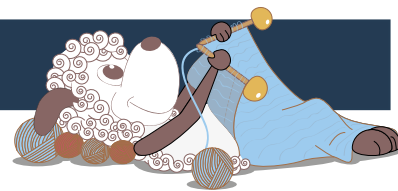


# Malva - a sweet cardigan for the girls



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*A lovely cardigan for little girls with lots of little buttons, sweet picot edges and narrow, contrasting stripes on the sleeves. The cardigan is simple to knit and has very little finishing work. The picot edges are worked with the bind off, and are very simple.*

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## Materials

150 (200) 200 (250) g of Arwetta Classic by Filcolana in color 186 and a small amount of yarn (approx. 10 g) in a contrasting color, here color 813.  
3 mm circular needle, 60 cm or 80 cm long  
Marker or loops of yarn  
8 little buttons in the same color as the contrasting yarn

## Sizes

2 years/92 cl (4 years/104 cl) 6 years/116 cl (8 years/128 cl)

## Measurements

Body, chest: 54-56 (58-60) 62-64 (65-66) cm  
Sweater, chest: 64 (68) 72 (76) cm  
Sleeve length: 24 (27) 30 (32) cm  
Total length mid back: 30 (33) 37 (41) cm

## Gauge

27 sts and 50 rows in seed stitch on 3 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm.

## Seed stitch

Row 1 and all rows: \*k1, p1\*. Repeat from \* to \*.  
End with k1.

## Abbreviations

M1: Løft lænken mellem 2 m op på pinden og strik den drejet (ret eller vrang som det passer med strikningen).

Skp: 1 r løs af, 1 r, træk den løse m over den netop strikkede.

Chained edge sts: Work 2 stitch chained edge along the button and buttonhole edges: Knit the 2 first and 2 last sts on all RW rows. Slip the 2 first and the 2 last stitches purl-wise with the yarn held in front on all WS rows. (The working yarn is attached to the 3rd stitch, when you turn to work the next RS row!)

## Special techniques

Buttonhole: (from the RS) Work the 2 stitch chained edge, k2tog, yarn over twice, skp. Work the 2 yarn overs as k1 through the back loop, k1 on the following row.

Picot bind-off: Knit all sts (from the WS). Bind off 2 sts. \*Slip 1 st from the right hand needle to the left,



cast on 2 new stitches with a knitted cast-on. Bind off the 2 sts, then bind off 3 more sts\*. Repeat from \* to \*.

Knitted cast-on: \*K1 without slipping the stitch from the left needle. Place the new stitch back on the left needle twisted. Repeat from \* to \*.

## Directions for knitting

The cardigan is worked in one piece to the armholes, then split into back and 2 fronts, which are finished separately. The sleeves are worked, then joined with the body at the armholes, and the yoke is worked.

## Body

Cast on 185 (197) 209 (221) sts on a 3 mm needle and the main color.

Row 1 (WS): 6 stitch button edge (= slip 2 sts purl-wise with the yarn in front, k4), work seed stitch for 173 (187) 197 (209) sts, 6 stitch buttonhole edge (k4, slip 2 sts purl-wise with the yarn in front)

The 6 front edge stitches at either end of the work are all knit on the RW.

Place markers at the "side seams": Work 48 (51) 54 (57) sts (= front), place a marker, work 89 (95) 101(107) sts (= back), place a marker, work 48 (51) 54 (57) sts (= front).

Work straight for 4 (4) 4,5 (4,5) cm. Work the 1st buttonhole on the right front edge as described above, then work a buttonhole every 3 (3,5) 4 (4,5) cm up to the mid front neck edge bind off.

Bind off for the armholes when the work measures 19 (21) 24 (27) cm:

Bind off a total of 9 sts at either "side seam" - 4 from the front and 5 from the back (to ensure symmetry in the seed stitch). (= 167 (179) 191(203) sts on the needle)

Let the body rest and work the sleeves.

## Sleeves

Cast on 43 (45) 49 (51) with the main color and a 3 mm needle. Work back and forth for 7 rows of seed stitch.

Change to garter stripes: \*Knit 2 rows in the contrasting color, 2 rows in the main color\*. Repeat from \* to \* 2 more times. Then knit 2 rows in the main color and 2 rows in the contrasting color.

Change to the main color and knit 1 row. Continue in seed stitch.

Increase row (RS) : Work 1, M1, work to the last stitch on the needle, M1, work 1.

New stitches are worked in pattern.

Work an increase row every 6th row a total of 15 (18) 20 (23) times = 73 (81) 89 (97) sts on the needle.

Work straight in seed stitch until the sleeve measures 24 (27) 30 (32) cm.

Bind off 5 sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows, then place the sleeve on the circular needle with the body over where stitches were bound off for the armhole = 63 (71) 79 (87) sts.

Work the second sleeve the same way as the first and join it with the body and the first sleeve on the circular needle. Place a marker each of the 4 places where the sleeves meet the fronts and back.

## Raglan yoke

Work back and forth across all 293 (321) 349 (377) sts, remembering to work buttonholes at the front edge. Work decreases at the raglan markers every RS row: \*Work to 2 sts before the marker, skp, k2tog (2 sts decreased)\*. Repeat from \* to \* at all 4 raglan markers.

Knit the decrease sts on the WS.

Work decreases at the raglan to 4 rows after the 8th buttonhole. The work now measures approx. 25 (28,5) 32,5 (36) cm.

Bind off the 6 sts at either front edge while continuing to work decreases at the 4 raglan markers.

Bind off for the neckline at either front edge by binding off 8 (10) 11 (12) sts at the beginning of the row once either side, then 4 sts once either side then 2 sts at a time until all front and sleeve stitches have been bound off. Bind off all remaining sts at the neck. TIP: Slip the first stitch before binding it off for a "softer" transition between bind offs.

## Neck and sleeve edges

Using the contrast color and a 3 mm needle, pick up and knit 1 st for each cast on stitch on the cuff. Turn the work and work a picot bind-off as described above.

OBS: Make sure to bind off tightly to avoid a flaring edge. Use a smaller size needle if necessary.

Pick up and knit stitches along the neck edge in the same way. Do not pick up stitches along the 6 front stitches either side, turn and work the picot bind-off.

## Finishing

Weave in all ends and sew the sleeve seams. Sew in the little buttons across from the buttonholes. Lightly steam or gently wash the cardigan and lay it flat to dry.