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## Lille Diva

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#FilcolanaLilleDiva

**Lille Diva (Little Diva) is a wonderfully soft and luxurious explosion of silk, mohair, and alpaca. The straight shape falls soft and beautiful. The lace details on the neck and sleeves makes one think of the art deco style pearl-beaded dresses of the 20s.**

**Together with its big sister, Diva, it presents a beautiful pair for women and children.**

### SIZES

4 (6) 8 (10) 12 (14) years

### MEASUREMENTS

Fits chest circumference: 58 (64) 68 (72) 79 (85) cm

Circumference: 72 (79) 86 (93) 101 (108) cm

Sleeve length (measured from armpit): 12,5 (14) 15,5 (17) 18,5 (20) cm

Length (measured from under neckline): 33 (36) 39 (41) 43 (45) cm

The blouse will have approx. 14 (15) 18 (21) 22 (23) cm positive ease depending on the child's circumf.

### GAUGE

17 sts and 25 rows in stockinette using 5 mm needles and holding the two bases together = 10 x 10 cm.

The gauge is measured after washing and blocking.

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**

150 (150) 150 (225) 250 (250) g **Vilja** in col. 285 (Curry) and

50 (50) 75 (100) 100 (100) g **Tilia** in col. 255 (Limelight)

**The two strings are held together throughout work.**

**4 mm and 5 mm circular needles, 40 cm and 60-100 cm**

**4 mm and 5 mm double pointed needles (dpns)**  
the dpns and the short circular needle can be dropped if you are using the magic loop technique on a long circular needle

**8 stitch markers**

**Stitch holders**



## Techniques

### SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

#### M1R (Right slanted increase)

From the back, lift the horizontal strand between the two stitches with the left needle and knit through the front loop (1 st increase).

#### M1L (Left slanted increase)

From the front, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle and knit through the back loop (1 st increase).

#### K2tog (right leaning decrease)

Knit 2 sts together.

#### SSK (left leaning decrease)

Slip 2 sts one at a time as if to knit, slip the sts back onto the left needle and knit them through the back loop.

#### db-k-inc (Double knitted increase)

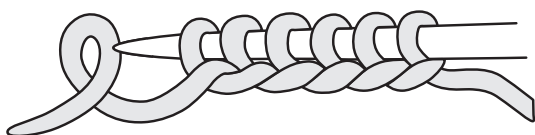
Knit [k1, k1tbl, k1] in the same st = 2 sts increased.

### SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

#### Backward loop cast on

Hold your working yarn over your right index finger, bend the index finger towards you. This will create a loop around your finger. Insert the tip of your right-hand needle into the back of the new loop and release it onto the needle.

Repeat this till you have the required number of stitches.



## Workflow

The yoke is knitted in the round top-down with raglan increases.

After this, work is divided, and the body is finished separately.

Later sts are picked up in the armholes and the sleeves are knitted top-down in the round.







# Pattern

## NECKLINE

With 1 strand of each yarn and 5 mm circular needles cast on 58 (62) 66 (70) 76 (80) sts. Join round and place a start marker.

Change to 4 mm needles.

Knit 1 round, purl 1 round, knit 2 rounds, purl 1 round.

**Next round:** \*Yarn over, ssk\*, repeat from \* to \* over all sts.

Then purl 1 round, knit 2 rounds, purl 1 round, knit 1 round, purl 1 round.

You have knit 12 rounds and the neckline is complete.

Change to 5 mm needles.



## YOKE

On next round divide work into shoulders, front and back, add stitch markers and increases to shape the shoulder puffs, knit like this:

**1 st round:** P1 (raglan st), place marker, knit [k1, k1tbl, k1] 2 (2) 3 (3) 3 (3) times (shoulder sts), place marker, p1 (raglan st), place marker, knit 25 (27) 28 (30) 33 (35) sts (front), place marker, p1 (raglan st), place marker, knit [k1, k1tbl, k1] 2 (2) 3 (3) 3 (3) times (shoulder sts), place marker, p1 (raglan st), place marker, knit 25 (27) 28 (30) 33 (35) sts (back).

You now have 6 (6) 9 (9) 9 (9) sts on each shoulder. The start marker marks the transition between the back and right shoulder.

On next round knit raglan increases on each side of the raglan markers and increase the shoulder sts, like this:

**Next round:** P1 (raglan st), M1L, \* k1, [k1, k1tbl, k1], k1 \*, work from \* to \* a total of 2 (2) 3 (3) 3 (3) times, M1R, p1 (raglan st), M1L, knit to next marker, M1R, p1 (raglan st), M1L, \* k1, [k1, k1tbl, k1], k1 \*, work from \* to \* a total of 2 (2) 3 (3) 3 (3) times, M1R, p1 (raglan st), M1L, knit to start marker, M1R. You now have 12 (12) 17 (17) 17 (17) sts on each shoulder.

On next round increase the shoulder sts additionally, like this:

### Only sizes 4 (8) 10 years

P1 (raglan st), k1, \* k2, [knit k1, k1tbl, k1 in same st], k2 \*, work from \* to \* 2 (3) 3 times in total, k1, p1 (raglan st), knit to next marker, p1 (raglan st), k1, \* k2, [knit k1, k1tbl, k1 in same st], k2 \*, work from \* to \* a total of 2 (3) 3 times in total, k1, p1 (raglan st), knit to start marker.

You now have 16 (23) 23 sts on each shoulder.

### Only sizes 6 (12) 14 years

P1 (raglan st), k1, \* k1, [knit k1, k1tbl, k1 in same st], k1, [knit k1, k1tbl, k1 in same st], k1 \*, work from \* to \* 2 (3) 3 times in total, k1, p1 (raglan st), knit to next marker, p1 (raglan st), k1, \* k1, [knit k1, k1tbl, k1 in same st], k1, [knit k1, k1tbl, k1 in same st], k1 \*, work from \* to \* 2 (3) 3 times in total, k1, p1 (raglan st), knit to start marker.

You now have 20 (29) 29 sts on each shoulder.



### All sizes

The sts are now distributed as follows: 1 raglan st, 16 (20) 23 (23) 29 (29) sts (shoulder), 1 raglan st, 27 (29) 30 (32) 35 (37) sts (front), 1 raglan st, 16 (20) 23 (23) 29 (29) sts (shoulder), 1 raglan st, 27 (29) 30 (32) 35 (37) sts (back).

From here make raglan increases on every 2nd round, note that all the raglan sts are purled on all rounds. If necessary, change to a longer set of needles as the st count increases.

Knit alt. round 1 and 2 as follows:

**1st round:** \* P1 (raglan st), M1L, knit to next marker, M1R \*, repeat from \* to \* a total of 4 times.

**2nd round:** Knit all sts, except for the raglan sts which are purled.

Repeat 1st and 2nd rounds an additional 16 (18) 20 (22) 23 (25) times.

You now have completed 17 (19) 21 (23) 24 (26) rounds with raglan increases, 34 (38) 42 (46) 48 (52) rounds in total.

The sts are now distributed as follows: 1 raglan st, 48 (56) 63 (67) 75 (79) sts (sleeve), 1 raglan st, 59 (65) 70 (76) 81 (87) sts (front), 1 raglan st, 48 (56) 63 (67) 75 (79) sts (sleeve), 1 raglan st, 59 (65) 70 (76) 81 (87) sts (back).

### BODY

Now work is divided into body and sleeves, remove the stitch markers as you go along. Knit as follows:

Let the first 50 (58) 65 (69) 77 (81) sts (the sleeve sts plus the 2 raglan sts) rest on a stitch holder, cast on 1 (1) 1 (1) 2 (2) new st(s) using the make 1 towards technique, place start marker, cast on 1 (1) 2 (2) 3 (3) new st(s), knit the 59 (65) 70 (76) 81 (87) front sts, place the following 50 (58) 65 (69) 77 (81) sts (the sleeve sts plus the 2 raglan sts) on a stitch holder, cast on 2 (2) 3 (3) 5 (5) new sts, knit the 59 (65) 70 (76) 81 (87) back sts.

You now have 122 (134) 146 (158) 172 (184) sts on your needles.

Continue knitting stockinette in the round, until work measures 31 (34) 37 (39) 41 (43) cm, measured from the neckline and down, or till work has the desired length.

Note that the bottom edge of the blouse measures approx. 2 cm.

**Tip!** The hem of the blouse should rest on the child's hip bone, use this as an indicator when measuring the length of the body.

The hem of the blouse is knitted with decreases to prevent it from rolling up.



Change to 4 mm circular needles.

### Hem

**Next round:** \*P2tog, p11\*, repeat from \* to \* over all sts, finish with 5 (4) 3 (2) 3 (2) purl sts.

Knit 1 round, purl 1 round, knit 2 rounds, purl 1 round, knit 1 round.

Bind off on next round like this:

\*Bind off 12 (12) 10 (10) 8 (8) sts purlwise, p2tog\*, repeat from \* to \* as many times as the st count allows, bind off the remaining sts as purl.



## SLEEVES

Slip the 50 (58) 65 (69) 77 (81) sleeve sts onto a 5 mm circular needle or 5 mm dpns.

Pick up sts along the armhole like this:

Starting from middle of under arm and from the right side, pick up 3 (3) 3 (3) 4 (4) sts, knit the sleeve sts, pick up 3 (3) 4 (4) 5 (5) sts to the middle of the under arm, place start marker.

**1st round:** Knit 1 (1) 2 (2) 3 (3) st(s), k2tog, knit to 3 (3) 3 (3) 4 (4) sts before start marker, ssk, knit remaining sts.

**2nd round:** Knit 0 (0) 1 (1) 2 (2) st(s), k2tog, knit to 2 (2) 2 (2) 3 (3) sts before start marker, ssk, knit remaining sts.

You now have 52 (60) 68 (72) 82 (86) sts on the sleeve.

Knit stockinette in the round, until the sleeve measures 9.5 (11) 12.5 (14) 15.5 (17) cm measured from the armpit or till it has the desired sleeve length.

Note that the final edge of the sleeve measures approx. 3 cm.

**Tip!** The sleeve length is designed to be 1/3 of the lower arm length, measured from the elbow.

Change to 4 mm circular needles or dpns.

### Sleeve edge

Purl 1 round, knit 1 round, purl 1 round, knit 2 rounds, purl 1 round.

**Next round:** \*Yarn over, ssk\*, repeat from \* to \* over all sts.

Purl 1 round, knit 2 rounds, purl 1 round, knit 1 round.

Bind off in purl on next round.

Knit the second sleeve the same way.

## FINISHING

Weave in all loose ends.

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