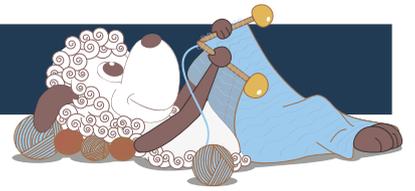


Lilja - a sweet and simple top for girls



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Lilja is a sweet little top, that can be worn on its own on warm summer days or with a long-sleeved top underneath when the weather is cooler. The lovely lace pattern is very simple to knit, but very compelling and feminine.

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Materials

100 (100) 100 (150) 150 g Merci by Filcolana in colour 613 (Cosmopolitan)
2,5 mm and 3 mm circular needle, 40 and 60 cm
1 decorative button
Stitch markers: 4 blue and 4 red (the colours are not important as long as the markers can be distinguished from each other)

Sizes

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

Measurements

Body, chest: 54-57 (58-61) 62-65 (66-68) 69-72 cm
Top, chest: 58 (62) 66 (69) 73 cm
Length (measured mid back): 33 (37) 39 (41) 43 cm

Gauge

26 sts and 42 rows in stockinette stitch on 3 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm

Special abbreviations

Kfb (increase): Knit into the front and then the back of the same stitch.

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.

Special techniques

Stretchy bind-off: K2, *insert left needle through first 2 sts on right needle, so the left needle is closest to you, catch the working yarn with the right needle and pull it through the 2 sts, k1 *, repeat from * to *.

Knitted cast-on: *Insert right needle between the first and second stitch on the left needle, pull the working yarn through to the front and place the loop of yarn (stitch) on the left needle*, repeat from * to * each time inserting the right needle between the first 2 sts on the left needle, until you have the desired number of sts.

Directions for knitting

Lilja is worked from the top down. The neck edge is worked back and forth, then the work is joined in the round and the yoke and body is worked in the round. The pattern of the neck edge is continued on the shoulders, while the front and back are worked in stockinette stitch.

Neck edge

Cast on 88 (88) 94 (96) 100 sts on a 2,5 mm circular needle. Work back and forth.

Knit 4 rows, ending on a RS row. Do not turn the work, but join it in the round and place a red marker for the beginning of the round.

Round 1: Knit to end of round.

Round 2: *K2tog, yarn over*, repeat from * to * to end of round

Round 3: Knit to end of round.

Round 4: *Yarn over, k2tog*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 5: Knit to end of round.

Round 6: Knit to end of round.

Round 7: Purl to end of round.

Round 8: Knit 0 (0) 4 (0) 4 sts, *kfb, k3*, repeat from * to * to the last 0 (0) 2 (0) 0 sts, knit 0 (0) 2 (0) 0 sts. There are now a total of 110 (110) 116 (120) 124 sts on the needle.

Round 9: Purl to end of round.

Round 10 (division round): P1 (raglan stitch), place blue marker, knit 27 (27) 28 (30) 32 sts (front), place blue marker, p1 (raglan stitch), place red marker, knit 26 (26) 28 (28) 28 sts (sleeve), place red marker, p1 (raglan stitch), place blue marker, knit 27 (27) 28 (30) 32 sts (back), place blue marker, p1 (raglan stitch), place red marker, knit 26 (26) 28 (28) 28 sts (sleeve).

The sts between the red markers are sleeve sts, the sts between the blue markers are front/back sts.

Yoke

Next round (increase round): P1, *kfb*, repeat from * to * to 1 stitch before marker, k1, p1, knit 26 (26) 28 (28) 28 sts, p1, *kfb*, repeat from * to * to



1 stitch before marker, k1, p1, knit 26 (26) 28 (28) 28 sts.

There are now 53 (53) 55 (59) 63 sts on front and back and a total of 162 (162) 170 (178) 186 sts on the needle.

Change to a 3 mm circular needle.

Now continue in stockinette stitch on front and back (sts between blue markers) and in eyelet pattern on the sleeves (between the red markers) as follows:

Raglan sts: Purl on all rounds.

Back and front (worked across sts between blue markers):

Rounds 1-3: Knit to marker.

Round 4: k1, M1L, knit to 1 stitch before marker, M1R, k1.

Repeat Round 1-4.

Sleeve eyelet pattern and sleeve increases (worked across sts between red markers):

Round 1: *K2tog, yarn over*, repeat from * to * to marker.

Round 2: Knit to marker.

Round 3: *Yarn over, k2tog*, repeat from * to * to marker.

Round 4: Knit to marker.

Round 5: K1, M1L, knit to 1 stitch before marker, M1R, k1.

Round 6: Purl to marker.

Round 7: K1, M1L, knit to 1 stitch before marker, M1R, k1.

Round 8: Purl to marker.

Round 9: K1, M1L, knit to 1 stitch before marker, M1R, k1.

Round 10: Knit to marker.

Repeat Round 1-10.

Continue as established and work the 10 rounds of the sleeve pattern a total of 2 (3) 3 (3) 3 times (so there are 3 (4) 4 (4) 4 eyelet pattern sections incl. neck edge). Then work Round 1-4 of the sleeve pattern once more. Then work Round 5-8 once more, but without the sleeve increases.

There are now 67 (71) 73 (77) 81 sts on front and back and 38 (44) 46 (46) 46 sts on each sleeve.

Next round: P1, *knit to marker, using a 2,5 mm needle bind off the raglan stitch, the sleeve sts and the next raglan stitch using the stretchy bind-off (see Special techniques), continue on the 3 mm needle and slip the stitch on the right needle onto the left needle and knit the first 2 sts together *, repeat from * to * once more.

Body

Next round: *Knit to the bound off sts, turn work and cast on 4 (5) 6 (6) 7 sts using a knitted cast-on (see Special techniques), place side marker, cast on 4 (5) 6 (6) 7 more sts, turn work back to RS*, repeat from * to * once more. There are now a total of 150 (162) 170 (178) 190 sts on the needle.

The beginning of the round is now moved to the first side marker.

Work 7 (7) 7 (7) 9 rounds in stockinette stitch.

Next round: *Knit to 1 stitch before side marker, M1L, k1*, repeat from * to * once more.

Work 7 (7) 7 (7) 9 rounds in stockinette stitch.

Next round: K1, M1R, knit to 1 stitch after side marker, M1R, knit to end of round.

Continue as established with increases alternately before and after the side markers on every 8th (8th) 8th (8th) 10th round until the work measures 21 (23) 25 (27) 29 cm from the bottom of the armhole. (The total number of sts is not important, just continue working increases until the total length is reached.)

Hem

Change to a 2,5 mm circular needle.

Round 1: *K2tog, yarn over*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 2: Knit to end of round.

Round 3: *Yarn over, k2tog*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Knit 2 rounds.

Purl 1 rounds, knit 1 round, purl 1 round. Bind off knit-wise.

Finishing

Sew together the first garter edge of the neck edge, so the neck edge is closed. Sew the decorative button on over the join. Weave in the ends. If there are holes at the sides of the underarms, sew them closed.

Gently wash the work according to the directions of the yarn label and lay it to dry on a flat surface.