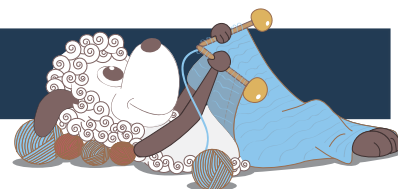


Alvi - a classic Nordic sweater



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An incredibly lovely sweater, both exciting to knit and warm and cosy to wear. The design is inspired by a classic book about Scandinavian knitting by author Vibeke Lind named "Knitting in the Nordic Tradition".

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Materials

Colour A: 250 (250) 300 (350) 400 g Pernilla by Filcolana in colour 956 (Charcoal melange)
Colour B: 250 (300) 350 (350) 400 g Pernilla by Filcolana Very Light Grey (melange) 957
3½ mm circular needle, 80 cm and 40 cm long
3½ mm double-pointed needles
Markers

Sizes

XS (S) M (L) XL

Measurements

Body, chest: 76-80 (82-88) 92-98 (102-108) 110-120 cm

Sweater, chest: 80 (90) 100 (110) 122 cm

Sleeve length: 45 cm

Total length: 64 (68) 70 (72) 73 cm

Please note: Alvi is designed with very little intended positive ease, which means it fits fairly close to the body. If you prefer a looser fit, you need to go up in size.

Gauge

24 sts and 26 rows in stockinette stitch in pattern on 3½ mm needles = 10 cm x 10 cm.



Special abbreviations

Skp: slip 1 stitch, knit the next stitch, pass the slipped stitch over the knit stitch.

Directions for knitting

The body is worked in the round from the hem to the armholes, then the sleeves are worked, also in the round. Sleeves and body are joined and the yoke is worked in the round. The only finishing work is the little sleeve under each sleeve.

Body

Cast on 192 (216) 240 (264) 288 sts on the long 3½ mm circular needle with color A. Join in the round, place a marker for the beginning of the round and work 4 rounds of k1, p1 ribbing. Place a second marker after 96 (108) 120 (132) 144 sts (second "side seam").

Work pattern according to chart A. First work the bottom patterned border once (12 rows), then continue in the 4 row herringbone pattern.

Work straight in the herringbone pattern until the work measures 42 (42) 41 (41) 40 cm.

Bind off for the armholes on the next round: Bind off 6 sts at the beginning of the round, work across front in pattern until 5 sts before marker, bind off 11 sts, work across back in pattern until 5 sts before end of round, bind off these 5 sts. (The bound off sts are placed between the vertical columns of dark grey sts).

Note what row of the pattern you are on and make sure to finish on the same row on the sleeves, so the pattern aligns across the yoke.

Sleeves

Cast on 49 (52) 61 (67) 73 sts in color A on 3½ double-pointed needles. Join in the round, place a marker for the beginning of the round and work 2 rounds of k1, p1 ribbing. End on k1 on size XS, M and XL.

Change to stockinette stitch and pattern according to Chart A the same way as on the body, while finishing the round as follows:

Size S: End row with stitch 13 of chart A (in color A), then work stitch 4, 5 and 6 of chart B (sleeve seam).

Size XS, M and XL: End row with stitch 13 of chart A (in color A).

Size L: End row with stitch 13 of chart A (in color A), then work the 6 sts of chart B (sleeve seam).

All sizes: Work the first 12 rows of chart A. Place a marker on either side of the sleeve seam ie. on either side of the 0 (3) 0 (6) 0 chart B sts + 1 color A stitch on either side (these are worked the same in color A throughout) = a total of 2 (5) 2 (8) 2 sts.

Now work an increase by lifting the chain between sts onto the left needle and knitting it through the back loop on either side on either side of the sleeve seam sts marked with markers, ie. just after and just before the vertical, marked colour A stitch. The new sts are worked in the herringbone pattern.

Work 2 increases every 5th round a total of 18 times.

Chart A (herringbone pattern)

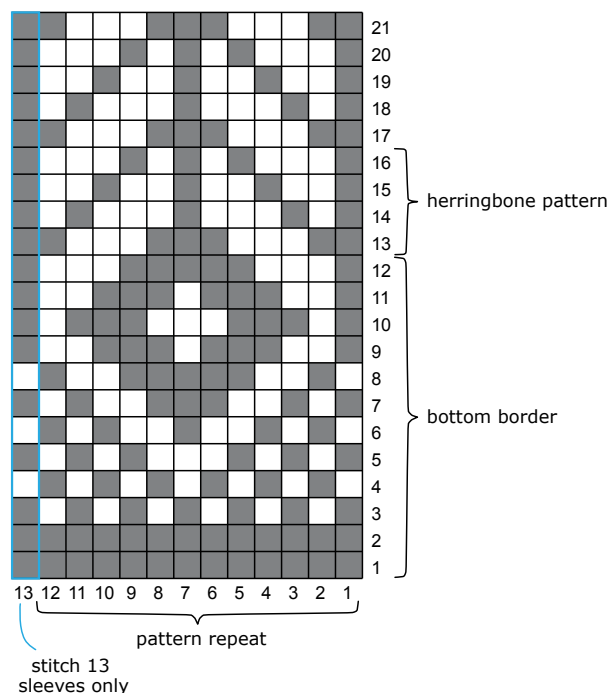
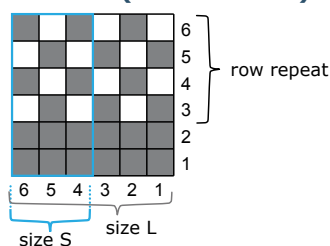


Chart B (sleeve seam)



There are now 85 (88) 97 (103) 109 sts on the needle. (Change from double-pointed needles to short circular needle, when there are sts enough).

Work straight in pattern until the sleeve measures 41 cm (or approx. 4 cm before the desired length).

Now work increases every other round a total of 4 (3) 4 (3) 4 times. There are now 93 (94) 105 (109) 117 sts on the needle. Work these new sts in colour A and not in pattern.

Work until the sleeve measures 45 cm. End on the same row of the pattern as on the body. Bind off the 10 (11) 10 (11) 10 sts under the sleeve, centered around the sts between the 2 markers.

Work a second sleeve the same way as the first.

Raglan yoke

Join the sleeves to the body on the circular needle over where sts were bound off.

Work 1 round in pattern, while placing 4 markers where sleeves and body join: Work the 83 (83) 95

(98) 107 sts of the right sleeve in pattern, mark the first stitch of the back (raglan - the 4 marked raglan sts on the round are worked in color A on all rounds), work the next 83 (95) 107 (119) 131 sts on the back in pattern, mark the last stitch of the back (raglan), work the 83 (83) 95 (98) 107 sts for the left sleeve in pattern, mark the first stitch of the front (raglan), work the next 83 (95) 107 (119) 131 sts on the front in pattern, mark the last stitch of the front (raglan and beginning of round).
There are a total of 336 (360) 408 (438) 480 sts on the needle.

Work in the round in the herringbone pattern while working raglan decreases: *k2tog, work in pattern to 2 sts before next marked stitch, ssk, knit marked stitch in color A*. Repeat from * to * to end of round. (8 sts decreased).

Work decreases as established every other round a total of 26 (28) 31 (34) 37 times. End on a round without decreases. There are now 128 (136) 160 (166) 184 sts on the needle.

Break the yarns. Place the centre 23 (25) 27 (29) 33 sts on the front on a stitch holder. Work back and forth in pattern, beginning right after the sts on the stitch holder. Continue to work decreases at the raglans as established every RS row.

At the same time: Bind off 5 sts at the beginning of the first 2 rows, then bind off 4 sts at the beginning of every row until only the back sts are left on the needle. Leave these sts on the needle.

Neck edge

Pick up and knit sts along the neck edge with color A: Knit across the back of neck sts on the needle, then pick up and knit 1 stitch for every bound off stitch along the side of the neck, knit across the resting sts in the centre of the front, then pick up and knit sts along the opposite side of the neck to the back of neck sts. Make sure to end up with an even number of sts.