113 (113) 113 sts on every piece between edge sts and the marked st.

**Next row (WS):** P1, yo, purl to the marked st on the back, yo, p1, yo, purl to last st, yo, p1.

### **Only sizes M, L, XL, and 2XL**

Continue until you have (-) - (115) 121 (125) 129 sts (incl. yarn overs) on every piece between the edge sts and the marked st. Finish with a wrong side row.

**Next row (RS):** K1, k1 tbl, knit (-) - (65) 70 (74) 77 sts, place the next (-) - (99) 101 (101) 103 sts on a stitch holder (left sleeve), cast on 3 sts using the make 1 increase towards method and mark the middle of these sts (left side st), knit (-) - (65) 70 (74) 77 sts, twisted yo, k1, k1 tbl, knit (-) - (65) 70 (74) 77 sts, place the next (-) - (99) 101 (101) 103 sts on a stitch holder (right sleeve), cast on 3 sts using the make 1 increase towards method and mark the middle of these (right side st), knit to the yo, twisted yo, k1 = (-) - (273) 293 (309) 321 sts.

**Next row (WS):** P1, yo, purl to the marked st on the back, yo, p1, yo, purl to last st, yo, p1.

### **All sizes**

**Next row (RS):** \*K1, k1 tbl, knit to 1 st before the marked side st, cdd\*, knit to the centre back st, twisted yo, repeat from \* to \*, knit to last st, twisted yo, k1.

**Next row:** P1, yo, purl to the marked st on the back, yo, p1, yo, purl to last st, yo, p1.

Repeat these 2 rows until you have knitted 14 rows with colour A and 14 rows with colour B from the parting of the pocket lining, last row is a wrong side row. Break colour B and change to colour A.

**Next row (RS):** K1, knit the yarn over tbl, knit 23 sts, k2tog, turn work.

**Next row:** Purl to last st, yo, p1.

Repeat these 2 rows until you have knitted 13 rows with colour A, finish with a right side row.

Bind off these sts purlwise on next row and break yarn.

Now work a similar A-coloured stripe on the other end of the piece. From right side move the outer 27 sts



onto left needle so that these sts can be knitted from the right side. Join colour A to the right side of work and knit the 27 sts as follows:

**Next row (RS):** K2tog tbl, knit 23 sts, twisted yo, k1.

**Next row:** P1, yo, purl remaining sts.

Repeat these 2 rows until you have knitted 13 rows with colour A, finish with a right side row.

Bind off these sts purlwise on next row and break yarn.

## BODY

Now assemble the parts as follows:

Join colour A to right side of the resting sts of the left front, on first right side row work first the sts of the left front, continue with the sts of the centre section and then knit the resting sts of the right front, knit as follows:

**Next row (RS):** \*K1, k1 tbl, knit to 1 st before the marked side st, cdd\*, knit to yarn over, twisted yo, repeat from \* to \*, knit to last st, twisted yo, k1.

**Next row:** P1, yo, purl to the marked st on the back, yo,



p1, yo, purl to last st, yo, p1.

Repeat these last 2 rows and continue in stripe pattern until you have knitted a total of 6 stripes with each colour and (2) 2 (10) 12 (12) 14 rows with colour A in the consecutive stripe.

Work now measures approx. (79) 79 (83) 84 (84) 85 cm measured from the neck along the marked st of the back, finish with a wrong side row.

Now work is divided and each side is finished separately like this:

### Left front and left side of the back

**Next row (RS):** K1, k1 tbl, knit to 1 st before the marked side st, cdd\*, knit to the yarn over, twisted yo, turn work and let the remaining sts rest.

**Next row:** Slip 1 st, p1, pass the slipped st over, bind off another st, purl remaining sts.

**Next row:** Slip 1 st, k1, pass the slipped st over, bind off another 2 sts, knit to 1 st before the marked side st, cdd, knit remaining sts.

**Next row:** Slip 1 st, p1, pass the slipped st over, bind off another st, purl remaining sts.

**Next row:** Slip 1 st, k1, pass the slipped st over, bind off another 1 st, knit to 1 st before the marked side st, cdd, knit remaining sts.

Repeat these 2 last rows, **AT THE SAME TIME** continue the stripe pattern as before until all sts have been bound off or knitted together.

**Note:** If you only have a few sts left when you get to the colour change, skip this part and continue in the same colour.

Break yarn.

### Right front and right side of the back

Join yarn to right side of the resting sts, first st is the marked centre st.

**Next row (RS):** K1, k1 tbl and bind off this st, bind off another 2 sts, knit to 1 st before the marked side st, cdd\*, knit to yarn over, twisted yo, k1.

**Next row:** Slip 1 st, p1, pass the slipped st over, bind off another 2 sts, purl remaining sts.



**Next row:** Slip 1 st, k1, pass the slipped st over, bind off another st, knit to 1 st before the marked side st, cdd, knit remaining sts.

**Next row:** Slip 1 st, p1, pass the slipped st over, bind off another st, purl remaining sts.

Repeat these 2 rows, **AT THE SAME TIME** continue the stripe pattern as before, until all sts are bound off/knitted together.

**Note:** If you only have a few sts left when you are about to work the colour change, skip this part and continue in the same colour. Break yarn.

### Rib edge

With 4.5 mm and colour A pick up sts along the lower edge of the right side of the body.

Begin at the lower left corner and pick up sts as follows: Cast on 1 st on the needle, then pick up (55) 58 (61) 66 (72) 77 sts to the first side st, pick up 1 st in this st, pick up (55) 59 (62) 67 (73) 78 sts to the marked back st, pick up 1 st in this st, pick up (55) 59 (61) 66 (73) 78 sts to the marked side st, pick up 1 st in this st, pick up (55) 59 (61) 66 (72) 77 sts along the right front piece, cast on 1 extra st = (225) 240 (250) 270 (295) 315 sts.

**1st row (WS):** P1, \*p1, k1, p1, k2\*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 4 sts, p1, k1, p2.

**2nd row:** K1, \*k1, p1, k1, p2\*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 4 sts, k1, p1, k2.

Repeat these 2 rows until the rib measures 5 cm, finish with a wrong side row.

Bind off as pattern indicates, where there are 2 consecutive purl sts work a p2tog before binding off.

### SLEEVES

Slip the (89) 91 (99) 101 (101) 103 sleeve sts back onto the 5 mm needles.

From right side pick up 3 sts at the bottom of the armhole, mark the middle of these sts, this st is the beginning of the round = (92) 94 (102) 104 (104) 106 sts.

**1st round:** Knit to the yarn over, twisted yo, k1, k1 tbl, knit to 1 st before the marked st at the bottom of the armhole, cdd = (90) 90 (100) 102 (102) 104 sts.

**2nd round:** Knit to the marked shoulder st, yo, k1, yo, knit the remaining sts.

**3rd-8th round:** Knit as 1st and 2nd round (3 times in total).

**9th round:** Knit as 1st round.

**10th round:** Knit to 1 st before the marked st at the bottom of the armhole, cdd = (88) 88 (98) 100 (100) 102 sts.

**11th round:** Knit as 2nd round.

**12th-17th round:** Knit as 1st and 2nd round (3 times in total).

**18th round:** Knit as 1st round.

**19th round:** Knit to last st before the marked st at the bottom of the armhole, cdd = (86) 86 (96) 98 (98) 100 sts.

Repeat round 11-19 another (1) 1 (3) 4 (1) 2 times = (84) 84 (90) 90 (96) 96 sts.

**Next round:** Knit as 2nd round.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 till sleeve measures (24) 24 (24) 24 (22) 20 cm from the picked up sts in armhole (or desired length minus 19 (19) 20 (20) 21 (21) cm), last round is a round 1, where you knit the yarns over and decrease under the sleeve.

**Next round:** Knit to the marked shoulder st, bind off this st knitwise, knit to the marked centre st under the sleeve.

Break yarn and slip all sts from the marked centre st under the sleeve to the bound off st, onto the right needle without knitting them, turn work.

Join yarn to wrong side, hereafter knit the sleeve back and forth.

**Next row (WS):** Slip 1 st, p1, pass the slipped st over, bind off another st, purl remaining sts.

**Next row:** Slip 1 st, k1, pass the slipped st over, bind off another st, knit to 1 st before the marked st in the



armhole, cdd, knit remaining sts.

**Next row:** Slip 1 st, p1, pass the slipped st over, bind off another st, purl remaining sts.

Repeat these last 2 rows until all sts are bound off/knitted together.

The sleeve now measures approx. (37) 37 (38) 38 (37) 35 cm from the armhole.

### Sleeve rib

With 4.5 mm needles and colour A pick up (54) 56 (62) 64 (64) 66 sts along the sleeve edge, begin at the centre st under the sleeve and pick up the sts evenly.

Knit 1 round and decrease (14) 16 (22) 24 (24) 21 sts



on this round = (40) 40 (40) 40 (45) sts.

**Next round:** \*K1, p1, k1, p2\*, repeat this from \* to \* over all sts.

Repeat this round until the rib edge measures 6 cm.

Bind off as the rib edge of the body.

Work second sleeve accordingly.

### Sew pocket linings

Sew the pocket linings together using backstitches.

If there are small holes at the top or bottom of the opening, sew these together.

Attach the pocket lining onto the front with pins so that the back edge of the pocket is levelled with the edge of the front.

### LEFT FRONT

With 4.5 mm and colour A pick up sts along the right side of the left front, start at the top of the neckline and pick up (165) 165 (170) 170 (175) 175 sts, **AT THE SAME TIME** when you reach the pocket, insert the needle through both layers of pocket at the outer part of the pocket edge on approx. every 4th st.

**1st row (WS):** P1, \*p1, k1, p1, k2\*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 4 sts, p1, k1, p2.

**2nd row:** K1, \*k1, p1, k1, p2\*, repeat from \* to \* to last 4 sts, k1, p1, k2.

Repeat these 2 rows till you have knitted 7 rows in total. Finish with a wrong side row.

Bind off as pattern indicates, when there are 2 consecutive purl sts, work these 2 sts as p2tog before binding them off.

### RIGHT FRONT

With 4.5 mm and colour A pick up (165) 165 (170) 170 (175) 175 sts along the right side of the front as on left front, begin from the bottom of the rib edge.

**1st row (WS):** P1, \*p1, k1, p1, k2\*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 4 sts, p1, k1, p2.

**2nd row:** K1, \*k1, p1, k1, p2\*, repeat from \* to \* to last 4 sts, k1, p1, k2.

**3rd row:** Knit as 1st row.



**4th row (RS) (buttonhole row):** Knit rib over (8) 8 (13) 13 (18) 18 sts, \*sl1, k1, pass the slipped st over, yo twice, k2tog, knit rib over 16 sts\*, repeat from \* to \* to last 13 sts, work rib over the last 13 sts.

**5th row:** Knit as 2nd row, work a k1 and a k1 tbl in the yarn overs from previous row.

Knit 2 more rows of rib as pattern indicates, finish with a wrong side row.

Bind off as on left front. Do not break yarn and leave the last st of the bind off on the needle.



## NECKLINE

With 4.5 mm needles and colour A pick up sts along the right side of the neckline, starting with the one st placed on the needle from the front piece bind off, pick up another 6 sts along the front, pick up (61) 66 (66) 66 (66) 66 sts to the other front and pick up 7 sts along this front = (75) 80 (80) 80 (80) 80 sts.

**1st row (WS):** P1, \*p1, k1, p1, k2\*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 4 sts, p1, k1, p2.

**2nd row:** K1, \*k1, p1, k1, p2\*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 4 sts, k1, p1, k2.

**3rd row:** Knit as 1st row.

**4th row (RS) (buttonhole row):** K2, p2tog, yo twice, p2tog, follow rib pattern over remaining sts.

**5th row:** Knit as 1st row, knit k1 and k1 tbl in the yarn overs from previous row.

Work another 2 rows of rib.

Bind off as the fronts on next row.

## FINISHING

Sew in the buttons and weave in all loose ends.

If there are small holes at the sides of the armhole, sew these from the wrong side.

Wash the cardigan according to the washing instructions on the labels and lay it flat to dry on a towel.