

Ellen - a gorgeous cardigan with little dots



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Anne Ventzel has designed a beautiful cardigan with little "lice" (as they are called in Scandinavia) in a contrasting colour. The design makes us think the gorgeous ski sweaters from the 1950's, only now with a much more contemporary fit and lots of lovely details.

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Materials

MC: 150 (200) 200 (200) g New Zealand lammeuld by Filcolana in colour 311 and 100 (150) 150 (150) g Tilia by Filcolana in colour 352 (Red Squirrel)
- one strand of each yarn is held together throughout
CC: 100 (150) 150 (150) g Pernilla by Filcolana in colour 101 (Natural White)
3,5 mm and 4 mm, circular and double pointed needles
10 (10) 11 (11) buttons

Sizes

S (M) L (XL)

Measurements

Body, chest: 84-88 (90-94) 98-102 (104-108) cm
Sweater, chest: 88 (94) 102 (109) cm
Length: 51 (51) 57 (57) cm
Sleeve length from under arm: 48 (47) 46 (45) cm

Gauge

22 sts and 25 rows in pattern on 4 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm

Special abbreviations

tbl: through the back loop



Directions for knitting

Ellen is worked from the bottom up. First the body is worked flat to the armholes, then the sleeves are worked in the round to the armholes and finally all three parts are joined for the yoke, which is worked back and forth with raglan decreases.

Body

Cast on 199 (215) 231 (247) sts with MC on a 3,5 mm circular needle. Work the body back and forth.

Twisted rib:

Row 1 (WS): P1, *p1 tbl, k1 tbl*. Repeat from * to *. End with p1 tbl, 1 r.

Row 2 (RS): P1, *k1 tbl, p1 tbl*. Repeat from * to *. End with k1 tbl, 1 r.

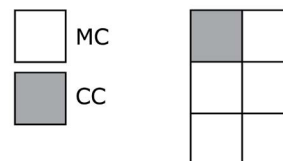
Work Row 1 and 2 once more.

Work a buttonhole on the next row (WS): P1, *p1 tbl, k1 tbl*. Repeat from * to * until there are 5 sts left on the needle, yarn over, K2tog tbl, k1 tbl, p1 tbl, k1.

Work Row 2 and 1 again until a total of 18 rows of twisted rib have been worked.

Work a buttonhole on the next row (WS): P1, *p1 tbl, k1 tbl*. Repeat from * to * until there are 5 sts left on the needle, yarn over, K2tog tbl, k1 tbl, p1 tbl, k1.

Change to a 4 mm circular needle and work in pattern while the front edges are still worked in twisted rib as follows:

**Chart**

Row 1 (RS): With MC: Work p1, 6 sts in twisted rib. Work 185 (201) 217 (233) sts in charted pattern.

With MC: Work 6 sts in twisted rib, k1.

Row 2 (WS): With MC: Work p1, 6 sts in twisted rib. Work 185 (201) 217 (233) sts in charted pattern. With MC: Strik 6 sts in twisted rib, k1.

Repeat Row 1 and 2 until a total of 13 rows have been worked in pattern with front edges in twisted rib.

Work a buttonhole on the next row (WS): With MC: Work p1, 6 sts in twisted rib. Work 185 (201) 217 (233) sts in charted pattern. With MC: k1 tbl, p1 tbl, yarn over, k2tog tbl, k1 tbl, p1 tbl, k1. Now continue as established in Row 1 and 2, while working a buttonhole every 14th row as described above until the pattern has been worked a total of 14 (12) 16 (14) times. The body now measures approx. 23 (21) 25 (23) cm.

Bind off for the armholes on the next row (RS):

With MC: Work p1, 6 sts in twisted rib, work 41 (45) 49 (53) sts in charted pattern, bind off 7 sts, work 89 (97) 105 (113) sts in charted pattern, bind off 7 sts, work 41 (45) 49 (53) sts in charted pattern. With MC: 6 sts in twisted rib, k1.

Let the body rest on the needle and do not break the yarn.

Sleeves

Cast on 44 (44) 48 (52) sts with MC 3,5 mm double-pointed needles. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginnings of the round.

Twisted rib: *k1 tbl, p1 tbl*. Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Work a total of 19 rounds of twisted rib.

Change to 4 mm double-pointed needles and work in charted pattern in stockinette stitch.

Work 2 rounds in pattern.

Work the next round in pattern, while at the same time marking the following sts: Work 16 (16) 18 (20) sts, mark the next stitch and work it in pattern (1st marked stitch), work 9 sts, mark the next stitch and work it in pattern (2nd marked stitch), work 17 (17) 19 (21) sts.

Increase round: Work in pattern to the 1st marked stitch, M1 in the same colour as the stitch right before the marked stitch, work in pattern to the 2nd marked

stitch, work the 2nd marked stitch, M1 in the same colour at the stitch right after the marked stitch will be worked in, work in pattern to end of round. Work and increase round every other round until there are 78 (82) 82 (86) sts on the needle. Then work an increase round every 3rd round until there are 88 (92) 92 (96) sts on the needle. Work straight in pattern until the sleeve measures 48 (47) 46 (45) cm. End on Row 3 of the charted pattern.

Bind off for the armhole on the next round: Bind off 3 sts, work 81 (85) 85 (89) sts, bind off 4 sts. Break the yarn and work a second sleeve the same way as the first.

Yoke

Join the sleeves to the body on the 4 mm circular needle, by placing the sleeves over where sts were bound off for the armholes on the body. Continue in pattern over each section and with twisted rib and buttonholes along the front edges. Place raglan markers at the time as follows (WS):

Left front: With MC: Work p1, 6 sts in twisted rib. Work 37 (41) 45 (49) sts in pattern, mark the next stitch and work it in pattern, work 3 sts in pattern.

Left sleeve: Work 81 (85) 85 (89) sts in pattern.

Back: Work 3 sts in pattern, mark the next stitch and work it in pattern, work 81 (89) 97 (105) sts in pattern, mark the next stitch and work it in pattern, work 3 sts on pattern.

Right sleeve: Work 81 (85) 85 (89) sts in pattern.

Right front: Strik 3 m, mark the next stitch and work it in pattern, work 37 (41) 45 (49) sts in pattern.

With MC: Work 6 sts in twisted rib, k1.

There are a total of 347 (371) 387 (411) sts on the needle.

Row 1 (RS): With MC: Work p1, 6 sts in twisted rib, *work in pattern to 7 sts before the marked stitch, k2tog tbl in pattern, work 11 raglan sts in pattern, k2tog in pattern *. Repeat from * to * 3 more times. Work in pattern til the last 7 sts. With MC: Work 6 sts in twisted rib, k1.

Row 2: With MC: Work p1, 6 sts in twisted rib, *work in pattern to 5 sts before the marked stitch, work 11 raglan sts in pattern*. Repeat from * to * 3 more times. Work in pattern to the last 7 sts, With MC: Work 6 sts in twisted rib, k1.

Repeat Row 1 and 2 a total of 25 (28) 29 (32) times. There are now 147 (147) 155 (155) sts on the needle.

Break MC.

Place the first and last 7 sts (front edges) on stitch holders.

Now work back and forth in pattern with raglan decreases as before, while at the same time binding off 3 (3) 4 (4) sts at the beginning of the row a total of 16 times. Work raglan decreases at the fronts and the fronts of the sleeves for as long as possible.

Break the yarn and leave the remaining sts on the needle.



Neck edge

Place 7 sts from each front edge back on the needle that holds the remaining sts from the yoke. Change to a 3,5 mm circular needle and MC only:

Work across the right front edge sts: Work p1, 6 sts in twisted rib, pick up and knit 24 (24) 32 (32) sts along the neck edge of the right front. Knit across the yoke sts on the needle. Pick up and knit 24 (24) 32 (32) sts along the neck edge of the left front. Work across the left front edge sts: Work 6 sts in twisted rib, k1.

Row 1 (WS): p1, *p1 tbl, k1 tbl*. Repeat from * to *. End with p1 tbl, k1.

Row 2: p1, *k1 tbl, p1 tbl*. Repeat from * to *. End with k1 tbl, k1.

Work a buttonhole on the next row (WS): p1, *p1 tbl, k1 tbl*. Repeat from * to * until there are 5sts left on the needle, yarn over, k2tog tbl, k1 tbl, p1 tbl, k1.

Work 7 rows of twisted rib.

Work a buttonhole on the row (WS) as described above.

Work 3 rows of twisted rib.

Bind off in rib.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Sew in the buttons across from the buttonholes.