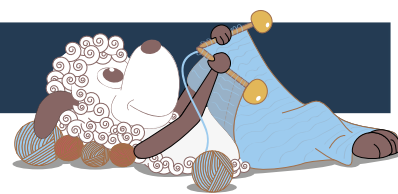


Muscovado - a light and airy top



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The Gotlandsk pelsuld yarn is absolutely amazing when knit on larger needles. The yarn maintains its lovely, firm woolly structure and warmth, but at the same time it becomes so light and drapey. I have not come across very many yarns that manage to be all of the above at once.

Muscovado is designed specifically for the Gotlandsk pelsuld yarn for precisely this reason.

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Materials

300 (300) 300 (300) 400 (400) 400 g of Gotlandsk Pelsuld by Filcolana in color 295
5 mm circular needle, 80 cm long
2 markers or loops of contrasting yarn
6 buttons

Sizes

XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL) 3XL

Measurement

Fit chest circumference: 74-80 (80-88) 88-98 (98-110) 107-119 (119-131) 131-143 cm
Width at hem: 95 (105) 114 (123) 132 (141) 150 cm
Total length: 61 (62) 63 (64) 65 (66) 67 cm

Gauge

13 sts and 24 rows in moss stitch on a 5 mm circular needle = 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.



Directions for knitting

Muscovado is worked from the bottom up in one piece. The body is worked in the round to the armholes, where the work is split into front and back and finished separately. Extra sts are cast on at both sides for the sleeves, before the front and back are worked back and forth. The back is finished with short rows that shape little bumps along the edge, where the buttons will later be sewn on, then an i-cord edge is worked. On the front, sts are bound off for the neckline and each side is finished separately. Finally the same bumps are worked - only this time with buttonholes, before the i-cord edge is worked.

Body

Cast 124 (136) 148 (160) 172 (184) 196 sts on a 5 mm circular needle. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. Place a second marker after 62 (68) 74 (80) 86 (92) 98 sts.

Work in the round in moss stitcj:

Round 1: *k1, p1*. Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 2: Work as row 1.

Round 3: *p1, k1*. Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 4: Work as row 3.

Work straight in pattern until the body measures approx. 27 (25) 24 (23) 23 (22) 22 cm. End on row 4.

Increase round: *p1, M1, work in pattern until 1 st before marker, M1*. Repeat from * to * once more. (= 4 sts increased)

Next round: *p1, work in pattern to marker (new sts are worked in pattern)*. Repeat from * to * once more.

Work the decrease round every other round a total of 9 (9) 8 (8) 7 (7) 7 times. The first st after a marker is purled on every round.

160 (172) 180 (192) 200 (212) 224 sts on the needle.

Now work the increase round on every round a total of 7 (7) 7 (7) 7 (6) 6 times. Continue to purl the first stitch after each marker, and work new sts in pattern. 188 (200) 208 (220) 228 (236) 248 sts on the needle.

Split the work into front and back

P1, work in pattern to marker, remove marker, p1. Place the remaining, unknit sts of the round on a stitch holder and let them rest.

Back

Cast on 4 new sts in extension of the sts on the needle, turn. Work the 4 new sts in pattern, then the rest of the row in pattern. Cast on 4 new sts in extension of the sts on the needle, turn. 103 (109) 113 (119) 123 (127) 133 sts on the needle.



Work back and forth in pattern until the work measures 61 (62) 63 (64) 65 (66) 67 cm. End on a ES row.

Short rows

WS: *Purl 5, turn. Knit 5, turn. Purl 4, turn. Knit 3, turn. Purl 4*.

[Work 12 (13) 14 (15) 16 (17) 18 sts in pattern. Repeat from * to * once more] 2 times.

Work 25 (27) 27 (29) 29 (29) 31 sts in pattern. Repeat from * to * once more.

[Work 12 (13) 14 (15) 16 (17) 18 sts in pattern. Repeat from * to * once more] 2 times.

A total of 6 "bumps" for the buttons have been worked.

I-cord edge

Next row (RS): Cast on 2 new sts, *k2, k2tog through the back loops, slip 3 sts back on the left needle*. Repeat from * to * until all sts except the last 3 have been bound off. k1, k2tog through the back loops. Slip the 2 sts back on the left needle, k2tog through the back loops. Break the yarn and pull it through the last stitch on the needle.

Front

Move the sts for the front back on the circular needle. Place the work flat on a surface with the front turned towards you.

Pick up and knit 5 sts at the right side of the work along where the 4 new sts were cast on for the back. Work the sts on the needle in pattern. Pick up and knit 5 new sts where the 4 sts were cast on at the opposite side of the back, ie. the left side of the work.

103 (109) 113 (119) 123 (127) 133 sts on the needle.

Work back and forth in pattern until the work measures 58 (59) 60 (61) 62 (63) 64 cm.

Shape the neck opening

Work 46 (48) 50 (52) 54 (56) 58 sts in pattern, work the next 11 (13) 13 (15) 15 (15) 17 sts in pattern, then place these sts on a stitch holder, work the remaining 46 (48) 50 (52) 54 (56) 58 sts in pattern. Finish each side separately.

Left front

Row 1 (WS): Work all sts in pattern (turn at the stitch holder).

Row 2 (RS): Bind off 2 sts, work in pattern to the end of the row.

Repeat row 1 and 2 three more times.

38 (40) 42 (44) 46 (48) 50 sts on the needle. Let the sts rest on the needle.

Right front

Start with a RS row.

Row 1 (RS): Work all sts in pattern (turn at the stitch holder).

Row 2 (WS): Bind off 2 sts, work in pattern to the end of the row.

Repeat row 1 and 2 three more times.

38 (40) 42 (44) 46 (48) 50 sts on the needle.

Pick up stitches for the edging

Next row (RS): Work the sts on the right shoulder in pattern, pick up and knit 11 sts along the slanted edge where sts have been bound off along the right side of the neck opening, place the sts from the stitch holder back on a needle, then work them in pattern pick up and knit 11 more sts along the left slanted edge of the neck opening, work the sts on the left shoulder in pattern.

109 (115) 119 (125) 129 (133) 139 sts on the needle.

Short rows with buttonholes

Purl 5, turn. Knit 2, yarn over, k2tog, k1, turn. Purl 4, turn. Knit 3, turn. Purl 4.

[Work 12 (13) 14 (15) 16 (17) 18 sts in pattern. Repeat from * to * once more] 2 times.

Work 31 (33) 33 (35) 35 (35) 37 sts in pattern. Repeat from * to * once more.

[Work 12 (13) 14 (15) 16 (17) 18 sts in pattern. Repeat from * to * once more] 2 times.

A total of 6 "bumps" with buttonholes have been worked.

I-cord edge

Work an i-cord edge the same way as for the back.

Finishing

Sew the buttons onto the 6 "bumps" along the edge of the back. Weave in all ends.

Optional: gently wash the finished top and lay it on a flat surface to dry.

