Persica - a cardigan with glitter

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The designer wanted a cardigan with glitter. A cardigan with glitter that caught the spring sunshine, but still with the feel and look of a gorgeous woollen cardigan. The edges of Persica are knitted without the glittery Paia yarn, so the sparkly body of the cardigan is framed by a lovely soft cloud of wool and mohair.

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Materials

100 (100) 125 (125) 150 g Tilia by Filcolana in colour 341 (Winter Peach)

200 (200) 250 (250) 300 g Arwetta Classic by Filcolana in colour 254 (Coral)

50 (75) 75 (75) 100 g Paia by Filcolana in colour 704 (Peach Shimmer)

Double-pointed needles 5 mm

Circular needle 5 mm, 60 cm or 80 cm

4 stitch markers

Sizes

XS (S) M (L) XL

Measurements

Body, chest: 79-86 (87-94) 95-102 (103-112) 114-

120 cm

Sweater, chest: 88 (96) 104 (113) 122 cm Sleeve length: 46 (46) 46 (45) 44 cm cm Total length: 45 (46) 48 (50) 53 cm

Gauge

19 sts and 26 rows in stockinette stitch on a 5 mm needle with 1 strand of each of the 3 yarns held together (Arwetta Classic, Tilia and Paia) = $10 \times 10 \text{ cm}$.





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The needle size given in the pattern is only a suggesting. If there are more stitches on 10 cm than the gauge dictates, try a larger size needle. If there are fewer stitches than the gauge dictates, try a smaller size needle.

Special abbreviations

<u>Skp</u>: slip 1 stitch, knit the next stitch, pass the slipped stitch over the knitted stitch.

Sl1: Slip 1 stitch purl-wise.

<u>M1</u>: Make 1. Increase one stitch by lifting the chain between sts onto the left meedle and knitting it through the back loop.

tbl: through the back loop.

Directions for knitting

The cardigan is worked from the bottom up. Short rows are worked on the body and yoke, so ensure that the edge is neat and to raise the back of the yoke for a better fit.

Body

Cast on 191 (207) 223 (239) 259 sts on a 5 mm circular needle with 1 strand of Arwetta Classic and 1 strand of Tilia held together.

Row A (WS): SI1, *k1 tbl, p1*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts, k1 tbl, k1.

<u>Row B (RS)</u>: Sl1, *p1 tbl, k1*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts, p1 tbl, k1.

Now work Row A and B alternately until a total of 13 rows have been worked (end on a WS row). Now work straight in stockinette stitch with the front edges in rib as established. The front edges are still only worked in Arwetta Classic and Tilia, while the rest of the sts are worked in 1 strand each of Arwetta Classic, Tilia and Paia held together. Work as follows:

Row C (RS): Sl1, *p1 tbl, k1*, repeat from * to * until there are 11 sts on the right needle, p1 tbl. Join a strand of Paia and knit to the last 12 sts on the needle. Drop the strand of Paia so it hangs to the RS of the work. Continue in the two other yarns only: *p1 tbl, k1*, repeat from * to * to end of row.

Row D (WS): Sl1, *k1 tbl, p1*, repeat from * to * until there are 11 sts on the right needle, p1 tbl. Join Paia and purl to the last 12 sts on the needle. Drop the strand of Paia so it hangs to the RS of the work. Continue in the two other yarns only: *k1 tbl, p1*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts, k1 tbl, k1.

Now work short rows as follows (across a total of 3 rows): Sl1, *p1 tbl, k1*, repeat from * to * until there are 11 sts on the right needle, p1 tbl. Join Paia and knit to the last 12 sts on the needle. Drop the strand of Paia so it hangs to the RS of the work. Turn on next stitch. Re-join Paia. Purl to the last 12 sts on the needle. Drop the strand of Paia so it hangs to the

RS of the work. Turn on next stitch. Join the strand of Paia and knit to the last 12 sts on the needle. Drop the strand of Paia so it hangs to the RS of the work. Continue in the two other yarns only: *p1 tbl, k1*, repeat from * to * to end of row.

Now continue working alternately Row C and Row D. Begin and work a total of 9 rows. Work short rows as established above every 9 rows throughout the rest of the work.

Continue as established until the body measures 28 (29) 30 (28) (28) cm. End on a RS row.

Bind off for the armholes on the next row (WS): Work 12 sts in rib for front edge. Join Paia. Purl 36 (40) 43 (46) 51 sts, bind off 8 (8) 10 (12) 12 sts, purl 79 (87) 93 (99) 109 sts, bind off 8 (8) 10 (12) 12 sts, purl 36 (40) 43 (46) 51 sts. Drop the strand of Paia so it hangs to the RS of the work. Continue in the two other yarns only: Work 12 sts in rib for front edge.

Let the sts rest on the needle, while the sleeves are worked.

Sleeves

Cast on 42 (46) 50 (54) 60 sts on 5 mm double-pointed needles with 1 strand of Arwetta Classic and 1 strand of Tilia.

Turn, so the rib is worked from the WS as follows: *k1 tbl, p1*, repeat from * to * to end of round. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round.

Work 15 (16) 16 (16) 16 cm in rib. Turn on the next stitch, so the RS of the work is yet again on the outside. Join Paia.

Next round: K1, M1, knit to end of round.

<u>Increase round</u>: Knit to 2 sts before marker, M1, k4, M1.

Work 11 (11) 9 (7) 5 rounds in stockinette stitch.



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Work an increase round every 12th (12th) 10th (8th) 6th round a total of 6 (6) 7 (9) 10 times. There are now 55 (59) 65 (73) 81 sts on the needle. Continue straight in stockinette stitch until the sleeve measures 46 (46) 46 (45) 44 cm.

Bind off for the armhole on the next round: Bind off 4 (4) 5 (6) 6 sts, knit to the last 4 (4) 5 (6) 6 sts of the round, bind off these sts.

Knit a second sleeve the same way as the first.

Yoke

Remember to continue short rows inside the front edges on the yoke the same as on the body every 9 rows.

Now join body and sleeve on the 5 mm circular needle by placing the sleeves over where sts were bound off for the armholes on the body as follows (RS): Work 12 sts in rib for front edge. Join Paia. Knit across sts for first front, place marker, knit across sts for first sleeve, place marker, knit across sts for back, place marker, knit across sts for second sleeve, place marker, knit across sts for second front to the last 12

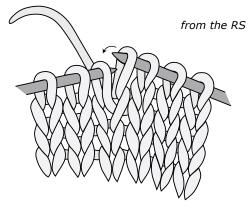
sts. Drop the strand of Paia so it hangs to the RS of the work. Continue in the two other yarns only: Work 12 sts in rib for front edge = 269 (293) 313 (337) 373 m i alt.

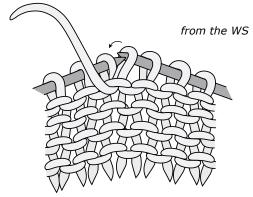
Row E (WS): Work 12 sts in rib for front edge. Join the strand of Paia and purl to the last 12 sts on the needle. Drop the strand of Paia so it hangs to the RS of the work. Continue in the 2 other yarns: Work the 12 sts for front edge.

Row F (RS): Work 12 sts in rib for front edge. Join Paia. *Knit to 4 sts before next marker, k2tog, k4, skp*, repeat from * to * 3 more times. Knit to the last 12 sts. Drop the strand of Paia so it hangs to the RS of the work. Continue in the two other yarns only: Work 12 sts in rib for front edge.

Continue working alternately Row E and Row F until you have worked a total of 6 (9) 11 (14) 18 decrease rows and have 42 (43) 44 (44) 45 sts on each front (incl. front edge sts), 35 (33) 33 (33) 33 sts on each sleeve and 67 (69) 71 (71) 73 sts on the back. There are now a total of 221 (221) 225 (225) 229 sts on the needle. End on a Row E.

Special technique: Short rows with shadow twins





Turn the work towards you. Insert the right needle through the "back of the neck" of the stitch below the next stitch on the needle as if to knit. Pull the working yarn through to create a stitch.

Place this stitch (the shadow twin of the stitch on the needle) onto the left needle. Turn and continue according to the pattern. When the stitch with the shadow twin is worked, the stitch and the twin are worked together as if they were one stitch.

Insert the right needle into the "back of the neck" of the stitch below the next stitch on the needle as if to purl. Pull the working yarn through to create a stitch. Place this stitch (the shadow twin of the stitch on the needle) onto the left needle. Turn and continue according to the pattern. When the stitch with the shadow twin is worked, the stitch and the twin are worked together as if they were one stitch.

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Now work short rows as follows: Work 12 sts in rib for front edge. Join Paia. *Knit to 4 sts before next marker, k2tog, k4, skp*, repeat from * to * 3 more times. K2. Turn on next stitch. Purl to 5 sts after the last marker on the needle. Turn on next stitch. *Knit to 4 sts before next marker, k2tog, k4, skp*, repeat from * to * 3 more times. Knit to the last 12 sts. Drop the strand of Paia so it hangs to the RS of the work. Continue in the 2 other yarns only: Work the 12 sts for front edge.

Work Row E, then Row F and then Row E again.

**Now work short rows as follows (short rows G, starting from the RS): Work 12 sts in rib for front edge. Join Paia. *Knit to 4 sts before next marker, k2tog, k4, skp*, repeat from * to * 2 more times. Knit to 6 sts before the last marker on the needle. Turn on next stitch. Purl to 5 sts before the last marker on the needle. Turn on next stitch. *Knit to 4 sts before next marker, k2tog, k4, skp*, repeat from * to * 2 more times. Knit to the last 12 sts. Drop the strand of Paia so it hangs to the RS of the work. Continue in the 2 other yarns: Work the 12 sts for front edge.

Work Row E, then Row F and then Row E again.**
Repeat from ** to ** 3 more times. You have now
worked 5 sets of short rows plus the short rows inside
the front edges that were also worked on the body.

Work Row F and then Row E.

Size XS only

Work Row F and then Row E once more.

All sizes

There are now 30 (32) 33 (33) 33 sts on each front (incl. front edge sts), 7 (7) 7 (7) 7 sts on each sleeve and 35 (39) 41 (41) 43 sts on the back. There are now a total of 109 (117) 121 (121) 125 sts on the needle.

Now work short rows as follows (no decreases are

worked on the sleeves): Work 12 sts in rib for front edge. Join Paia. *Knit to 4 sts before next marker, k2tog, k2, knit to next marker, k2, skp*, repeat from * to *. Knit to the last 15 sts. Turn on next stitch. Purl to the last 15 sts. Turn on next stitch.

Now work short rows again (short rows H): *Knit to 4 sts before next marker, k2tog, k2, knit to next marker, k2, skp*, repeat from * to *. Knit to the last 18 sts. Turn on next stitch. Purl to the last 18 sts. Turn on next stitch.

Work Short rows H, but work to the last 20 sts on both the RS and WS row.

Work Short rows H, but work to the last 22 sts on both the RS and WS row.

Size M (L) XL only

Work Short rows H, but work to the last 23 sts on both the RS and WS row.

All sizes

Next row: *Knit to 4 sts before next marker, k2tog, k2, knit to next marker, k2, skp*, repeat from * to *. Knit to the laat 12 sts. Drop the strand of Paia so it hangs to the RS of the work. Continue in the 2 other yarns: Work the 12 sts for front edge.

Work Row E.

Break the strand of Paia and work the rib edge in only Arwetta Classic and Tilia as follows:

Work Row B, work Row A, repeat from * to * until a total of 8 rows in rib have been worked. Bind off in rib.

Finishing

Sew the sts under the sleeves together. Weave in all ends.



