

Maj - a Shetland inspired sweater



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The traditional Shetland sweaters most often have bands of colourwork all the way from the rib edge at the hem to the neck edge. Maj is a reinterpretation of a classic Shetland sweater, using the same kind of patterned bands, but in a less dense form.

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Materials

Pernilla by Filcolana:

Colour A: 300 (300) 350 (400) g in colour 978 (Oatmeal)

Colour B: 50 g in colour 823 (Juniper)

Colour C: 50 g in colour 820 (Isabella)

Colour D: 50 g in colour 346 (Thuja)

Colour E: 50 g in colour 977 (Marzipan)

Colour F: 50 g in colour 814 (Storm blue)

Colour G: 50 g in colour 815 (Lavender Grey)

Colour H: 50 g in colour 807 (Boysenberry melange)

Colour I: 50 g in colour 825 (Acacia)

3,5 mm circular needle, 80 cm and 40 cm

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Optional: 4 mm circular needle, 80 cm for stranded pattern

3,5 mm double-pointed needles

Stitch markers

Sizes

S (M) L (XL)

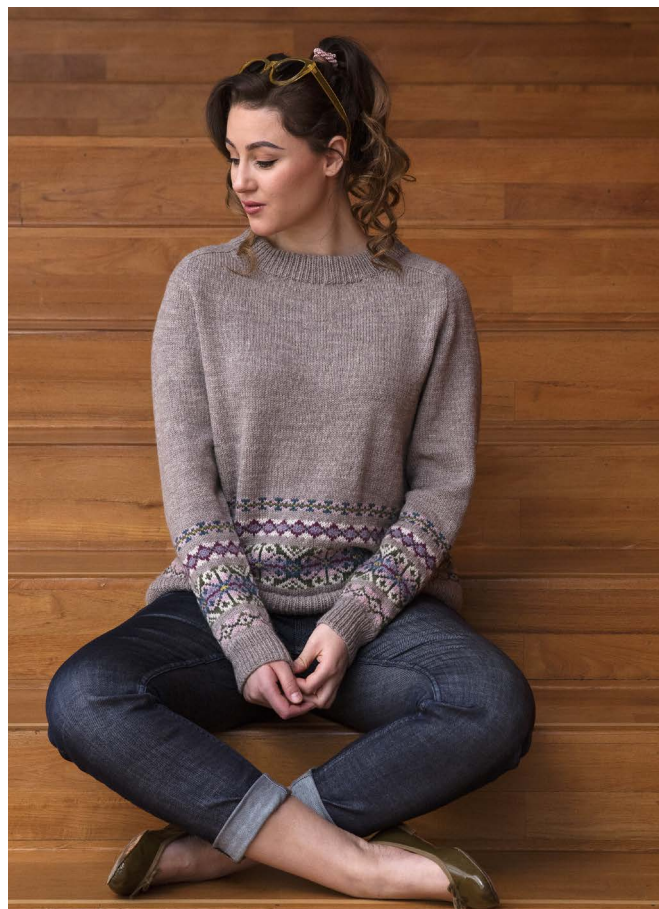
Measurements

Body, chest: 80-88 (89-96) 97-104 (105-112) cm

Sweater, chest: 100 (110) 120 (130) cm

Sleeve length: 42 (43) 44 (45) cm

Total length: 60 (62) 64 (66) cm



Gauge

24 sts and 33 rows in stockinette stitch on a 3,5 mm needle = 10 x 10 cm.

Note: Matching the gauge on the solid stockinette and stranded knitting sections can be a challenge. I often have to go up a needle size when working the stranded pattern to achieve the correct gauge. Make sure to check your gauge several times along the way.

Special abbreviations

skp: slip 1 stitch, knit the next stitch, pass the slipped stitch over the knit stitch.

Directions for knitting

The design is worked from the bottom up. Body and sleeve are worked in the round separately to the armholes, then they are joined for the yoke, which is worked in the round with raglan decreases. Whorl rows are worked to shape the neckline, lifting the back of the neck for a better fit.

Body

Cast on 240 (264) 288 (312) sts on a 3,5 mm circular needle with colour A and the long-tail cast-on method. Join in the round and work 6 cm of k1, p1 ribbing.

Work the charted pattern in stockinette stitch, starting at the arrow for your size.

Note: Make sure that your gauge remains the same when working the charted pattern. It might be necessary to go up a needle size to a 4 mm needle to maintain the same gauge.

Work all rows of the chart.

Continue in stockinette stitch with colour A until the work measures 37 (38) 39 (40) cm.



Bind off for the armholes on the next round as follows: Bind off 5 sts, knit 111 (123) 135 (147) sts, bind off 9 sts, knit 111 (123) 135 (147) sts, bind off the last 4 sts of the round.

The sts rest on the needle, while the sleeves are worked.

Sleeves

Cast on 54 (56) 58 (60) sts on 3,5 mm double-pointed needles with colour A and the long-tail cast-on method. Join in the round and work 6 cm of k1, p1 ribbing.

Mark the first stitch of the round. Work the charted pattern in stockinette stitch, starting at the arrow for your size.

Work an increase on either side of the marked stitch on the 2nd row.

Work increases in this way every 6th (6th) 6th (5th) round a total of 19 (20) 20 (21) times. There are now 92 (96) 98 (102) sts on the needle.

Work all rows of the chart.

Continue in stockinette stitch with colour A until the sleeve measures 42 (43) 44 (45) cm.

Bind off for the armhole on the next round: Bind off 5 sts, knit to the last 4 sts, bind off these last 4 sts.

Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

Yoke

Join the sleeves to the body on a 3,5 mm circular needle over where sts were bound off for the armholes. There are a total of 388 (420) 448 (480) sts on the needle. Place a marker each of the 4 places where body and sleeves meet. Begin the round at the marker between the right sleeve and the back.

Continue in the round in stockinette stitch in colour A, while at the same time working the following decreases: *K2tog, knit to 2 sts before marker, skp, slip marker*, repeat from * to * 3 more times. A total of 8 sts have been decreased.

Work a decrease round every other round a total of 15 (17) 19 (21) times. There are now 260 (276) 288 (304) sts on the needle.

Now work decreases on the sleeves only as follows: *Knit to next marker, slip marker, k2tog, knit to 2 sts before next marker, skp, slip marker *, repeat from * to * once more. A total of 4 sts have been decreased.

Work sleeves decreases every other round a total of 13 (13) 12 (12) times. There are now 208 (224) 240 (256) sts on the needle.

End on a round with decreased and stop 1 stitch before the marker between the right sleeve and the back (beginning of round). Move the beginning of round marker to here (1 stitch to the right).

Now work decreases for saddle shoulders while at the same time moving the other 3 markers as follows: Skp, knit to next marker, remove marker, k2tog, place marker, knit to 1 stitch before next marker, move marker to here (1 stitch to the right), skp, knit to next marker, remove marker, k2tog, place marker, knit to end of round.

Continue working saddle shoulders as above (without

moving the markers) every round, while at the same time binding off the centre 29 (31) 33 (35) sts of the front on the next round.

Break the yarn at the end of the round, move the sts around and re-join the yarn right after the bound off sts at the centre of the front. Work back and forth, while continuing to work saddle shoulder decreases on both RS and WS rows.

Decreases from the RS as worked as before. Decreases from the WS are worked as follows: *Purl to 2 sts before marker, slip 2 sts knit-wise, one at a time, slip the back onto the left needle and purl them together through the back loops, purl to marker, slip marker, p2tog*, repeat from * to * once more, purl to end of row.

Bind off sts at the beginning of every row at the same time. Bind off 3 sts twice, then bind off 2 sts twice, then 1 stitch twice.

There are now 135 (149) 163 (177) sts on the needle.

Work back and forth with saddle shoulder decreases until there are no more sts on the front.

Neck edge

Change to a 3 mm circular needle. Continue in the round, knitting one round, while at the same time picking up and knitting 1 stitch for each bound off stitch and 2 sts for every 3 rows along the row-end edges and decreasing 5 sts evenly across the front sts and 6 sts across the back sts. The total number of sts must be an even number. Beginning at the right shoulder, work 9 cm of k1, p1 ribbing. Bind off.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Sew the little hole under each sleeves with Kitchener stitch. Fold the neck edge and sew the bind off edge to the WS. Gently wash the finished sweater, put it through a (dry) spin cycle and lay it on a towel to dry.

Chart

