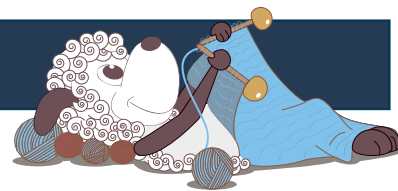# Edda - a long vest in many sizes

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A vest in gorgeous, bulky yarn is both fun and quick to knit, but at the same time it has to have the right fit to look flattering on the body, I think. To get to Edda I had to do a bit of sketching and thinking, in order to find the right combination of simplicity and femininity.

Materials
600 (700) 700 (800) 900 (900) g of Naturgarn by Filcolana in color 257 (Mint)
9 mm circular needle, 80-120 cm long, depending on the size chosen
9 mm sleeve needles8) (either a short circular needle or double-pointed needles)
8 stitch markers or loops of yarn
6 buttons (approx. 4 cm in diameter)

Størrelser
S (M) L (XL) 2XL (3XL)

Mål
Body, chest: 82-90 (90-98) 98-106 (107-119) 119-131 (131-143) cm
Vest, chest: 100 (108) 116 (128) 140 (152) cm
Circumference at hem: 106 (114) 124 (136) 148 (160) cm
Total length: 76 (77) 77 (77) 78 (78) cm

Gauge
10 sts and 15 rows in stockinette stitch on 9 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm.

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Special abbreviations
M1: Make 1. Increase one stitch by lifting the chain between sts onto the left needle and knitting it through the back loop.
[ ]: Repeat instructions within parentheses the given number of times.

Directions for knitting
The vest is worked seamlessly from the top down. When the body of the vest is knit, stitches are picked up for the armholes first and an edge is worked. Then stitches are picked up and knitted for the wide broken rib collar.

Yoke
Cast on 32 (38) 44 (46) 48 (52) sts using a 9 mm circular needle. Work back and forth.
Purl 1 row and place the following raglan markers at the same time:
[p1, place a marker] 2 times, purl 5 (7) 9 (9) 9 (9), place a marker, p1, place a marker, purl 16 (18) 20 (22) 24 (28), place a marker, p1, place a marker, purl 5 (7) 9 (9) 9 (9), [place a marker, p1] 2 times.

Row 1 (RS): Cast on 1 new st, [knit to marker, M1, slip marker, k1, slip marker, M1] 2 times, k4, M1, knit 8 (10) 12 (14) 16 (20), M1, [knit to marker, M1, slip marker, k1, slip marker, M1] 2 times, knit to end of row, cast on 1 new st. (= 12 sts increased.)
Row 2 and all even numbered rows (WS): Purl all sts.
Row 3: K1, M1, [knit to marker, M1, slip marker, k1, slip marker, M1] 2 times, k5, M1, knit 10 (12) 14 (16) 18 (22), M1, [knit to marker, M1, slip marker, k1, slip marker, M1] 2 times, knit to 1 st before end of row, M1, k1. (= 12 sts increased.)

There are now 56 (62) 68 (70) 72 (76) sts on the needle.

Size L (XL) 2XL (3XL) ONLY
Row 5: K1, M1, [knit to marker, M1, slip marker, k1, slip marker, M1] 4 times, knit to 1 st before end of row, M1, k1. (= 10 sts increased.)
Row 6: Purl all sts.

Work row 5 and 6 a total of - (-) 1 (5) 7 (10) times.
There are now 56 (62) 78 (120) 142 (176) sts on the needle.

All sizes
Row 7: [Knit to marker, M1, slip marker, k1, slip marker, M1] 4 times, knit to end of row. (= 8 sts increased.)
Row 8 and 10: Purl all sts.
Row 9: K1, M1, [knit to marker, M1, slip marker, k1, slip marker, M1] 4 times, knit to 1 st before end of row, M1, k1. (= 10 sts increased.)

Work row 7 - 10 a total of 6 (6) 6 (4) 4 (3) times.
There are now 164 (170) 186 (192) 214 (230) sts on the needle.

Remove all markers on the last WS row.

Divide into body and sleeves
Row 1 (RS): Knit 24 (24) 26 (28) 32 (35), let the next 34 (36) 40 (40) 44 (46) sts rest on a stitch holder (sleeves), cast on 2 (2) 2 (4) 4 (4) new sts, knit 48 (50) 54 (56) 62 (68), let the next 34 (36) 40 (40) 44 (46) sts rest on a stitch holder (sleeves), cast on 2 (2) 2 (4) 4 (4) new sts, knit the last 24 (24) 26 (28) 32 (35) sts.
Row 2 (WS): Purl all sts.

There are now 100 (102) 110 (120) 134 (146) sts on the needle.

Body
Row 1 (RS): K1, M1, knit to the last stitch on the needle, M1, k1.
Row 2 and 4: Purl all sts.
Row 3: Knit all sts.

Work row 1 - 4 a total of 1 (2) 2 (2) 2 (2) times.

Size (M) L (XL) 2XL (3XL) ONLY
Work row 1 and 2 once more.

All sizes
There are now 102 (108) 116 (126) 140 (152) sts on the needle.

Continue straight in stockinette stitch while placing the following marker on a RS row:
[Knit 20 (21) 23 (25) 28 (30), place marker] 2 times, knit 22 (24) 24 (26) 28 (32), place marker, knit 20 (21) 23 (25) 28 (30), place marker, knit to end of row.

Work a decrease row from the RS when the vest measures 6 cm from the newly cast on sts under the arm:
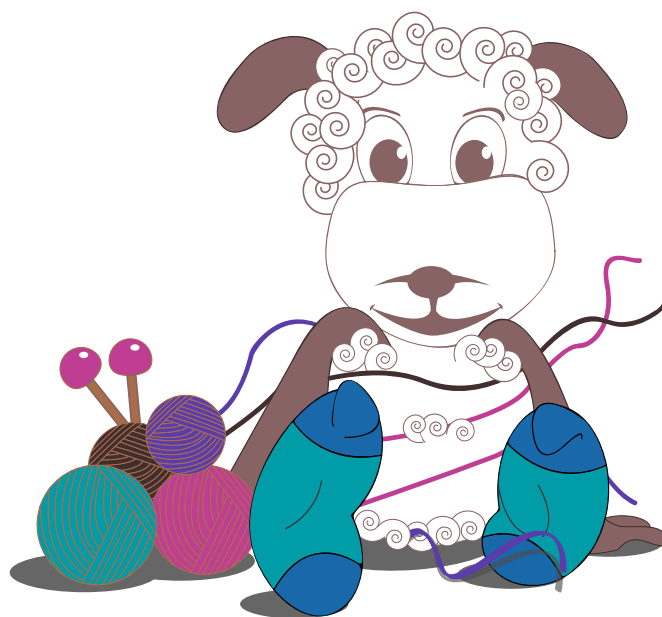
[Knit to marker, slip marker, ssk, knit to 2 sts before next marker, k2tog, slip marker] 2 times, knit to end of row.

Work a decrease row every 6th (6th) 6th (8th) 8th (8th) row a total of 3 (3) 3 (2) 2 (2) times.

There are now 90 (96) 104 (118) 132 (144) sts on the needle.
Work 3 (3) 5 (5) 5 (5) rows straight in stockinette straight. End on a WS row.

Increase row (RS): [Knit to marker, slip marker, M1, knit to next marker, M1, slip marker] 2 times, knit to end of row.

Work an increase row every 6th (6th) 6th (6th) 8th (8th) row a total of 4 (5) 5 (4) 3 (3) times.

There are now 106 (116) 124 (134) 144 (156) sts on the needle.

Continue straight in stockinette stitch until the vest measures 49 (49) 47 (47) 45 (45) cm from the newly cast on sts under the arm. End on a RS row.
Row 1 (WS): P1, knit to 1 st before end of row, p1.
Row 2 (RS): Knit all sts and increase 3 sts evenly across the row.

Broken rib
Row 1 (WS): P2, *k1, p1*. Repeat from * to *. End with k1, p2.
Row 2: Knit all sts.

Work row 1 and 2 a total of 4 times.
Work row 1 once more.
Bind off in pattern.

Sleeve edge
Move the stitches for one sleeve onto the 9 mm sleeve needle(s). Work back and forth.
Row 1 (WS): Knit all sts.
Row 2 (RS): Slip 1, knit to 1 st before end of row, slip 1.
Pick up and knit 1 (1) 1 (2) 2 (2) new stitch from under the sleeve, place beginning of round-marker, pick up and knit 1 (1) 1 (2) 2 (2) more new stitches. Join in the round.
Round 1: Knit all sts.
Round 2: Purl all sts.
Bind off purl-wise.

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

Blocking
Weave in the ends.
Gently hand wash the vest, squeeze out as much water as possible without wringing. Place the vest on a flat surface and let i dry completely. Make sure the edges lie evenly and flatly.

Broken rib edge
Pick up and knit stitches for the broken rib edge. Start at the bottom right corner and pick up and knit 46 (44) 40 (40) 38 (38) sts along the straight right front edge. Place a marker.
Pick up and knit 28 (30) 32 (32) 34 (36) along the slanted part of the right front edge up to the stitch in the center of the right front raglan increase line. Place a marker.
Pick up and knit 6 (8) 10 (10) 10 (10) sts along the edge of the right shoulder. Place a marker.
Pick up and knit 15 (17) 19 (21) 23 (27) sts along the back neck edge. Place a marker.
Pick up and knit 6 (8) 10 (10) 10 (10) sts along the edge of the left shoulder. Place a marker.
Pick up and knit 28 (30) 32 (32) 34 (36) along the slanted part of the left front edge. Place a marker.
Pick up and knit 46 (44) 40 (40) 38 (38) sts along the straight left front edge.

There are now 175 (181) 183 (185) 187 (195) sts on the needle.

Begin broken rib
Row 1 (WS): Knit all sts.
2. p: P2, *k1, p1*. Repeat from * to *. End with k1, p2.
Row 3: Knit all sts, and make a M1 increase after each of the first 3 markers and before each of the 3 last markers.
There are now 181 (187) 189 (191) 193 (201) sts on the needle.

Work a total of 23 rows in the broken rib pattern, while increasing at the 6 markers on every 4th row a total of 6 times.
At the same time: Work buttonholes on the last increase row (from the WS):
Knit 14 (13) 11 (11) 11 (11), bind off 2, *knit 13 (13) 12 (12) 11 (11), bind off 2 sts*. Work from * to * a total of 2 times, knit to the last marker, *bind off 2 sts, knit 13 (13) 12 (12) 11 (11) sts*. Work from * to * a total of 2 times, bind off 2 sts, knit 14 (13) 11 (11) 11 (11).
Work 5 more rows in the broken rib pattern. Cast on 2 new sts over each of the places where sts were bound off for the buttonholes on the first row.

There are now 211 (217) 219 (221) 223 (231) sts on the needle.
Bind off in pattern.

Finishing
Weave in the ends.
Fold the broken rib edge to the RS, so that the edge where stitches were picked up from is hidden, in other words: make sure the edge folds 3-4 rows in from the picked up stitches. Lightly steam the edge to set the folding line. Sew in the buttons to fit with the buttonholes.