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A combination of a classic Nordic wheel pattern and Tern, a delicious yarn (75% wool and 25 % silk) from Quince & Co is the inspiration for this sweater for a small girl or boy.

The easiest way to knit stranded color work is to use circular needles and for attached sleeves the most used way is to cut the opening for the sleeves and secure the yarn by making stiches on a sewing machine or by crocheting the edges. But I find this will always look a bit 'bumpy' especially in small sizes. To avoid this, I have chosen to knit back and forth on the top part, even though this costs some extra work.

The sleeves are knitted from the yokes to the wrists. This gives to advantages:

It makes a smoother seam at the yokes and it is easy to adjust the length of the sleeves or replace the rib if needed

Sizes

1,5/2 – **3/4** – **5/6** year 86/92-**98/104-110/116** cm

Yarn

Tern from Quince & Co.

If you want to use another yarn, choose a round and smooth yarn

You will need:

Main color (A):100-150-200 g Wheeler bay 418

Contrast color (B):100-150-200 g Mist 413

Circular needles size 3 (40 and 60 cm).

Pointed needles size 3

Gauge – app. 26 stiches / 10 cm using needles size 3.

Instructions

Edge

You can knit the edge in two different ways, depending on temper and experience.

Edge: Method 1 – the easy way:

Cast on 184-~~210~~-~~234~~ stitches on circular needles using color A. Knit 9 rows and purl 1 row (used for folding the edge). Continue with pattern 1. After pattern 1, knit one extra row, using color A.

When the entire work is finished, fold the edge around the purled row, and sew on the backside making sure the stings are not visible from the front.

Edge: Method 2 – a bit more advanced: The advantage is that no sewing is needed and the result is a bit smoother.

Cast on 186-~~210~~-~~234~~ stitches using circular needles and temporary cast on (if you don't know how to, I suggest you find a video on the internet to show it), using waste yarn a bit thicker than the yarn for the sweater. Change to color A knit 9 rows and purl 1 row (used for folding the edge).

Continue with pattern 1

After pattern 1, pick up stiches from the temporary cast on using the other circular needle.

On next row knit one stich from each circular needle together – continue for the entire row.

You are now ready to continue knitting with the same number of stiches as before – and have a nice edge. See the result on the photo.

Frontside



Back side – method 2



The body

Continue using pattern 2. Remember to start the pattern correct according to size (look at the pattern), to make sure the pattern will be symmetrically. On first row decrease 4-2-0 stitches evenly. Now you've got 182-208-234 stitches.

Continue pattern 2 until the work measures 25-29-34 cm.

Splitting for yokes, back

Place 91-104-117 stitches on an extra needle, and continue pattern 2 for 15-17-19 cm more. Adjust the length, to stop by one of the 4 markings on the pattern. If needed knit 1 or 2 extra cm, to make the pattern end in a nice looking way.

Place all stitches on a spare needle/waste yarn.

Front

Knit as on back, until 6 pattern rows before where you stopped on the back. The work now measures app. 13-15-17 from the start of the yokes. The pattern will now fit one of the 4 markings on the pattern.

Place the middle 25-28-31 stitches on a thread and continue knitting the two shoulders like this:

Knit pattern 2, and cast off on every second row (neck-side) for (3, 2 and 1) (3, 3 and 2) (3, 3 and 2) stitches. The pattern will end on the same row as on the back.

You have now 27, 30, 35 stitches on the needle.

Now knit pattern 1, and leave the stitches on the needle.

Repeat for the other shoulder.

Knit back and front together

Place the 27-30-35 sts from the right shoulder on respectively front and back on a needle each. Work from the inside.

Keep the two needles tight and knit one stitch from the back and the front together in color A using a third needle. Do the same with the next two sts and cast off. Continue with all sts on the two needles.

OR – in short: Knit the sts from back and front together from the inside and cast off as you go. This will make a strong and nice looking shoulder.



Sleeves

Read the instructions before you start. Pick up 80-88-100 sts evenly spread in the armholes with a small circular needle size 3 and knit pattern 1 and continue with pattern 2. NB: Take care to center the pattern on the top shoulder. Look at photo.



On every 6th. round decrease 1 st in the start and one st in the end – in total two sts decreased. Continue decreasing in total 15-17-21 times, leaving 50-54-58 sts on each round. Change to pointed needles when needed. Stop knitting pattern 2 when the sleeves measures app. 25- 27-32 cm, ending by one of the 4 marks on pattern 2.

Change to needle size 2½ and knit rib (knit 1, purl 1) 2-2-3 cm using color B. Cast off.

Neck

Use a small circular needle size 2½.

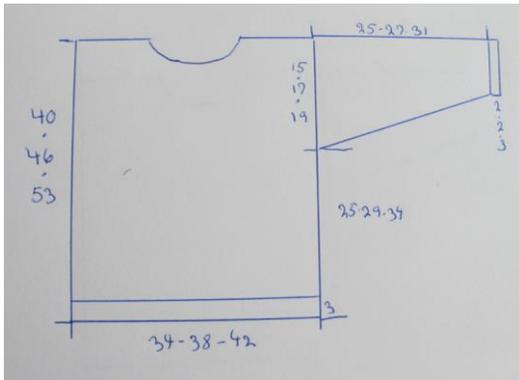
Using color B: Knit the 37-44-47 sts from the back, pick up, 16-18-20 sts, knit the 25-28-31 from the front and pick up 16-18-20 sts. In total 94-108-118 sts. Knit app. 1,5-2,5-2,5 cm in rib = knit 1, purl 1. Cast on in rib.

Finishing

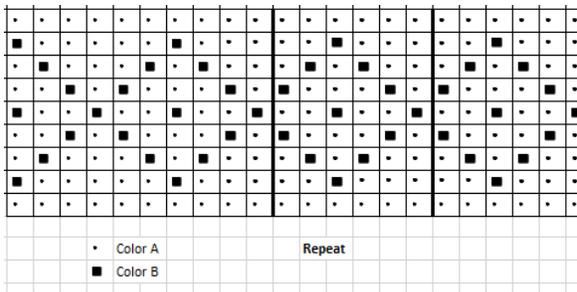
Weave in all ends to the back of the work. Soak the sweater in lukewarm water for a few minutes, press the water gently out of the

sweater and leave it for drying in on a towel in the right shape. This will make the stiches look nice an even.

A lot of steam using a steam iron will also do the trick.



Pattern 1



Pattern 3

