Leonora - a long cabled cardigan

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"Leonora" is part of Filcolana's "Colours of the Scandinavian Summer" collection. For this collection our team of designers have found in-

spiration in the incredible Scandinavian light and colours in the works of the Skagen Painters.

Leonora is a long loosely fitting cardigan inspired by the Skagen painters' beautiful paintings of the nordic light over the coastline, with the dark sea below and the tattered clouds above. The cables lift from a sea of purl stitches as the clouds above the sea.

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Materials

550 (600) 650 (700) 750 (800) g of Peruvian Highland Wool by Filcolana in colour 219 (Anthracite) 4 mm and 5 mm circular needles, 80-100 cm 5 mm double-pointed needles 5 mm crochet hook and a scrap of yarn for the provisional cast-on Stitch markers 3 small buttons

Sizes

S (M) L (XL) 2XL (3XL)

Measurements

Body, chest: 78-88 (89-98) 98-108 (98-108) 108-118

(128-138) cm

Sweater, chest: 95 (107) 116 (124) 135 (142) cm Width at hem: 105 (116) 126 (134) 144 (151) cm Sleeve length: 31 (31) 32 (32) 33 (33) cm Total length: 78 (79) 80 (81) 82 (83) cm





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Gauge

17 sts and 24 rows in stockinette stitch on 5 mm needles = 10×10 cm.

Special abbreviations and techniques

<u>CDD (Central Double Decrease)</u>: slip 2 sts together as if knitting them together, k1, pass the 2 slipped stitches over the knitted stitch.

Short rows: When you turn in the middle of a row to make a short row, it is important to do something to avoid ending up with a hole at the turning point. The most common method is to wrap the working yarn around the next stitch on the needle before turning the work as follows: Hold the yarn to the front of the work, slip the next stitch from left to right hand needle, bring the yarn to the back of the work and slip the stitch back on the left needle. This creates a loop around the next stitch, which will eliminate the hole between the last knit and the first unknit stitch. Now turn the work and continue according to your pattern. When working the stitch with the loop around it, lift the loop up and over the stitch it belongs to, then work the stitch and the loop together as if it were one stitch.

Directions for knitting

The cardigan is worked from the bottom up. First the body is worked back and forth to the armholes. Cables are worked along the front edges as well as in the middle of the back. The rest of the body is worked in sections of stockinette and reverse stockinette





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stitch. Then the sleeves are worked – first a cable is knit, which is then joined in a circle for the cuff. Then stitches are picked up from the side of the ring and the sleeve is worked to the armhole frem there. Sleeves and body are joined for the yoke, which is worked with raglan decreases as well as decreases along the front edges. Short rows are worked at toward the end to shape the neck edge. Before this, the cables at the front edges are set aside, to be finished separately. These cables are knitted up so they meet at the centre of the back to form the neck edge.

Body

Cast on 179 (197) 215 (227) 245 (257) sts on a 4 mm circular needle. Work back and forth in ribbing: Row 1 (WS): P4, *k3, p3*. Repeat from * to *. End with p1.

Row 2: K4, *p3, k3*. Repeat from * to *. End with k1.

Repeat Row 1 and 2 until work measures 4,5 cm. End on Row 2.

Change to 5 mm circular needle.

Size M, 2XL and 3XL only

Row 1 (WS): P1, work row 1 of Chart 2, place marker, *knit - (30) - (-) 39 (41), place marker, purl - (20) - (-) 26 (28), place marker, knit - (30) - (-) 39 (41), place marker*, M1, work row 1 of Chart 2, work row 1 of Chart 1, place marker, knit - (29) - (-) 38 (40), repeat from * to *, work row 1 of Chart 1, p1. There are now - (198) - (-) 246 (258) sts.

Size S, L, XL only

Row 1 (WS): P1, work row 1 of Chart 2, place marker, knit 26 (-) 33 (35) - (-), place marker, purl 17 (-) 21 (23) - (-), p2tog, place marker, knit 26 (-) 33 (35) -

(-), place marker, work row 1 of Chart 2, work row 1 of Chart 1, place marker, knit 26 (-) 33 (35) - (-), place marker, purl 18 (-) 22 (24) - (-), place marker, knit 26 (-) 33 (35) - (-), place marker*, work row 1 of Chart 1, p1. There are now 178 (-) 214 (226) - (-) sts.

All sizes

Row 2 (RS): k1, work row 2 of Chart 1, *purl to marker, knit to marker, purl to marker*, work row 2 of Chart 1, work row 2 of Chart 2, work from * to * once more, work row 2 of Chart 2, k1.

Row 3: P1, work row 3 of chart 2, *knit to marker, purl to marker, knit to marker*work row 3 of Chart 2, work row 3 of Chart 1, work from * to * once more, work row 3 of Chart 1, p1.

Continue as established above, working an edge stitch at either end in stockinette stitch, working cables according to charts (which are repeated) at either front edge and at the center of the back and working stockinette and reverse stockinette stitch in sections between these until the work measures 20 cm (all sizes).

Work decreases on the next WS row: P1, Chart 2, *knit to 3 sts before marker, ssk, k1, purl to marker, k1, k2tog, knit to marker*, Chart 2, Chart 1, work from * to * once more, Chart 1, p1.

Work decreases as above every 16th row a total of 4 times. There are now 162 (182) 198 (210) 230 (242) sts on the needle.

Continue straight until the work measures approx. 45 cm.

Work increases on the next WS row: P1, Chart 2, *knit to 1 stitch before marker, M1, k1, purl to marker, k1, M1, knit to marker*, Chart 2, Chart 1, work from * to * once more, Chart 1, p1.

Work increases as above once more after 12 rows. There are now 170 (190) 206 (218) 238 (250) sts on the needle.

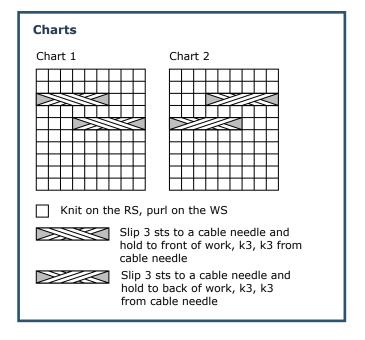
Continue straight until the work measures 56 cm.

Bind off for the armholes on the next RS row: K1, Chart 1, * purl 24 (28) 31 (33) 37 (39), knit 5 (6) 6 (7) 7 (7), lbind off the next 8 (8) 10 (10) 12 (14) sts, knit to marker (there are 5 (6) 6 (7) 7 (7) sts on the needle after the bound off sts), purl 24 (28) 31 (33) 37 (39) vr*, Chart 1, Chart 2, work from * to * once more, Chart 2, k1.

Make a note of which row of the chart you have gotten to and let the sts rest on the needle while the sleeves are knit.

Right sleeve

Cast on 11 sts using a provisional cast-on and a length of scrap yarm on a 5 mm needle. Row 1 (WS): p1, work row 1 of Chart 1, p1. Row 2: k1, work row 2 of Chart 1, k1. Continue as established until Chart 1 has been worked a total of 9 (9) 10 (10) 11 (11) times.



Size M only

Work row 1-9 of the chart once more.

All sizes

Work 5 (0) 3 (7) 1 (5) rows of stockinette stitch. Open the provisional cast-on and place the resulting sts on a needle. Sew together the two ends of the work using Kitchener stitch, so it forms a ring. Weave in the ends.

Now pick up and knit sts along the right side of the ring using a 5 mm circular nnedle. Begin and end where the ring has been sewn together. Pick up 1 stitch for every other row for a total of 48 (50) 52 (54) 56 (58) sts. Place a marker for the beginning of the round and work in stockinette stitch.

Work 6 rounds straight.

Increase round: K1, M1, knit to 1 stitch before marker, M1, k1.

Work an increase row every 10th (8th) 8th (7th) 6th (6th) round a total of 6 (7) 8 (9) 10 (11) times. There are now 60 (64) 68 (72) 76 (80) sts on the needle. Work straight until the sleeve measures 27 (27) 28 (28) 29 (29) cm ffrom where sts were picked up along the ring.

Bind off for the armhole on the next round: Bind off 4 (4) 5 (5) 6 (7) sts, knit 52 (56) 58 (62) 64 (66), bind off the last 4 (4) 5 (5) 6 (7) sts of the round. Break the yarn.

Left sleeve

Work the same way as the right sleeve, only working Chart 2 instead of Chart 1 and picking up sts along the left side of the ring.

Yoke

Join the sleeves to the body on the circular needle, while working the first decreases at the front edges at the same time (WS):

<u>Left front</u>: P1, Chart 2, ssk, knit to marker, purl to bound off sts.

Left sleeve: Purl to bound off sts.

Back: Purl to marker, knit to marker, Chart 2, Chart 1,

knit to marker, purl to bound off sts. Right sleeve: Purl to bound off sts.

Right front: Purl to marker, knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, Chart 1, p1. There are now a total of 258 (286) 302 (322) 342 (354) sts on the needle. Work decreases at the front edges as above every 12th (10th) 10th (10th) 8th (8th) row a total of 3 (4)

At the same time, work back nd forth in pattern for 17 (11) 11 (9) 5 (3) rows.

Then work raglan decreases as follows:

5 (5) 6 (6) times.

Row 1 (RS): K1, Chart 1, purl to marker, k1, k2tog, knit to 3 sts before marker, ssk, k1, purl to marker, Chart 1, Chart 2, work from * to * once more, Chart 2, k1. (4 sts have been decreased)

Row 2: P1, Chart 2, *knit to 3 sts before marker, ssk, k1, purl to marker, k1, k2tog, knit to marker*, Chart 2, Chart 1, work from * to * once more, Chart 1, p1. (4 sts have been decreased)

Repeat Row 1 and 2 a total of 17 (20) 22 (24) 27 (29) times, while continuing to work decreases at the front edges. Work Row 1 once more.

There are now 110 (112) 110 (114) 108 (104) sts on the needle – 3 purl sts in the purl section on each front.

The cables along the front edges are now placed on stitch holders and short rows are worked as follows: Next row (WS): P1, Chart 2, place the last 10 sts on a stitch holder (make a note of which row of the chart you have gotten to), CDD, work as Row 2 to the last 13 sts, CDD, Chart 1, p1.

Short row 1 (RS): k1, Chart 1, place the last 10 sts on a stitch holder (make a note of which row of the chart you have gotten to), p1, k1, k2tog, knit to 3 sts before marker, ssk, k1, purl to marker, Chart 1, Chart 2, k1, k2tog, knit to the last 4 sts, turn.

Short row 2 (WS): Purl to marker, k1, k2tog, knit to marker, Chart 2, Chart 1, knit to 3 sts before marker, ssk, k1, purl to the last 4 sts, turn.

Short row 3 (RS): Knit to 3 sts before marker, ssk, k1, purl to marker, Chart 1, Chart 2, k1, k2tog, knit to 2 sts before the last turn, turn.

Short row 4 (WS): Purl to marker, k1, k2tog, knit to marker, Chart 2, Chart 1, knit to 3 sts before marker, ssk, k1, purl to 2 sts before the last turn, turn. Work Short row 3 and 4 another 3 (5) 6 (6) 7 (7) times.

The cables at the centre of the back are gathered together before bind-off:

Next row (RS): Knit to 3 sts before marker, ssk, k1, purl to marker, ssk, k3, ssk, k4, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k1, k2tog, knit to 2 sts before the last turn, turn.

Next row (WS): Purl to marker, k2tog, p14, ssk, purl to 2 sts before the last turn, turn.

Next row: Knit to 3 sts before marker, ssk, k1, purl to

marker, ssk, k3, ssk, k4, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k1, k2tog, knit to the last 3 sts, CDD.

Next row: Bind off all sts, purl the last 3 sts together before binding them off.

Right front edge

Place the right front cable back on a 5 mm needle. Begin with a RS row and cast on 1 new stitch towards the front edge – the edge stitch needed when sewing the cable to the neck edge. Continue the chart as follows:

Row 1 (RS): k1, Chart 1, k1.

Row 2: p1, Chart 1, p1.

Repeat Row 1 and 2 until the cable is long enough to reach the centre of the back of the neck, when lightly stretched. Place the sts on a stitch holder.

Left front edge

Work the same way as the right front edge, only beginning with a WS row and working Chart 2 instead of Chart 1. Remember to cast on a new stitch towards the front edge.

When the cable is long enough to reach the centre of the back of the neck, when lightly stretched, the right cable is put back on the needle and the two sets of sts are sewn together suing Kitchener stitch. Then the sides of the cables are sewn to the neck edge.

Finishing

Sew the holes under each sleeve using Kitchener stitch. On the 6th row of the charts, where the cable is crossed a small hole is formed just inside the edge

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.



stitch. These holes are used as buttonholes along the left front edge and to locate the placement of the buttons on the right front edge. The top button is placed right where sleeves and body are joined for the yoke. The remaining 2 buttons are placed below the first – 1 for each cable.

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