

Else - a soft and lovely sweater



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Ditte Lerche has created a series of designs inspired by classic vintage knitwear, but designed in a very contemporary style. Else is worked on bigger needles using three strands of our gorgeous yarns held together: Pernilla, Indiecita and Arwetta Classic – and the resulting sweater is very soft and has a beautifully feminine fit.

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Materials

Colour A: 25 (25) 25 (25) 25 g Tilia fra Filcolana in colour 337 (Bright Cobalt)

Colour B:

150 (150) 200 (200) 250 g Pernilla fra Filcolana in colour 828 (Tropical Sea)

150 (150) 200 (200) 250 g Indiecita fra Filcolana in colour 235 (Ice Blue)

150 (150) 200 (200) 250 g Arwetta Classic fra Filcolana in colour 142 (Periwinkle)

- the three yarn are held together throughout

8 mm and 7 mm circular needles, 60 and 80 cm
8 mm and 7 mm double-pointed needles (if the magic loop technique is not used)
Stitch markers.

Sizes

XS (S) M (L) XL

Measurements

Body, chest: 82 (88-90) 95-98 (106-108) 113-114 cm

Sweater, chest: 90 (96) 103 (115) 121 cm



Sleeve length: 39 (39) 42 (42) 42 cm
 Total length: approx. 52 (54) 58 (62) 64 cm

Gauge

12 sts and 19 rows in stockinette stitch with one strand of Arwetta Classic, one strand of Indicita and one strand of Pernilla held together on 8 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 top down with the interesting "contiguous sleeve" method. Short rows are worked to shape the neckline and increases are worked across the shoulders. Then the work is split into front and back, which are worked separately and the joined again when the body is worked. Stitches for the sleeves are picked up and knitted along the armhole openings created when working back and front separately and the sleeves are worked down from there in the round.

Body

Cast on 60 (60) 60 (62) 62 sts on a 7 mm needle with 2 strands of colour A. Join the work in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round.

Work 3 rounds of k1, p1 ribbing.

Change to colour B and continue in rib until the work measures approx. 3 cm.

Now divide the work for shoulders, front and back by placing the following markers: K10 (right shoulder), place marker, knit 20 (20) 20 (21) 21 sts (front), place marker, k10 (left shoulder), place marker, knit 20 (20) 20 (21) 21 sts (back).

Change to a 8 mm needle and stockinette stitch, while at the same time working shoulder increases and short rows to shape the neckline. Place markers on either side of the centre 4 (4) 4 (5) 5 sts of the front. Work increases and short rows as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K10 (right shoulder), slip marker, yarn over, k2, turn.

Row 2 (WS): Purl to marker, yarn over, slip marker, p10 (right shoulder), slip marker, yarn over, purl to marker, yarn over, slip marker, p10 (left shoulder), slip marker, yarn over, p2, turn.

Work back and forth as established, with yarn over increases on either side of the shoulder sts on all rows, but working 2 more sts before turning each time until a total of 5 turn have been work at either side.



Make sure to end after finishing the short rows at the beginning of the round. There are now 92 (92) 92 (94) 94 sts on the needle.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch from the WS, while continuing to work yarn over increases on either side of the shoulder sts on every row a total of 5 (8) 11 (14) 16 rounds.

Now divide the work as follows: Place the 10 sts for each shoulder on stitch markers. Work back and forth across front and back separately.

Beginning with a WS row, work a total of 22 (22) 26 (30) 30 rows back and forth across the 46 (52) 58 (65) 69 sts for the back. Break the yarn.

Then work back and forth for 22 (22) 26 (30) 30 rows across the 46 (52) 58 (65) 69 sts for the front. Begin with a WS row. Do not break the yarn.

Now join back and front as follows: *Cast on 4 (3) 2 (2) 2 new sts in extension of the front sts on the needle, place marker, cast on 3 (2) 2 (2) 2 more

new sts*, knit across the sts from the back, work from * to * again. Join in the round and work the 106 (114) 122 (136) 146 sts for the body in stockinette stitch. Begin the round at the first marker.

Work 10 rounds.

Now begin rib pattern:

Round 1: *K1, p1, knit to 2 sts before marker, p1, k1*, repeat from * to * once more.

Round 2: Knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts.

Round 3: *k1, p1, k1, p1, knit to 4 sts before marker, p1, k1, p1, k1*, repeat from * to * once more.

Round 4: Knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts.

Continue as established, but work 2 more sts in rib each time until all sts are worked in rib.

Work in rib until the work measures 52 (54) 58 (62) 64 cm or desired length. Bind off in rib.

Sleeves

Place the 10 sts for the right shoulder on an 8 mm needle and work the sleeve in colour B. Pick up and knit 44 (44) 48 (54) 54 sts all around the armhole opening, knit across the 10 shoulder sts, while at the same time placing a marker at the centre of the shoulder sts for the beginning of the round. There are a total of 54 (54) 58 (64) 64 7 sts on the needle.

Decrease round: K1, k2tog through the back loops, knit to the last 3 sts, k2tog, k2.

Work a decrease round every 6th round a total of 11 (11) 12 (12) 12 times. There are now 32 (32) 34 (40) 40 sts on the needle and the sleeve measures approx. 34 (34) 37 (37) 37 cm.

Size L and (XL)

Decrease 6 sts evenly across the next round. There are - (-) - (34) 34 sts on the needle.

All sizes

Change to a 7 mm needle and work 5 cm of k1, p1 rib.

Change to 2 strands of colour A and work 2 more rounds of rib. Bind off in rib.

Finishing

Weave in the ends. Gently steam the finished work.