

Børsen - a beautiful cabled sweater



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One of the most iconic spires of Copenhagen is Dragespiret (the Dragon Spire) on the building that formerly held the Copenhagen stock exchange (Børsen). The spire is made up of four dragon tails twisted around each other. Unlike most of the other Copenhagen spires that are made of copper, the Dragon Spire is a wooden construction covered in led. The story goes that this would protect the building from "enemy blows and fire" and the building has indeed escaped several of the fires that have ravaged the surrounding buildings. The designer has taken the colour of the led as inspiration for the design and has added a sprinkling of glitter to the yoke and rib edges.

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Materials

250 (300) 300 (350) g Pernilla by Filcolana colour 954 (Light Grey melange)
250 (300) 300 (350) g Indiecita by Filcolana colour 401 (Light Grey melange)
50 (50) 50 (50) g Paia by Filcolana colour 702 (Silver Shimmer)
4,5 mm and 5,5 mm circular needle, 40 and 80 cm
4,5 mm and 5,5 double-pointed needle (if the Magic Loop technique is not used)
Stitch markers

Sizes

S (M) L (XL)

Measurements

Body, chest: 80-88 (89-96) 97-104 (105-112) cm
Sweater, chest: 97 (107) 117 (127) cm
Sleeve length: 47 cm all sizes
Total length (from shoulder): 54 (55) 57 (58) cm



Gauge

18 sts and 25 rows in stockinette stitch on 5,5 mm needles with 1 strand of 1 tråd Pernilla and 1 strand of Indiecita held together = 10 x 10 cm.

Special abbreviations

M1P (Make 1 Purl): From the front, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle and purl through the back loop.

Directions for knitting

The sweater is worked from the top down. First work the neck edge and yoke in cables and reverse stockinette stitch with increases. Then the work is divided for body and sleeves, and each section is finished separately in reverse stockinette stitch with rib at the hem and cuffs.

Note: The work can be turned inside out and worked

from the WS after the yoke, to avoid having to purl so much. If doing this, remember to note where the work is divided before turning the work, so the cables on the yoke end up symmetrically placed.

Neck edge and yoke

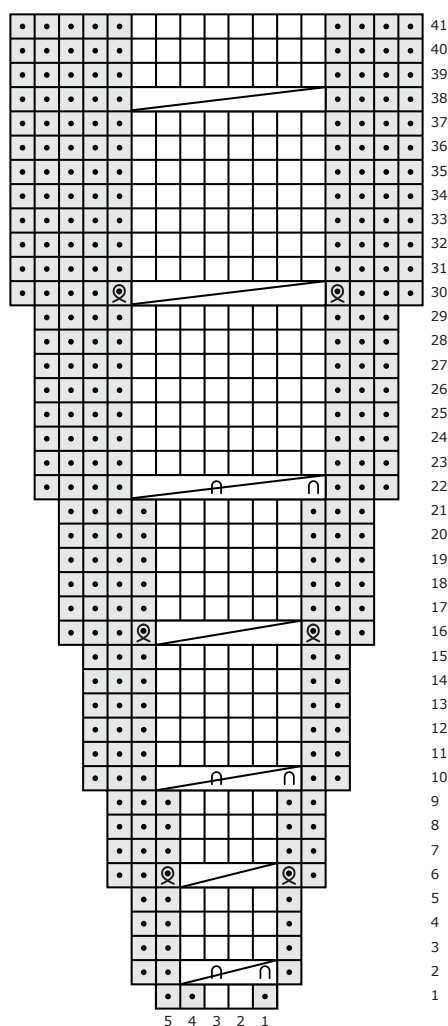
Cast on 64 (72) 80 (88) sts on a 4,5 mm needle with 1 strands of each of the 3 yarns held together. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. Work 10 cm in rib (k2, p2).

Change to a 5,5 mm circular needles and work increases on the next round as follows: M1P, *k2, p2, M1P*, repeat from * to *. End with k2, p2. There are now a total of 80 (90) 100 (110) sts on the needle. Work 5 more rounds in rib as follows: P1, *k2, p3*, repeat from * to *. End with k2, p2.

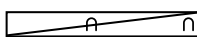
Continue in the round with cables and increases according to the chart, still in 1 strand of each of the 3 yarns held together.

When all 41 rows in the chart have been worked there

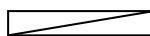
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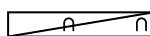
Slip 4 sts to cable needle and hold to back of work, k4, k4 from cable needle



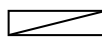
Insert cable needle under the horizontal strand between sts from back to front, slip next 3 sts to same cable needle and hold to back of work. Insert left needle under the horizontal strand between sts from front to back, knit strand, then knit next 3 sts. Knit strand from cable needle, then knit the 3 sts from cable needle



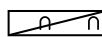
Slip 3 sts to cable needle and hold to back of work, k3, k3 from cable needle



Insert cable needle under the horizontal strand between sts from back to front, slip next 2 sts to same cable needle and hold to back of work. Insert left needle under the horizontal strand between sts from front to back, knit strand, then knit next 2 sts. Knit strand from cable needle, then knit the 2 sts from cable needle



Slip 2 sts to cable needle and hold to back of work, k2, k2 from cable needle



Insert cable needle under the horizontal strand between sts from back to front, slip next stitch to same cable needle and hold to back of work. Insert left needle under the horizontal strand between sts from front to back, knit strand, then knit next stitch. Knit strand from cable needle, then knit the stitch from cable needle



M1P



purl



knit

are a total of 272 (306) 340 (374) sts on the needle. Break the strand of Paia and continue in the round in reverse stockinette stitch (purl all rounds) with 1 strands of Pernilla and 1 strands of Indiecita held together. Work a total of 10 (12) 16 (20) rounds.

For size M, L and XL slip the marker at the beginning of the round as follows:

M: 4 sts to the left.

L: 8 sts to the left.

XL: 5 sts to the right.

Now divide the work for body and sleeves as follows: Purl across the first 84 (93) 102 (111) sts for the back, cast on 3 new sts in extension of the sts for the back, place the next 52 (60) 68 (76) sts on a stitch holder for the sleeve, purl across the next 84 (93) 102 (111) sts for the front, cast on 3 new sts in extension of the sts for the back, place the remaining 52 (60) 68 (76) sts on a stitch holder for the sleeve.

Body

Continue in the round in reverse stockinette over the 174 (192) 210 (228) sts for the body until the work measures approx. 28 cm (all sizes) from where the sts were divided.

Continue with 1 strands of each of the 3 yarn held together. Knit 1 round, while decreasing 2 (0) 2 (0) sts evenly across the round, then work 7 rounds in rib (k2, p2). Bind off.

Sleeves

Place the 52 (60) 68 (76) sleeve sts on a 5,5 mm circular needle. Purl across these sts with 1 strand of Pernilla and 1 strand of Indiecita held together, then pick up and knit 3 sts along the newly cast on sts at the underarm on the body. There are now a total of 55 (63) 71 (79) sts on the needle.

Join in the round and work in reverse stockinette until the sleeve measures approx. 37 cm or desired length minus 10 10 cm. (Remembering that the sleeve needs to be slightly longer than normal so it will "puff" over the rib cuff).

Change to 4,5 mm double-pointed needle decrease evenly across the next round to 36 (40) 44 (48) sts.

Work 10 cm in rib (k2, p2) with 1 strand of each of the 3 yarns held together.

Bind off, but not too tightly.

Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

Finishing

Weave in all ends.

