Valdemar - a raglan sweater for boys

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A dapper raglan sweater design for kids, with a vintage inspired pattern on the body and yoke, and sleeves in a solid colour to emphasise the pleasing raglan lines.

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Materials

MC: 100 (150) 150 (200) 250 g Arwetta Classic by Filcolana in colour 145 (Navy Blue)

CC: 50 (50) 100 (100) 100 g Arwetta Classic by Filcolana in colour 101 (Natural White) 2,5 mm and 3 mm circular needle, 60 cm 2,5 mm and 3 mm double-pointed needles

Stitch markers

Sizes

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

Measurements

Body, chest: 50-55 (55-60) 60-65 (65-70) 70-75 cm

Sweater, chest: 59 (63) 71 (73) 76 cm Sleeve length: 22 (30) 33 (36) 39 cm Total length: 36 (39) 45 (48) 52 cm

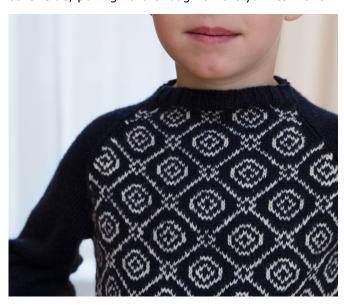
- this design is close fitting

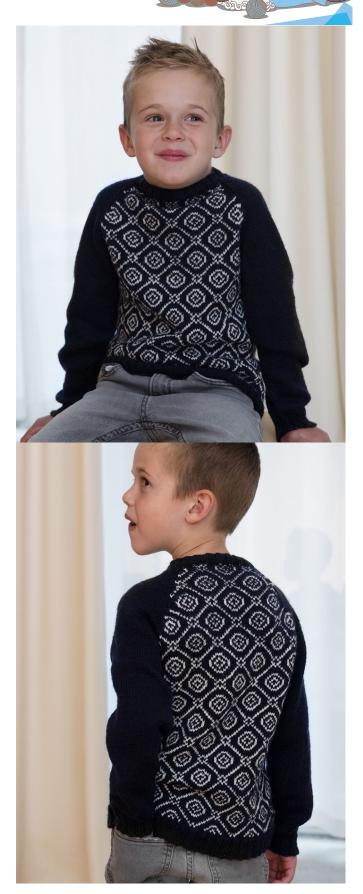
Gauge

30 sts and 34 rows in stockinette stitch on a 3 mm needle = 10×10 cm.

Special techniques

Short rows - GSR (German short rows): Work to where the turn needs to be, turn, then slip the first stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front. Bring the working yarn up and over the needle and down on the other side, pulling hard enough on the yarn to make





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the stitch on the needle look like a double stitch (the 2 legs of the stitch are visible). Continue row as pattern describes.

When working across the stitch that looks like a double stitch, work it as 1 stitch, either knitting or purling the 2 legs together, as the pattern describes.

Directions for knitting

Valdemar is worked from the bottom up. First the body is worked in the round in the stranded pattern to the armholes, then the work is split into front and back, which are finished separately in pattern with raglan decreases. The sleeve are also worked in the round to the armhole, then back and forsth with raglan decreases. At the end, the four sections are joined to knit the neck edge rib in the round.

Body

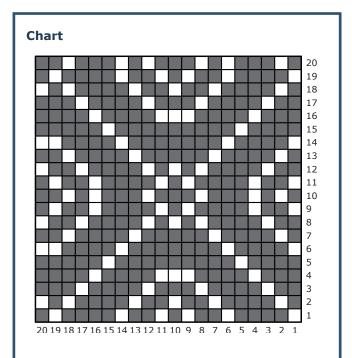
Cast on 168 (180) 204 (212) 220 sts on a 2,5 mm circular needle with MC. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. Work 3 (3) 3,5 (3,5) 3,5 cm og k2, p2 rib.

Change to a 3 mm circular needle and work the following decrease round: Knit 0 (4) 4 (4) 4 sts, *M1, knit 21 (22) 25 (26) 27 sts*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

There are now 176 (188) 212 (220) 228 sts on the needle.

Now work in pattern as follows: *Work vertical stripes by working [k1 with colour A, k1 with colour B] 4 (7) 3 (5) 7 times, end with K1 with colour A, work the next 79 (79) 99 (99) 99 sts as Row 1 (11) 1 (11) 1 of the charted pattern*, repeat from * to * once more.

Note: When working the chart, the pattern is made symmetrical by first working all of the sts of the 3 (3)



4 (4) times, then stitch 1-19 once more.

Work straight in pattern as established, repeating all the rows of the chart a total of 3 (3,5) 4 (4,5) 5 times.

Then work row 1-3 (1) 1-3 (1-3) 1-2 once more. The work now measures approx. 22 (25) 29 (32) 35 cm.

Size 2, 6 and 8 years

Work one more round in pattern, but stop 1 (-) 3 (2) – sts before the end of the round. These last sts are bound off at the beginning of the next next round.

Size 4 years

Work one more round in pattern. Work the first stitch on the following round. The bind-off for the armhole will start after this stitch.

All sizes

Bind off for the armholes on the next round as follows: Bind off 11 (13) 13 (15) 15 sts in pattern, work in pattern until there are 77 (81) 93 (95) 99 sts on the needle after the bound off sts, bind off the next 11 (13) 13 (15) 15 sts in pattern, work in pattern across the next 77 (81) 93 (95) 99 sts – to the bound off sts.

Now work the front and back separately to the neck edge.

Front

Work back and forth across the last 77 (81) 93 (95) 99 sts in pattern, beginning with a WS row. Next row (RS): K1 with colour A, ssk in pattern, work

in pattern to the last 3 sts, k2tog in pattern, k1 with colour A.

Next row (WS): P1 with colour A, work in pattern to the last stitch, p1 with colour A.

Work back and forth as established in the last 2 rows until a total of 21 (22) 25 (26) 27 raglan decrease rows have been worked. End after the last decrease row (RS).

Break colour B. Purl 1 row in colour A only. There are now 35 (37) 43 (43) 45 sts on the needle.

Move the sts to a stitch holder until the neck edge is worked.

Back

raglan decrease rows have been worked. End after the last decrease row (RS).

Break colour B. Purl 1 row in colour A only. There are now 29 (31) 35 (35) 37 sts on the needle.

Leave the sts on the needle until the neck edge is worked.

Left sleeve

Cast on 44 (44) 48 (48) 52 sts on 2,5 mm double-pointed needles. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. Work 3 (3) 3,5 (3,5) 3,5 cm og k2, p2 rib.

Change to 3 mm double-pointed needles and work decreases on the next round as follows: Knit 4 (4) 0

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(0) 4 sts, *M1, knit 5 (5) 6 (6) 6 sts*, repeat from * to * to end of round. There are now 52 (52) 56 (56) 60 m.

Knit 5 rounds.

Increase round: K1, M1, knit to end of round, M1. Continue in stockinette stitch, working an increase round every 10th (10th) 8th (8th) 8th round a total of 7 (9) 10 (12) 12 times. There are now 66 (70) 76 (80) 84 m.

Work straight until the sleeve measures 22 (30) 33 (36) 39 cm.

Next round: Knit to the last 5 (6) 6 (7) 7 sts, bind off the next 11 (13) 13 (15) 15 sts.

There are now 55 (57) 63 (65) 69 sts on the needle.

Shoulder

Work back and forth.

Row 1 (RS): Knit to end of row (to the bound off sts)

Row 2 (WS): Purl to end of row.

Work raglan decreases on the next row (RS):

K1, ssk, knit to the last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. Work back and forth in stockinette stitch with raglan decreases every RS row until there are 13 (13) 13 (13) 15 sts left. A total of 21 (22) 25 (26) 27 raglan decrease rows. ** End on a WS row.

Now work short rows to raise the back edge of the shoulder:

Short row 1 (RS): Knit to the last 2 sts, turn.

Short row 2 (WS): Purl to end of row.

Short row 3: K1, ssk, knit to 2 sts before last turn, turn.

Short row 4: Purl to end of row.

Work Short row 3 and 4 another 1 (1) 2 (2) 2 times.

Next row (RS): K1, ssk, knit to end of row.

There are now 10 (10) 9 (9) 11 sts left.

Move the sts to a stitch holder until the neck edge is worked.

Right sleeve

Work the same as the left sleeve to **. End on a decrease row (RS).

Work short rows to raise the back edge of the shoulder:

Short row 1 (WS): Purl to the last 2 sts, turn.

Short row 2 (RS): Knit to end of row.

Short row 3: Purl to 2 sts before last turn, turn.

Short row 4: Knit to the last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Work Short row 3 and 4 another 1 (1) 2 (2) 2 times.

Next row (WS): Purl to end of row.

Next row (RS): Knit to the last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

There are now 10 (10) 9 (9) 11 sts left.

Neck edge

Join the sts front the back, left sleeve, front and right sleeve on 2,5 mm double-pointed needles. There are 84 (88) 96 (96) 104 sts on the needle. Join in the

round and work 2 cm of k2, p2 rib. Bind off in rib – be sure to bind off loosely enough that the sweater can be pulled easily over the head of the recipient.

Finishing

Sew the raglan seams and the openings under the sleeves. Weave in the ends.