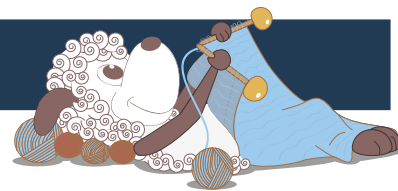


# Mor Karen - a long, lovely cardigan



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This design is part of a little collection inspired by the works of the famous Danish-Norwegian poet and author Ludvig Holberg. Holberg lived from 1684-1754, and even though this is a long time ago, he had a very special talent for showing – and exposing – different types of people, which is a big part of what makes him relevant still today.

“Mor Karen” (Mother Karen) is inspired by Holberg’s comedy “Erasmus Montanus” in which the main character Rasmus Berg has become so wise from his studies, that he compares his mother to a stone in his argumentation, which goes as follows: Mother Karen cannot fly, a stone cannot fly – ergo Mother Karen must be a stone. Naturally Mother Karen has to have a “stone” sweater.

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## Materials

Pernilla from Filcolana: 350 (400) 450 (450) 500 g in color 955 (medium grey melange)

Tilia from Filcolana: 175 (175) 200 (200) 225 g in color 342 (Arctic Blue)

12 buttons

5,5 mm circular needle, 80 cm

5,5 mm double-pointed needles, if the magic loop technique is not used



## Sizes

S (M) L (XL) XXL  
 Body, chest: 85-92 (93-99) 100-106 (107-114) 115-122 cm  
 Swester, chest: 107 (116) 125 (134) 143 cm  
 Total length: 78 (80) 82 (84) 86 cm  
 Sleeve length: 46 cm (all sizes)

## Gauge

18 sts x 23 rows in stockinette stitch on 5,5 mm needles with one strand of each yarn held together = 10 x 10 cm.

## Special abbreviations and techniques

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

### Bobble:

On first row (RS): K1, yarn over, k1, yarn over, k1 in the same stitch.

On next row (WS): K5, pass the 4th, 3rd, 2nd and 1st stitch over the 5th in this order.

**Turn:** Turn the work and slip the first stitch purl-wise with the yarn in front of the needle, then lift the working yarn up and over the needle and pull until the stitch "shows 2 legs". Hold the yarn tightly and continue the pattern. When the turning stitch is worked, the 2 legs are knitted or purled together as the pattern describes.

## Directions for knitting

The cardigan is worked back and forth from the bottom up with one strand of each yarn held together throughout. The pocked tops are worked as part of the body, then bound off and new sts are cast on for the pocket linings using a provisional cast-on. The work is split at the armholes and fronts and back are finished separately.

The shoulders are sloped using short rows, then the front and back shoulders are bound off together. Finally neck and front edges are worked, as well as the pocket linings.

## Body

Cast on 188 (204) 220 (236) 252 sts on a 5,5 mm circular needle. Work back and forth, beginning with a WS row.

Rib: K1, \*p2, k2\*. Repeat from \* to \*. End with p2, k1.

Now continue in the charted pattern (see page 3).

When all rows of the chart has been worked, 2 rows of stockinette stitch are worked, ending on WS row.

Begin ribbing for the pocket edges on the next row (RS): Knit 18 (22) 26 (30) 34 sts, work 26 sts in k2, p2 ribbing, knit 100 (108) 116 (124) 132 sts, 26 sts in k2, p2 ribbing, knit 18 (22) 26 (30) 34 sts.

Work another 9 rows as established above. Now bind off the 2 x 26 sts worked in ribbing for the pockets, then cast on 2 x 26 new sts using a provisional cast-on over where the sts were bound off.

Now continue straight in stockinette stitch until the work measures approx. 59 (60) 61 (62) 63 cm or the

## Technique: Provisional cast-on

Crochet a row of chain stitches in a contrasting yarn (later to be removed). The row needs to be 5-10 chain sts longer than the required number of cast on stitches

Pick up and knit the required number of cast on stitches using the project yarn. The stitches are picked up from under the third leg of the chain stitch - ie. the little "bump" behind the chain.



desired length to the armholes.

Now divide the work as follows: Work 45 (49) 53 (57) 61 sts, bind off 1 st, work until there are 96 (104) 112 (120) 128 sts after the bound off stitch, bind off 1 stitch, work to end.

## Fronts

Continue to work back and forth in stockinette stitch over the sts for the first front until the armholes measures approx. 10 cm. Now bind off 3 (4) 5 (7) 8 sts at the neck edge at the beginning of the row once, then 2 sts at the beginning of every other row 2 (3) 4 (4) 5 times then 1 stitch 5 (4) 3 (3) 2 times. There are now 33 (35) 37 (39) 41 sts.



Continue straight until the armhole measures 17 (18) 19 (20) 21 cm.

Now work short rows (see above) to slope the shoulder. Beginning at the neck edge, work to the last 5 (5) 5 (6) 6 sts, turn and work to end. Work to 5 (5) 5 (6) 6 sts before last turn, turn and work to end. Continue in this way until a total of 6 turns have been worked. End by working a row across all sts. Let the first front rest and work the second front in the same way, only mirror reversed.

### Back

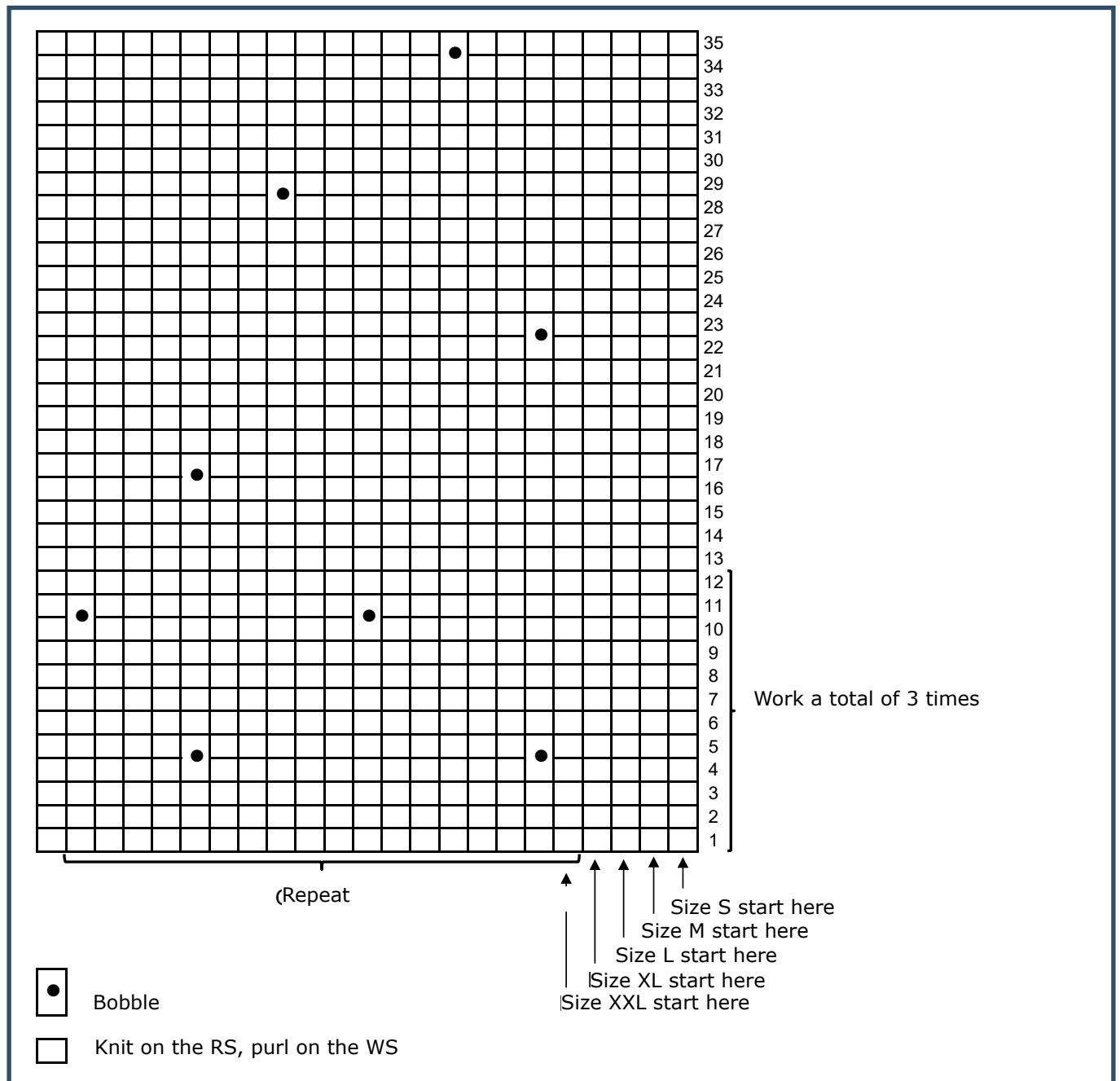
Work back and forth in stockinette stitch over the sts for the back until it has the height as the fronts to

the short rows. Now work short rows at both ends of the work the same way as on the fronts and end with working 1 row across all sts.

### Finishing

Place the front shoulder right sides together with the same number of sts from the corresponding back shoulder and bind them off together using the 3-needle bind-off.

Neck edge: Pick up and knit sts from the RS. Pick up 1 sts from every bound off stitch and 3 sts for every 4 rows along the vertical edges. Knit across the resting sts along the back of the neck as well. The total number of sts must be divisible by 4 (104 sts for size M).



Work 7 rows of ribbing, where the row 1 is worked as follows (WS): P3, \*k2, p2\*. Repeat from \* to \*. End with p3 instead of p2. Bind off in pattern.

Front edges: Pick up and knit approx. 3 sts for every 4 rows from the RS along the left front edge. The total number of sts must be divisible by 4 + 2 (138 sts for size M). Work 7 rows of k2, p2 ribbing. Bind off in pattern. Pick up and knit the same number of sts along the right front edge and work the ribbing in the same way, only with the addition of 12 buttonholes evenly distributed along the 4th row. Buttonhole: Work 2 sts tog – knit-wise or purl-wise to fit the rib pattern, yarn over. Work the yarn over in pattern on the next row.

Pocket linings: Unzip the provisional cat-on and place the live sts on a needle. Work back and forth in stockinette stitch, while casting on 1 new sts in extension of the sts on the needle on the first 2 rows. Work for approx. 20 cm. Bind off. Work the second pocket lining the same as the first. Sew along the edges of both linings from the WS.

## Sleeves

Starting at the base of the armhole, pick up and knit sts around the first armhole. Pick up and knit approx. 3 sts for every 4 rows for a total of 62 (66) 70 (74) 78 sts. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. Work in stockinette stitch while decreasing 2 sts every 8th round as follows: Skp, knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog. When a total of 9 decrease rounds have been worked, there are 44 (48) 52 (56) 60 sts on the needle. Work straight until the sleeve measures 36 cm or desired length before ribbed cuff. Work 10 cm of k2, p2 ribbing, while decreasing 4 sts evenly across the first round. Bind off in pattern. Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

Weave in the ends. Gently rinse the vest, put it through a (dry) spin cycle in the washing machine and lay it on a flat surface to dry.  
Sew in the buttons across from the buttonholes.