

# Karoline - a sweet little cardigan for girls



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Lots of little girls love to dress feminine and have days where they are channelling their inner princess. Karoline is perfect for those days, with the delicate little lace pattern, which fortunately is also fun and simple to knit. The design is perfect both for a day in day-care and over a pretty dress on a special occasion.

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## Materials

150 (150) 200 (250) g of Merci by Filcolana in color 4142

3 mm circular needle, 80 cm long (for working back and forth)

Stitch markers and stitch holders

5 (5) 6 (6) little buttons

## Sizes

92 cl/2 years (110 cl/4 years) 122 cl/6 years (134 cl/8 years)

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## Measurements

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Sweater, chest: 65 (65) 71 (71) cm

Sleeve length: 19 (22) 26 (30) cm (= three quarter length sleeves!)

Total length: 32 (36) 40 (43) cm (measured from the neck)

## Gauge

27 sts and 37 rows in stockinette stitch on 3 mm needles = 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.

**Skp:** slip 1 stitch, knit the next stitch, pass the slipped stitch over the knitted stitch.

**Sl1:** Slip 1 stitch

**Pssso:** Pass slipped stitch over.

## Directions for knitting

The body of the cardigan is worked back and forth from the bottom up to the armholes. Then the work is split into fronts and back. The sleeves are then worked and joined with the body for the yoke which is worked with raglan decreases.

## Front edges (7 sts)

Knit in garter stitch but with chained edges.

Work at beginning of row: Slip 2 sts purl-wise with the yarn held in front, k5.

Work at end of row: K7.

## Buttonhole

-worked from the RS across the 7 edge stitches  
Slip 2 purl-wise with the yarn in front, k2tog, yarn over twice, k2tog through the back loops, k1.

On the next row: Knit the yarn overs through the back loops.

## Lace pattern

**Row 1 (RS):** \*K2tog, yarn over, k3, yarn over, skp, k1\*, repeat from \* to \*. End with k2tog, yarn over, k3, yarn over, skp.

**Row 2 and 4:** Purl all sts.

**Row 3:** K2, \*yarn over, sl1, k2tog, pssso, yarn over, k5\*, repeat from \* to \*. End with yarn over, sl1, k2tog, pssso, yarn over, k2.

## Body

Cast on 213 (213) 245 (245) sts on a 3 mm circular needle. Knit back and forth.

Place markers at the side seams on the first row as follows: Knit 54 (54) 62 (62) sts, mark the next stitch (right "side seam"), knit 103 (103) 119 (119) sts, mark the next stitch (left side marker) and knit the remaining 54 (54) 62 (62) sts.

Knit a total of 7 rows, with 7 edge sts at both front edges (see note about edges above).

Now work in lace pattern according to the chart, still with 7 edge sts at each front edge. The marked sts ("side seams") are worked in stockinette stitch and are not part of the lace pattern. Decreases are worked on either side of these sts.

Continue straight in stitch pattern while decreasing on either side of both side seam stitches every 10th (10th) 12th (12th) row a total of 8 times in the following way: \*Work to 2 sts before the marked st, skp, k1, k2tog\*. Repeat at the second marked st of the row.

When all 8 decrease rows have been worked there are 181 (181) 213 (213) sts on the needle. Work straight in pattern.

At the same time, work a buttonhole at the right front edge, when the work measures 11,5 (14) 14 (17,5) cm (see description above). Work a buttonhole every 20th row (all sizes) (if possible, place the last buttonhole at the neck edge).

Split the work into fronts and back when the work measures 21 (24) 27 (31) cm. After the split, the body sts are worked in stockinette stitch, while the

## Chart

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			○	△	○			3
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		○				○	△	1
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	

△ sl1, k2tog, pssso

○ yarn over

△ k2tog

△ skp

□ knit on the RS, purl on the WS

sleeve sts are worked in the lace pattern.

Bind off for the armholes on the next row (RS): \*Knit to 4 sts before the marked stitch, bind off 9 sts (all sizes)\*, repeat from \* to once more, knit to end of row.

Let the body rest and knit the sleeves.

## Sleeves

Cast on 46 (46) 50 (50) sts on a 3 mm needle and knit back and forth for 7 rows. Increase evenly across the last row, so there are 49 (49) 53 (53) sts on the needle.

Work lace pattern, while knitting the first and last stitch of every row (selvedge stitch).

Row 1: K1, work chart starting at stitch no. 1 for size 2 and 4 years, but for size 6 and 8 years you start at stitch no. 7 – so that stitch no. 8 of the chart is the centre stitch for all sizes. End on the “same stitch” as you began + k1 (selvedge st), so the lace pattern is symmetrical.

Work straight in the lace pattern for 7 (8) 8 (8) cm, then work a M1 increase inside the selvedge st at the beginning and end of the row, on every 6th row a total of 9 (10) 11 (13) times = 65 (69) 73 (79) sts on the needle.

Continue until the sleeve measures 19 (22) 26 (30) cm, then bind off 5 sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows.

Let the sts rest and work a second sleeve the same way as the first.

## Yoke

Join the sleeves and body by placing the sleeves on over where stitches were bound off for the armhole, and place markers the 4 places where the sleeves meet the fronts and back.

Start with a WS row and work back and forth across the fronts and back in stockinette stitch and in the lace pattern on the sleeves.

Work raglan decreases on all RS rows as follows:

\*Work to 3 sts before the marker, skp, k2, k2tog\*.

Repeat from \* to \* at all 4 markers (8 sts decreased).

Work a total of 14 (15) 16 (17) decrease rows. The front of the neck now has the correct length. When working the next 2 rows, place the first 15 (15)16 (16) sts on a stitch holder (incl. edge sts) while continuing to work the raglan decreases on RS rows.

Continue to move stitches to the stitch holders at the beginning of the row.

Place 3 sts on the stitch holders at the beginning of the next 2 rows, then 2 sts on the next 2 rows and finally 1 stitch on the next 2 rows. Break the yarn.

## Neck edge

Beginning from the RS, knit across the sts of the right front from just after the 7 edge sts (including the sts on the stitch holders). Knit to end of row. Now knit back and forth across all sts.

**Note:** Picking up a stitch at the “little holes” where

stitches were moved to the stitch holders can help close the holes. These extra sts can then be knitted together with the next stitch through the back loop to close the hole.

Knit a total of 7 rows. Work the last buttonhole on the 5th row. Bind off knit-wise loosely.

## Finishing

Weave in the ends. Sew the sleeve seams from the RS using mattress stitch. Sew the holes under the sleeves using Kitchener stitch. Sew the buttons in across from the buttonholes. Gently wash the work, put it through a (dry) spin cycle in the washing machine and lay it on a flat surface to dry.