Ingrid - a sweet and lovely sweater

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The designer Sanne Bjerregaard is very inspired by the stories created by the wonderful imagination of Swedish author Astrid Lindgren. She's especially charmed by the stories about Pippi Longstocking and has created a series of designs based on the characters in these stories.

The Pippis sweater is like Pippi herself – colourful and a bit crazy. The Tommy and Annika designs are a bit more cautious and timid. And naturally Annika and Tommy's mother, Mrs. Ingrid Settergren also had to have an elegant sweater.

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Materials

200 (250) 250 (300) 300 g Merci by Filcolana in colour 4142 (Cherry Blossom)

150 (150) 150 (175) 175 g Tilia by Filcolana in colour 321 (Sakura)

3 mm circular needle, 80 cm

4 mm circular needle, 80-120 cm

- if the magic loop technique is not used, the recuired needles are a 3 mm circular needle, 40 cm, a 4 mm circular needle, 60 cm, and 3 mm double-pointed needles

A length of scrap yarn for the cast on 2 safety pins

Sizes

S (M) L (XL) XXL

Measurements

Body, chest: ca. 80-88 (89-96) 97-104 (105-112) 113-120 cm

Circumference at hem: 78 (84) 91 (95) 99 cm Wingspan (coff to cuff): 132 (136) 140 (144) 147 cm

Length: 52 (55) 57 (60) 62 cm

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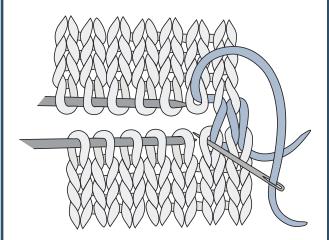
Special techniques: Kitchener stitch

Break the yarn, leaving a tail of yarn long enough to sew with. Thread it onto a blunt needle.

Hold the two sets of stitches parallel to each other, WS to WS. Hold the working yarn below the needles at all times.

Begin as follows:

Insert needle into first stitch on front needle at if to purl. Leave the stitch on the needle. Insert needle into first stitch on back needle as if to knit. Leave the stitch on the needle.



Then continue as follows:

- 1. Insert needle into first stitch on front needle as if to knit. Let the stitch fall off needle.
- 2. Insert needle into next stitch on front needle as if to purl. Leave the stitch on the needle.
- 3. Insert needle into first stitch on back needle as if to purl. Let the stitch fall off needle.
- 4. Insert needle into next stitch on back needle as if to knit. Leave the stitch on the needle. Repeat Step 1-4 until all the stitches have been sewn together.

Gauge

27 sts on ribbing with 2 strands of Tilia on a 3 mm needle (stretched rib: approx. 21 sts) = 10 cm 21 sts and 31 rows in stockinette stitch with 1 strand of Tilia and 1 strand of Merci on a 4 mm needle = $10 \times 10 \text{ cm}$

Directions for knitting

Ingrid is worked bottom up with sleeves which are lightly batwing shaped. The body is worked in the round in one piece to the sleeve edge, then the work is split into back and front, which are finished separately. Back and front are sewn together along the shoulders and the top of the sleeves using kitchener stitch. All rib edges are worked in 2 strands of Ti-

lia held together, the rest in 1 strand of Tilia and 1 strand of Merci held together.

Special abbreviations

M1R (Make 1 Right): from the front, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle and knit through the back loop.

M1L (Make 1 Left): from the back, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle and knit through the front loop.

Sweater

Cast on 83 (89) 97 (101) 105 sts with a length of scrap yarn on a 3 mm circular needle. Knit 2 rows. Break the yarn.

Purl 1 row with 2 strand of Tilia held together. Do not torun the work, but join it in the round. Purl 2 rounds. **Next round:** *P1, insert the right needle under the the strand of yarn running between the sts 3 rows below the row on the needles (ie. the first row worked in Tilia), lift the strand onto the left needle and knit it *, repeat from * to * until there are 1 stitch left, pick up and knit the last strand of yarn running between the sts and knit it together with the last stitch. There are now 164 (176) 192 (200) 208 sts on the needle. P1, place a marker for the beginning of the round and work 12 cm of k1, p1 ribbing. Carefully cut and remove the cast-on scrap yarn.

Next round: Place a marker around the first stitch on the needle (a knit stitch), work 81 (87) 95 (99) 103 sts rib, place a marker around the next stitch on the needle (a knit stitch), work in rob ti the end of the round.

The marked sts mark the side "seams".

Break one strand of Tilia and join a strand of Merci to now work in 1 strand of Tilia and 1 strand of Merci held together.

Change to a 4 mm circular needle.

Next round: K1 (side stitch), knit 0 (1) 0 (2) 2 sts, *M1R, k5*, repeat from * to * until 1 (1) 0 (2) 1 sts before marked side stitch, M1R, knit 1 (1) 0 (2) 1 sts, k1 (side stitch), knit 0 (1) 0 (2) 2 sts, repeat from * to * until 1 (1) 0 (2) 1 sts before marked side stitch, M1R, knit 1 (1) 0 (2) 1 sts. There are now 198 (212) 232 (240) 250 sts on the needle.

Knit 3 rounds.

Next round: *K1 (side stitch), M1L, knit to side stitch, M1R*, repeat from * to * to end of round. Repeat the last 4 rounds 11 (12) 13 (15) 16 more times. There are now 246 (264) 288 (304) 318 sts on the needle.

Knit 1 round.

Tip: If you would like a sweater with width, but not much length, you can knit fewer of the above repeat with increases every 4th round and correspondingly more of the below repeat with increases every other round.

Next round: *K1 (side stitch) slightly loosely, M1L, k1, M1L, knit to 1 stitch before side stitch, M1R, k1,

M1R*, repeat from * to * once more. Note that the marked side sts should be knitted slightly loosely accommodate the increases.

Repeat the last 2 round another 17 (17) 16 (16) 16 times. There are now 390 (408) 424 (440) 454 sts on the needle.

Knit 1 round.

Divide the work for front and back, which are finished separately as follows:

Next round: K1 (side stitch) and place this stitch on a safety pin, knit to the side stitch, place this stitch on a safety pin as well, then knit to the end of the round.

Now work back and forth on the circular needle.

Back

Work straight in stockinette stitch (knit on the RS, purl on the WS) across the 194 (203) 211 (219) 226 sts for the back until the work measures 13 (14) 16 (16) 17 cm from where the sts were split. End on a WS row.

Place the sts on a stitch holder or spare circular needle.

Front

Work the front the same as the back until the work measures 13 (14) 16 (16) 17 cm. End on a WS row. Sew the shoulders and top of sleeve seams together: Sew the 67 (71) 74 (78) 81 first sts together with the corresponding back sts using Kitchener stitch. Do the same with the last 67 (71) 74 (78) 81 sts.

Neck edge

Pick up and knit sts along the neckline with a 3 mm circular needle and 2 strands of Tilia. Pick up and knit 1 stitch from the Kitchener stitch seam on one shoulder, knit across the 60 (61) 63 (63) 64 sts on either front or back, pick up and knit 1 stitch in the Kitchener stitch seam on the opposite shoulder, then knit across the 60 (61) 63 (63) 64 sts on either front or back, 122 (124) 128 (128) 130 sts in total. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. Work k1, p1 rib for 3 cm. Break the yarn, leaving a tail 3 times as long as the circumference of the neck edge.

Bind off using the Italian bind-off as follows: Thread the end on a blunt needle.

- **1.** Insert the needle through the first stitch on the left needle as if to purl.
- **2.** Insert the needle between the 1st and 2nd stitch from back to front.
- **3.** Insert the needle through the 2nd stitch as if to knit.
- **4.** Insert the needle through the first stitch as if to knit
- **5.** Insert needle through front leg of the 2nd stitch, from the front and from right to left.
- **6.** Insert the needle in the 1st stitch on the left needle as if to purl.

Repeat pt. 2-6 until all sts have been bound off. Care-



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fully weave in ends.

Sleeves

Place the side stitch on the safety pin back on a 3 mm circular needle (of double-pointed needle, if the magic loop technique is not used). Pick up and knit 53 (57) 65 (65) 69 around the sleeve edge with 2 strands of Tilia, ending at the side stitch. There are now 54 (58) 66 (66) 70 sts on the needle.

Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. Work 20 cm of k1, p1 rib. Bind off using the Italian bind-off.

Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

Finishing

Weave in remaining ends. Gently wash the finished sweater according to the instructions for the Tilia. Let the sweater dry lying on a flat surface.