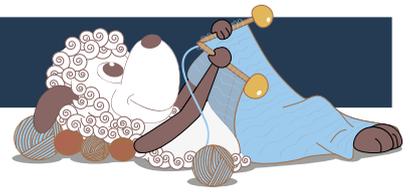


Gekko - a kids cardigan



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The lovely new Cinnia yarn from Filcolana, and particularly the amazing green colorway inspired this design. It inspired me to create a fun kids design with pockets. I wanted it to look a bit like one of the lizard or dinosaur that my kids adore. The soft and springy yarn and the simple little pattern makes this a fun and interesting project, while the raglan construction makes the work easy and quick.

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Materials

200 (200) 250 (250) g of Cinnia by Filcolana in color 288 (Nabawii)
3 mm and 4 mm circular needle, 60 cm long
3mm and 4 mm double-pointed needles
6 stitch markers
4 stitch holders or lengths of scrap yarn
6 (6) 7 (8) buttons, approx. diameter 12 - 16 mm

Sizes

92 cl/2 years (110 cl/4 years) 122 cl/6 years (128 cl/8 years)

Measurements

Body chest: 54 (56) 60 (64) cm
Sweater chest: 60 (62) 66 (70) cm
Sleeve length: 22,5 (27,5) 30 (33) cm
Total length: 34 (36) 38,5 (44) cm

Gauge

20 sts and 24 rows in stockinette stitch on 4 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm.



Abbreviations

M1 = Increase: Lift the chain between 2 sts onto the left needle and knit it through the back loop (knitwise or purlwise as appropriate).

k2tog = Knit 2 sts together knitwise. This makes a right leaning decrease.

SSK : Slip, slip, knit. This makes a left leaning decrease.

Directions for knitting

Gekko is knit seamlessly from the bottom up. First the body is knit to the armholes. Then both sleeves are knit up to the same point. Then body and sleeves are joined on the circular needle and the yoke is knit with raglan decreases. The neck stitches are not bound off, but instead stitches are picked up along the front edges and the ribbing is worked across these and the neck stitches.

Finally pockets are knit separately and these are sewn onto the body along with the buttons.

Body

Cast on 127 (135) 143 (151) sts on the 3 mm circular needle.

Start with a rib edging, worked back and forth:

Row 1 (WS): p3, k2, [p2, k2] repeat 14 (15) 16 (17) times, p2, k1, [p2, k2] repeat 15 (16) 17 (18) times, p3.

Row 2 (RS): k3, [p2, k2] repeat 15 (16) 17 (18) times, p1, k2 [p2, k2] repeat 14 (15) 16 (17) times, p2, k3.

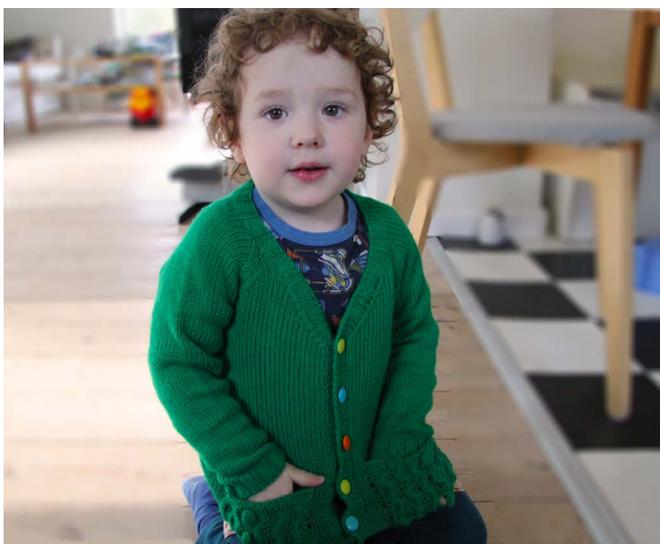
Work in established rib pattern until work measures 2,5 (2,5) 3 (3) cm. End on a rs row.

Change to 4 mm circular needle.

Row 1 (WS): Purl 51 (55) 59 (63) sts, place marker, work row 1 of chart, place marker, purl 51 (55) 59 (63) sts.

Row 2 (RS): Knit 51 (55) 59 (63) sts, slip marker, work next row of chart, slip marker, knit 51 (55) 59 (63) sts.

Row 3 (WS): Purl 51 (55) 59 (63) sts, slip marker, work next row of chart, slip marker, purl 51 (55) 59 (63) sts.



Continue as established above (row 2 and 3) until work measures 23 (24) 25,5 (30) cm. End on a rs row. Divide the work in fronts and back:
Purl 27 (28) 30 (31) sts, place the next 6 (6) 6 (8) sts onto a stitch holder, purl 61 (67) 71 (73) sts, place the next 6 (6) 6 (8) sts onto a stitch holder, purl 27 (28) 30 (31) sts.
Do not break the yarn, but set the work aside while the first sleeve is knit.

Right sleeve

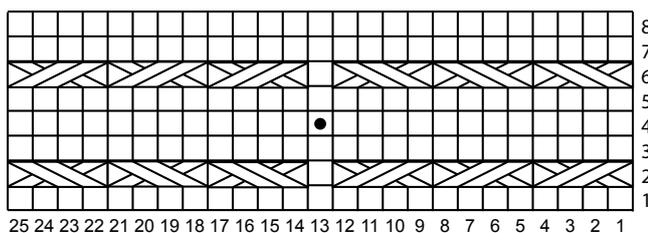
Cast on 32 (36) 36 (40) sts on 3 mm dpns using yarn from a new skein.
Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round.
Round 2: *k2, p2*. Repeat from * to * to end of round.
Repeat round 1 until work measures 2,5 (2,5) 3 (3) cm. Change to 4 mm dpns and continue in stockinette stitch.
Continue working straight until work measures 6,5 (6,5) 7 (7) cm.
Increase round: k1, M1, knit until there is 1 st left of round, M1, k1.

Repeat increase round every 8th (9th) 10th (12th) round a total of 6 times.
There are now 44 (48) 48 (52) sts on the needle.
Continue working straight until work measures 22,5 (27,5) 30 (33) cm.

Next round: Knit until 3 (3) 3 (4) sts before end of round, place the next 3 (3) 3 (4) sts onto a stitch holder, remove marker, place the next 3 (3) 3 (4) sts onto the same stitch holder.

*Pick up the body and knit the first sleeve onto the circular needle like this:
Knit across right front to 2 sts before the sts on the stitch holder, SSK, place marker, knit sleeve onto circular needle like this: k2tog, knit until there are 2 sts left on the dpns, SSK, place marker. Continue across back: k2tog, knit to chart marker, work next row of chart, knit to 2 sts before the sts on the stitch holder, SSK, place marker. Place the work to one side while the second sleeve is worked.

Left sleeve



Repeat instructions for right sleeve until the *. Pick up the circular needle with the body and right sleeve and transfer the left sleeve like this: k2tog, knit until there are 2 sts left on the dpns, SSK, place marker. Knit across left front: k2tog, knit to end of row. There are a total of 183 (199) 207 (215) sts on the needle.

Yoke

Size 8 years only

Work 4 rows like this:

WS: (Purl to marker, slip marker) twice, purl to chart marker, slip marker, work next row of chart, slip marker, (purl to marker, slip marker) twice, purl to end of row.

RS: (Knit to marker, slip marker) twice, knit to chart marker, slip marker, work next row of chart, slip marker, (knit to marker, slip marker) twice, knit to end of row.

All sizes:

Continue raglan decreases:

Row 1 (WS): (Purl to marker, slip marker) twice, purl to chart marker, slip marker, work next row of chart, slip marker, (purl to marker, slip marker) twice, purl to end of row.

Row 2 (RS): (Knit to 2 sts before marker, SSK, slip marker, k2tog) twice, knit to chart marker, slip marker, work next row of chart, slip marker, (knit to 2 sts before marker, SSK, slip marker, k2tog) twice, knit to end of row.

Repeat row 1 and 2 a total of 3 times.

Row 3 (WS): Work as Row 1.

Row 4 (RS): K1, k2tog, (knit to 2 sts before marker, SSK, slip marker, k2tog) twice, knit to chart marker, slip marker, work next row of chart, slip marker, (knit to 2 sts before marker, SSK, slip marker, k2tog) twice, knit until there are 3 sts left on needle, SSK, k1.

Repeat row 3 and 4 a total of 10 (11) 12 (13) times.

Next row (WS): Bind off 2 sts, (purl to marker, slip marker) twice, purl to chart marker, slip marker, work next row of chart, slip marker, (purl to marker, slip marker) twice, purl to end of row.

Row 2 (RS): Bind off 2 sts (knit to 2 sts before marker, SSK, slip marker, k2tog) twice, knit to chart mar-

□ knit on the RS, purl on the WS.

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◼ Bobble: Knit 5 sts in 1 st by knitting alternately into the back and front of the st, turn. Purl the 5 new sts, turn. Knit the 5 sts, then pull the first 4 sts over the last st, so there is one stitch on the needle yet again

ker, slip marker, work next row of chart, slip marker, (knit to 2 sts before marker, SSK, slip marker, k2tog) twice, knit to end of row.

There are now a total of 47 (53) 51 (49) sts on the needle.

Work a row from the WS of the work (purl to marker, slip marker) twice, purl to chart marker, slip marker, work next row of chart, slip marker, purl to marker, slip marker) twice, purl to end of row.

Short Rows

Work short rows to raise the neck. continue working the chart, but omit the bobble of working the bobble row of the chart.

(RS) Bind off 2 sts (knit to 2 sts before marker, SSK, slip marker, k2tog) twice, knit to chart marker, slip marker, work next row of chart, slip marker, knit to 2 sts before marker, SSK, slip marker, k2tog, k4, turn. Purl to marker, slip marker, purl to chart marker, slip marker, work next row of chart, slip marker, purl to marker, slip marker, p4, turn.

Knit to 2 sts before marker, SSK, slip marker, k2tog, knit to chart marker, slip marker, work next row of chart, slip marker, knit to sts before marker, turn. Purl to chart marker, slip marker, work next row of chart, slip marker, purl to 2 sts before next marker, turn.

Knit to chart marker, slip marker, work next row of chart, slip marker, (knit to 2 sts before marker, SSK, slip marker, k2tog) twice, knit to end of row.

Next row: Bind off 2 sts, purl to end of row, remove all marker.

There are now a total of 31 (37) 35 (33) sts on the needle.

Rib edging

Using the right tip of the circular needle to pick up and knit stitches along the right front edge.

Pick up and knit 55 (55) 59 (67) sts along the straight length of the front edge, place marker, pick up and knit 16 (16) 20 (20) sts along the angled side of the front edge where the neckline decreases were worked. Knit the stitches on the circular needle while decreasing 1 (3) 1 (3) sts evenly.

Next pick up and knit 16 (16) 20 (20) along the angled side of the left front edge, place marker, pick up and knit 55 (55) 59 (67) along the straight length of the right front edge.

Row 1 (WS): p3, *k2, p2*, repeat from * to * a total of 13 (13) 14 (16) times, slip marker, *k2, p2*, repeat from * to * until there are 2 sts before next marker, k2, slip marker, *p2, k2*, repeat from * to * a total of 13 (13) 14 (16) times, p3.

Row 2 (RS): k3, *p2, k2*, repeat from * to * a total of 13 (13) 14 (16) times, slip marker, *p2, k2*, repeat from * to * until there are 2 sts before marker, p2, slip marker, *k2, p2*, repeat from * to * a total of 13 (13) 14 (16) times, k3.

Sizes 2 and 4 years only:

Row 3 (WS): p3, *k2tog, yo, p2, k2, p2*, repeat from * to * a total of 6 (6) - (-) times, k2, p2, slip marker, *k2, p2*, repeat from * to * until there are 2 sts before next marker, k2, slip marker, p2, k2, *p2, k2, p2, yo, k2tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 6 (6) - (-) times, p3.

Sizes 6 and 8 years only:

Row 3 (WS): p3, *yo, k2tog, p2, k2, p2*, repeat from * to * a total of - (-) 7 (8) times, slip marker, *k2, p2*, repeat from * to * until there are 2 sts before next marker, k2, slip marker, *p2, k2, p2, k2tog, yo*, repeat from * to * a total of - (-) 7 (8) times, p3.

All sizes:

Work another 3 rows in the established rib pattern. Then bind off all sts in pattern.

Pockets

Cast on 21 stitches on a 4 mm needle.

Row 1 (VS): Purl all sts.

Row 2 (RS): Knit all sts.

Row 3: Purl all sts.

Row 4: k4, M1, (k3, M1) twice, k1, (M1, k3) twice, M1, k4 (= 27 sts on the needle).

Row 5: Knit all sts.

Row 6: k1, work row 2 of chart, k1.

Row 7: p1, work next row of chart, p1.

Continue working the chart with 1 stockinette knit stitch either side until the chart has been worked a total of 3 times.

Next row (WS): Purl all sts.

Row 2 (RS): k3, SSK, (k2, SSK) twice, k1, (k2tog, k2) twice, k2tog, k3 (= 21 sts on the needle).

Row 3 (WS): Knit all sts.

Change to 3 mm needle.

Row 4 (RS): k3, p2, k2, p2, k3, p2, k2, p2, k3.

Row 5 (WS): p3, k2, p2, k2, p3, k2, p2, k2, p3.

Work rows 4 and 5 twice more.

Bind off all sts in pattern.

Finishing

Move the underarm stitches from the stitch holders onto dpns and sew the arm and body sides together using Kitchener Stitch. Weave in all ends. Rinse both sweater and pockets gently. Shape the sweater and lie it on a flat surface to dry. Wet block the pockets using needles, to make sure the angles are right. This will make it easier so sew them onto the sweater. When all parts are dry, sew the pocket onto the sweater and sew the buttons on. Both sides of the button band have button holes to make it optional which side to sew on the buttons, since men's and women's garments traditionally have buttons places differently. It also makes the placement of the buttons easier. Just sew the buttons on over the button holes on the side you choose, and they will be straight and neat.