

Flora - a gorgeous feminine sweater



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Who doesn't dream of sitting on a pink cloud? Knitting Flora is creating a feather light pink cloud of mohair that you can wrap yourself in. The sweater is worked in rib with a simple lace pattern. Flora is a fitted sweater with a delicate and feminine look.

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Materials

75 (75) 100 (100) 125 g Tilia by Filcolana in colour 335 (Peach Blossom)
75 (75) 100 (100) 125 g Tilia by Filcolana in colour 341 (Winter peach)
75 (75) 100 (100) 125 g Tilia by Filcolana in colour 322 (Begonia)
One strand of each yarn are held together throughout
6 mm circular needle, 60 and 80 cm
6 mm double-pointed needles (if not using the Magic loop technique)
Stitch markers

Sizes

S (M) L (XL) 2XL

Measurements

Body, chest: 85-89 (90-94) 95-104 (105-114) 115-124 cm
Sweater, chest: approx. 90 (95) 105 (115) 125 cm (designed to be close fitting as the rib will stretch with wear)
Sleeve length: 43 (44) 44 (45) 45 cm
Total length: 55 (56) 60 (65) 68 cm

Gauge

16 sts and 21 rows in rib pattern with 3 strands of Tilia held together on 6 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm (after wash and blocking)



Special techniques

M1: Make 1. Increase one stitch knit-wise by lifting the chain between sts onto the left needle and knitting it through the back loop.

tbl: through the back loop.

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.

Directions for knitting

The sweater is worked from the bottom up. First the body is worked in the round to the armholes, then work is divided for front and back and each section is finished separately. Stitches for the sleeves are picked up and knitting from around the armholes and the sleeves are worked down from there in the round.

Body

Cast on 144 (152) 168 (184) 200 sts on a 6 mm circular needle with 3 strands of Tilia held together. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. Work 20 rounds in rib as follows: P1, *k2, p2*, repeat from * to * to the last 3 sts, k2, p1.

Now work in pattern as follows:

Round 1: *K2tog, yarn over, k2tog tbl*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 2: Work [k1, p1] into every yarn over, work all other sts as they present (knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts)

Rounds 3.-11: K1, *p2, k2*, repeat from * to * to the last 3 sts, p2, 1 r.

Round 12: *K2tog tbl, k2tog, yarn over*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Remove marker for beginning of round.

Round 13: Work [k1, p1] into every yarn over, work all other sts as they present, work the last yarn over as k1, place marker for beginning of round, p1.

Rounds 14 - 20: Work all other sts as they present.

Round 21: *K2tog, yarn over, k2tog tbl*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 22: Work [k1, p1] into every yarn over, work all other sts as they present

Rounds 23 - 37: Work all other sts as they present.

Round 38: *k2tog tbl, k2tog, yarn over*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Remove marker for beginning of round.

Round 39: Work [k1, p1] into every yarn over, work all other sts as they present, work the last yarn over

as k1, place marker for beginning of round, p1.

Rounds 40 - 42: Work all other sts as they present.

Round 43: *k2tog, yarn over, k2tog tbl*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 44: Work [k1, p1] into every yarn over, work all other sts as they present.

Rounds 45 - 53: Work all other sts as they present.

Round 54: *k2tog tbl, k2tog, yarn over*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Remove marker for beginning of round.

Round 55: Work [k1, p1] into every yarn over, work all other sts as they present, work the last yarn over as k1, place marker for beginning of round, p1.

Round 56: Work all other sts as they present.

Size L (XL) 2XL only

Work - (-) 3 (9) 15 rounds in rib as the sts present.

All sizes

Work round in rib as the sts present to 4 sts before the beginning of round marker.

Now divide the work for front and back as follows: Bind off 8 sts, work 64 (68) 76 (84) 92 sts in rib as the sts present, bind off 8 sts, work 64 (68) 76 (84) 92 sts in rib as the sts present.

Front and back are now finished separately.

Front

Now work back and forth. Start with a WS row.

Work 5 rows in rib.

Now work row of eyelets as follows:

Row 1: K1, *k2tog, yarn over, k2tog tbl*, repeat from * to * to the last stitch, 1 r.

Row 2: Work [k1, p1] into every yarn over, work all other sts as they present to the last stitch, 1 r.

Rows 3 - 8: K1, work sts in rib as the sts present to the last stitch, 1 r.

Row 9: K1, yarn over, k2tog tbl, *k2tog, yarn over, k2tog tbl*, repeat from * to * to the last 3 sts, k2tog, yarn over, 1 r.

Row 10: Work [k1, p1] into every yarn over, work all other sts as they present to the last stitch, 1 r.

Rows 11 - 20: K1, work sts in rib as the sts present to the last stitch, k1.

Row 21: K2, k2tog tbl, *k2tog, yarn over, k2tog tbl*, repeat from * to * to the last 4 sts, k2tog, k2.

Continue in rib until the work measures 51 (52) 56 (60) 64 cm. End on a WS row.

Now shape the shoulders with short rows as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K1, work in rib pattern to the last 6 sts, turn.

Row 2: Work in rib pattern to the last 6 sts, turn.

Row 3: Work in rib pattern to 3 sts before the last turn, turn.

Row 4: Work in rib pattern to 3 sts before the last turn, turn.

Row 5: Work in rib pattern to 6 (8) 10 (12) 14 sts before last turn, place the 17 (19) 21 (23) 25 sts for the shoulder on a stitch holder, turn your work.

Row 6: Work as Row 5.

Now there are only the centre 30 (30) 34 (38) 42 sts left on the needle.

Continue in rib until this section measures 4 cm. Knit the first and last stitch of every row.

Bind off loosely in rib.

Finish the back the same way as the front.

Now knit together the shoulder as follows: Place the 17 (19) 21 (23) 25 sts for the front shoulder on a needle and place the 17 (19) 21 (23) 25 sts for the corresponding back shoulder on a second needle. Hold the two sets of sts right sides together and bind them off using the 3-needle bind-off method. Finish the other shoulder in the same way.

Sleeves

Place markers along the armhole 5 cm on either side of the shoulder seam. Pick up and knit 12 sts along the armhole edge evenly distributed along the 10 cm between the 2 markers. Work back and forth in rib across these sts, while at the same time picking up sts at the end of each row. Sts are picked up and knitted on RS rows and picked up and purled on WS rows. Pick up approx. 3 sts for every 4 rows.

Row 1 (WS): Work in rib pattern (p2, k2), end with picking up and knitting 2 new sts from the armhole edge purl-wise, turn.

Row 2: Work in rib pattern as the sts present, end with picking up and knitting 2 new sts knit-wise, turn. Continue as established, picking up 2 sts at the end of each row until sts have been picked up all the way down the armhole. There are now 44 (48) 52 (56) 60 sts on the needle.

Slip the last picked up stitch to the left needle, then place a marker for the beginning of the round. Join in the round and work in rib pattern with eyelets as follows:

Rows 1 - 4: Work in rib pattern.

Row 5: *K2tog, yarn over, k2tog tbl*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Row 6: Work [k1, p1] into every yarn over, work all other sts as they present.

Rows 7 - 9: Work in rib pattern.

Row 10: *K2tog tbl, k2tog, yarn over*, repeat from * to * to end of round. Remove marker for beginning of round.

Row 11: Work [k1, p1] into every yarn over, work all other sts as they present, work the last yarn over as k1, place marker for beginning of round, p1.

Rows 12 - 23: Work in rib pattern.

Row 24: *kK2tog, yarn over, k2tog tbl*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Row 25: Work [k1, p1] into every yarn over, work all other sts as they present

Rows 26 - 36: Work in rib pattern.

Row 37: *K2tog tbl, k2tog, yarn over*, repeat from *

to * to end of round. Remove marker for beginning of round.

Row 38: Work [k1, p1] into every yarn over, work all other sts as they present, work the last yarn over as k1, place marker for beginning of round, p1.

Rows 39 - 41: Work in rib pattern.

Row 42: *K2tog, yarn over, k2tog tbl*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Row 43: Work [k1, p1] into every yarn over, work all other sts as they present

Rows 44 - 54: Work in rib pattern.

Row 55: *K2tog tbl, k2tog, yarn over*, repeat from * to * to end of round. Remove marker for beginning of round.

Row 56: Work [k1, p1] into every yarn over, work all other sts as they present, work the last yarn over as k1, place marker for beginning of round, p1.

Rows 57 - 66: Work in rib pattern.

Row 67: *K2tog, yarn over, k2tog tbl*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Row 68: Work [k1, p1] into every yarn over, work all other sts as they present

Rows 69 - 78: Work in rib pattern.

Row 79: *K2tog tbl, k2tog, yarn over*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Work in rib until work measures 43 (44) 44 (45) 45 cm or desired sleeve length.

Bind off loosely in rib.

Finishing

sew together the side of the neck.

Weave in ends. Gently steam the finished sweater.