

Pelle - a cute vest for the littlest boys



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The designer has been playing with stripes, bobbles and yummy colours for this series of fun and adorable baby knits. Here is a cute vest for the littlest boys.

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Materials

Pernilla by Filcolana:

Colour A (stripe colour): 50 g in all sizes

Colour B (edge + stripe colour): (50) 50 (50) 50 (100) g

Colour C (bobbles): 50 g in all sizes

Shown in: Colour A: 827 (Dijon), colour B: 818 (Fishermans Blue), colour C: 819 (Raindrop)

3 mm and 3,5 mm circular needle, 40-60 cm
3,5 mm double-pointed needle (short circular needle or double-pointed needles can be replaced by a 80 cm circular needle if the magic loop technique is used)
Lengths of scrap yarn for marking raglan stitches – one length should be in a different colour than the rest

1 blunt needle

3 buttons

Sizes

(6 months/68 cl) 9 months/74 cl (1 year/ 80 cl) 1½ year/86 cl (2 year/92 cl)

Measurements

Vest, chest: (50) 53 (59) 62 (65) cm

Length: approx. (27) 30 (34) 38 (41) cm

Gauge

25 sts and 34 rows in stockinette stitch on a 3,5 mm needle = 10 x 10 cm

Special abbreviations

sl: Slip stitch as if to purl with yarn held in front.

M1R (Make 1 Right): from the front, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle and knit through the back loop.

M1L (Make 1 Left): from the back, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle and knit through the front loop.

tbl: Knit or purl stitch through the back loop (twisted).

stbl: Insert right needle through first stitch as if to knit without letting the stitch slip off the needle, then insert the right needle through the back leg of the second stitch on the needle and knit the 2 sts together, letting them slip off the needle.

Bobble: Work in colour C, slip a stitch back on the left needle and work (k1, yarn over, k1 tbl) into this



stitch, turn, p1, yarn over, p1 tbl, yarn over, p1, turn, k1, k1 tbl, k1, k1 tbl, k1, turn, p2tog, p1, p2tog, turn, let go of colour C and continue in colour A, hold the yarn tight and work as follows: Slip 2 sts as if knitting them together, k1, pass the slipped stitch over. Continue knitting in colour A, holding the yarn tight for the first stitch after the bobble.

Special techniques

Changing colours: When changing colour at the button placket, the yarns are crossed to avoid holes at the transitions. Place the "old" colour over the "new" colour, continuing in this colour so the strands automatically cross.

Avoiding "a jump" in the stripes when changing colour: Work the transition as follows: Work 1 round in the "new" colour, then, before working the first stitch on the 2nd round, lift the first stitch of last the round in the "old" colour up onto the left needle and knit it together with the first stitch in the "new" colour.

Backward loop cast-on: Form a ring in the working yarn with the long end (attached to the ball of yarn) over the end coming from the knitting, insert the right needle into the front of the ring and tighten the yarn to form a stitch.

Directions for knitting

The vest is worked from the top down in stripes with bobbles along the raglan lines. The button placket is worked in 2 different colours.

The vest can be worn with either side out.

Note

When changing colours in the stripes, let the colour not in use hang at the back at the work and let it follow up the side of the work to the next colour change. The same goes for the bobble yarn. Be mindful not to tighten the yarn too much when changing back to the colour.

Make 5 small balls of colour C. One ball is used for each raglan and one is used for the button placket.

Neck edge

Cast on (81) 85 (91) 95 (101) sts on a 3 mm circular needle with colour B, in extension of these sts cast on another 6sts with one of the little balls in colour C. There are a total of (87) 91 (97) 101 (107) sts on the needle. The yoke is worked back and forth on the circular needle until the button placket is finished, then the work is joined in the round.

Row 1 (WS): sl2, k1, p1, k1, p1 with colour C, cross the strands of yarn and continue with colour B: *k1, p1*, repeat from * to * for (10) 10 (12) 12 (12) sts with colour B, wrap a loop of scrap yarn around the next stitch and knit it (raglan stitch), work *p1, k1* for (13) 15 (15) 17 (19) sts in rib (ending on a purl stitch), wrap a loop of scrap yarn around the next stitch and knit it (raglan stitch), work *p1, k1* for (25) 25 (27) 27 (29) sts in rib (ending on a purl stitch), wrap a loop of contrasting scrap yarn around the next stitch and knit it (raglan stitch), work *p1, k1* for (13) 15 (15) 17 (19) sts in rib (ending on a purl stitch), wrap a loop of scrap yarn around the next stitch and knit it (raglan stitch), work *p1, k1* for (14) 14 (16) 16 (16) sts in rib, sl2.

Row 2: K2, *p1, k1*, repeat from * to * to the last 7 sts, p1, change to colour C: k1, p1, k1, p1, k2.

Row 3: Sl2, k1, p1, k1, p1, change to colour B: *k1,

p1*, repeat from * to * to the last 3 sts, k1, sl2.

Row 4: K1, stbl, yarn over, stbl (buttonhole), k1, *p1, k1*, repeat from * to * to the last 7 sts, p1, change to colour C: k1, p1, k1, p1, k2.

Row 5: Work as Row 3 to the buttonhole, work k1 and p1 in the yarn over, sl1.

Yoke

Change to 3,5 mm.

The plackets are still worked each in its own colour, while the rest of the sts are worked in stripes. On RS rows the first 6 sts are worked in colour B and the last 6 sts are worked in colour C. On WS rows the first 6 sts are worked in colour C and the last 6 sts are worked in colour B, as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K2, p1, k1, p1, k1 with colour B, join colour A, *knit to the raglan stitch, M1R, k1, M1L*, repeat from * to * until a M1L has been worked after the last raglan stitch, knit to the last 6 sts, change to colour C, k1, p1, k1, p1, k2.

Row 2: Sl2, k1, p1, k1, p1 with colour C, change to colour A, purl to the last 6 sts, change to colour B, p1, k1, p1, k1, sl2.

Row 3: K2, p1, k1, p1, k1, change to colour A, *knit to the raglan stitch, M1R, bobble, M1L*, repeat from * to * until a M1L has been worked after the last raglan stitch, knit to the last 6 sts, change to colour C, k1, p1, k1, p1, k2.

Row 4: Sl2, k1, p1, k1, p1, change to colour A, purl to the last 6 sts, change to colour B, p1, k1, p1, k1, sl2.

Row 5: k2, p1, k1, p1, k1, continue with colour B, *knit to the raglan stitch, M1R, k1, M1L*, repeat from * to * until a M1L has been worked after the last raglan stitch, knit to the last 6 sts, change to colour C, k1, p1, k1, p1, k2.

Row 6: Sl2, k1, p1, k1, p1, change to colour B, purl to the last 6 sts, p1, k1, p1, k1, sl2.

Row 7 (buttonhole row): K1, stbl, yarn over, stbl, Work as Row 5 to end of row.

Row 8: Work as Row 6 to the buttonhole, work k1 and p1 in the yarn over, sl1.

Repeat Row 1-8 once more. Break colour A and B.

Now join the work in the round as follows:

With the RS facing you, move the 6 placket sts in colour C and all of the sts before the first raglan stitch marked with the contrasting loop of yarn to the left needle without knitting them (leave the raglan stitch with the contrasting yarn on the right needle). Place a marker on the right needle to mark the beginning of the round (the right back raglan).

Round 1 (RS): Join colour A, M1L, knit to the raglan stitch, M1R, k1, M1L, knit to the 6 placket sts in colour C, move these 6 sts to an extra needle and hold them behind the 6 placket sts in colour B, then knit 1 trough both the first stitch on the front and back placket to knit them together, continue in this way until all the placket sts have been knitted together, *knit to the raglan stitch, M1R, k1, M1L*, repeat from * to * to last stitch, M1R, k1.

Round 2: Knit to end of round.

Round 3: M1L, *knit to the raglan stitch, M1R, bobble, M1L*, repeat from * to * to last stitch, M1R, bobble.

Round 4: Knit to end of round.

Round 5: Change to colour B, M1L, *knit to the raglan stitch, M1R, k1, M1L*, repeat from * to * to last stitch, M1R, k1.

Round 6: Knit to end of round.

Round 7: M1L, *knit to the raglan stitch, M1R, k1, M1L*, repeat from * to * to last stitch, M1R, k1.

Round 8: Knit to end of round.

Size (1), 1½ and (2) years only

Repeat Round 1-8 (ingoring the joining of the plackets on Round 1) once more.

Size 6-9 months, 1½ and (2) years

Repeat Round 1-4 once more.

Sleeve edges - size (3) months and (1) year only

Round 1: Change to colour A, M1L, *knit to the raglan stitch, M1R, k1, M1L*, repeat from * to * to last stitch, M1R, k1.

Round 2: *p1, k1*, repeat from * to * to 1 stitch before the raglan stitch, p1, knit to next raglan stitch, then knit raglan stitch**, repeat from * to **.

Round 3: *p1, k1*, repeat from * to * to 1 stitch before the raglan stitch, p1, bobble, M1L, knit to next raglan stitch, M1R, bobble**, repeat from * to **.

Round 4: *Bind off all sleeve sts in rib to the raglan stitch, knit raglan stitch then knit to the next raglan stitch, knit raglan stitch*, repeat from * to *.

Sleeve edges - size 6-9 months, 1½ and (2) years

Round 1: Change to colour B, M1L, *knit to the raglan stitch, M1R, k1, M1L*, repeat from * to * to last stitch, M1R, k1.

Round 2: *p1, k1*, repeat from * to * to 1 stitch before the raglan stitch, p1, knit to next raglan stitch, then knit raglan stitch**, repeat from * to **.

Round 3: *p1, k1*, repeat from * to * to 1 stitch before the raglan stitch, p1, k1, M1L, knit to next raglan stitch, M1R, k1**, repeat from * to **.

Round 4: *Bind off all sleeve sts in rib to the raglan stitch, knit raglan stitch then knit to the next raglan stitch, knit raglan stitch*, repeat from * to *.

Body – all sizes

Join colour (B) A (B) A (A) and cast on (7) 7 (8) 8 (9) sts using the backward loop method, continue by knitting to the bound off sts for the second armhole, then cast on another (7) 7 (8) 8 (9) sts, knit to end of round. There are now (125) 125 (149) 149 (153) sts on the needle.

Knit 3 more rounds in colour (B) A (B) A (A). Change to colour (A) B (A) B (B) and knit 4 rounds. Continue in 4 round stripes alternating colours until the work measures approx. (14) 16 (18) 21 (22) cm from the armhole down. End with a complete stripe in colour A, while at the same time knitting the last 2 sts together

on the last round. There are now (124) 124 (148) 148 (152) sts on the needle.

Edge

Change to colour B and knit 1 round.

Work 5 rounds of k1, p1 ribbing. Break the yarn leaving a tail approx. 3 times as long as the circumference of the vest. Bind off using the Italian bind-off as follows:

Thread the end on a blunt needle.

1. Insert the needle through the first stitch on the left needle as if to purl.

2. Insert the needle between the 1st and 2nd stitch from back to front.

3. Insert the needle through the 2nd stitch as if to knit.

4. Insert the needle through the first stitch as if to knit.

5. Insert needle through front leg of the 2nd stitch, from the front and from right to left.

6. Insert the needle in the 1st stitch on the left needle as if to purl.

Repeat pt. 2-6 until there is 1 (purl) stitch left on the left needle.

End:

7. Insert the needle from front to back and right to left in the first bound off stitch.

8. Work at pt. 6

All sts have been bound off. Weave in the end.

Finishing

Sew in the buttons. Weave in all ends. Gently wash the finished work as instructed on the yarn label and lay it on a flat surface to dry.