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## Piano

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#FilcolanaPiano

**This sweater is inspired by the soft jazz genre. The kind of music you have in your ears when going for a walk through the woods on a beautiful autumn morning, where the fog lingers between the trees. When walking early mornings in nature you need a warm sweater under your jacket. Piano is perfect for exactly that purpose. It is oversized and warms the body well.**

### SIZES

S (M) L (XL)

### MEASUREMENTS

Fits chest circumference: 80-86 (87-96) 97-106 (107-116) cm

Circumference: 120 (128) 135 (143) cm

Sleeve length: 44 (44) 47 (47) cm

Length: 64 (65) 67 (68) cm

### GAUGE

21 sts and 30 rows in textured knitting on 4.5 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm

Measure the gauge after washing and blocking.

Before wash the knitting sample measures 21 sts and 34 rows = 10 cm 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**

400 (400) 450 (450) g **Pernilla** in col. 827 (Dijon) and

200 (200) 225 (225) **Alva** in col. 827 (Dijon)

**Use 1 strand of each quality held together throughout work.**

**4 mm and 4.5 mm circular needles, 80 cm**

**4 mm and 4.5 mm double pointed needles (dpns)**

**Stitch markers or contrast coloured thread**

**Stitch wires**



# Techniques

## SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

### Selvedge

Selvedge stitch, knitted on all rows.

### M1R (Right slanted increase)

From the RS: From the back, lift the horizontal strand between the two stitches with the left needle and knit or purl this st as the rib pattern indicates (1 st increase).

From the WS: From the back, lift the horizontal strand between the two stitches with the left needle and knit or purl this st as the rib pattern indicates (1 st increase).

### M1L (Left slanted increase)

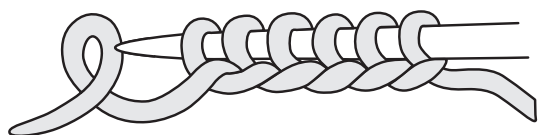
From the RS: From the front, lift the horizontal strand between the 2 stitches with the left needle and knit or purl through the back loop as the rib pattern indicates (1 st increase).

From the WS: From the front, lift the horizontal strand between the 2 stitches with the left needle and knit or purl through the back loop as the rib pattern indicates (1 st increase).

## SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

### Backward loop cast on

Hold your working yarn over your right index finger, bend the index finger towards you. This will create a loop around your finger. Insert the tip of your right-hand needle into the back of the new loop and release it onto the needle. Repeat this till you have the required number of stitches.



## CHART

Find chart on page 5.

# Workflow

The sweater is knitted top-down.

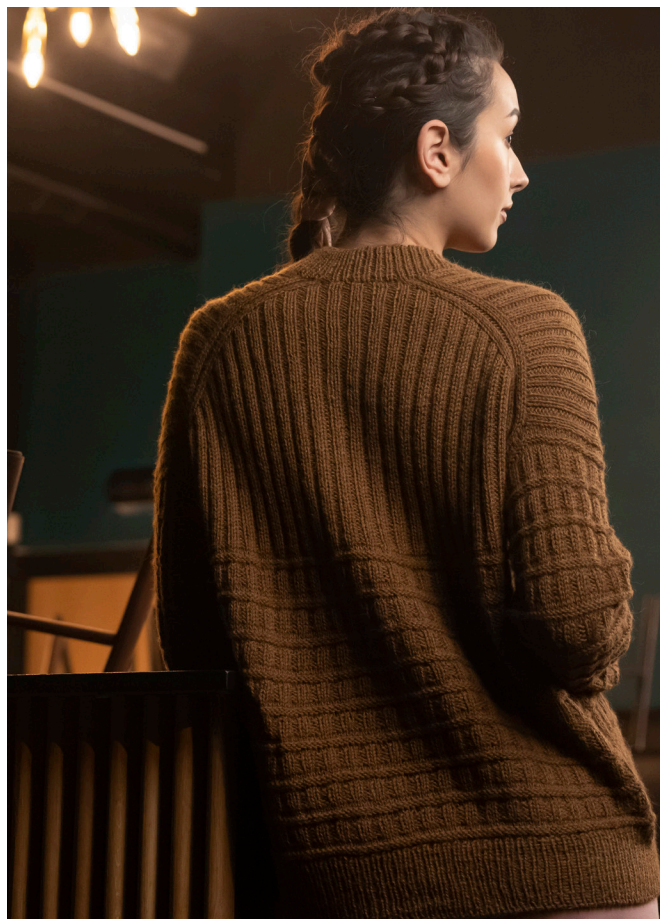
First knit the back flat while increasing in each side for the shoulders.

Then let the back sts rest, while picking up sts for the two fronts.

Join the two fronts and work the front flat till it has the same length as the back. Join the front and back and knit in the round according to chart.

Then pick up sts along armholes and knit sleeves to right length.

Last, pick up sts along the neckline for the neckband.







# Pattern

## BACK

With 4.5 mm needles and 1 strand of each yarn quality held together cast on 28 (28) 32 (32) sts.

Knit back and forth while increasing for the shoulders like this:

**1st row (WS):** Knit 1 selvedge st, p2, k2, p2, place marker, knit rib (k2, p2) over the next 14 (14) 18 (18) sts, place marker, p2, k2, p2, 1 selvedge st.

**2nd row:** Knit 1 selvedge st, k2, p2, k2, slip marker to right hand needle, M1L, knit rib as pattern indicates to next marker, M1R, slip marker to right hand needle, k2, p2, k2, 1 selvedge st.

Repeat these increases on both sides of the markers on EVERY row a total of 48 (52) 56 (60) times in each side, add the new sts into the rib pattern as you go along.

You now have 124 (132) 144 (152) sts on your needles.

Knit flat in 2 x 2 rib with 1 selvedge st in each side, until work measures 10 (10) 12 (12) cm from last increase. Finish with a wrong side row.

Let the sts rest on a stitch holder or stitch wire.

## LEFT SIDE OF FRONT

With the right side facing you, cast-on edge facing upwards, pick up 48 (52) 56 (60) sts using 4.5 mm needles on the left side of the back. Pick up 1 st for each row.

Knit back and forth like this:

**Next row (WS):** Selvedge st, knit rib (p2, k2), until you have 1 st left, selvedge st.

Continue as pattern indicates until work measures 13 (13) 14 (14) cm from the picked up sts. Finish with a wrong side row.

Now work increases along the neckline as follow:

**1st row (RS):** Selvedge st, k2, p2, k2, place marker, M1L, knit rib as pattern indicates till you have 1 st left, selvedge st.

**2nd row:** Knit as pattern indicates and include the new st into the pattern.

Repeat the increase on every 2nd row (right side) until you have increased 8 times in total, knit or purl the new sts as the rib pattern indicates = 56 (60) 64 (68) sts. Finish with a wrong side row. Break yarn.

Place sts on a stitch holder or stitch wire.



## RIGHT SIDE OF FRONT

With the right side facing you, cast-on edge facing upwards, pick up 48 (52) 56 (60) sts using 4.5 mm needles on the right side of the back. Start next to the last picked up st to the cast-on edge, pick up 1 st for each row.

Knit back and forth like this:

**Next row (WS):** Selvedge st, knit rib (p2, k2), until you have 1 st left, selvedge st.

Continue like pattern indicates until work measures 13 (13) 14 (14) cm from the picked up sts. Finish with a wrong side row.

Now start increases towards the neckline, knit as follows:

**1st row (RS):** Knit as pattern indicates to last 7 sts,



M1R, place marker, k2, p2, k2, selvedge st.

**2nd row:** Knit as pattern indicates and include the new st into the pattern.

Repeat the increase on every 2nd row (RS) until you have increased 8 times in total, knit or purl the new sts as the rib pattern indicates = 56 (60) 64 (68) sts. Finish with a wrong side row, do NOT break yarn.

### Join the two fronts

Knit the right front sts as pattern indicates, then cast on 12 (12) 16 (16) new sts using the make 1 towards technique in continuation of the last knitted sts, place the left front sts back on the needles and knit these as pattern indicates.  
You now have 124 (132) 144 (152) sts.

Continue knitting back and forth in rib as pattern indicates, include the two selvedge sts towards the neckline in the pattern.

Knit the front until it measures 29 (29) (31) 31 cm, measured at the edge of the front on the picked up sts on the back piece. Finish with a wrong side needle.



### BODY

Now join the front and the back, using the 4.5 mm circular needles, and knit work in the round while following the chart. Knit as follows:

**Next round:** Place a start marker and knit the front sts according to the 1st round of chart, place the back sts back on the needle and continue following the chart over those sts.

You now have 248 (264) 288 (304) sts in total.

Continue the textured knitting according to chart, until you have worked the 10 rounds of the chart 8 (8) 9 (9) times in total and work measures 50 (51) 53 (54) cm, measured at the middle of the back.  
Last row is round 10 of chart.

Knit 2 rounds, purl 2 rounds, knit 2 rounds.

Change to 4 mm needles.

### Rib

Knit rib (k1, p1) until ribbing measures 8 cm.

**Note!** The entire sweater now measures 61 (62) 64 (65) cm.

After washing the sweater length will increase approx. 3 cm, meaning the finished sweater will measure approx. 64 (65) 67 (68) cm.

Measure a tail at least 3 times the length of the rib circumference.

Thread tail onto a tapestry needle.

1. Insert tapestry needle into 1st st (knit st) on left needle as if to purl, pull the yarn through.
  2. From behind work insert needle between 1st and 2nd st. Pull needle and yarn to front of work.
  3. Insert tapestry needle from front into 2nd st (purl st) and out on the back.
  4. Insert tapestry needle into 1st st (knit st) as if to knit, slip st off needle.
  5. From the front insert tapestry needle - from right to left - into the front leg of the 2nd st (knit st), pull yarn through.
  6. Insert tapestry needle into 1st st (purl st) as if to purl, slip st off needle.
- Repeat steps 2-6, till you have 1 purl st left on LH needle.
- Finish bind-off like this:
7. From front insert tapestry needle - from right to left - into the first bound off st, pull yarn through.
  8. Repeat step 6.

All sts are bound off. Carefully weave in the loose end.



## SLEEVES

From the right side and with 4.5 mm needles pick up 80 (80) 88 (88) sts along the armhole.  
Distribute sts evenly on both sides.

Place a start marker and work the textured pattern according to chart, until the sleeve measures 2 cm from the picked up sts.

**Next round (decrease round):** Knit 2 sts together either as k2tog or p2tog depending on where you are in the pattern, continue pattern to last 2 sts, knit these 2 sts together through the back loop, either as a k2tog tbl or p2tog tbl as the pattern indicates.

Repeat this decrease round for every 2 cm a total of 12 (12) 14 (14) times until you have 56 (56) 60 (60) sts left on your needles.

Continue without decreases and repeat the 10 rounds of the chart a total of 10 (10) 11 (11) times, and the sleeve measures approx. 29 (29) 32 (32) cm.  
Last round is the 10th round of the chart.

Knit 2 rounds, purl 2 rounds and knit 2 rounds.

Change to 4 mm needles.

### Rib

Knit 8 cm rib (k1, p1).

The entire sleeve now measures 39 (39) 42 (42) cm.

**Note!** The sleeve will increase approx. 4-5 cm in length after washing. The sleeve length is then approx. 44 (44) 47 (47) cm after washing, it is quite long and designed to be folded over.

Bind off with Italian bind off as on the body.

Knit the second sleeve the same way.

## NECKBAND

Starting from the middle of the back and using 4 mm needles, pick up 112 (112) 124 (124) sts along the right side of the neckline.

Knit rib (k1, p1), until rib measures 10 cm.

Bind off as pattern indicates.

## FINISHING

Weave in all loose ends.

Fold the neckband over towards the wrong side and stitch it with loose overcasting sts.

Wash the sweater according to instructions on the labels and lay it flat to dry on a towel.

## CHART

●			●	10
●			●	9
●			●	8
●			●	7
				6
				5
●	●	●	●	4
●	●	●	●	3
				2
				1
4	3	2	1	

□ Knit on right side, purl on wrong side

● Purl on right side, knit on wrongside