Pukkelhval - a cute whale sweater for kids

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Humpback whale. The beautiful and majestic whale, who is so wonderful to watch. Whale happy children (and their parents) will love this sweater, where the humpback swims happily at the front, and presents tail on the back.

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Materials

Arwetta Classic from Filcolana

Contrasting colour (CC) 100 (100) 150 (150) g in color 195 (blue nights)

Main colour (MC) 100 (150) 150 (200) g in color 726 (jeans blue)

Circular needles size 2½ mm and 3 mm, 60 cm Double pointed needles 2½ mm and 3 mm til ærmestrik

Markers or contrasting scrap yarn

Sizes

4 yrs/104 cl (6 yrs/116 cl) 8 yrs/128 cl (10 yrs/140 cl) 12 yrs/152 cl

Measurements

Chest circumference: 54-58 (58-62) 62-68 (68-74)

74-80 cm

Sweater circumferencevv: 65 (70) 75 (80) 85 cm Length under sleeve: 25 (28) 32 (34) 36 cm Sleeve length: 32 (35) 38 (40) 42 cm

Full length: 35 (39) 43 (46) 50 cm





Gauge

30 sts and 34 rows in stranded knitting on size 3 mm = 10×10 cm.

Special abbreviations

Stbl (decrease): Slip 1 stitch knitwise, place it back on left needle, knit 2 sts together through the back loop.

About the pattern

The sweater is knit in the round from the bottom up. The sleeves are knit separately and joined with the body at the yoke. The yoke is shaped by raglan decreases. At the neckline you begin knitting flat back

and forth in stranded knitting (but only for few rows). The rib is knit in one colour, while the rest of the sweater is knit in a stranded pattern. It might be necessary to secure the floats on the back at long stretches of one colour (this only happens at the whale). To do this twist the two strands of yarns around each other.

All the stranded patterns are shown in charts. Note that the starting point is different for the different sizes.

Body

Cast on 192 (208) 220 (236) 248 sts on a circular needle size $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm with CC. Mark the beginning of the round and knit round in rib (k1, p1) for a total of 10 rounds. Change to size 3 mm and knit 1 round (k all sts) while at the same time adjusting the stitch count to 196 (208) 224 (240) 252 sts. Place a marker for the side seam after 98 (104) 112 (120) 126 sts.

Join MC and begin knitting the pattern as follows:

Knit the side seam pattern from chart A over 5 (5) 11 (11) 11 sts, place marker, knit pattern from chart B over 93 (99) 101 (109) 115 sts (back), slip marker to right needle, knit side seam pattern from chart A over 5 (5) 11 (11) 11 sts, place marker, knit pattern from chart C over 93 (99) 101 (109) 115 sts (front).

Work straight up until you have knit round 72 from chart C. On the next round, work pattern from chart D for the back.

Knit until all rows of chart C have been knit. Continue knitting the wave pattern (chart B) on both back and front, as well as the side seam pattern from chart A, until the body measures 26 (28) 32 (34) 36 cm or has the wanted length under the sleeve. End with round 3 from the wave pattern.

On the next round bind off for arm holes as follows: K 1 with CC, bind off 3 (3) 9 (9) 9 sts, knit 95 (101) 103 (111) 117 sts in wave pattern, bind off 3 (3) 9 (9) 9 sts, knit 94 (100) 102 (110) 116 sts in wave pattern.

Place the body on hold while you knit the sleeves.

Sleeves

Cast on 48 (52) 56 (56) 60 sts on a size $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm needle using CC and work round in rib (k1, p1) for a total of 6 (6) 8 (8) 10 rounds. Change to size 3 mm needles and knit 1 round in st st (k all sts).

Join MC and begin working in pattern as follows: Knit 3 sts in pattern from chart E (sleeve seam), knit 45 (49) 53 (53) 57 m in pattern from chart F.

After 4 rounds begin working the increases on the sleeve. Increase 1 stitch at both sides of the sleeve seam, using CC (= 2 sts increased per round). Work the new sts in the wave pattern from the round after

the increases.

Work increases on every 7th round a total of 15 (15) 16 (18) 19 times. There are now 78 (82) 88 (92) 98 sts on the needle.

Work straight up in pattern until the sleeve measures 32 (35) 38 (40) 42 cm. End with round 3 in the wave pattern.

On the next round bind off 3 (3) 9 (9) 9 sts centered over the sleeve seam.

Place the sts for the first sleeve on hold and knit the second sleeve identical to the first.

Yoke

Place the sleeves onto the needle for the body over the bound off sts for the arm holes. Mark the raglan seams at each transitions between sleeve and body, where the raglan seam consist of 1 st from the body and 2 sts from the sleeve. The 3 sts in the raglan seam are worked after the pattern in chart E (sleeve seam).

Join the sleeves and body as follows:

Place marker, knit 1 st from the body and 2 sts from the first sleeve after chart E (=raglan seam), place marker, knit 71 (75) 75 (79) 85 sts from the sleeve after chart B (wave pattern), place marker, knit 2 sts from the first sleeve and 1 st from the body after chart E (=raglan seam), place marker, knit 93 (99) 101 (109) 115 sts in wave pattern (=back), place marker, knit 1 st from the body and 2 sts from the second sleeve after chart E (=raglan seam), place marker, knit 71 (75) 75 (79) 85 sts from the sleeve after chart B (wave pattern), place marker, knit 2 sts from the second sleeve and 1 st from the body after chart E (=raglan seam), place marker, knit 93 (99) 101 (109) 115 sts in wave pattern (= front).

There are now 340 (360) 364 (388) 412 sts on the needle.

Work 4 rounds straight up in the established pattern. Then begin decreasing for raglan as follows.

Decreases are worked on both sides of all raglan seams as follows: *knit to 2 sts before marker, ssk (with the colour appropriate for the pattern), slip marker to right needle, knit chart E, slip marker to right needle, k2tog (with the colour appropriate for the pattern)*, repeat from * to * at the other 3 raglan seams. Thus 8 sts are decreased for every decrease round.

Decrease on every 2nd round a total of 18 (20) 19 (21) 23 times. End with a round without decreases. There are now 196 (200) 212 (220) 228 sts on the neelde. Break both colours.

Place the middle 19 (21) 21 (25) 27 sts of the front

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on a stitch holder or piece of leftover yarn for the neck line.

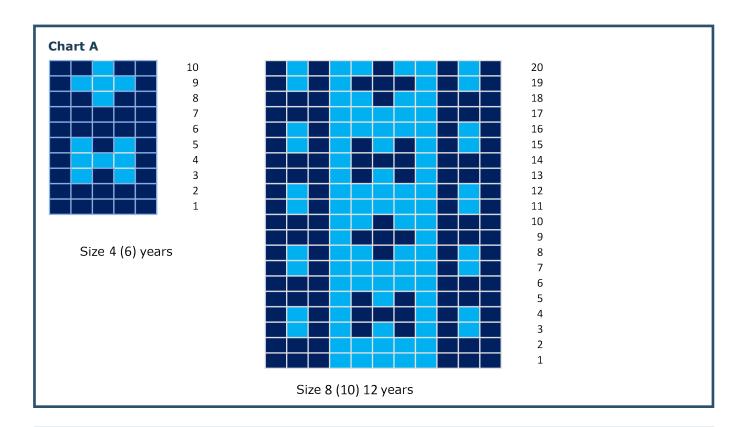
Join the yarn just after the held sts and work back and forth in the pattern WHILE AT THE SAME TIME continuing decreasing for raglan on all right side rows (note that the first row is a decrease row). Bind off for neck line at both sides for 4, 2, 2 sts and then for 1 st continuously until all sts for the front have been bound off or decreased at the raglan seam. Break both colours.

Neckband

Slip sts along the needle so the yarn (CC) is joined at the left shoulder. Using a size 2½ mm needle knit across all sts to the bound off sts for the neckline, (NOTE: work k3tog at all raglan seams), pick up and knit sts along the neck line (1 stitch per bound off stitch), knit across the held sts, pick up and knit sts along the bound off sts, knit to the left shoulder (remember to work k3tog at the raglan seams). You should end up with an even stitch count of approximately 140 (144) 150 (158) 166 sts. Work round in rib (k1, p1) for a total of 8 (8) 10 (10) 10 rounds. Bind off loosely in rib (it may be advisable to use a larger needle).

Finishing

Sew the holes under the arms. Weave in all ends. Wash the sweater gently and let it dry flat.



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