

Taormina - a beautifully simple sweater



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A lovely and elegantly simple cardigan knit in alpaca.

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Materials:

250 (300) 300 (300) g of Indiecita by Filcolana in color 808

+ a scrap of color 197 for the edges

3 mm and 3,5 mm circular needle, 60 cm long

3 mm and 3,5 mm dpns

4 stitch markers

Sizes

S (M) L (XL)

Measurements

Body chest: 84 (92) 100 (108) cm

Sweater chest: 91 (98) 105 (113) cm

Length: approx. 54 (56) 58 (60) cm

Sleeve length: approx. 44 (45) 46 (47) cm

Gauge

22 sts and 28 rows in stockinette stitch on a 3,5 mm needle = 10 x 10 cm.



Special abbreviations

SKP: slip1, knit1, pass the slipped stitch over.

M1: Make 1 (increase). Lift the bar between the stitches onto the left needle and knit into the back of it.

Directions for knitting

The sweater is worked from the top down. The given instructions will produce a relatively short sweater with long sleeves. If you wish to make a longer sweater or shorter sleeves, this easily be adjusted.

Yoke

Cast on 160 (168) 176 (184) sts on a 3 mm circular needle using color 197. Join in the rnd and work one rnd in ribbing (k1, m1) while placing the following markers: Work 58 (60) 62 (64) sts, place a marker, work 22 (24) 26 (28) sts (= sleeve), place a marker, work 58 (60) 62 (64) sts, place a marker, work 22 (24) 26 (28) sts (= sleeve), place a marker. The last marker marks the beginning of the rnd. Change to color 808 and work 5 more rnds in ribbing.

Change to a 3,5 mm circular needle and begin working in stockinette stitch while working the following increases:

Next rnd: *k1, M1, knit to 1 st before the next marker, M1, k1, slip marker*. Repeat from * to * 3 more times (a total of 8 sts have been increased).

Repeat this increase rnd every other rnd 5 more times, then every 3rd rnd a total of 11 (13) 15 (17) times =

296 (320) 344 (368) sts on the needle.

Divide the work into body and sleeves, placing the sts for each sleeve on a stitch holder or length of scrap yarn.

Work in stockinette stitch across the body sts while casting on 8 (10) 12 (14) new sts under each arm, where the sleeve sts have been placed on holders = 200 (216) 232 (248) sts on the needle.

Continue straight in stockinette stitch until the body measures 34 cm (or desired length) measured from where new sts were cast on under the arms.

Change to 3 mm circular needle.

Work 5 rnd in ribbing (k1, p1).

Change to color 197 and work one more rnd of ribbing.

Bind off loosely in pattern.

Sleeve

Place the 56 (62) 68 (74) sts of the first sleeve, which rested on a holder, onto 3,5 mm dpns.

Pick up 1 st in each of the 8 (10) 12 (14) newly cast on sts under the sleeve and one more on either side of these sts. There are now 64 (72) 80 (88) sts on the needle.

Join in the rnd and place a marker at the center of the sts under the sleeves for the beginning of the rnd.

Work 31 (25) 19 (13) rnds in stockinette sts, then work a decrease rnd:

Next rnd: k1, k2tog, knit until 3 sts before the marker, SKP, k1.

Repeat the decrease rnd every 10th rnd 8 (9) 10 (11) more times = 46 (52) 58 (64) sts on the needle.

Continue straight until the sleeve measures approx. 44 (45) 46 (47) cm or desired length.

Change to 3 mm dpns and work 5 rnds in ribbing (k1, p1)

Change to color 197 and work one more rnd of ribbing.

Bind off loosely in pattern.

Work the second sleeve the same way.

Finishing

Sew up the little holes under each arm.

Weave in all ends. Rinse the work, put it through a (dry and gentle) spin cycle in the washing machine, then lay it on a flat surface to dry.

