# Kaj - a kids sweater with a hint of neon

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A cool pullover with almost translucent bobbles and stripes in happy colors. The perfect kids colors combined with a neutral main color to brighten up even the gloomiest of rainy days. The long zipper makes the pullover easy to put on and take off again.

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#### Sizes

2-3 years (4-5 years) 6-8 years (10 years)

#### **Measurements**

Sweater, chest: 68 (74) 81 (88) cm Back length: 38 (43) 47 (51) cm Sleeve length: 30 (35) 39 (43) cm

#### **Materials**

Arwetta Classic by Filcolana:

Main color (MC): 150 (200) 250 (250) g of color 956

(charcoal)

50 g of each of the pattern colors 250 (green, CC1),

252 (orange, CC2) and 255 (yellow, CC3)

2.5 and 3 mm circular needles and double-pointed needles

Neon colored zipper: 20 (25) 28 (30) cm long

## Gauge

28 sts and 36 rows in single color stockinette stitch on 3 mm needles = 10x 10 cm

# **Abbreviations**

Kfb: Knit one stitch in the front of the stitch, then one in the back of the same stitch.





#### **Bobble pattern**

The bobble pattern is worked in the round (stitch number is divisible by 6):

Round 1: \*k2 with MC, k1 with CC2, k3 with MC\*. Repeat from \* to \* to end of round.

Round 2: \*k2 with MC. Make a bobble with CC2 (= knit 5 sts in the same stitch by knitting through the front and back loop alternately, turn and purl 5 sts. Turn again and knit the 5 sts together through the back loops with MC). k3 with MC\*. Repeat from \* to \* to end of round. (These 2 rows form the first row of

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bobbles)

Rounds 3 - 5: Knit with MC.

Round 6: \*k5 with MC, k1 with CC3\*. Repeat from \* to \* to end of round.

Round 7: \*k5 with MC, make a bobble with CC3\*. Repeat from \* to \* to end of round. Round 8 - 10: Knit with MC.

Repeat from Round 1 and change the color of the bobbles.

#### **Directions for knitting**

The sweater is worked in the round in the main color with the bobble pattern. The work is divided after the stripes and worked back and forth. The sleeves are worked in the round on double-pointed needles. The sleeves are then joined with the body and the yoke is worked back and forth.

#### **Body**

Cast on 192 (210) 228 (246) sts with CC1 (orange) on a 2.5 mm circular needle. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. work 8 (8) 9 (9) rounds in stockinette stitch. Purl 1 round, then change to a 3 mm circular needle and MC. Knit 8 (8) 9 (9) rounds, fold the colored facing to the WS and knit it together with the stitches on the needle:

\*Every other stitch is knit by knitting through a stitch on the left needle as well as a chain from the cast on edge of the facing, thus knitting the two together, k1 and skip over a chain of the cast on edge\*. Repeat from \* to \* to end of round.

Marker the side seam by placing a stitch marker after 96 (105) 114 (123) sts.

Knit 4 (4) 5 (6) rounds with MC, then work a repeat of the bobble pattern as described above, changing between the three contrast colors.

Work a total of 5 (6) 6 (7) rows of bobbles. Then work 4 (4) 5 (6) rows with MC.

Work 3 contrast colored garter ridges, continuing the color sequence of the bobbles: \*knit 1 round in a contrast color, purl 1 round in the same contrast color. Knit 2 rounds with MC\*.

Repeat from \* to \*med until you have used all three contrast colors, end with a knit round with MC.

Divide the work at center front for the zipper: Bind the center 2 (3) 2 (3) sts of the front off and continue in stockinette stitch, working back and forth. Knit the last 2 sts of every row and slip the first 2 sts purlwise with the yarn in front. Work the edges in this way throughout. Bind off sts for the armholes, when the work measures 24 (28) 31 (34) cm. Bind off 6 (6) 8 (8) sts for under each arm (ie. 3 (3) 4 (4) sts on either side of both of the two side seam markers). Let the work rest and knit the sleeves.

#### **Sleeves**

Cast on 42 (46) 50 (54) sts with the same contrast

color as for the body and 2.5 double-pointed needles. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. Work the facing the same way as for the body - including changing to MC and 3 mm needles and knitting every other chain of the cast on together with every other stitch on the needle. Increase round: k1, kfb, knit until there are 2 sts left of the round, kfb, k1.

Repeat the increase round every 4th (4th) (5th) (5th) round until there are 82 (86) 92 (98) sts on the needle.

At the same time work the bobble pattern (although only for 3 (4) 4 (5) rows of bobbles on the sleeves) and the stripe pattern the same way as for the body. Continue straight in the MC until the sleeve measures 30 (35) 39 (43) cm.

Bind off 6 (6) 8 (8) sts from under the sleeve (ie. 3 (3) 4 (4) sts on either side of the marker). Join the sleeve to the body over where sts were bound off at either armhole.

Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

## Raglan

Work back and forth across all sts using MC (330 (355) 378 (407) sts on the needle). place markers at the raglan seams:

Work the 44 (48) 52 (56) sts of the right front and place a marker.

Work the 76 (80) 84 (90) sts of the right sleeve and place a marker.

Work the 90 (99) 106 (115) sts of the back and place a marker.

Work the 76 (80) 84 (90) sts of the left sleeve and place a marker, then work the 44 (48) (52) (56) sts of the left front to the front edge.

#### Work raglan decreases

Decrease 2 sts on either side of each raglan markers every RS row in the following way:

Knit to 4 sts before marker, slip 2 sts purl-wise, k1,





pass slipped sts over, k2, k3tog (= 16 sts decreased across row). Repeat these decreases every RS row a total of 5 times.

Then decrease 1 st on either side of each raglan markers every RS row in the following way: Knit to 3 sts before marker, slip 1 purl-wise, k1, pass slipped st over, k2, k2tog (= 8 sts decreased across row). Repeat these "single decreased" a total of 14 (15) 16 (18) times (= 138 (155) 170 (183) sts on the needle).

Bind off 10 (11) 12 (13) for the neckline at the beginning of the next 2 rows, then 4 (4) 5 (5) sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows and finally 2 sts at the beginning of the next 10 (12) 14 (14) rows, while continuing the decreases at the raglan markers every RS row AT THE SAME TIME. When all the bind offs for the neckline have been worked, bind off all remaining sts.

# Neck edge

Using a 3 mm needle and MC, pick up and knit approx. 90 (100) 108 (116) sts along the neck edge. Then work 7 (8) 8 (9) rows back and forth in stockinette stitch (remembering to work the edge sts the same way as before).

Change to a 2.5 mm needle and CC1 (the same color as for the other facings). Work 1 knit row from the RS, then 1 purl row (= where the facing folds), then 7 (8) 8 (9) rows in stockinette stitch. Bind off.

#### **Finishing**

Weave in all ends and sew the little holes under each arm together. Sew in the zipper in the opening center front - sew from the top down. Sew the neck edge facing to the WS of the sweater using elastic stitches. The zipper is placed under the facing at the nck edge, so the edges of the zipper doesn't irritate the skin. Optional: Sew down the yarns running up along the WS of the work with elastic stitches to avoid them being pulled. Lightly steam the work using an iron and a damp cloth or rinse it gently using wool soap, then leave it on a flat surface to dry.

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