

Zebra - a cool hoodie



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The Zebra design is a front runner for the boys' favourite sweater, that will be worn again and again. Hoodies are cool and a big pocket for thingamabobs and secrets is essential.

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Materials

100 (150) 150 g of Arwetta Classic by Filcolana in the lighter color - 990 (Light Grey melange)
150 (200) 250 g of Arwetta Classic by Filcolana in the darker color - 956 (Charcoal melange)
3 mm circular needle, 60 cm long
3 mm double-pointed needles
2,5 mm straight needles
Stitch holder or length of scrap yarn (for holding the pocket stitches)
2 stitch markers or loops of scrap yarn

Sizes

2-3 (4-5) 6-8 years

Measurements

Sweater, chest: 76 (82) 90 cm
Length: 37 (42) 48 cm
Sleeve length: 32 (35) 40 cm

Gauge

28 sts and 40 rows in stockinette stitch = 10 x 10 cm

Abbreviations

k2tog: knit two stitches together.

ssk: slip two stitches one at a time as if to knit, slip the two stitches back onto the left needle, then knit them together through the back loops.

kfb: Knit one stitch in the front of the stitch, then one in the back of the same stitch.



Stripe pattern

Edges: *knit 2 rows in the darker color, then knit 2 rows in the lighter color*. Repeat from * to *.

Sweater:

Size 2-3 years: *work 6 rows in the darker color + 4 rows in the lighter color* in stockinette stitch.

Size 4-5 years: *work 8 rows in the darker color + 6 rows in the lighter color* in stockinette stitch.

Size 6-8 years: *work 12 rows in the darker color + 8 rows in the lighter color* in stockinette stitch.

All sizes: Repeat stripe pattern from * to *. Twist the two yarns together at beginning of the RS rows so there are no long threads running along the edge.

Directions for knitting

The sweater is worked from the bottom up with striped garter edges. The pocket is knit when the edges for front and back each have been knit flat, but before the striped body of the sweater is knit.

Once the pocket has been knit, stitches are picked up from behind where work on the pocket began. The body of the sweater is then worked in the round until the stitches from the pocket can be knit together with the center front stitches from the body of the sweater. After this the body is worked in the round to the armholes, where the work is split into front and back. The sleeves are worked from the top down. Once the body is finished and the shoulder seams sewn together (or knitted together), stitches are picked up along the armholes and the sleeves are knit down from there. Stitches for the hood are picked up along the neck edge. The hood is knit together "at the top of the head".

Pattern

Bottom hem, back: Cast on 104 (114) 124 stitches using the darker yarn and the 2,5 mm straight needles. Knit 2 rows. Change to the lighter yarn. Knit 2 rows.

Continue in garter stripes as established until a total of 8 (8) 9 stripes have been worked. Let the work



rest, and work the bottom hem for the front in the same.

Place both hems on a 3 mm circular needle (208 (228) 248 sts on the needle) and knit 1 round in stockinette stitch and in the stripe pattern. Place a marker for the beginning of the round (left "side seam" of sweater) and another marker for the right "side seam".

Pocket

Work the pocket over the 44 (48) 52 sts at the center of the front. Work back and forth across the pocket stitches in stockinette stitch and in the stripe pattern. Knit the 4 stitches at the beginning and end of every row (to create neat edges).

Work straight until the pocket measures 15 (16) 17 cm (as the pocket needs to be 1 cm longer than the corresponding part of the body of the sweater, 4-6 extra rows are added to the stripe pattern on the pocket, making the pattern intentionally "wrong"). Place the pocket stitches on a stitch holder.

Pick up and knit 44 (48) 52 sts from behind where work on the pocket began (right above the garter edge). (Alternative: cast on the same amount of stitches and sew them to the back of the pocket at the end).

Knit the body of the sweater in the round in the stripe pattern until it measures 1 cm less than the pocket - and the stripe pattern matches up.

Knit the pocket stitches together with the center front stitches (the ones picked up from behind the pocket), by holding them parallel with the circular needle and knitting one stitch from the circular needle together with one pocket stitch until all the pocket stitches have been knit.

Continue straight in pattern until the worked measures 25 (28) 31 cm.

Bind off 12 (14) 16 sts for the armholes at each side (- 6 (7) 8 sts on either side of each marker) and finish each side separately in pattern.

Back

Work decreases at the beginning and end of each RS row: k1, k2tog, knit until there are 3 sts left on the needle, ssk, k1.

Work the decrease row a total of 8 (9) 10 times. Work straight in pattern until armhole measures 12 (14) 17 cm.

Bind off the 20 (24) 28 center stitches very loosely. Finish each shoulder separately by binding off 8 more stitches at the neck edge, then 2 more stitches. Bind off the remaining shoulder stitches. Work the second shoulder in the same way. (Alternative: Place the shoulder stitches on a stitch holder to be bound off together with the front shoulder stitches when the front has been worked).

Front

Work the same way as the back until the armhole measures 11 (13) 16 cm. Bind off the 26 (30) 34 center stitches very loosely. Finish each shoulder separately, by binding off 5 more stitches at the neck edge, then 2 more stitches twice. Bind off the remaining shoulder stitches. Work the second shoulder in the same way. (Alternative: knit the shoulder stitches together with the corresponding back shoulder using the 3-needle bind-off) Sew or knit together the shoulder seams.

Sleeves (worked from the top down)

Using 3 mm needle, pick up and knit 52 (64) 80 sts at the armhole edge, along the straight edge of front and back. Work back and forth in the stripe pattern, and pick up and knit 2 sts at the end of each row along the slanted edge of the armhole (where stitches were decreased on the body) a total of 6 (7) 8 times either side.

Work 10 (12) 14 rows straight in pattern. Then work the following decrease row: k1, k2tog, knit until there are 3 sts left on the needle, ssk, k1.

Repeat the decrease row every 6th row until there are 46 (54) 60 sts left on the needle. Work straight until the sleeve measures 29 (32) 37 cm, then decrease evenly across the row so you have 42 (46) 50 sts left on the needle. Change to a 2,5 mm needle and work garter stripes the same as for the bottom hem.

Knit the second sleeve the same way as the first

Hood

Using a 3 mm needle, pick up and knit approx. 104 (114) 124 sts along the neck edge. Begin and end at the center of the front. Place a marker at center back and one at each shoulder seam. Work back and forth in stockinette stitch and the stripe pattern. Knit the 5 stitches at the beginning and end of every row.

Increases: *Work to 2 sts before the marker, kfb, k1, slip marker, k1, kfb. Repeat from * at all the markers. Work increases every 6th row a total of 3 times. Continue straight in pattern while only increasing at the mid back marker every 6th row until the hood measures 27 (29) 31 cm.

Split the stitches into two equal parts. Place the two sides right sides together. Bind the two sides off together loosely using the darker color yarn and the 3-needle bind-off. Start the binding off at the front and stop when there are 4 stitches left on the needles (2 on each needle). These 4 sts are used to knit an i-cord:

Using double-pointed needles *knit 4 sts, do NOT turn the work, but slip the stitches to the other end of the needle even though the yarn is attached to the "wrong" side of the knitting. Knit another 4 sts while still holding the yarn to the back of the work*. Repeat from * to * until the resulting i-cord is 4-5 cm long. Knit the stitches together 2 and 2. Break the yarn and pull it through the 2 remaining stitches.

Finishing

Weave in the end. Sew the sleeve seams. Sew the edges together at the side seams.

Pick up and knit stitches at the edge of the pocket using the darker color yarn. Pick up and appropriate amount, maybe even a bit too few, so the edge will be tight. Knit one row. Bind off all stitches knit-wise. Optional: Sew the bottom 2 cm of the edge of the pocket to the body of the sweater, so the bits and bobs and secrets won't fall out of the pocket.

Pick up and knit approx. 170 (182) 194 stitches at the edge of the hood using the darker color yarn and the 2,5 mm needle. Work garter stripes as on the bottom hem and cuffs with a total of 5 stripes. Bind off and weave in the ends. Sew the ends of the garter edge to the neck edge so that they overlap.