

Primula - a cardigan with little flowers



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This pattern is borrowed from Barbara Walker's "Knitting Treasuries" - a true treasure trove of patterns. The combination of the multicolored and solid colored Arwetta Classic creates an effect that resembles little many-colored flowers. The multicolored yarn can of course be exchanged for a solid color, but this creates an entirely different effect.

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Materials

Arwetta Classic by Filcolana:

Color A: 100 (150) 150 (200) g in color 253

Color B: 50 (50) 100 (100) g in color 512

3 mm circular needle, 60 or 80 cm long - the sweater is knit back and forth

6 buttons

Sizes

2 (4) 6 (8) years

Measurements

Sweater, chest: 64 (68) 72 (76) cm

Total length: 30 (33) 37 (41) cm

Gauge

26 sts and 42 rows in the primula pattern in 3 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm.

Abbreviations

M1: Make 1. Increase one stitch by lifting the chain between sts onto the left needle and knitting it through the back loop.

Skp: slip 1 stitch, knit the next stitch, pass the slipped stitch over the knit one.



Body

Cast on 169 (179) 189 (199) sts using color A and a 3 mm circular needle.

Next row (WS): *k1, p1*. Repeat from * to *. End with k1.

Work back and forth in ribbing as established for 2,5 (2,5) 3 (3,5) cm. End on a RS row. Work pattern from chart (see page 3) until the work measures approx.

18 (21) 24 (27) cm (end on row 3 or 11 of the chart). Bind off for the armholes on the next row: Work 38 (40) 43 (45) sts, bind off 8 sts, work until there are 77 (83) 87 (93) sts on the right needle, bind off 8 sts, work to end of row. Let the body rest.

Sleeve

Cast on 49 (49) 59 (59) sts with color A and a 3 mm circular needle.

Next row (WS): *k1, p1*. Repeat from * to *. End with k1.

Work back and forth in ribbing as established for 2,5 (2,5) 3 (3,5) cm. End on a RS row.

Work pattern from chart (see page 3) while working increases at the same time.

Increase row (RS): k1, M1, work until there is 1 st left on the needle, M1, k1.

Work an increase row every 8th row a total of 10 (13) 12 (14) times = 69 (75) 83 (87) sts on the needle.

Work straight in pattern until the work measures approx. 24 (28) 30 (32) cm (end on row 1 or 9 of the chart).

Bind off 5 sts for the armholes at the beginning of the



next 2 rows = 59 (65) 73 (77) sts on the needle.
Let the work rest and knit a second sleeve the same way as the first.

Yoke

Join the sleeves to the body over where stitches were bound off for the armholes = 271 (293) 319 (337) sts on the needle. place a marker at each join (4 markers total) and work back and forth in the ridge pattern:

Row 1 and 2: Knit with color B.

3. p: Knit with color A.

4. p: Purl with color A.

Decrease stitches every RS row **at the same time**:

Work to 2 sts before marker, skp , slip marker, k2tog. Repeat from * to * at every marker, work to end of row = 8 sts decreased. Work these decreases 4 more times = 231 (253) 279 (297) sts on the needle.

Then stitches are decreased evenly across the rows in the following way:

Work 1 (1) 3 (5) rows.

Next row (RS): Knit 12 (11) 12 (9) r, k2tog, *k10, k2tog*. Repeat from * to * 17 (19) 21 (23) times.

End with 13 (12) 13 (10) r.

Work 3 (3) 5 (5) rows in the ridge pattern.

Next row: K 12 (11) 12 (9), k2tog, *k9, k2tog*. Repeat from * to * 17 (19) 21 (23) times. End with k 12 (11) 12 (10).

Work 3 rows in the ridge pattern.

Next row: K 11 (10) 11 (8), k2tog, *k8, k2tog*. Repeat from * to * 17 (19) 21 (23) times. End with k 12 (11) 12 (9).

Work 3 rows in the ridge pattern.

Next row: K 11 (10) 11 (8), k2tog, *k7, k2tog*. Repeat from * to * 17 (19) 21 (23) times. End with k 11 (10) 11 (9).

Work 3 rows in the ridge pattern.

Next row: K 10 (9) 10 (7), k2tog, *k6, k2tog*. Repeat from * to * 17 (19) 21 (23) times. End with k 11 (10) 11 (8).

Work 1 row in the ridge pattern.

Next row: K 10 (9) 10 (7), k2tog, *k5, k2tog*. Repeat from * to * 17 (19) 21 (23) times. End with k 10 (9) 10 (8).

Work 1 rows in the ridge pattern.

Next row: K 9 (8) 9 (6), k2tog, *k4, k2tog*. Repeat from * to * 17 (19) 21 (23) times. End with k 10 (9) 10 (7).

Work 1 rows in the ridge pattern.

Next row: K 9 (8) 9 (6), k2tog, *k3, k2tog*. Repeat from * to * 17 (19) 21 (23) times. End with k 9 (8) 9 (6) = 87 (93) 103 (105) sts on the needle.

Continue in ribbing the same way as on the hem while decreasing 20 sts evenly across the first row = 67 (73) 83 (85) sts on the needle.

Work 2 cm of ribbing, then bind off tightly in pattern.

Finishing

Right front edge

Pick up and knit 74 (84) 94 (104) sts along the right front edge, ie. 5 sts for every 8 rows of the primula pattern and 2 sts for every 4 rows in the ridge pattern. Work k1, p1 ribbing (the first row is a WS row). work buttonholes on the 3rd row: Work 3 (3) 3 (3) sts in ribbing, bind off 3 sts, *work until there are 10 (12) 14 (16) sts on the right needle after the bind off, bind off 3 sts*. Repeat from * to * and end with 3 (3) 3 (3) sts in ribbing.

Next row: Work in ribbing as established and cast on 3 new sts over where sts were bound off on the previous row.

Work 3 more rows in ribbing.

Bind off in pattern.

Left front edge

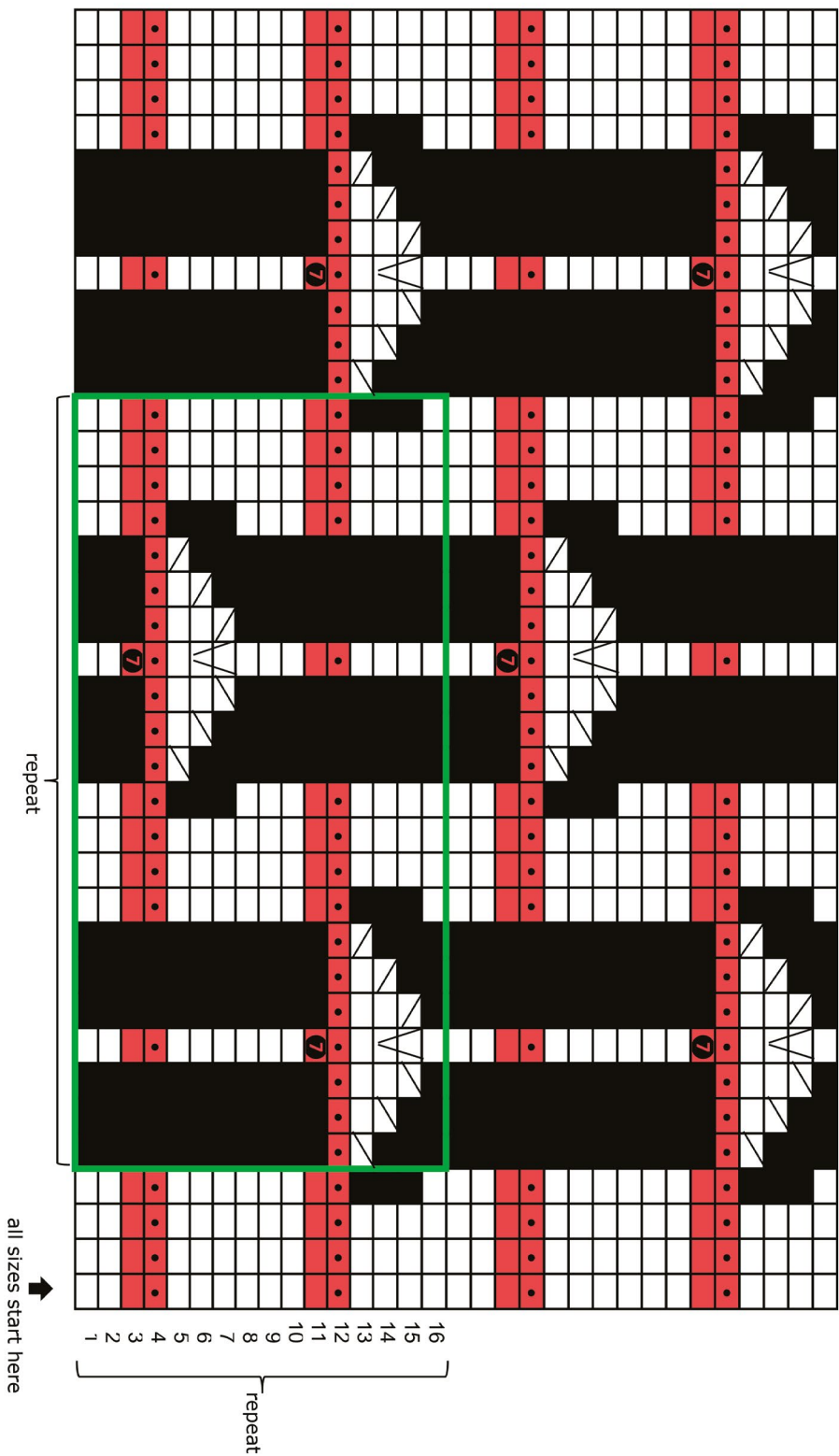
Work the same as the right front edge, oly without the buttonholes.










Sew the sleeve seams. Sew the little holes under each sleeve using Kitchener stitch.

Sew in the buttons.

Rinse the work, put it through a (dry) spin cycle in the washing machine and then leave it on a flat surface to dry.





-  Using color A: knit on RS, purl on W
-  Color B
-  no stitch
-  knit on WS
-  k2tog on RS, p2tog on WS
-  slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over on RS, p2tog through the back loops on WS
-  RS: slip 1 purl-wise with the yarn in back, WS: slip 1 purl-wise with the yarn in front
-  no stitch
-  in 1 stitch: k1, yo, k1, yo, k1, yo, k1, yo, k1.