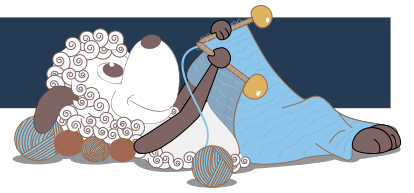


Aiyana - a gorgeously colorful cardigan



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This design is inspired by old Mexican blankets and patterns from the Aztec empire. The pattern is an explosion of colors on a light background, which is a joy to knit and to wear afterwards. Aiyana means eternal bloom.

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Materials

Peruvian Highland Wool by Filcolana:

Main Color (MC): Approx. 230 (280) 330 (380) g in color 101

Contrast Color (CC): Approx. 180 (230) 280 (330) g in the following colors for a magic yarn ball: 271, 218, 194, 223 and 280. More is used of 194 than of the others.

5,5 mm double-pointed needles

5,5 mm circular needle, 60 cm and 80 cm long

3 buttons

Stitch markers

Sizes

S (M) L (XL)

Measurements

Body, chest: 81 (91) 101 (111) cm

Sweater, chest: ca. 81 (91) 101 (111) cm

Sleeve length: 46,5 (46,5) 48,5 (48,5) cm

Total length: 53 (53) 55 (55) cm

Gauge

17 sts and 21 rows in pattern worked in the round on a 5,5 mm circular 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

The sweater is worked from the bottom up and in the round to the armholes. Here the sleeves are added and the yoke is worked in the round as well. When the knitting is completed, the sweater is steeked mid front. Finally the front edges are worked.

Magic yarn balls

Make a magic yarn ball with all of the colors by wrapping lengths of each color each between 3 and 10 m around each other to create a new, magic ball of yarn. Make sure the colors do not follow each other in the same order throughout the yarn ball.

I prefer to split splice the end of the old color with the beginning of the new color to avoid having to weave in all of those ends at the end.



Body

Cast on 133 (151) 169 (187) sts with MC on a 5,5 mm circular needle. Work back and forth in stockinette stitch for 7 rows. The first row is a WS row. Change to CC knit 1 row from the RS, then knit 1 row from the WS. Change back to MC and cast on 11 sts. Place a marker on either side of these newly cast on steeking sts. Join in the round and work 8 rounds in MC.

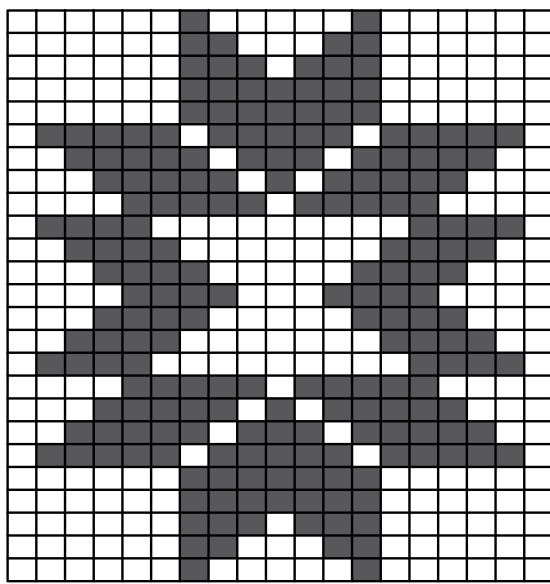
Start working the charts. The 11 steeking sts are worked in stockinette stitch, alternating between 1 stitch with MC and 1 stitch with CC on rows where a

chart is worked on the body sts. This creates vertical stripes, which make cutting the steek easier. The steeking sts are not worked in pattern and are not counted as such.

Work the chart in the following order: A, B, C, D, A with 3 (3) 4 (4) rounds of stockinette stitch in MC between each chart (start as indicated in the chart for your size).

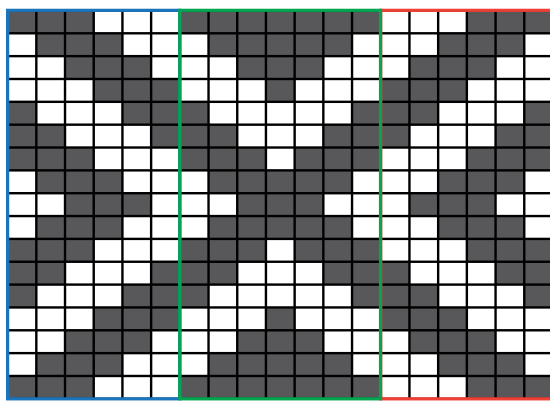
Move 8 sts from under each arm onto stitch holders or lengths of scrap yarn: Work the steeking sts, then work 31 (35) 40 (44) sts for the front, knit the next 8 sts, then move them to a stitch holder, knit 55 (65) 73 (83) sts for the back, knit the next 8 sts, then

Chart D



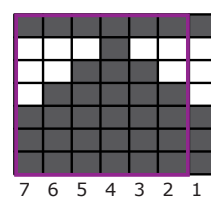
Start sleeves size M L XL Start body size XL M Start body size L S Start sleeve size S

Chart B



Start body size L XL S&L M&XL Start sleeves size L XL S M Start yoke size M S&XL L

Chart C



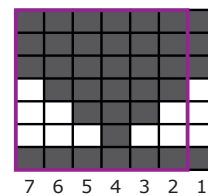
- CC
- MC
- Pattern repeat
- Part 1
- Part 2
- Part 3

Note for Chart B

For body: Start as indicated for your size. Work Part 1 of the chart across the first 63 (72) 81 (90) sts. Then work Part 2 across the center 7 sts on the back. Then work Part 3 across remaining 63 (72) 81 (90) sts on the needle.

For sleeves: Start as indicated for your size. Work Part 1 of the chart across the first 23 (24) 25 (26) sts. Then work Part 2 across the center 7 sts. Then work Part 3 across remaining 23 (24) 25 (26) sts on the needle.

Chart A



For yoke: Start as indicated for your size. Work Part 1 of the chart across the first 94 (104) 114 (124) sts. Then work Part 2 across the center 7 sts on the back. Then work Part 3 across remaining 94 (104) 114 (124) m gentages del 3 af diagrammet.

move them to a stitch holder, knit 31 (35) 40 (44) sts for the second front.

Let the sts for the body rest while you knit the sleeves.

Sleeves

Cast on 43 (45) 47 (49) sts with MC on a 5,5 mm circular needle. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. Knit 7 rounds with MC, then change to color 194 and knit 1 round, then purl 1 round. Knit 8 rounds with MC.

Work the charts C, A, C, A while at the same time working an increase round on the 1st round of each chart.

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

Work new sts in pattern, making sure the peaks of the charts align.

Work 3 (3) 4 (4) rounds of stockinette stitch in MC while working one more increase round at the same time. There are now 53 (55) 57 (59) sts on the needle.

Work chart B. Then work 3 (3) 4 (4) more rounds in MC. Work an increase round on the first round. There are now 55 (57) 59 (61) sts on the needle.

Work chart C. Then work 3 (3) 4 (4) more rounds in MC. Work an increase round on the first round. There are now 57 (59) 61 (63) sts on the needle.

Work chart D. Then work 3 (3) 4 (4) more rounds in MC. Work an increase round on the first round. There are now 59 (61) 63 (65) sts on the needle.

Work chart A.

Knit to the last 4 sts of the round, then move the next 8 sts onto a stitch holder or length of scrap yarn.

These sts will be sewn together with the corresponding sts on the body.

Yoke

Join the sleeve to the body over where sts have been placed on stitch holders. There are now 219 (241) 263 (285) sts on the needle. Knit 3 (3) 4 (4) rounds with MC, while decreasing 24 (26) 28 (30) sts evenly across the 2nd round (knit every 8th and 9th stitch together) = 195 (215) 235 (255) sts on the needle.

Work chart B (beginning as indicated for your size). Knit 3 (3) 4 (4) rounds with MC, while decreasing 24 (26) 28 (30) sts evenly across the 2nd round (knit every 7th and 8th stitch together) = 171 (189) 207 (225) sts on the needle.

Work chart C. Decrease 26 (26) 32 (32) sts evenly across the second round (knit every 5th and 6th (6th and 7th) 5th and 6th (6th and 7th) sts together) = 145 (163) 175 (193) sts on the needle AND decrease 28 (32) 34 (38) sts evenly across the 7th round (knit every 5th and 6th (6th and 7th) 5th and 6th (6th and 7th) stitch together) = 116 (130) 140 (154) sts on the needle.

Continue with MC.

Work decreases every 3rd round:

The first decrease round: Decrease 29 (32) 35 (38)



sts evenly across the round (knit every 3rd and 4th sts together) = 87 (98) 105 (116) sts on the needle. The second decrease round: Decrease 29 (32) 35 (38) sts evenly across the round (knit every 2nd and 3rd sts together) = 58 (66) 70 (78) sts on the needle. Size M, L and XL ONLY: Decrease (6) 8 (14) sts evenly across the round = (60) 62 (64) sts on the needle. Change to color 194, and knit 1 round, then purl 1 round. Change to MC and knit 3 rounds. Bind off.

Finishing and facings

Edges (cuffs, hem and neck): Fold all the facings to the WS along the purl round in color 194 and sew them to the WS of the work.

Sew together the holes under each sleeve using Kitchener stitch.

Steeking and front edges

Steeking: Crochet a row of double crochet (UK term) on either side of the center steeking stitch. Crochet into "one leg" of each stitch. Cut with scissors between the 2 rows of double crochet.

Right front edge: Using MC, pick up and knit 100 (100) 108 (108) sts along the right front between the last steeking stitch and the first front stitch of the right front. Work 3 rows of k4, p4 ribbing.

Next row (RS - buttonholes): Work 65 (65) 73 (73) sts in pattern, bind off 2 sts, work 14 sts, bind off 2 sts, work 14 sts, bind off 2 sts, k1.

Work one more row in ribbing, casting on 2 new sts over each of the places where 2 sts were bound off

for buttonholes on the previous row.
Work 2 more rows in ribbing.
Change to color 194 and knit 1 row.
Bind off purl-wise from the WS.
Work a similar front edge of the left front - through
without the buttonholes.

Stitch down the row of double crochet on the WS, so
the fraying edge of cut stitches are tucked under and
hidden.