

Oda - a feminin sweater in stripes and rib



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Ditte Lerche has created a series of designs inspired by classic vintage knitwear, but designed in a very contemporary style. Oda is a rib sweater with a slim, feminine fit, worked in a simple stripe pattern.

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Materials

Colour A: 100 (100) 100 (100) g Arwetta Classic by Filcolana in colour 192 (Steel Blue)
Colour B: 100 (100) 100 (100) 100 g Arwetta Classic by Filcolana in colour 100 (Snow White)
Colour C: 25 (25) 50 (50) 50 g Tilia by Filcolana in colour 341 (Winter Peach)
Colour D: 100 (100) 100 (100) 100 g Arwetta Classic by Filcolana in colour 224 (Hawaiian Sea)
Colour E: 100 (100) 100 (100) 100 g Arwetta Classic by Filcolana in colour 255 (Limelight)
Colour F: 50 (50) 50 (50) 50 g Tilia by Filcolana in colour 270 (Midnight Blue)
Colour G: 50 (50) 50 (50) 50 g Arwetta Classic by Filcolana in colour 254 (Coral)
Colour H: 25 (25) 50 (50) 50 g Tilia by Filcolana in colour 255 (Limelight)
3 mm and 3,5 mm circular needle, 80 cm
3 mm and 3,5 mm double-pointed needles (if the magic loop technique is not used)
Stitch markers

Sizes

XS (S) M (L) XL

Measurements

Body, chest: 82 (90) 98 (106) 114 cm
Sweater, chest: 75 (84) 92 (101) 109 cm



- designed to have very little or no positive ease, as the rib is very stretchy

Sleeve length: 49 cm

Total length: approx. 63 (63) 65 (65) 67 cm

Gauge

31 sts and 31,5 rows in stockinette stitch on a 3,5 mm needle = 10 x 10 cm.

Stripes worked in Tilia are worked with 2 strands of yarn held together. Stripes worked in Arwetta Classic with 1 strand.

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 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

Oda is worked from the bottom up. The body is wor-



ked in the round to the armholes, then front and back are finished separately. Stitches for the sleeves are picked up and knitted around the armholes and the sleeves is worked down from there. Stitches for the neck edge are picked up and knitted around neckline, then folded and sewn to the WS.

Stripe sequence for body

Work 6 rounds per stripe:

- 1: Colour A
- 2: Colour B
- 3: Colour C
- 4: Colour D
- 5: Colour E
- 6: Colour A
- 7: Colour F
- 8: Colour G
- 9: Colour H
- 10: Colour B
- 11: Colour D
- 12: Colour F
- 13: Colour B
- 14: Colour C
- 15: Colour A
- 16: Colour E
- 17: Colour F
- 18: Colour G
- 19: Colour B
- 20: Colour D
- 21: Colour H
- 22: Colour A
- 23: Colour F
- 24: Colour B
- 25: Colour C
- 26: Colour E
- 27: Colour D
- 28: Colour A
- 29: Colour F
- 30: Colour G
- 31: Colour H
- 32: Colour B
- 33: Colour D
- 34: Colour A
- 35: Colour C
- 36: Colour E

Body

Cast on 234 (260) 286 (312) 338 sts on a 3 mm circular needle. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. Work the stripe sequence throughout, while working in the following rib pattern: P2, *k1, p1, k1, p1, k1, p1, k1, p1, k1, p4*, repeat from * to * to the last 11 sts, k1, p1, k1, p1, k1, p1, k1, p1, k1, p2.

Work the first stripe of the stripe sequence for the body (6 rounds).

Change to a 3,5 mm circular needle and change to the next stripe colour (see above).

Work 22 stripes.

Bind off for the armholes on the last round of the 22nd stripe as follows: Bind off the first 3 sts, work

111 (124) 137 (150) 163 sts in rib, bind off 6 sts, work 111 (124) 137 (150) 163 sts in rib, bind off the last 3 sts.

Finish front and back separately.

Back

Continue in stripes.

Work the following decreases of the first row of every stripe: K2, k2tog, work in rib to the last 3 sts, k2tog through the back loops, k2.

Work these decreases a total of 11 times. There are now 89 (102) 115 (128) 141 sts on the needle.

Work until a total of 10 (10) 11 (11) 12 stripes have been worked after binding off for the armholes. Work the shoulder shaping on the 11th (11th) 12th (12th) 13th stripe. Work the first 2 rows of the stripe in rib, then for the following short rows, while continuing in the stripe sequence:

Short row 1 (RS): Work in rib to the last 8 sts, turn.

Short row 2: Work in rib to the last 8 sts, turn.

Short row 3: Work in rib to the last 16 sts, turn.

Short row 4: Work in rib to the last 16 sts, turn.

Short row 5: Work in rib to the last 24 sts, turn.

Short row 6: Work in rib to the last 24 sts, turn.

Short row 7: Work in rib to end of row.

Short row 8: Bind off 26 (30) 35 (40) 45 sts, work in rib until there are 37 (42) 45 (48) 51 sts on the needle after the bound off sts, and place these sts on a stitch holder, bind off the last 26 (30) 35 (40) 45 sts.

Front

Work the same as the back until 8 (8) 9 (9) 10 stripes have been worked. There are now 95 (108) 119 (132) 143 sts on the needle.

Place the centre 11 (12) 15 (16) 17 sts on a stitch holder and finish each side separately. Remember to continue working the decreases on the first row of every stripe until all 11 have been worked.

At the same time, bind off sts at the neck edge at the beginning of every other row. Bind off 3 twice, then bind off 2 sts 2 (3) 3 (3) 3 times and then bind off 1 stitch a total of 3 (3) 3 (3) 4 times.

There are now 26 (30) 35 (40) 45 sts on the needle.

Now work straight in stripes until a total of 11 (11) 12 (12) 13 whole stripes have been worked after binding off for the armholes.

Now work short rows to shape the shoulder, beginning the first row at the neck edge and continuing in the stripe sequence:

Short row 1: Work in rib to the last 8 sts, turn.

Short row 2: Work in rib to end of row.

Short row 3: Work in rib to the last 16 sts, turn.

Short row 4: Work in rib to end of row.

Short row 5: Work in rib to the last 24 sts, turn.

Short row 6: Work in rib to end of row.

Short row 7: Work in rib to end of row.

Bind off all sts.

Finish the second side the same as the first, only mirror reversed.

Finishing

Sew the two shoulder seams.

Stripe sequence for the sleeves

Work 6 rounds per stripe:

1: Colour D

2: Colour C

3: Colour E

4: Colour B

5: Colour A

6: Colour F

7: Colour G

8: Colour H

9: Colour B

10: Colour D

11: Colour F

12: Colour A

13: Colour B

14: Colour C

15: Colour E

16: Colour D

17: Colour A

18: Colour F

19: Colour G

20: Colour H

21: Colour B

22: Colour D

23: Colour G

24: Colour E

25: Colour A

26: Colour B

27: Colour F

28: Colour D

Sleeves

Pick up and knit 104 (104) 117 (117) 130 sts from the RS evenly around the armhole opening with colour D and 3,5 mm double-pointed needles. Begin and end at then centre of the bottom of the armhole. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round.

Work in the stripe sequence for the sleeve and work the following rib pattern: P2, *k1, p1, k1, p1, k1, p1, k1, p1, k1, p4*, repeat from * to * to the last 11 sts, k1, p1, k1, p1, k1, p1, k1, p1, k1, p2.

Work decreases on the first round of every stripe as follows: k1, k2tog, work in rib pattern to the last 3 sts, k2tog through the back loops, k1.

Work a total of 24 stripes. There are now 56 (56) 69 (69) 82 sts on the needle.

Change to 3 mm double-pointed needles and work the last 4 stripes without decreases. Bind off in pattern.

Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

Neck edge

Pick up and knit sts for the neck edge from the RS

using colour E and a 3 mm circular needle. Knit across the 37 (42) 45 (48) 51 sts on the back stitch holder, pick up and knit 24 (21) 21 (22) 20 sts along the left side of the front edge to the front sts on the stitch holder, knit across the 11 (12) 15 (16) 17 sts on the front stitch holder, pick up and knit 24 (21) 22 (22) 20 sts along the right side of the front edge. There are now 96 (96) 102 (108) 108 m. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. Work 6 cm of k3, p3 ribbing. Bind off loosely. Fold the neck edge and sew the bind-off edge to the WS.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Gently steam the finished work.