

# Banken - a lovely women's vest



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*Nationalbanken (The National Bank) is considered one of the architect Arne Jacobsen's main works. The facades are covered in the Porsgrunn marble that he often used – among other places also on the city hall in Aarhus. The marble surfaces, that are intersected by vertical windows on the ends of the building, change colour depending on the weather, changing from light grey to light blue to light green. The colours and structure of this iconic building has inspired the design of this vest.*

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## Materials

350 (400) g Indiecita by Filcolana in colour 819 (Rain-drop melange)

3 mm circular needle, 40 and 80 cm

## Sizes

S/M (L/XL)

## Measurements

Body, chest: 80-96 (97-104) cm

Vest, chest: 160 (171) cm

Total length: 63 (67) cm

## Gauge

24 sts and 34 rows in stockinette stitch on 3 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm.

## Special abbreviations

**M1kL (Make 1 Left):** Insert the left needle from front to back under the horizontal strand between stitches, lift the strand onto the right needle, then knit it through the back loop.

**M1kR (Make 1 Right):** Insert the left needle from back to front under the horizontal strand between stitches, lift the strand onto the right needle, then knit it.



**M1pL (Make 1 Left):** Insert the left needle from back to front under the horizontal strand between stitches, lift the strand onto the right needle, then purl it.

**M1pR (Make 1 Right):** Insert the left needle from front to back under the horizontal strand between stitches, lift the strand onto the right needle, then purl it through the back loop.

### Directions for knitting

The design is worked from the top down. The top part of the yoke is worked back and forth in reverse stockinette stitch with increases on both sides of 3 stitches on each shoulder and along the front edges to shape the V-neck. The fronts are then worked separately until the V-neck has been completed. Then the fronts are joined and are worked back and forth to the bottom of the armholes. After this, the back of the yoke is worked back and forth with decreases at either end for the armholes to the bottom of the armholes. Finally, the front and back are joined and the body is worked in the round in pattern to the rib hem. Rib edges are added along the armholes and the V-neck.

### Yoke

Cast on 63 (69) sts and work back and forth as follows:

Row 1 (WS): K2, p3 (shoulder sts), knit 25 (28) sts, k1, p1, k1 (these 3 sts form the centre back), knit 25 (28) sts, p3 (shoulder sts), 2 r.

Row 2: P2, M1pR, k3, M1pL, purl 25 (28) sts, k3, purl 25 (28) sts, M1pR, k3, M1pL, p2.

Row 3: K3, M1kL, p3, M1kR, knit 26 (29) sts, k1, p1, k1, knit 26 (29) sts, M1kL, p3, M1kR, k3.

Row 4: P4, M1pR, k3, M1pL, purl 27 (30) sts, k3, purl 27 (30) sts, M1pR, k3, M1pL, p4.

Row 5: K1, M1kR, k4, M1kL, p3, M1kR, knit 28 (31) sts, k1, p1, k1, knit 28 (31) sts, M1kL, p3, M1kR, k4, M1kL, k1.

Repeat Row 2-5, working increases on both sides of the 3 shoulder sts on each shoulder on every row and at the front edges on every Row 4. This means that 4 sts are increased on Row 2, 3 and 4 and 6 sts on Row p, for a total of 18 sts increased every 4 rows. Repeat Row 2-5 more 17 (18) times.

### Only size L/XL

Work Row 2 once more.

### All sizes

There are now 97 (105) sts on one half of the back, between the shoulder sts and the centre back sts. Let the 197 (213) sts of the back + the 3 shoulder sts for each shoulder rest and work first one and then the other front separately.

### Fronts

Work back and forth in reverse stockinette stitch, while continuing the increases at the front edge on every Row 4 for the V-neck and working a decrease at the armhole edge on every Row 4 a total of 5 times.

Let the work rest, when there are a total of 93 (101) sts on the front (and the 5 decreases at the armhole have been worked) and work the second front the same way as the first, only mirror reversed.

Now join the fronts, while casting on 1 new stitch between the 2 set of sts for a total of 187 (203) sts.

Work back and forth in reverse stockinette stitch with the 3 sts at the center worked in the same way as on the back (k1, p1, k1 on WS rows and k3 on RS rows) until the armhole measures approx. 17 (19) cm.

Let the front rest, while the back is worked.

### Back

Let the 3 shoulder sts for each shoulder rest on a stitch holder and work back and forth across the sts for the back as established. Work a decrease at the armhole edge at each end of the work on each Row 4 a total of 5 times. There are now a total of 187 (203) sts on the needle.

Continue straight as established until the armhole is the same length as on the fronts (optionally count the number of rows).

### Body

Now join the front and back to work in the round for the body, while casting on 2 new sts at each side. There are now a total of 378 (410) sts on the needle. Place a marker between the 2 new sts at each side and work in the round in reverse stockinette stitch with the 3 sts centre front and back worked as established, i.e. alternately [p1, k1, p1] and [k3].

Continue until the work measures 4 cm from the armholes (end on a round where the centre sts are worked as p1, k1, p1), then continue in pattern as established:

Round 1: Knit to end of round.

**Round 2 (S/M):** K4, p8, \*p1, k1, p1 (centre sts), p8, k8, p8\*, repeat from \* to \* and end with p1, k1, p1, p8, k4.

**Round 2 (L/XL):** \*\*P4, k8, p8, \*p1, k1, p1 (centre sts), p8, k8, p8\*, repeat from \* to \* 5 more times, p1, k1, p1 (centre sts), p8, k8, p4\*\*, work from \*\* to \*\* once more.

**Round 3 (S/M):** K4, p8, \*k3 (centre sts), p8, k8, p8\*, repeat from \* to \* and end with k3, p8, k4.

**Round 3 (L/XL):** \*\*P4, k8, p8, \*k3 (centre sts), p8, k8, p8\*, repeat from \* to \* 5 more times, k3 (centre sts), p8, k8, p4\*\*, work from \*\* to \*\* once more.

Repeat Round 2 and 3 another 3 times (both sizes), then work Round 2 once more.

Round 11: Knit to end of round.

**Round 12 (S/M):** P4, k8, \*p1, k1, p1 (centre sts), k8, p8, k8\*, repeat from \* to \* and end with p1, k1, p1, k8, p4.

**Round 12 (L/XL):** \*\*K4, p8, k8, \*p1, k1, p1 (centre sts), k8, p8, k8\*, repeat from \* to \* 5 more times, p1, k1, p1 (centre sts), k8, p8, k4\*\*, work from \*\* to \*\* once more.

Round 13 (S/M): P4, k8, \*k3 (centre sts), k8, p8, k8\*, repeat from \* to \* and end with k3, k8, p4.

Round 13 (L/XL): \*\*K4, p8, k8, \*k3 (centre sts), k8, p8, k8\*, repeat from \* to \* 5 more times, k3 (centre sts), k8, p8, k4\*\*, work from \*\* to \*\* once more.

Repeat Round 12 and 13 another 3 times (both sizes), then work Round 12 once more.  
Repeat the 20 rounds of the patten another 2 (3) times.

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Work Round 1-10 once more.

#### All sizes

Work broken rib as follows:

Round 1: Knit to end of round.

Round 2: \*P1, k1\*, repeat from \* to \* to end of round. Make sure that the rib aligns with the centre sts.

Repeat these 2 rounds until a total of 11 rounds have been worked.

Bind off in rib.

#### **Armhole edges**

Pick up and knit 3 sts for every 4 rows along the armhole edge and 3 knit across the 3 shoulder sts – the total number of sts must be divisible by 2. Work 11 rounds of broken rib the same as for the hem. Bind off.

#### **Neck edge**

Pick up and knit 1 stitch for each stitch along the back neck edge sts, then pick up and knit 3 sts for every 4 rows along the frnt neck edges and pick up and knit 1 stitch at the bottom of the V – mark this stitch.

Work in broken rib the same as for the hem, while working decreases at the bottom of the V on every round as follows: Work to 1 stitch before the marked stitch, slip 2 sts knit-wise as if knitting them together, k1, pass the slipped stitch over the knitted stitch.

Work a total of 11 rounds. Bind off.

#### **Finishing**

Weave in all ends.