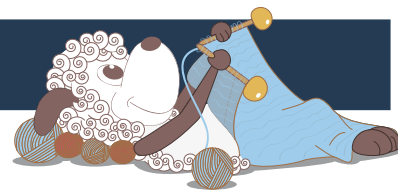


Norite - a long cardigan



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My daughter asked me if I would knit her a long cardigan, and so I did. It is worked with one strand of Naturgarn - a chunky, soft wool yarn, and one strand of Tilia - a lovely, fluffy kid mohair and silk yarn. The cardigan is light and a very quick knit on large needles, so it's simple to knit one for both your teenaged daughter and yourself.

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Materials

750 (800) 850 (900) g of Naturgarn of Filcolana in color 991 (Medium Grey (melange))
90 (100) 110 (120) g of Tilia by Filcolana in color 331 (Steel)
1 button, 28 mm in diameter
9 mm circular needle, 80 cm long
7 mm circular needle, 60 cm long
Stitch markers or loops of contrasting yarn
2 stitch holders

Sizes

S (M) L (XL)

Measurements

Body, chest: 80-88 (89-96) 97-104 (105-112) cm
Sweater, chest: 102 (110) 116 (124) cm
Width at hem: 110 (119) 126 (134) cm
Sleeve length: 49 (50,5) 52 (53) cm
Total length: 76 (78) 79 (81) cm

Gauge

11 sts and 16,5 rows in stockinette stitch with one strand of each yarn held together on 9 mm needles = 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.

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

Directions for knitting

The cardigan is worked from the bottom up. The body is worked back and forth in one piece to the armholes, then the stitches are divided into a back and two fronts and each part is finished separately. The front edges are then knit until they reach up and around the neck, where they are joined together, and then the sides are sewn to the neck edge. Finally sleeves are knit and sewn to the armholes.



Body

Cast on 121 (131) 139 (147) sts on a 9 mm circular needle with one strand of each yarn held together.

Work back and forth.

Broken rib:

Row 1 (RS): Knit.

Row 2: K2, *p1, k1 r*. Repeat from *-*. End with k1.

Repeat Row 1 and 2 another 7 times.

Now work broken rib on the first and last 4 sts of each row, while working the remaining sts in stockinette stitch. Work a total of 10 rows straight.

Next row (RS): Knit 30 (32) 34 (36) sts, place a marker, k2tog, knit 57 (63) 67 (71) sts, skp, place a marker, knit 30 (32) 34 (36) sts.

Work 9 rows straight.

Next row (RS): Knit to 2 sts before marker, skp, knit to next marker, k2tog, knit to end of row.

Work 9 rows straight.

Next row (RS): Knit to marker, k2tog, knit to 2 sts before marker, skp, knit to end of row.

Work decreases alternating between the 2 every 10 rows until there are 113 (121) 129 (137) sts on the needle. Continue straight until the work measures 58 (59) 60 (61) cm, remembering to work the first and last 4 sts in broken rib throughout. End on a RS row. Do not break the yarn.

Next row (WS): Work 25 (27) 29 (31) sts (left front), place the next 7 sts on a stitch holder (under arm sts), work 49 (53) 57 (61) sts (back), place the next 7 sts on a stitch holder (under arm sts), work the last 25 (27) 29 (31) sts (right front).

Finish each part separately.

Right front

Row 1 (RS): K1, yarn over, k2tog, knit to end of row

Row 2: Knit to the last 4 sts, work 4 sts in broken rib as established.

Row 3: K4 (front edge), k2tog, knit to end of row. Continue in stockinette stitch 4 sts of broken rib at the front edge. **At the same time**, work a decrease as on Row 3 every 3rd row another 7 (8) 8 (9) times. Then work straight until a total of 32 (34) 34 (36) rows have been worked since the sts were divided. Change to a 7 mm circular needle and work the 4 front edge sts in broken rib. Cast on 1 new stitch in extension of these 4 sts. Let the remaining sts for the shoulder rest and work back and forth in broken rib across the 4 front edge sts, while knitting the newly cast on stitch on every row. Work a total of 18 (20) 20 (22) rows. Bind off.

Back

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch, beginning with a RS row. Work a total of 28 (28) 30 (30) rows, then let the sts rest.

Left front

Work the same way as for the right front, only mirror reversed and **without** the buttonhole. Begin with a RS row.

Sleeves

Cast on 21 (21) 23 (23) sts on a 9 mm circular needle with one strand of each yarn held together.

Work back and forth.

Broken rib:

Row 1 (RS): Knit.

Row 2: K2, *p1, k1 r*. Repeat from *-* to end of row.

Repeat Row 1 and 2 another 8 times.

Continue in stockinette stitch across all sts, while at the same time increasing 6 (7) 7 (8) sts using yarn overs evenly across the first row. Purl the yarn overs through the back loop on the next row.

There are now 27 (28) 30 (31) sts on the needle.

Work 4 (6) 8 (8) rows of stockinette stitch.

Increase row (RS): K1, M1, knit to the last stitch on the needle, M1, k1

Work an increase row every 10th row another 3 times. There are now 35 (36) 38 (39) sts on the needle.

Now work an increase row every 6th row a total of 5 times. There are now 45 (46) 48 (49) sts on the needle. Work 5 (5) 5 (7) rows straight. Let the sleeve rest, and work a second sleeve the same way as the first.

Finishing

Knit together the front and back shoulder sts by holding the 2 set of sts parallel to each other, RS together, and binding them off using a 3-needle bind-off.

Sew the two ends of the front edges together at the center of the back of the neck, then sew the inside edge of the front edges to the neck edge.

Sew the sleeves to the armholes, by sewing the resting sleeves sts to the armhole edge. Then sew the sleeves seams through the ½ half of each edge stitch. Sew in the button. Weave in all ends.

