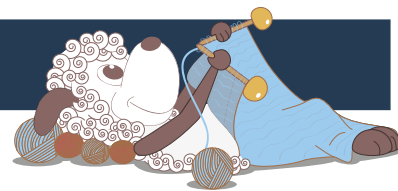


Katinka - a lovely dress for the girls



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I love involving my kids in the process while creating new designs. This dress was created in collaboration with my daughter. My daughter chose the colors - and the stripes and the bow. She thought the dress should have "swing" so it flared out when she spun around. Based on this we sketched and negotiated, and the end result became this Katinka dress.

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Materials

Approx. 45 (50) 55 (65) 75 g of New Zealand lammeuld by Filcolana in color 117, 121, 311 and 131.

3 mm circular needle, 60 cm long.

2½ circular needle, 40 cm long.

3 mm double-pointed needles.

Markers

Sizes

92 cl/2 years (104 cl/4 years) 122 cl/6 years (128 cl/8 years) 140 cl/10 years

Measurements

Body, chest: 54 (56) 60 (66) 68 cm

Dress, chest: 69 (71) 75 (81) 83 cm

Widht at hem: 108 (112) 120 (132) 136 cm

Sleeve length: 22 (27) 29 (32) 34 cm

Total length: 47 (52) 56 (61) 66 cm

Gauge

26 sts and 34 rows in stockinette stitch on 3 mm needle = 10 x 10 cm.

Special abbreviations

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

Directions for knitting

Katinka is worked seamlessly from the bottom and in the round. First the body is worked and then the sleeves. After this the body and sleeves are joined on the circular needle and the yoke is worked. The box pleat on the back of the dress is then worked, after which the neck edge is worked. Finally 2 bands that form the bow are knit separately and sewn onto the back of the dress.



Stripes

This the sequence of colors for the stripes. The different sizes of the pattern each start its own place in the stripe sequence - both on the body and on the sleeves.



Body

Cast on 280 (290) 312 (330) 340 sts on a 3 mm circular needle using color A (D) C (B) A. Work back and forth until you have worked a total of 20 rows in garter stitch.

Change to the next color in the stripe sequence for the size you are knitting, join the work in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round.

Tip! To make the little step between colors as invisible as possible, simply slip the first stitch of the second round with the new color. This will even out the transition.

Continue in 16 round wide stockinette stitch stripes throughout the work.

Knit 4 round and place a marker after 140 (145) 156 (165) 170 sts at the same time.

Decrease round: *K5, k2tog, knit to 7sts before the marker, ssk, k5, slip marker*. Repeat from * to * once more.

Work a decrease round every 4th round a total of 25 (25) 28 (30) 30 times. There are now 180 (190) 200 (210) 220 sts on the needle.

Continue straight in stockinette stitch until you have worked 7 (8) 9 (10) 10 complete stripes and 10 (6) 4 (0) 12 rounds on the next stripe. The work now measures approx. 36 (39) 43 (47) 50 cm.

Bind off sts under the arms:

Round 1: Knit to the last 5 (5) 6 (6) 7 sts of the round, bind off the last 5 (5) 6 (6) 7 sts of the round.
Round 2: Remove markers, bind off the first 5 (5) 6 (6) 7 sts, knit 66 (72) 74 (80) 82 sts, bind off 10 (10) 12 (12) 14 sts, knit 47 (49) 51 (53) 55 sts. Place a marker for the new beginning of the round.

Let the body rest on the needle while the sleeves are knit.

Sleeves

Cast on 42 (44) 45 (47) 48 sts on a 2½ mm circular needle with color D (C) B (D) A.

Knit 10 rows back and forth in garter stitch.

Change to 3 mm double-pointed needles and to the

next color in the stripe sequence for the for den size you are knitting, join the work in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round.

Continue in 16 round wide stockinette stitch stripes the same way as on the body.

Round 1: Knit.

Round 2: Knit 1 (2) 3 (4) 4 sts, [M1, k3] 13 times, M1, knit 2 (3) 3 (4) 5 sts = 56 (58) 59 (61) 62 sts on the needle.

work 6 rounds straight in stockinette stitch.

Increase round: K1, M1, knit to the last stitch of the round, M1, k1.

work an increase round every 6th round a total of 6 (6) 7 (9) 10 times. There are now 68 (70) 73 (79) 82 sts on the needle.

Continue straight in stockinette stitch until you have worked 4 (5) 6 (7) 7 complete stripes and 10 (6) 4 (0) 12 rounds on the next stripe.

Bind off stitches:

Round 1: Knit until there are 5 (5) 6 (6) 7 sts left of the round, bind off the last 5 (5) 6 (6) 7 sts.

Round 2: Remove marker, bind off the first 5 (5) 6 (6) 7 sts, knit the 58 (60) 61 (67) 68 remaining sts.

Knit the second sleeve the same way as the first, but do not break the yarn.

Join body and sleeves on the circular needle:

Knit 47 (49) 51 (53) 55 sts (first half of back), knit the 58 (60) 61 (67) 68 sts of the first sleeve, knit the 66 (72) 74 (80) 82 sts of the front, knit the 58 (60) 61 (67) 68 sts of the second sleeve, knit 47 (49) 51 (53) 55 sts (second half of back). There are now 276 (290) 298 (320) 328 sts on the needle.

Yoke

Knit 7 (8) 9 (10) 11 rounds.

1st decrease round: Knit 9 (12) 8 (9) 9 sts, [k2tog, knit 6 (6) 6 (5) 5 sts] 32 (33) 35 (43) 44 times, k2tog, knit 9 (12) 8 (8) 9 sts. There are now 243 (256) 262 (276) 283 sts on the needle.

Knit 7 (8) 9 (9) 10 rounds of stockinette stitch.

2nd decrease round: Knit 5 (5) 4 (2) 2 m ret, [2 r sm, strik 5 (5) 5 (4) 4 m ret] 33 (35) 36 (45) 46 gange, 2 r sm, strik 5 (4) 4 (2) 3 m ret. Der er nu 209 (220) 225 (230) 236 masker på pinden.

Knit 7 (8) 9 (9) 10 rounds of stockinette stitch.

3rd decrease round: Strik 8 (6) 6 (4) 4 m ret, [2 r sm, 3 r] 38 (41) 42 (44) 45 gange, 2 r sm, strik 9 (7) 7 (4) 5 m ret. Der er nu 170 (178) 182 (185) 190

masker på pinden.

Knit 6 (7) 8 (9) 10 rounds of stockinette stitch.

4th decrease round: Knit 10 (6) 4 (6) 4 sts, [k2tog, k2] 37 (41) 43 (44) 45 times, k2tog, knit 10 (6) 4 (5) 4 sts. There are now 132 (136) 138 (140) 144 sts on the needle.

Knit 2 rounds of stockinette stitch.

Next round: Knit 111 (115) 117 (119) 123 sts.

Box Pleat

Distribute the stitches around the beginning of the round marker as illustrated and fold the work (see illustration below). Work the stitches of the pleat, then knit to the end of the round.

There are now 104 (108) 111 (113) 116 sts on the needle.

Change to 2½ mm double-pointed needles and continue in the round.

Round 1: Purl.

Round 2: Knit.

Round 3: Purl.

Round 4: Knit 6 (3) 5 (7) 4 sts, *k2tog, k5*. Repeat from * to * to end of round = 96 (99) 101 (103) 106 sts on the needle.

Round 5: Purl.

Round 6: Knit.

Round 7: Purl.

Round 8: Knit.

Bind off purl-wise.

Bow

Cast on 60 sts with color A on a 3 mm circular needle. Work back and forth in stockinette stitch. Knit a total of 19 sts. Bind off.

Work a second band the same way as the first.

Finishing

Sew the garter edges at hem and cuffs. Sew the hole under each sleeve.

Sew the bands for the bow to the back of the dress - in the center of the stripe where the sleeves and body were joined for the yoke. Place the bands, so the edge of the band sits midway between the sleeve and the center of the closed pleat. Place a line of stitches along the edge and another line a couple of cm in from the edge, so the bow sits prettily.

