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Chaplin

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This simple cardigan with stripes is just as great for girls as for boys. It is inspired by the narrow, black striped costumes of mime artists and by Charlie Chaplin's silent movies. It is knitted in Indiecita, top down and with a round yoke.

SIZES

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

MEASUREMENTS

Fits chest sizes: 53-56 (57-60) 61-66 (67-70) cm

Chest: 56 (60) 67 (70) cm Length: 32 (35) 37 (41) cm Sleeve length: 18 (26) 29 (32) cm

GAUGE

26 sts and 37 rows stockinette on circular needles 3 mm = 10 x 10 cm.

Needle sizes are for guidance only. If you have more stitches on 10 cm, change to a larger needle. If you have fewer stitches on 10 cm, change to smaller needles.

MATERIALS

Yarn from Filcolana

Main colour:

100 (100) 150 (150) g Indiecita in colour 207

(Desert Sand)

Contrast colour (stripes):

50 g (all sizes) **Indiecita** in colour 500 (Black)

Circular needles 2.5 and 3 mm, 60 cm and 80 cm Doublepointed needles 2.5 and 3 mm (ommit if you are using magic loop technique on longer circular needle)

Stitch markers or contrast coloured yarn

6 (6) 7 (7) buttons approx. 12-14 mm in diameter



Technique

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

M1R: Left slanted increase (From right side) From the back, lift the horizontal strand between the two stitches with the left needle and knit through the front loop (1 st increase).

M1L: Right slanted increase (From right side) From the front, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle and knit through the back loop (1 st increase).

Sl1 k1 psso: Slip 1 st purlwise, knit 1 st, and pass the slipped st over the knitted st.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

Backward loop cast on

Form a loop with the yarn, so the end attached to the skein of yarn is in front of the end attached to the sts on the needle, insert the right needle through the front of the loop and pull tight so the loop becomes a stitch around the needle.

Repeat until you have the desired number of stitches.



Workflow

The cardigan is knitted flat top down.

First you knit the yoke, and then the sleeve sts rest for now, while the body is knitted.

Then the sleeves are knit top down, and at the end the button bands are knitted onto the cardigan.





Pattern

Stripe pattern

Knit 2 rows with the stripe colour then knit 4 rows of stockinette with the main colour.

Repeat those 6 rows to make stripes throughout work.

YOKE

With 2.5 mm circular needles and main colour cast on 83 (83) 89 (89) sts. 1st row is the right side.

Knit rib (p1, k1) back and forth, start and finish with a k1, until the ribbing measures 5 cm. Finish with a wrong side row.

Change to 3 mm needles.

Folded collar row (RS): Fold the ribbing edge so that the cast-on edge is placed behind the needle with the active sts, place the first st of the cast-on edge onto the left needle and knit 2 sts together, *place next cast-on edge st onto left needle and knit k2tog*, repeat from * to * over the remaining sts.

Only sizes 6 and 8 yrs

Next row (wrong side): Purl sts till the middle of the row, with your left needle, lift the bar between the $2 \, \text{sts}$ and purl the new st through the back loop (from left to right with right hand needle), purl remaining sts = $90 \, (90) \, \text{sts}$.

All sizes

Knit 3 (3) 2 (2) rows of stockinette, last row is a wrong side row.

Join the contrast colour to work and continue the stripe pattern, while also making increases as follows:

Next row (RS): k1 (edge st), k1, *M1R, place marker, k2, place marker, M1L, knit 9 (9) 10 (10) sts*, repeat from * to * a total of 7 times, M1R, place marker, k2, M1L, k1, k1 (edge st).

You have made 16 increases on this row.

Knit stockinette over 3 rows.

On next right side row repeat the increases on each side of the markers. Continue increases like this on every 4th row, until you have increased a total of 9 (11) 12 (13) times, last row is an increase row = 227 (259) 282 (298) sts.

After making all the increases, knit an additional 3 rows of stockinette. Then divide work into body and sleeves like this:

Next row (RS): Knit 30 (33) 38 (40) sts, place the next 50 (60) 62 (66) sts on a string for now, cast on 6 sts with backward loop technique, knit 67 (73) 82 (86) sts, place the next 50 (60) 62 (66) sts on a stitch holder, cast on 6 sts with M1T technique, knit 30 (33) 38 (40) sts.

BODY

You now have 139 (151) 170 (178) sts on the body.

Knit back and forth in stockinette and stripe pattern until work measures 30 (33) 35 (39) cm, measured from the middle of the back. If you are in the middle of a stripe, finish the stripe. Last row should be a wrong side row.

Hem

Change to 2.5 mm circular needles and work rib (k1, p1), while at the same time making 0 (0) 1 (1) decrease at the middle of the row by knitting a k2tog when it fits with the rib pattern.

Knit 2 cm rib. Bind off as the sts indicate.





SLEEVES

Place the 50 (60) 62 (66) sleeve sts back on a 3 mm circular needle, join work from right side and with the colour that matches the stripe pattern, cast on 6 sts in the armhole, place a marker in the middle of the newly cast on sts to mark the beginning of the round = 56 (66) 68 (72) sts.

Knit stockinette and stripe pattern in the round, until the sleeve measures 2 (2) 3 (4) cm from the armpit.



Next round (decrease round): K1, k2tog, work stockinette to last 3 sts, sl1 k1 psso, k1.

Repeat the decrease round on every 1.5 cm a total of 9 (13) 14 (15) times = 38 (40) 40 (42) sts.

Continue working stockinette and stripe pattern in the round, until sleeve measures 16 (24) 27 (30) cm from the armpit.

Change to 2.5 mm needles.

Rib edge

Knit 2 cm rib (k1, p1). Bind off as pattern indicates.

Knit the second sleeve the same way.

BUTTON BANDS

Left button band (with buttons)

From the right side of the left front and with 2.5 mm needles and main colour pick up 83 (91) 99 (107) sts.

Knit rib (p1, k1) until rib measures 2 cm.

Bind off in rib as pattern indicates.

Right button band (with button holes):

From the right side of the right front and with 2.5 mm needles and main colour pick up 83 (91) 99 (107) sts.

Knit rib (p1, k1) for 3 rows, last row is a wrong side row

Next row (RS) (button hole row): Knit 3 (6) 4 (6) sts of rib as pattern indicates, bind off 1 st, *knit rib until you have 14 (15) 14 (15) sts on your right needle after the bound off st, bind off 1 st*, repeat from * to * until you have 4 sts left, knit rib over remaining sts.

Next row: *Knit rib to 2 sts before the bound off st, make a k2tog or p2tog as the pattern indicates, cast on 2 new sts*, repeat from * to * to last button hole, knit rib over remaining sts.

Knit rib until the button band measures $2\ cm$. Bind off in rib as the sts indicate.

FINISHING

Weave in all loose ends. Sew in the buttons. Wash the cardigan according to the instructions on the labels, and lay it flat to dry on a towel.