

# Yrsa - a cool, contemporary sweater



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The designer has created a very exciting design with a closure down one side of the body, edges worked in a cool contrast and a simple, graphic lace pattern down the sleeves. The sweater is worked in two different colours of Arwetta Classic and one colour of Tilia, so there is ample opportunity to play with colours and contrasts and create your very own unique sweater.

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## Materials

Colour A: 100 (100) 100 (150) 150 g Arwetta Classic by Filcolana in colour 145 (Navy Blue)

Colour B:

200 (250) 250 (250) 300 g Arwetta Classic by Filcolana in colour 352 (Red Squirrel)

200 (250) 250 (250) 300 g Arwetta Classic by Filcolana in colour 235 (Grape Royal)

125 (125) 125 (125) 150 g Tilia by Filcolana in colour 353 (Fresia)

- one strand of each yarn are held together

4 mm and 6 mm circular needle, 80 cm

4 mm and 6 mm double-pointed needles (if the magic loop technique is not used)

Stitch markers

4 large snap fasteners (popper buttons)

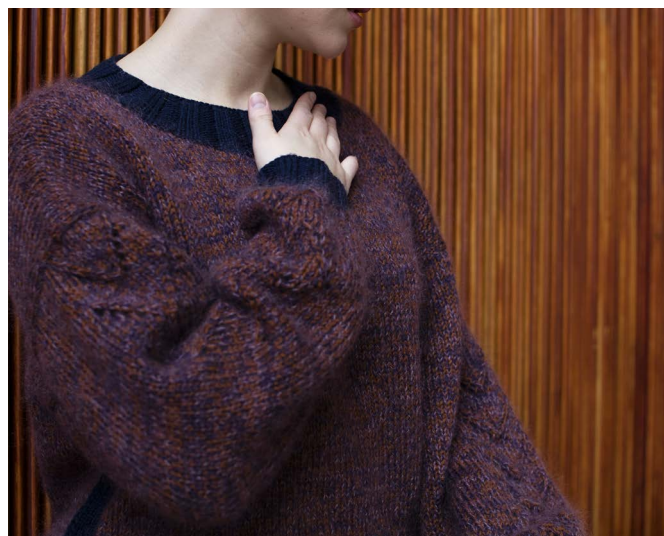
## Sizes

XS (S) M (L) XL

## Measurements

Body, chest: 80-88 (88-96) 96-104 (104-112) 112-120 cm

sweater, chest: 94 (102) 110 (118) 126 cm



Sleeve length: 43 cm  
Total length: approx. 61 (63) 65 (67) 69 cm

### Gauge

17 sts and 24 rows in stockinette stitch on a 6 mm needle = 10 x 10 cm.

*The rib edges are worked in 2 strands of Arwetta Classic (colour A) and the sleeves and body are worked in 2 strands of Arwetta Classic in two different colours and 1 strand of Tilia (colour B).*

### Special abbreviations and techniques

Selv (selvedge stitch): Knit the first and last stitch of every row.

tbl: through the back loop (twisted stitch)

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 back and forth to the armholes to create the large slit along one side. Edges are later knitted along the sides of the slit and snap fasteners



sewn on. The work is divided at the armhole and front and back are finished separately. Short rows are worked to shape the shoulders.

The sleeves are worked from the top down. First stitches are picked up and knitted along the armholes and then the sleeves are worked down from there. A simple eyelet pattern is worked along the top of the sleeves all the way down to the rib cuffs.

### Body

Cast on 162 (178) 186 (202) 218 sts on a 4 mm needle with 2 strand of colour A held together.

**Row 1 (WS):** 1 selv, work (p1, k1) 3 times, \*p4, k4\*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 11 sts, p4, work (k1, p1) 3 times, 1 selv.

**Row 2 (RS):** 1 selv, work (k1, p1) 3 times, \*k4, p4\*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 11 sts, k4, work (p1, k1) 3 times, 1 selv.

Repeat Row 1 and 2 until the work measures 6 cm. Place the first and last 8 sts on stitch holders for the edges of the slits, which are finished later.

Change to a 6 mm circular needle and continue in colour B (1 strands each of 2 different colours Arwetta Classic and 1 strand of Tilia). Begin with a RS row and cast on 1 new stitch at the beginning and end of the row (new selv). There are now 148 (164) 173 (188) 204 sts.

Remembering to work selvedge sts at the beginning and end of all rows, work in stockinette stitch until the body measures 31 (33) 35 (35) 35 cm. End on a WS row.

Now divide the work for front and back, while binding off sts for the left armhole as follows (RS): Knit 70 (78) 83 (90) 98 sts, bind off 7 (7) 6 (7) 7 sts, knit 69 (77) 81 (89) 97 sts, end with k2tog (k2tog) k2 (k2tog) k2tog.

Now work front and back separately.

### Front

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch with selvedge sts. At the same time, work an increase after the first 4 sts and before the last 4 sts every 6th row a total of 7 (7) 8 (8) 8 times. There are now 84 (92) 99 (106) 114 sts on the needle.

Work straight until the front measures approx. 18 (18) 20 (22) 23 cm from where the work was divided for front and back.

Place the centre 10 (12) 13 (14) 16 sts on a stitch holder and finish each side of the front separately.

Bind off sts to shape the neck edge at the beginning of every other row. First bind off 3 sts once, then 2 sts a total of 3 times, then 1 stitch a total of 4 times. There are now 24 (27) 30 (33) 36 sts left.

Now work short rows to shape the shoulder. Begin at the armhole edge and work in stockinette stitch as follows:

**Row 1:** Work to the last 9 sts, turn.

**Row 2:** Work to end of row.

**Row 3:** Work to 5 (6) 6 (6) 6 sts before last turn,

turn.

Repeat Row 2 and 3 another 1 (1) 1 (2) 2 times.

**Next row (RS):** Work stockinette stitch to end of row.

Place the sts for the shoulder on a stitch holder.

Work the second side the same as the first, only mirror reversed.

**Back**

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch with selvage sts. At the same time, work an increase after the first 4 sts and before the last 4 sts every 6th row a total of 7 (7) 8 (8) 8 times. There are now 84 (92) 99 (106) 114 sts on the needle.

Work straight until the back measures 24 (25) 27 (28) 30 cm from where the work was divided for front and back. End on a RS row.

Now work short rows to shape the shoulder as follows:

**Row 1 (WS):** Purl to the last 9 sts, turn.

**Row 2:** Knit to the last 9 sts, turn.

**Row 3:** Purl to 5 (6) 6 (6) 6 sts before last turn, turn.

**Row 4:** Knit to 5 (6) 6 (6) 6 sts before last turn, turn.

Repeat Row 3 and 4 another 1 (1) 1 (2) 2 times.

**Next row (WS):** Purl to the centre 40 (42) 43 (44) 46 sts, bind off these 40 (42) 43 (44) 46 sts, purl to end of row.

Sew the back shoulders together with the corresponding front shoulder using Kitchener stitch.

**Left sleeve**

Pick up and knit 85 (87) 89 (91) 93 sts evenly around the left armhole opening with a 6 mm circular needle and colour B (1 strands each of 2 different colours Arwetta Classic and 1 strand of Tilia). Begin and end at the bottom of the armhole opening, join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round.

\*\*Knit 2 rounds. At the same time, locate the centre of the top of the shoulder – at the shoulder seam.

From this centre stitch, count 6 sts in either direction and place markers, so there are 13 sts between these markers, 6 on either side of the centre stitch.

Now continue in stockinette stitch in the round, while at the same time working the pattern across the 13 sts at the top of the sleeve as follows:

**Row 1:** K2tog tbl, yarn over, k9, yarn over, k2tog.

**Row 2 and all even rows:** Knit.

**Row 3:** K1, k2tog tbl, yarn over, k7, yarn over, k2tog, k1.

**Row 5:** K2, k2tog tbl, yarn over, k5, yarn over, k2tog, k2.

**Row 7:** K3, k2tog tbl, yarn over, k3, yarn over, k2tog, k3.

**Row 9:** K4, k2tog tbl, yarn over, k1, yarn over, k2tog, k4.

**Row 11:** K5, yarn over, slip 1 stitch, k2tog, pass the slipped stitch over the knitted together sts, yarn over, k5.

Repeat the 12 rows of the patten a total of 7 times.

Work sleeve decreases at the same time, every 6th row a total of 15 times: K1, K2tog, knit to the last 3 sts, k2tog tbl. There are now 55 (57) 59 (61) 63 sts left on the needle.

After the pattern has been worked a total of 7 times, work straight in stockinette stitch until the sleeve measures 38 cm.

Change to a 4 mm needle and 2 strands of colour A. Knit 1 round and decrease evenly across this round to 36 (36) 42 (42) 42 sts.

Work 5 cm of k3, p3 rib. Bind off loosely in rib.

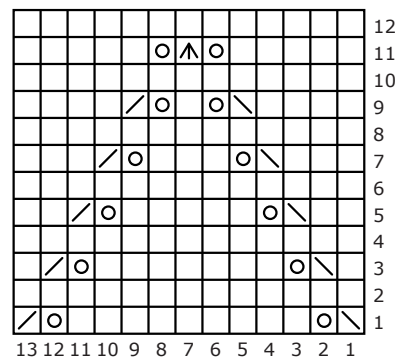
**Slit edges**

Place the sts for the first edge back on a 4 mm needle and work with 2 strands of colour A held together. Start by casting on a new stitch at the side of the edge facing the body (selvedge stitch for when sewing the edge to the body). Work back and forth in rib as the sts show (knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts) with the newly cast on stitch worked as selv until the edge reaches up to where the armhole begins. Bind off.

Work the other edge in the same way, only mirror reversed.

Sew the edges to the front and back respectively. Overlap the 2 edges, so the front edge lies on top of the back edge. Secure the two edges together with a few sts or a needles, as the sts for the right sleeve need to be picked up and knitted through both layers of the edges.

**Chart - sleeve pattern**



- slip 1 stitch, k2tog, pass slipped stitch over
- k2tog
- k2tog through the back loops
- yarn over

**Right sleeve**

Pick up and knit 85 (87) 89 (91) 93 sts evenly around the left armhole opening with a 6 mm circular needle and colour B (1 strands each of 2 different colours Arwetta Classic and 1 strand of Tilia). Begin at the bottom of the front armhole and end by picking up and knitting 4 sts through the end of both edges at the same time. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. Work the right sleeve the same as the left from \*\*.

**Neck edge**

Pick up and knit 102 (108) 108 (114) 114 sts from the RS along the neck edge with a 4 mm needle and 2 strands of colour A held together. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. Work 5 cm of k3, p3 rib. Bind off in rib.

**Finishing**

Weave in all ends. Sew 4 large snap fasteners to the slit edges. Gently steam or wash the finished work.