Taormina - a beautiful, simple sweater

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A lovely, elegant and simple sweater knit in alpaca. The yarn gives the sweater a beautiful drape which together with the slightly loose neckline makes the sweater seem young.

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Materials

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Colour A: A scrap of colour 197 (Aqua) for the edges Colour B: 250 (300) 300 (300) g of colour 808 (Aquadis melange)

3 mm and 3,5 mm circular needle, 60 cm long 3 mm and 3,5 mm double-pointed needles 4 stitch markers

Sizes

S(M)L(XL)

Measurements

Body chest: 84 (92) 100 (108) cm Sweater chest: 91 (98) 105 (113) cm Length: approx. 54 (56) 58 (60) cm Sleeve length: approx. 44 (45) 46 (47) cm

Gauge

22 sts and 28 rows in stockinette stitch on a 3,5 mm needle = 10×10 cm.

Special abbreviations

 $\underline{\text{Skp}}$: slip1, knit1, pass the slipped stitch over. $\underline{\text{M1}}$: Make 1 (increase). Lift the bar between the stitches onto the left needle and knit into the back of it.

Directions for knitting

The sweater is worked from the top down. The given instructions will produce a relatively short sweater





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with long sleeves. If you wish to make a longer sweater or shorter sleeves, this easily be adjusted.

Yoke

Cast on 160 (168) 176 (184) sts on a 3 mm circular needle using color A. Join in the round and work one round in ribbing (k1, m1) while placing the following markers: Work 58 (60) 62 (64) sts, place a marker, work 22 (24) 26 (28) sts (= sleeve), place a marker, work 58 (60) 62 (64) sts, place a marker, work 58 (60) 62 (64) sts, place a marker, work 22 (24) 26 (28) sts (= sleeve), place a marker. The last marker marks the beginning of the rnd.

Change to color B and work 5 more rounds in ribbing.

Change to a 3,5 mm circular needle and begin working in stockinette stitch while working the following increases:

Next round: *K1, M1, knit to 1 st before the next marker, M1, k1, slip marker*. Repeat from * to * 3 more times (a total of 8 sts have been increased). Repeat this increase round every other round 5 more times, then every 3rd round a total of 11 (13) 15 (17) times = 296 (320) 344 (368) sts on the needle.

Divide the work into body and sleeves, placing the sts for each sleeve on a stitch holder or length of scrap yarn.

Work in stockinette stitch across the body sts while casting on 8 (10) 12 (14) new sts under each arm, where the sleeve sts have been placed on holders = 200 (216) 232 (248) sts on the needle.

Continue straight in stockinette stitch until the body measures 34 cm (or desired length) measured form where new sts were cast on under the arms. Change to 3 mm circular needle.

Work 5 round in ribbing (k1, p1).

Change to color A and work one more round of ribbing. Bind off loosely in pattern.

Sleeve

Place the 56 (62) 68 (74) sts of the first sleeve, which rested on a holder, onto 3,5 mm double-pointed ne-

Pick up 1 st in each of the 8 (10) 12 (14) newly cast on sts under the sleeve and one more on either side of these sts. There are now 64 (72) 80 (88) sts on the needle.

Join in the round and place a marker at the center of the sts under the sleeves for the beginning of the rnd. Work 31 (25) 19 (13) rounds in stockinette sts, then work a decrease round: K1, k2tog, knit until 3 sts before the marker, skp, k1.

Work a decrease round every 10th round 8 (9) 10 (11) more times. There are now 46 (52) 58 (64) sts on the needle.

Continue straight until the sleeve measures approx. 44 (45) 46 (47) cm or desired length.

Change to 3 mm double-pointed needles and work 5



rounds in ribbing (k1, p1). Change to color A and work one more round of ribbing. Bind off loosely in pattern.

Work the second sleeve the same way.

Finishing

Sew up the little holes under each arm. Weave in all ends. Rinse the work, put it through a (dry and gentle) spin cycle in the washing machine, then lay it on a flat surface to dry.