

Lotte - a classic and charming sweater for kids



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Lotte is a classic sweater for girls inspired by the charming Norwegian ski sweaters of the 1950's. The design is worked in traditional colours and a simple "lice" pattern (as the little dots are called in Scandinavia). A little splash of colour is introduced – a single round in red, when the main and contrast colour change places on the yoke.

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Materials

Colour A: 100 (150) 150 (200) 200 g Anina by Filcolana in colour 145 (Navy Blue)

Colour B: 100 (100) 100 (150) 150 g Anina by Filcolana in colour 101 (Natural White)

Colour C: A scrap length of Anina by Filcolana in colour 2010 (Raspberry Pink)

2,5 mm and 3 mm circular needle, 60 cm

2,5 and 3 mm double-pointed needles

Stitch markers

Sizes

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

Measurements

Body, chest: 50-55 (55-60) 60-65 (65-70) 70-75 cm

Sweater, chest: 62 (65) 71 (74) 80 cm

Sleeve length: 25 (30) 33 (36) 39 cm

Total length: 33 (36) 40 (45) 47 cm

Gauge

27 sts and 36 rows in stockinette stitch on a 3,5 mm needle = 10 x 10 cm.



Special techniques

Short rows - GSR (German short rows): Work to where the turn needs to be, turn, then slip the first stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front. Bring the working yarn up and over the needle and down on the other side, pulling hard enough on the yarn to make the stitch on the needle look like a double stitch (the 2 legs of the stitch are visible). Continue row as pattern describes.

When working across the stitch that looks like a double stitch, work it as 1 stitch, either knitting or purling the 2 legs together, as the pattern describes.

Directions for knitting

The sweater is worked from the bottom up. First the body is worked in the round to the armholes, then the sleeves are worked in the same way. The body and sleeves are join for the yoke, which is worked in the round with a single round in red before the raglan decreases are started. At the end, a rib edge is worked, then folded and sewn to the WS.

Body

Cast on 160 (168) 176 (184) 192 sts on a 2,5 mm circular needle with colour A. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round, Work 3 cm of k2, p2 rib.

Change to a 3 mm circular needle and work an increase round as follows: *Knit 20 (21) 22 (23) 24 sts, M1 *, repeat from * to * to end of round.

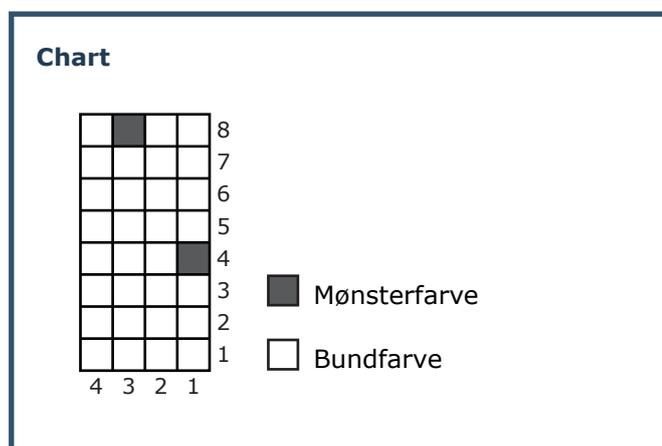
There are now 168 (176) 184 (192) 200 sts on the needle.

Now work in stockinette stitch in charted pattern with colour A as MC and colour B as CC until the body measures approx. 22 (24) 28 (31) 33 cm. End on row 4 or 8 of the chart.

Work the next round in colour A binding off for the armholes as follows: Bind off 4 (4) 5 (5) 6 sts, knit 75 (79) 81 (85) 87 sts, bind off 9 (9) 11 (11) 13 sts, knit 75 (79) 81 (85) 87 sts, bind off the last 5 (5) 6 (6) 7 sts on the round.

Let the sts rest on the needle, while the sleeves are worked.

Sleeves



Cast on 36 (36) 40 (40) 44 sts on 2,5 mm double-pointed needles with colour A. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round, Work 3 cm of k2, p2 rib.

Change to 3 mm double-pointed needles and work an increase round as follows: M1, knit 4 (4) 4 (4) 8 sts, *M1, k4*, repeat from * to * to the last 4 (4) 8 (8) 8 sts, M1, knit 4 (4) 8 (8) 8 sts.

There are now 45 (45) 49 (49) 53 sts on the needle. Now work in pattern as follows: K1 in colour A, work charted pattern to end of round.

The first stitch of every round is worked in colour A. Work 8 rounds as established.

Increase round: K1 in colour A, M1, work in pattern to end of round, M1.

Work an increase round every 9th (9th) 9th (10th) 10th round until there are 61 (65) 69 (73) 77 sts on the needle, ie. a total of 8 (10) 10 (12) 12 times. New sts are worked in pattern.

Work straight in pattern until sleeve measures approx. 25 (30) 33 (36) 39 cm. end on the same row of the chart as on the body – ie. on row 4 or 8.

Work the next round in colour A binding off for the armhole as follows: Bind off 6 (6) 7 (3) 8 sts, knit 53 (57) 59 (63) 65 sts, bind off the last 2 (2) 3 (7) 4 sts of the round.

(**note:** One stitch less is bound off for the armhole on the sleeves compared to on the body. This is to maintain the symmetry of the pattern).

Work a second sleeve the same way as the first.

Yoke

Join the sleeves to the body on the circular needle over where sts were bound off for the armholes. There Place a marker each of the 4 places where body and sleeves meet. There are now 256 (272) 280 (296) 304 sts on the needle. Begin work at the marker after one of the sleeves - the beginning of the round is now here, between the right sleeve and the back.

Continue

Size (8) and 10 years

Work - (-) - (4) 4 rounds straight in pattern, continuing the pattern for each section as established.

All sizes

Round 1 – in colour A: *K2tog, knit to 2 sts before next marker, ssk*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 2 – in colour C: Knit to end of round.

Round 3 – in colour B: Knit to end of round.

Round 4 – in colour B: *K2tog, knit to 2 sts before next marker, ssk*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 5: Now work the same row of the pattern across front and sleeves as the one before sts were bound off for armholes (row 4 or 8), only now work

colour B as MC and colour A as CC – so the “lice” (little on stitch dots) on this first round sit right above the last row of “lice” on the baody and sleeves.

Note: One stitch before and one stitch after each of the 4 raglan markers is worked in colour B on all rounds (and not in pattern).

Continue in pattern as established and with increases as on Round 4 every other round (every odd numbered row of the chart).

Work a total of 20 (21) 22 (23) 24 decrease rounds on the yoke. End on a round without decreases. There are now 96 (104) 104 (112) 112 sts on the needle.

Break colour A and continue in colour B only.

Work short rows to shape the neckline as follows:

Short row 1 (RS): K2tog, knit to 2 sts before next marker, ssk, slip marker, k2tog, knit to 3 sts before next marker, turn.

Short row 2 (WS): Purl to beginning of round marker, then purl to 3 sts before next marker, turn.

Short row 3: Knit to 2 sts before beginning of round marker, ssk, slip marker, k2tog, knit to 2 sts before next marker, ssk, slip marker, k2tog, knit to 2 sts before last turn, turn.

Short row 4: Purl to beginning of round marker, then purl to 2 sts before last turn, turn.

Repeat Short row 3 and 4 another 2 (2) 2 (3) 3 times. There are now 80 (88) 88 (92) 92 sts on the needle.

Next round: Knit to 2 sts before beginning of round marker, ssk, slip marker, knit a round without decreases.

Change to a 2,5 mm circular needle and work 6 cm of k2, p2 rib.

Bind off very loosely.

Fold the rib and sew the cast off edge to the WS of the ork with stretchy stitches – to ensure that the edge will fit over the head of the child.

