

Strandkant - a lovely cardigan for kids



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The dream of the Danish summer is filled with sunshine, heat, and trips to the beach. Sometimes actual summer falls a bit short of the dream, then it is nice to have a soft warm cardigan to cosy up in. This cardigan is inspired by the white beaches at the western coast of Jutland, where the designer lives. The design is worked in two strands of Arwetta Classic in different, but closely related colours, creating a subtle melange effect reminiscent of the Jutland beaches.

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Materials

150 (150) 200 (250) g Arwetta Classic by Filcolana in colour 977 (Marzipan)
and 150 (150) 200 g (250) g Arwetta Classic by Filcolana in colour 101 (Råhvid)
- one strand of each yarn are held together throughout

3,5 mm and 4,5 mm circular needle, 100 cm
3,5 mm and 4,5 mm double-pointed needles (if the Magic loop technique is not used)
Stitch markers
4 buttons (approx. 20-22 mm diameter)

Sizes

2 years/92 cl (4 years/104 cl) 6 years/116 cl (8 years/128 cl)

Measurements

Body, chest: 53-56 (57-60) 61-66 (67-70) cm
Cardigan, chest: 76 (80) 86 (90) cm
Sleeve length: 20 (26) 29 (32) cm
Total length: 33 (36) 39 (41) cm



Gauge

19 sts and 29 rows in stockinette stitch with one strand of each yarn held together on 4,5 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm

16 sts and 48 rows in brioche stitch with one strand of each yarn held together on 4,5 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm

Special abbreviations

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

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

sl1yo: slip stitch purl-wise, while bringing the yarn to the front and then up and over the needle to create a yarn over.

brp: brioche purl – purl stitch and yarn over together.

brk: brioche knit – knit stitch and yarn over together.

Special techniques

Selvedge stitches: Knit the first and last stitch of every row.

Italiensk bind-off: Break the yarn with an end approx. 3½ times the length of the section that you will bind off. Thread the end onto a needle. The Italian bind off is worked by sewing through each stitch twice. The first time the needle is inserted through the stitch the opposite way to the way you would insert the knitting needle to work the stitch as it presents (as either a knit or a purl stitch). The second time the needle is inserted the same way as you would insert the knitting needle to work the stitch as it presents, after which the stitch is dropped off the needle.

Begin with a RS row and sew as follows:

1. Insert the needle through the first stitch on the left needle as if to purl.
 2. Insert the needle through the next stitch (a purl stitch), as if to knit (from RS to WS).
 3. Insert the needle through the first stitch again (a knit stitch) as if to knit. Let the stitch fall off the needle.
 4. Insert the needle through the next knit stitch (the second stitch on the needle) as if to purl.
 5. Insert the needle through the first stitch (a purl stitch) as if to purl. Let the stitch fall off the needle.
- Repeat these steps until all sts have been bound off.

Brioche stitch

Worked back and forth:

Row 1: *K1, sl1yo*, repeat from * to * to end of row.

Row 2: *Sl1yo, brk*, repeat from * to * to end of row.

Row 3: *brk, sl1yo*, repeat from * to * to end of row.

Repeat Row 2 and 3.

Worked in the round:

Round 1: *Sl1yo, k1*, repeat from * to * to end of



round.

Round 2: *Brp, sl1yo*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 3: *Sl1yo, brk*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Repeat Round 2 and 3.

Directions for knitting

The cardigan is worked from the top down. First the back of the yoke is worked. Then stitches are picked up along the cast-on edge of the back yoke for the two front sections of the yoke, which are worked to the bottom of the armholes. Back and front are then joined, and the body is worked to the hem. Stitches are picked up and knitted along the armholes and the sleeves are worked down from there. Then neck edge and front edges are knitted on. Finally, the pockets are knitted and sewn onto the fronts.

Back

Cast on 70 (74) 80 (84) sts on a 4,5 mm needle with one strand of each yarn held together.

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch with a selvedge stitch at each end of the work until the work measures 12 (13) 14 (15) cm. The first row is a WS row. Let the sts rest, while the fronts are being worked.

Right front

Place the back in front of you with the RS up and the cast-on edge towards you. Pick up and knit 20 (22)

24 (26) sts along the right side of the back cast-on edge (1 stitch in each stitch). Work back and forth in stockinette with a selvedge stitch at each end of the work until the front measures 4 (5) 6 (6) cm from where the sts were picked up. End on a WS row.

Work an increase at the neck edge on the next row as follows (RS): Knit to the last stitch, M1R, k1, k1 (selvedge stitch).

Work an increase as established every RS row a total of 7 (7) 8 (8) times. There are now a total of 27 (29) 32 (34) sts on the needle.

At the end of the last increase row, cast on 6 new sts in extension of the sts on the needle using the backward loop method. There are now a total of 33 (35) 38 (40) sts on the needle.

Now work back and forth in stockinette stitch with a selvedge stitch at each end of the work until the front measures 12 (13) 14 (15) cm from where the sts were picked up. Let the right front rest.

Left front

Pick up and knit 20 (22) 24 (26) sts along the left side of the back cast-on edge. Work back and forth in stockinette with a selvedge stitch at each end of the work until the front measures 4 (5) 6 (6) cm from where the sts were picked up. End on a WS row.

Work an increase at the neck edge on the next row as follows (RS): K1, M1L, knit to end of row.

Work an increase as established every RS row a total of 7 (7) 8 (8) times. There are now a total of 27 (29) 32 (34) sts on the needle.

At the end of the next row (WS) cast on 6 new sts in extension of the sts on the needle using the backward loop method.

Now work back and forth in stockinette stitch a selvedge stitch at each end of the work until the front measures 12 (13) 14 (15) cm from where the sts were picked up.

Body

Now join fronts and back on a 4,5 mm circular needle. There are a total of 136 (144) 156 (164) sts on the needle.

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch with a selvedge stitch at each end of the needle until the work measures 29 (32) 35 (37) cm from the shoulder.

Change to a 3,5 mm needle and work 4 cm in rib (k1, p1), while decreasing 1 stitch at the centre of the first needle, so there is an odd number of sts on the needle. Bind off using the Italian bind-off technique (see top of pattern).

Sleeve

Pick up and knit 38 (42) 46 (48) sts along the armhole, evenly distributed between front and back. Begin and end at the bottom of the armhole. Join to work in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. Work in the round in brioche stitch (see top of pattern) until the sleeve measures 16 (22) 25 (28) cm. End on Round 2 of the brioche stitch.

Change to a 3,5 mm needle and work 4 cm in rib (k1, p1). Bind off using the Italian bind-off technique.

Work the second sleeve the same way as the first

Neck edge

Pick up and knit approx. 97 (101) 107 (107) sts along the neck edge with a 3,5 mm needle and one strand of each yarn held together. Work 8 cm back and forth in rib (k1, p1) with a selvedge stitch at each end of the needle. Bind off.

Front edges

Left front edge:

Pick up and knit 79 (85) 91 (97) sts along the left front edge, starting 4 cm up the neck rib edge (which will be folded at the end).

Work 1,5 cm in rib (p1, k1).

Work 4 buttonholes as follows: Work 7 sts in rib, bind off 2 sts, *work 19 (21) 23 (25) sts in rib (incl. the stitch that is already on the right needle after the bind off), bind off 2 sts*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times, work 7 sts in rib (incl. the stitch that is already on the right needle after the bind off).

Next row: Work together the 2 sts right before the bound off sts (p2tog or k2tog to fit the rib pattern), then cast on 3 new sts in extension of the sts on the needle.

Work back and forth in rib until the front edge measures 4 cm. Bind off using the Italian bind-off technique.

Right front edge:

Pick up and knit 79 (85) 91 (97) sts along the right front edge, ending 4 cm up the rib front edge. Work 4 cm in rib (k1, p1). Bind off using the Italian bind-off technique.

Pockets

Cast on 19 (19) 21 (23) sts on a 4,5 mm needle with one strand of each yarn held together. Work back and forth in brioche stitch with a selvedge stitch at each end of the needle. Bind off in rib when the pocket measures 9 (9) 10 (10) cm.

Work the second pocket the same way as the first.

Finishing

Fold the neck edge double and sew it to the WS with stretchy stitches. Sew in the buttons across from the buttonholes. Sew the pockets to the fronts. Turn the pockets so the cast-on edge is at the top and fold the fold selvedge stitch at each side under before sewing the pockets in place. Weave in all ends.