

Storkespringvandet - a soft and stylish sweater

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Storkespringvandet is a charming and very centrally located fountain in Copenhagen. The smooth bronze surfaces and the tumbling water reflect the light in the most beautiful way. Most of the bronze has become coated with gorgeous verdigris, so on overcast days the fountain looks almost completely green. Similarly, this design can easily end up in the centre of your wardrobe, as it is a good go-to sweater with a little bit of added glitter. Just as the fountain it will look mostly green on overcast days, but in brighter light the glitter yarn will sparkle and pop in beautiful contrast to the fluffy mohair.

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Materials

200 (200) 225 (250) 250 g Tilia by Filcolana in colour 281 (Rime Frost)
100 (100) 100 (125) 125 g Paia by Filcolana in colour 709 (Rose Shimmer)
100 (100) 100 (125) 125 g Paia by Filcolana in colour 705 (Copper Shimmer)

4 mm and 5,5 mm circular needle, 40 and 80 cm
4 mm and 5,5 mm double-pointed needle (if the Magic Loop technique is not used)
Stitch markers

Sizes

XS (S) M (L) XL

Measurements

Body, chest: 76-82 (83-90) 91-98 (99-106) 107-114 cm



Sweater, chest: 112 (121) 128 (138) 146 cm
Sleeve length: 43 cm (all sizes) (or as short or long as you would like – try it on along the way)
Total length: 57 (59) 63 (65) 67 cm

Gauge

16 sts and 22 rows in stockinette stitch on a 5,5 mm needle with 2 strands of Tilia and 2 strands of Paia held together = 10 x 10 cm.

Special abbreviations

Tbl: Through the back loop.

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

The sweater is worked from the bottom up. The body is worked in the round to the armholes, where the work is divided for front and back and each section is finished separately. Then stitches for the sleeves are picked up and knitted along the armholes and the sleeves are worked in the round to the cuffs.

Body

Cast on 180 (194) 206 (222) 234 sts on a 4 mm needle. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. Work 12 rounds in twisted rib (k1 tbl, p1).

Change to a 5,5 mm circular needle and work in the round in stockinette stitch until the work measures 34 (35) 37 (39) 40 cm. Knit to the last 3 sts on the last round.

Bind off for the armholes as follows: Bind off 6 sts, knit 84 (91) 97 (105) 111 sts, bind off 6 sts, knit 84 (91) 97 (105) 111 sts.

Now finish front and back separately.

Front

Join the yarn from the RS and work 18 (20) 22 (24) 26 rows back and forth in stockinette stitch. Knit the first and last st of every WS row (for a neat edge).

Divide the front for right and left shoulder by binding off the centre sts as follows: Knit 36 (39) 41 (44) 46 sts, bind off 12 (13) 15 (17) 19 sts, knit 36 (39) 41 (44) 46 sts.

Right shoulder

Work back and forth across the sts for the right



shoulder in stockinette stitch, while binding off sts for the neck edge at the beginning of every RS row as follows: Bind off 3 sts once, then bind off 2 sts twice, then bind off 1 st a total of 3 times. There are now 26 (29) 31 (34) 36 sts left on the needle. End on a WS row.

Now shape the shoulder as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit to the last 6 sts, turn.
Row 2 and all following WS rows: Purl to end of row.
Row 3: Knit to the last 12 sts, turn.
Row 5: Knit to the last 18 sts, turn.
Row 7: Knit to the last 24 sts, turn.
Row 9: Knit to end of row.

Place the sts on a stitch holder, so they can be sewn together with the back shoulder sts at a later point.

Left shoulder

Join the yarn to the left shoulder sts from the WS and work back and forth in stockinette stitch, while binding off sts for the neck edge at the beginning of every WS row as follows: Bind off 3 sts once, then bind off 2 sts twice, then bind off 1 st a total of 3 times. There are now 26 (29) 31 (34) 36 sts left on the needle. End on a RS row.

Now shape the shoulder as follows:

Row 1 (WS): Purl to the last 6 sts, turn.
Row 2 and all following RS rows: Knit to end of row.
Row 3: Purl to the last 12 sts, turn.
Row 5: Purl to the last 18 sts, turn.
Row 7: Purl to the last 24 sts, turn.
Row 9: Purl to end of row.

Place the sts on a stitch holder, so they can be sewn together with the back shoulder sts at a later point.

Back

Join the yarn to the back sts from the RS and work 34 rows in stockinette stitch. Then shape the shoulders

so the match the front shoulders as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit to the last 6 sts, turn.

Row 2: Purl to the last 6 sts, turn.

Row 3: Knit to the last 12 sts, turn.

Row 4: Purl to the last 12 sts, turn.

Row 5: Knit to the last 18 sts, turn.

Row 6: Purl to the last 18 sts, turn.

Row 7: Knit 26 (29) 31 (34) 36 sts, bind off 32 (33) 35 (37) 39 sts, knit 26 (29) 31 (34) 36 sts.

Neck edge

Pick up and knit 82 (84) 88 (92) 94 sts from the RS along the neck edge with a 4 mm needle. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. Work twisted rib (k1 tbl, p1) until the neck edge measures 7,5 cm. Bind off loosely.

Sleeves

Pick up and knit 49 (53) 57 (61) 65 sts from the RS along the armhole edge with a 5,5 mm circular needle. Start at the centre of the bottom of the armhole and pick up and knit approx. 2 sts for every 3 rows. Join in the round, place a marker for the beginning of the round and work in the round in stockinette stitch until the sleeve measures 38 cm.

Change to a 4 mm circular needle.

Work decreases in the next round as follows: Knit 4 (4) 3 (6) 0 sts, k2tog, *knit 7 (5) 4 (3) 3 sts, k2tog *, repeat from * to * to end of round. There are now a total of 44 (46) 48 (50) 52 sts on the needle.

Work 5 cm of twisted rib (k1 tbl, p1). Bind off in twisted rib.

Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

Finishing

Sew the back shoulder sts together with the corresponding front shoulder sts using Kitchener stitch.

This created an invisible shoulder seam.

Fold the neck edge double and sew it to the WS.

Weave in all ends.

Gently wash the finished sweater according to the instructions on the Tilia yarn label and lay it on a flat surface to dry.