Lille Stjernedrys - a little star sweater

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Stjernedrys is such a gorgeous design sprinkled with little stars. The pattern looks like random dots - or stars, but they are actually worked from a chart, so they are not as random as they appear. There is also a grown-up version of this design.

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Materials

Pernilla by Filcolana:

Main color: 100 (150) 150 (200) 200 g Contrast color: 50 (50) 100 (100) 100 g 3 mm and 3,5 mm circular needles, 40 og 60 cm 3 mm and 3,5 mm double-pointed needles Stitch markers

Mustard yellow version (photos on this page)

Main color: 827 (Dijon melange) Contrast color: 977 (Marzipan melange)

Soft pink version (photos on page 3)

Main color: 820 (Isabella melange) Contrast color: 807 (Boysenberry melange)

2 years/92 cl (4 years/104 cl) 6 years/116 cl (8 years/128 cl) 10 years/140 cl

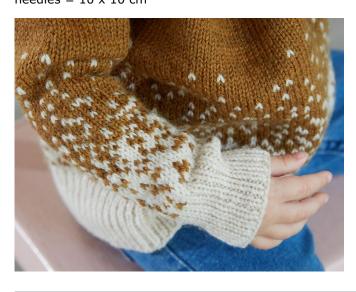
Measurements

Body, chest: 56-60 (61-65) 66-70 (71-75) 76-80 cm

Sweater, chest: 62 (66) 71 (76) 80 cm Sleeve length: approx. 22 (26) 29 (32) 35 cm Total length: approx. 32 (35) 39 (43) 47 cm

Gauge

25 sts and 37 rows in stockinette stitch on 3,5 mm needles = $10 \times 10 \text{ cm}$





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Short rows

Work to turning point for short row. Turn. Slip the first stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front of the work, then pull the yarn up and over the needle, pulling hard enough to make the stitch appear like a double stitch. When the stitch is worked later the two loops are worked together as one stitch.

Directions for knitting

The sweater is worked from the top down. Short rows are worked after the rib to shape the neckline and raglan increases are worked to shape the yoke. Then the yoke is split onto sleeves and body and each part is finished separately. It might be necessary to change needle size when working the colorwork pattern is worked toward the hem and cuffs to maintain gauge.

It can be helpful to place a stitch marker between each repeat of the pattern across the row.

Yoke

Cast on 88 (94) 100 (106) 112 sts on a 3 mm circular needle with the main color. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round (back of neck). Work 6 rounds of k1, p1 ribbing. Change to a 3,5 mm circular needle and work in stockinette stitch while placing 4 markers as follows:

Knit 14 (15) 16 (17) 18 sts ($\frac{1}{2}$ back), k1 (mark this stitch), knit 11 (12) 13 (14) 15 sts (right sleeves), k1 (mark this stitch), knit 33 (35) 37 (39) 41 sts (front), k1 (mark this stitch), knit 11 (12) 13 (14) 15 sts (left sleeve), k1 (mark this stitch), knit 15 (16) 17 (18) 19 sts ($\frac{1}{2}$ back).

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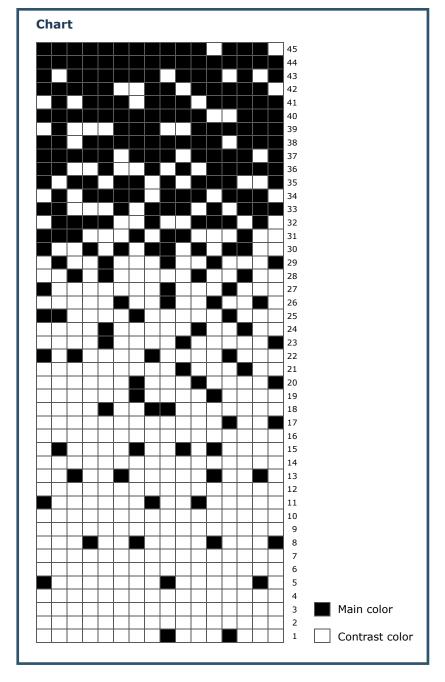
Short row 1 (RS): Knit to the marked stitch, (k1, yarn over, k1) in the marked stitch, k4, turn.

Short row 2: Purl to beginning of round, purl to the marked stitch, (p1, yarn over, p1) in the marked stitch, p4, turn.

Short row 3: Knit to beginning of round, knit to the marked stitch, (k1, yarn over, k1) in the marked stitch, knit to 4 sts past last turn, turn.

Short row 4: Purl to beginning of round, purl to the marked stitch, (p1, yarn over, p1) in the marked stitch, purl to 4 sts past last turn, turn.

Knit to beginning of round, and continue round with (k1, yarn over, k1) in each of the marked sts of the first round, then



on 2nd round a further 17 (19) 21 (23) 25 times.

There are now 47 (52) 57 (62) 57 sts on each sleeve, 67 (73) 79 (85) 91 sts on the front and back respectively as well as 4 marked sts - a total of 232 (254) 276 (298) 320 sts on the needle.

Body

Place the sleeve stitches on 2 stitch holders. The marked sts and the body sts are now worked in the round in stockinette stitch, while 8 new sts (all sizes) are cast on over where the sleeve sts were on either side of the body. There are now 154 (166) 178 (190) 202 sts on the needle.

Work straight in stockinette stitch until the body measures 2 (4) 7 (10) 13 cm from where the were divided.

Adjust the number of sts by increasing (decreasing) decreasing (in-

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creasing) increasing a total of 6 (6) 2 (2) 6 sts evenly across the next round. There are now 160 (160) 176 (192) 208 sts.

Now work in the charted pattern, making sure to secure the longer floats of more than 4 sts on the WS of the work.

When all rows of the chart have been worked, knit ${\bf 1}$ row in the contrast color.

Change to a 3 mm circular needle and work 5 cm of k1, p1 ribbing. Bind off.

Sleeves

Place the sts for the first sleeve on 3,5 mm double-pointed needle. Pick up and knit 1 stitch for every newly cast-on sts on the body, under the sleeve. There are now a total of 55 (60) 65 (70) 75 sts. Next round: Work in stockinette stitch and k2tog at the center of the picked up sts under the sleeve. Mark this center stitch of the picked up sts under the sleeve. There are now 54 (59) 64 (69) 74 sts on the needle.

Continue in stockinette stitch, decreasing 1 stitch on either side of the marked stitch every 6th (7th) 7th (8th) 9th round a total of 7 (7) 8 (9) 9 times as follows: Knit marked stitch, ssk, knit to 2 sts before marked stitch, k2tog.

At the same time work in the charted pattern, when the sleeve measures 5 (9) 12 (15) 18 cm from where the work was divided into body and sleeves.

When all rows of the chart have been worked, knit 1 row in the contrast color, while decreasing 0 (1) 0 (1) 0 stitch. There are now 40 (44) 48 (50) 56 sts. Change to 3 mm double pointed needles. Work in k1, p1 ribbing for 4,5 cm. Bind off.

Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Gently rinse work, put it through a (dry) spin cycle in the washing machine and lay it flat to dry.



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