

# Tommy - a classic cardigan for boys



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*Tommy is a classic and handsome cardigan with stripes and good pockets. The designer Sanne Bjerregaard is very inspired by the stories created by the wonderful imagination of Swedish author Astrid Lindgren. She's especially charmed by the stories about Pippi Longstocking and has created a series of designs based on the characters in these stories. The Pippis sweater is like Pippi herself – colourful and a bit crazy. The Tommy and Annika designs are a bit more cautious and timid, as the 2 siblings are always looking on with open mouths as Pippi puts her wild ideas into action.*

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## Materials

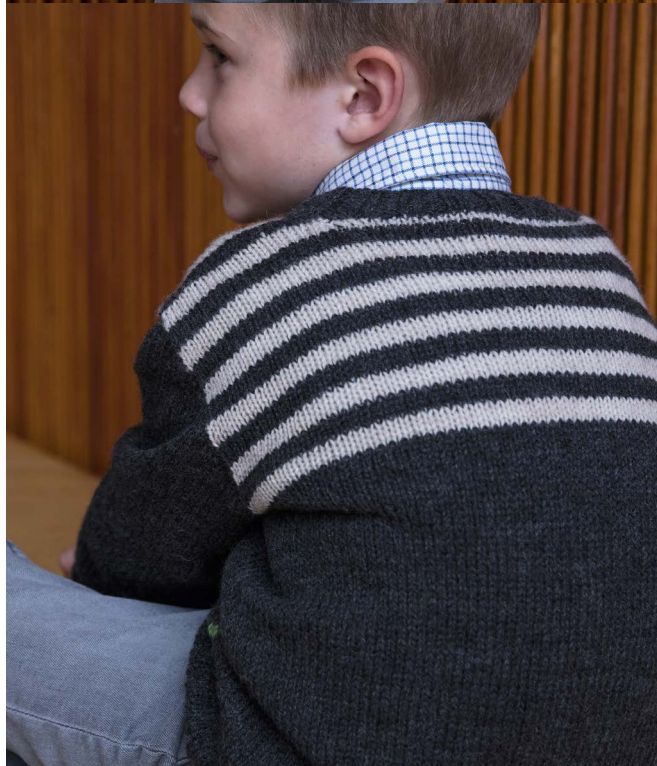
Colour A (main colour): (150) 150 (150) 200 (200) 250 g Pernilla y Filcolana in colour 956 (Charcoal)  
Colour B (pocket stripes): approx. 10 g Pernilla by Filcolana in colour 824 (Parrot Green)  
Colour C (stripes on yoke): ca. 25 g Pernilla by Filcolana in colour 977 (Marzipan)  
3,5 mm and 4 mm circular needle, 60 cm  
3,5 mm and 4 mm double-pointed needles  
4 stitch markers  
Safety pins or stitch holders  
(5) 6 (6) 6 (7) 7 buttons

## Sizes

(1 year/80 cl) 2 years/92 cl (4 years/104 cl) 6 years/116 cl (8 years/128 cl) 10 years/140 cl

## Measurements

Body, chest: (50) 54 (58) 63 (67) 71 cm  
Sweater, chest: (60) 63,5 (69) 72,5 (76) 80 cm  
Length: (30) 33 (35) 39 (43) 46 cm



Sleeve length: (22) 24 (26) 30 (32) 35 cm

### Gauge

22 sts and 33 rows in stockinette stitch on a 4 mm needle = 10 x 10 cm.

### Directions for knitting

The body is worked from the bottom up in one piece to the armholes, the pocket linings are worked in stripes at the same time as the body. The work is split into fronts and back and each section is finished separately, also in stripes. The sleeves are worked from the top down, so the sleeve length is easy to adjust as desired. Short rows are worked at the top of the sleeves to shape the sleeve cap.

### Special abbreviations

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

### Special techniques

**Short rows - GSR (German short rows):** Work to where the turn needs to be, turn, then slip the first stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front. Bring the working yarn up and over the needle and down on the other side, pulling hard enough on the yarn to make the stitch on the needle look like a double stitch (the 2 legs of the stitch are visible). Continue row as pattern describes.

When working across the stitch that looks like a double stitch, work it as 1 stitch, either knitting or purling the 2 legs together, as the pattern describes.

**Avoiding "laddered stitches" when binding off sts for the neck edge:** Work until there is 1 stitch left at the edge where the bind off is to be worked, turn the work, slip the first stitch (now there are 2 sts on the right needle), slip the first stitch over the second, as for a normal bind-off, then bind off the rest of the sts that needs to be bound off, if applicable.

Before casting on, wind up a couple of little balls of yarn to be used when knitting the pocket edges. The stripes on the pocket edges are worked in the intarsia technique. To avoid a hole at the point where the colours are changed, twist the "old" colour around the "new" colour to avoid a hole.

Split the 10 g in colour B into 2 little balls of yarn, 5 g each. Make a little ball of yarn in colour A as well, this one only 4-5 g.

### Body

Cast on (132) 140 (152) 160 (168) 176 sts with colour A on a 4 mm circular needle. Work back and forth.

**Row 1 (WS):** P1, \*p2, k2\*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 3 sts, p2, p1.

**Row 2:** 3 r, \*p2, k2\*, repeat from \* to \* to the last stitch, k1.

Repeat these 2 rows until the rib measures (3) 4 (4) 5 (5) 6 cm. End on a WS row.

Continue in stockinette stitch (knit on RS, purl on

WS) until the work measures (5) 7 (8) 9 (10) 12 cm. End on a RS row.

### Pockets

**Next row (WS):** Purl (6) 7 (8) 8 (9) 10 sts, place marker, work (21) 21 (21) 23 (23) 23 sts in rib (k1, p1), place marker, purl (78) 84 (94) 98 (104) 110 sts, place marker, work (21) 21 (21) 23 (23) 23 sts in rib (k1, p1), place marker, purl (6) 7 (8) 8 (9) 10 sts.

**Next row (RS):** Work in colour A to the first marker, join the first little ball in colour B and work the rib sts with this yarn, join a new skein of colour A and work in this yarn to next marker, join the second little ball in colour B and work the rib sts with this yarn, then join the little ball in colour A and work to the end of the row in this yarn.

**Next row:** Work to marker, change to colour B and cross twist the two strands of yarn together (place the "old" yarn over the "new" to avoid a hole at the join), work in rib in colour B to next marker, work in colour A to the next marker, work in rib in colour B to the next marker, change to colour A and work to the end of the row.

Work 2 rows with colour A across all sts, still with rib between the markers as established.

Repeat the last 4 rows once more.

**Next row (RS):** Knit to marker, continue with colour A and work in rib to next marker, remove marker, and turn.

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Work in rib to marker, remove marker, turn.

Change to colour B and work 2 rows of stockinette stitch back and forth across the (21) 21 (21) 23 (23) 23 sts for the pocket.

Change to colour A and work 2 rows of stockinette stitch back and forth across the (21) 21 (21) 23 (23) 23 sts for the pocket.

Repeat these 4 rows until the pocket lining measures approx. (10) 12 (14) 15 (15) 16 cm. End with a colour B stripe.

Break colour B.

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**Next row (RS):** Strik in colour A across the pocket sts and then across the sts for the back, to the next marker, work in rib to next marker, remove marker, turn.

Work from # to # once more.

**Next row (RS):** Work in colour A across the pocket sts and to the end of the row.

Continue straight in stockinette stitch until work measures (18) 22 (23) 27 (30) 33 cm. End on a RS row.

Divide the work for back and fronts as follows:

**Next row (WS):** Purl (34) 36 (40) 42 (44) 46 sts, place the last (4) 4 (6) 6 (6) 6 sts just worked on a safety pin, purl (68) 72 (78) 82 (86) 90, lace the last (4) 4 (6) 6 (6) 6 sts just worked on a safety pin, purl (30) 32 (34) 36 (38) 40 sts.

**Right front**

Join colour C work back and forth in stockinette stitch across the (30) 32 (34) 36 (38) 40 sts for the right front. Work stripes alternating 4 rows in C and colour A, while at the same time working decreases at the armhole edge by working a k2tog at the end of every RS row twice. There are now (28) 30 (32) 34 (36) 38 sts on the needle

Work straight in stripes until the front measures (6,5) 6,5 (7) 8 (8) 9 cm, measured from the bottom of the armhole. End on a WS row.

#### Neck edge

Continue in stripes while binding off sts to shape the neck edge as follows:

**Row 1 (RS):** Bind off 3 sts knit-wise (see at the top of the pattern), knit to end of row.

**Row 2:** Purl to end of row.

**Row 3:** Bind off 2 sts knit-wise, knit to end of row. Repeat Row 2 and 3 another (1) 2 (2) 2 (3) 3 times.

**Next row (WS):** Work as Row 2.

Place a mark at the edge where sts are being bound off.

**Next row:** Bind off 1 stitch, knit to end of row.

Repeat the last 2 rows another (4) 3 (4) 5 (5) 7 times. There are now (16) 17 (18) 19 (19) 19 sts on the needle.

Work straight in stripes until the armhole measures approx. (12) 13 (14) 15 (16) 17 cm. End on the 2nd row of a stripe (WS row).

Break the yarn and move the sts to a stitch holder.

#### Back

Join colour C to the (64) 68 (72) 76 (80) 84 sts for the back. Begin with a RS row and work back and forth in stockinette stitch and stripes as on the front, while at the same time working decreases at the armhole edges by working a k2tog at the beginning and end of every RS row twice. There are now (60) 64 (68) 72 (76) 80 sts on the needle

Continue straight until there are 4 fewer rows than on the right front. End on a WS row.

#### Right shoulder

**Row 1 (RS):** Knit (17) 18 (19) 20 (20) 20 sts, turn and let the rest of the sts rest on the needle.

**Row 2:** P2tog, purl to end of row. There are now (16) 17 (18) 19 (19) 19 sts on the needle.

Work 2 rows straight. End on a WS row.

Knit together the back and the front right shoulder sts using the 3-needle bind-off techniques. Break yarn and weave end into shoulder seam.

Place the centre (26) 28 (30) 32 (36) 40 sts of the back on a stitch holder, join the yarn from the RS to the remaining (17) 18 (19) 20 (20) 20 sts for the left shoulder and knit to end of row.

#### Left shoulder

**Row 1 (WS):** Purl to the last 2 sts, p2tog.

There are now (16) 17 (18) 19 (19) 19 sts on the needle.

Work 2 rows straight. End on a WS row.  
Break the yarn and move the sts to a stitch holder.

#### Left front

Join colour C work back and forth in stockinette stitch across the (30) 32 (34) 36 (38) 40 sts for the left front. Work stripes alternating 4 rows in C and colour A, while at the same time working decreases at the armhole edge by working a k2tog at the beginning of every RS row twice. There are now (28) 30 (32) 34 (36) 38 sts on the needle

Work straight in stripes until the front measures (6,5) 6,5 (7) 8 (8) 9 cm, measured from the bottom of the armhole. End on a RS row.

#### Neck edge

Continue in stripes while binding off sts to shape the neck edge as follows:

**Row 1 (WS):** Bind off 3 sts purl-wise, purl to end of row.

**Row 2:** Knit to end of row.

**Row 3:** Bind off 2 sts purl-wise, purl to end of row. Repeat Row 2 and 3 another (1) 2 (2) 2 (3) 3 times.

**Next row (RS):** Work as Row 2.

Place a mark at the edge where sts are being bound off.

**Next row:** Bind off 1 stitch, purl to end of row.

Repeat the last 2 rows another (4) 3 (4) 5 (5) 7 times. There are now (16) 17 (18) 19 (19) 19 sts on the needle.

Work straight until armhole measures approx. (12) 13 (14) 15 (16) 17 cm. End of 2nd row of a stripe (WS row).

Knit together the back and the front left shoulder sts using the 3-needle bind-off techniques. Break yarn and weave end into shoulder seam.

#### Sleeves

Pick up and knit sts for the sleeve all the way around the armhole opening from the RS with a 3,5 mm circular needle and colour A.

Start at the shoulder seam and pick up and knit (27) 29 (32) 34 (36) 38 sts from the shoulder seam to the safety pin, knit across the sts on the safety pin, while placing at the centre of these sts at the same time, then pick up and knit (27) 29 (32) 34 (36) 38 sts along the armhole to the shoulder seam. There are now (58) 62 (70) 74 (78) 82 sts on the needle  
Place a marker (shoulder marker) and join in the round.

Move the sts to a 4 mm circular needle (or double-pointed needles) and work the sleeve cap back and forth in short rows as follows:

**Row 1 (RS):** Knit to 6 sts after the shoulder marker, turn.

**Row 2:** 1 work short row stitch (see technique at the beginning of the pattern), p5, slip shoulder marker, p6, turn.

**Row 3:** Knit to 3 sts after last RS turn, turn.

**Row 4:** Purl to 3 sts after last WS turn, turn.

Repeat Row 3 and 4 until there are (2) 1 (2) 1 (3) 2

sts between the last short row stitch and the marker at the bottom of the armhole on both sides.

Knit 1 round, ending at the marker at the bottom of the armhole.

**Next round (decrease round):** K2tog, knit to the last 2 sts, skp.

There are now (56) 60 (68) 72 (76) 80 sts on the needle

Continue in the round in stockinette stitch with a decrease round every (7th) 7th (6th) 7th (7th) 8th round until there are (42) 44 (48) 52 (54) 58 sts left on the needle. Work straight until the sleeve measures (18) 20 (22) 25 (27) 30 cm measured from the bottom of the armhole and down. Decrease (6) 8 (4) 8 (6) 10 sts evenly across the last round.

### Cuff

Change to a 3,5 mm needle and work 2 rounds of k2, p2 ribbing. Change to colour B and work alternating 2 round stripes in colour B and A until the cuff measures (4) 4 (4) 5 (5) 5 cm. End with 2 rounds with colour A. Bind off in ribbing.

Work the second sleeve the same as the first.

### Neck edge

Pick up and knit sts from the RS with a 3,5 mm circular needle as follows: Start at the right front edge and pick up and knit (7) 9 (9) 9 (11) 11 sts from the edge to the mark, then pick up and knit 3 sts for every 4 rows along the slanted section of the neck and then the straight section to the shoulder seam, pick up and knit 2 sts from the shoulder seam to the sts resting on the stitch holder, knit across the sts on the stitch holder, then pick up and knit 2 sts from the end of these sts to the shoulder seam, then 3 sts for every 4 rows along the straight section and the slanted section of the left side of the neck, to the mark, pick up and knit (7) 9 (9) 9 (11) 11 sts from the mark to the left front edge. Remove the marks.

Count the sts to make sure the number of sts on the needle is divisible by 4. Adjust the number of sts in necessary by working increases or decreases on the first row of rib.

**Row 1 (WS):** P1, \*p2, k2\*, repeat from \* to \* to the last 3 sts, p3 (adjust number of sts in needed, so the rib pattern fits).

**Row 2:** K3, \*p2, k2\*, repeat from \* to \* to the last stitch, k1.

Repeat Row 1 and 2 until the rib measures 2 cm. End on a RS row.

Bind off in rib on next row (WS).

### Right front edge – with buttons

Begin at the hem on the right front and pick up and knit sts from the RS with a 3,5 mm circular needle.

Pick up and knit approx. 3 sts for every 4 rows for a total of (68) 72 (84) 92 (100) 108 sts.

Change to a 4 mm circular needle.

**Row 1 (WS):** P3, \*k2, p2\*, repeat from \* to \* to the last stitch, p1.

**Row 2:** K3, \*p2, k2\*, repeat from \* to \* to the last stitch, k1.

Repeat Row 1 and 2 another 2 times. Bind off in rib on next row (WS).

### Left front edge – with buttonholes

Begin at the neck edge on the left front edge and pick up and knit (68) 72 (84) 92 (100) 108 sts.

Change to a 4 mm circular needle.

**Row 1 (WS):** P3, \*k2, p2\*, repeat from \* to \* to the last stitch, p1.

**Row 2:** K3, \*p2, k2\*, repeat from \* to \* to the last stitch, k1.

**Row 3:** Work as Row 1.

**Row 4 (RS - buttonholes):** K2, \*skp, yarn over, k2tog, (10) 8 (10) 12 (10) 12 sts in rib\*, repeat from \* to \* to the last (6) 6 (8) 6 (10) 6 sts, (6) 6 (8) 6 (10) 6 sts in rib.

**Next row:** Work in rib as established, work k1, k1 through the back loop in all yarn overs.

Work one more row of rib. Bind off in rib on next row (WS).

### Finising

Sew the sides of the pockets. Sew the corners of the pockets to the WS to hold the pockets in place. Sew then buttons on the right front edge across from the buttonholes. Weave in all ends. Gently rinse the finished cardigan and leave it on a flat surface to dry.