Rudi - a fun sweater for boys

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The sweater is for boys (and girls) with a childish and charmingly open nature. Kids are so full of happiness and colour and when they express joy, the hidden solid coloured segments of the sweater appear. The sweater fits all kinds of children; choose colours further from one another for the wild child or colours more similar to one another for the quieter child.

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Materials

110 (130) 175 (200) g of New Zealand lammeuld from Filcolana, colour 231 110 (130) 175 (200) g of New Zealand lammeuld from Filcolana, colour 210 4 and 4,5 mm circular needles Markers

Sizes

6 years/116 cl (8 years/128 cl) 10 years/140 cl (12 years/152 cl)

Measurements

Body, chest: 56-62 (62-68) 68-74 (74-80) cm

Sweater, chest: 64 (70) 76 (82) cm Sleeve length: 38 (42) 46 (50) cm Length: 48 (53) 57 (60) cm

Gauge

20 st and 32 rows with yarn held double in stockinette stitch on larger needles $(4,5 \text{ mm}) = 10 \times 10 \text{ cm}$.

Directions for knitting

The sweater is knitted flat using the intarsia method in one piece on a circular needle, to have enough space for all the sts, until the armholes and then the back and the front are finished separately. The sweater is made in an asymmetrical way, so that the seam on the body is moved towards the back.

Body

With a strand of each colour and on smaller needles cast on 130 (142) 154 (166) sts and work back and forth in k1, p1 ribbing for 4 cm.

Change to larger needles and continue:

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Row 1 (RS): p 49 (55) 55 (59) sts with a strand of each colour, k 16 (16) 22 (24) sts with 2 strands of 231, p 48 (54) 54 (58) sts with a strand of each colour, k 17 (17) 23 (25) sts with 2 strands of 210. Row 2 (WS): p 17 (17) 23 (25) sts with 2 strands of 210, k 48 (54) 54 (58) sts with a strand of each colour, p 16 (16) 22 (24) sts with 2 strands of 231, k 49 (55) 55 (59) sts with a strand of each colour. Work straight as established above until your work measures 34 (37) 38 (42) cm.



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Following RS-row: Work 53 (59) 61 (66) sts (= back) in pattern, bind off 8 (8) 10 (10) sts, work 56 (62) 66 (72) sts (= front) in pattern, bind off 8 (8) 10 (10) sts, work remaining 5 (5) 7 (8) sts in pattern. Continue working across these remaining st:

WS-rows: Purl all sts.

RS-rows: Bind off sts at the beginning of the rows: Bind off 2 (2) 3 (3) sts, then 1 (1) 2 (2) st(s), then 2 (2) 2 (1) sts. For size 12 years only, bind off 2 sts at the beginning of the next RS row.

Continue working across the back sts.

Back

On the following WS-rows, bind off sts at the beginning of the row only: Bind off 2 (2) 3 (3) sts, then 1 (1) 2 (2) sts, then 1 st. For size 12 years only, bind off 1 st once more. Continue working in pattern until the back measures 46,5 (51,5) 55,5 (58,5) cm. On the following RS-row bind off the center 20 (22) 24 (26) sts and finish each shoulder separately. On the following rows bind off 1 st at the neck edge twice, while at the same time binding off sts at the shoulder edge: Bind off 4 (5) 5 (5) sts, then 4 (5) 4 (5) sts. Bind off remaining 4 sts.

Finish the second shoulder in the same way – only mirror reversed.

Front

On the following rows bind off sts at either side of the work: Bind off 2 (2) 3 (3) sts, then 1 (1) 2 (2) sts, then 1 st. For size 12 years only, bind off 1 st once more.

Continue working in pattern until the front measures 39 (44) 47 (50) cm. On the following RS-row bind off center 14 (16) 16 (18) sts and finish each side separately.

On the following rows bind off at the neck edge: Bind off 2 sts a total of 1 (1) 2 (2) times, then 1 st a total of 3 (3) 2 (2) times times. Continue working in pattern until the front measures the same as the back and work the same shoulder shaping as on back.

Left sleeve

With a strand of each colour and on smaller needles cast on 32 (34) 34 (36) sts and work k1, p1 ribbing for 4 cm

Change to larger needles and work reversed stockinette stitch, p on RS and k on WS. At the same time increase on the first row 1 st at either side of work. Repeat this increase on every 6th row, so that the single coloured parts grow wider, until there are 48 (52) 56 (60) sts on the needle.

Please note!: For sizes 6, 10 and 12 the increased sts are worked in stockinette stitch with 2 strands of 231 from the first increase, for size 8 from the second increase. For each increase the single coloured stockinette parts grow wider.

Continue working in pattern until sleeve measures 38 (42) 46 (50) cm. Then start bindding off sts at either

side of the work to shape the top of sleeve: Bind off 4 (4) 5 (5) sts at either side, then 2 (2) 3 (3) sts, then 2 sts a total of 0 (0) 1 (1) time, then 1 st a total of 7 (7) 9 (9) times, then 3 (3) 2 (2) sts a total of 2 (2) 2 (3) times. Bind of remaining 10 sts.

Right sleeve

Work as for left, though work the single coloured parts with 2 strands of 210.

Finishing

Sew right shoulder seam. With smaller needle and a strand of each colour pick up and knit 81 (85) 89 (95) sts along the neckline. Work back and forth in k1, p1 ribbing for 2 cm. Bind off in ribbing.

Sew left shoulder seam and the side seam of the body. Sew the sleeves seam, then sew the to the body.

