Bertram - a little sweet baby set

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Bertram is a sweet little set for babies, worked in our very soft Merci yarn. This blend of wool and cotton is brilliant for the littlest ones. Merci comes in many lovely colours, so there are lots of opportunities to play with colour combinations, even if you are knitting in completely neutral tones for a future new-born.

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Materials

Merci by Filcolana in 3 colours:

Colour A: 100 g in colour 602 (Fern)

Colour B: 100 g in colour 610 (Gingerbread) Colour C: 50 g in colour 1390 (Salvia)

- the trousers are worked in colour B. If the trousers are worked in colour A 150 g of this colour and 50 g

of colour B is required. 2,5 mm and 3 mm circular needles

6 (6) 7 little buttons

Sizes

3 months (6 months) 9-12 months

Measurements

Cardigan, chest: 50 (54) 58 cm

Gauge

28 sts in stockinette stitch on 3 mm needles = 10 cm

Stripe pattern

Row 1 (RS): Knit with colour B. Row 2 (WS): Purl with colour B.

Row 3: Knit with colour C.

Row 4: Purl with colour C.

Row 5: Knit with colour A.

Row 6: Knit with colour A.

Repeat these 6 rows.





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Special abbreviations

<u>M1</u>: Make 1 st by lifting the chain between stitches onto the left needle and knitting it through the back loop.

<u>Skp</u>: slip 1 stitch, knit the next stitch, pass the slipped stitch over the knit stitch.

Special techniques

Selvedge stitches for seams (Selv): Slip the first stitch knit-wise with the yarn held in the back and knit the last stitch of all rows.

CARDIGAN

Body

Cast on 146 (158) 170 sts on a 2,5 mm needle with colour A. Work back and forth.

Slip the first 2 sts purl-wise with the yarn held in front, knit the last 2 sts on all rows (both RS and WS), to form a 2 stitch selvedge edge.

Place markers for side "seams" while working the row as follows:

Knit 6 sts (front edge), knit 32 (35) 38 sts (right front), place marker, knit 70 (76) 82 sts (back), place marker, knit 32 (35) 38 sts (left front), 6 m (front edge).

Buttonholes

Work a buttonhole on the right front edge after knitting 4 rows as follows: Slip 2 sts purl-wise, k2tog, yarn over twice, skp. On the next row, work k1, k1 through the back loop in the two yarn overs. Place the front edges (6 sts) at either end of the work on stitch holders after knitting 8 rows.

Change to a 3 mm needle and work in stripe pattern. Work straight in pattern until body measures 14 (16) 18 cm.

Now bind off for the armholes as follows: Work to 3 sts before marker, bind off 6 sts, work to 3 sts before next marker, bind off 6 sts, work to end of row. Let the sts for the body rest, while the sleeves are worked.

Sleeves

Cast on 36 (40) 44 sts on a 2,5 mm needle with colour A. Knit 8 rows. Work the first and last stitch on every row as selvedge stitches for seams.

Change to a 3 mm needle and work stripe pattern as on the body. At the same time work sleeve increases every 4th row a total of 9 (11) 13 times (RS): K1, M1, knit to the last stitch, M1, k1.

There are now 54 (62) 70 sts on the needle.

Work straight in pattern until the sleeve measures approx. 14 (16) 18 cm.

End on the same row of the stripe pattern as on the body.

Bind off 3 sts at the beginning and end of the next row.

Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

Yoke

Place the sleeves over where sts were bound off for

the armholes on the body and mark the 4 places where body and sleeves meet. There are now a total of 218 (246) 274 sts on the needle.

Work back and forth across all sts in the stripe pattern, while at the same time working raglan decreases on all RS rows as follows: *Work to 3 sts before marker, skp, k2 (1 stitch from the body and 1 from the sleeve), k2tog*, repeat from * to * 3 more times, work in pattern to end of row.

Work a total of 19 (21) 23 decrease rows. There are now 66 (78) 90 sts on the needle.

Now raise the back of the neck of the cardigan while continuing the stripe pattern as follows: Work a RS row to the last raglan marker (work decreases as established). Turn at the marker and work back to the first raglan marker (slip the first stitch purl-wise after turning). Turn again at the marker and work back to 3 sts before the last turn. Turn and work back to 3 sts before the last turn on this side. Work back and forth in this way, each time turning 3 sts before the last turn until you have turned a total of 3 times each side. Break the yarn and let the sts rest on the needle, while the front edges are worked.

Front edges

Front edge with buttons: Pick up and knit sts along the left front edge with a 2,5 mm needle and colour A. Start at the neck edge and end at the 6 front edge sts on the stitch holder, picking up and knitting 1 stitch for each selvedge edge "chain stitch" along the edge. Place the 6 sts from the stitch holder back on a 2,5 mm needle and knit across these. Now work back and forth across these 6 sts, while knitting together the last stitch on each WS row together with one of the sts that were picked up along the front edge (so there is always 6 sts on the needle). Continue in this way until all of the picked up sts have "disappeared". Mark the placements of 4 (4) 5 buttons evenly along this left front edge.

<u>Front edge with buttonholes</u>: Pick up and knit sts along the right front edge with a 2,5 mm needle and colour A. Start at the 6 sts on the stitch holder and end at the neck edge. Break the yarn.

Place the 6 front edge sts on the stitch holder back on a 2,5 mm needle and knit back and forth across these sts, while knitting together the last stitch on every RS row with a stitch together with one of the sts that were picked up along the front edge.

Work buttonholes as at the hem across from where the placement of the 5 (5) 6 buttons have been marked.

When all of the picked up sts have "disappeared", the sts are moved to the stitch holder.

Neck edge: Now work the neck edge with colour A and a 2,5 mm needle. Knit across the 6 right front edge sts, then across the resting sts from the yoke, then across the 6 sts from the left front edge. Note: At each turn on the yoke, pick up and knit the chain between the sts together with the following

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stitch to avoid little holes at the turn and to even out the "height differences". Kitting together the chain and the following stitch closes the little holes. Knit a total of 8 rows, working the last buttonhole in the right front edge. Bind off without making the edge too tight.

Finishing

Weave in ends. Sew the sleeve eams with mattress stitch from the RS. Sew the buttons in where the placements were marked.

Gently wash the finished work and leave it on a flat surface to dry.

TROUSERS

Trouser legs

Cast on 48 (52) 56 sts with colour B on a 2,5 mm needles. Knit 12 rows.

Change to a 3 mm circular needle.

Next row (RS): Selv, k1, *M1, k2*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts, k2.

Work straight in stockinette stitch, while working an increase row every 6th row as follows (RS): K1, M1, k to the last stitch of the row, M1, k1.

Continue until the leg measures 18 (20) 22 cm (or desired length), then bind off 5 sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows for the crotch. Work the second leg the same way as the first.

Top of trousers

Place the sts for both legs on a small 3 mm circular needle and work in the round in stockinette stitck across all sts. Mark the mid front and mid back, where the lets meet, and work decreases as follows: Knit to 3 sts before mid front, *skp, k2, k2tog*. Repeat from * to * for mid back. Work decreases as described every other round a total of 5 times, then every 4th round a total of 6 (6) 7 times.

Continue straight until the work measures 17 (19) 21 cm from when the leg were joined. Now work short rows to raise the back of the trousers: Mark both "side seams" midway between the front and back markers. Knit to the left "side seam", turn the work, slip the first stitch purl-wise with the yarn in front, the purl to the opposite "side seam" and turn again (slip the first stitch purl-wise with the WS turn. Continue working short rows back and forth as established until a total of 3 turns have been made at both "side seams".

Break the yarn and join it again at one of the "side seams". Work k1, p1 rib, while closing the holes at the turns by picking up the chain between the sts onto the needle and working it together with the next stitch. Work 1 rounds of rib. Bind off in rib without tightening the yarn.

Weave in the ends. Sew the crotch seam and the leg seams with mattress stitches from the RS. Optionally sew elastic in the waist on the WS of the rib. Gently wash the finished work and leave it on a flat surface to dry.