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Skagerrak

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At the northernmost point of Denmark lies Grenen. Here you can experience the fascinating sight where Skagerrak meets Kattegat, wave against wave.

SIZES
S (M) L (XL)

MEASUREMENTS
Circumference: 85 (95) 106 (117) cm
Length: 56 (57) 58 (58) cm

GAUGE
22 sts and 34 rows knit in half brioche with cables on 4 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm.

Needle sizes are for guidance only. If you have more sts on 10 cm, change to a larger needle. If you have fewer sts on 10 cm, change to smaller needles.
REMEMBER to check the gauge several times along the way.

MATERIALS
Yarn from Filcolana
200 (200) 250 (250) g **Merci** cl. 1061 (Bluestone)
100 (100) 125 (125) g **Tilia** cl. 348 (Rainy Day)

Hold one string of each base together throughout work.

Straight needle 4 mm
Circular needle 3.5 mm, 40 cm (for neck)

Stitch holders

Cable needle for cables

Technical

Workflow

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

Sl1yo (half brioche on wrong side)
Yarn over purlwise, slip the next stitch purlwise. There are now 2 sts on right needle (the yarn over and the slipped st), but they only count as 1 st.

Brk (half brioche on right side)
Brioche knit. Knit the next stitch and its matching yarn over together. This counts as 1 st.

Edge st
First and last st is knit on all rows.

CNF
Slip the next 2 sts onto cable needle in front of work, brk, p1, knit the 2 sts from cable needle as brk, p1.

CNB
Slip the next 2 sts onto cable needle behind work, brk, p1, knit the 2 sts from cable needle as brk, p1.

Yo
Yarn over

P3tog
Purl 3 sts together

P2tog
Purl 2 sts together
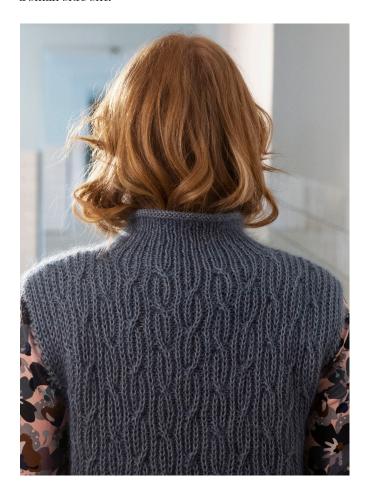
The vest is knitted from the bottom up in 2 pieces, which are knit together over the shoulders.

The neckline is shaped with short rows.

Stitches for the short turtleneck are picked up at the end.

The pieces are sewn together at the sides, leaving a small side slit.

Pattern

KNITTING SAMPLE
With 4 mm needles and the two yarns held together, cast on 27 sts.

1st row (WS): k1 (edge st), *p1, k1*, repeat from * to * until last st, k1 (edge st).

2nd row: k1 (edge st), *k1, p1*, repeat from * to * until last 2 sts, k1, k1 (edge st).

Begin half brioche like this:
3rd row: k1 (edge st), *sl1yo, k1*, repeat from * to * to last 2 sts, sl1yo, k1 (edge st).

4th row: k1 (edge st), *brk, p1*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts, brk, k1 (edge st).

Rows 3 and 4 form the brioche pattern and are continually repeated.

Knit 3 more rows.

8th row (RS): k1 (edge st), brk, p1, CNB, knit brioche over 8 sts, CNB, knit 7 sts brioche, k1 (edge st).

9th-15th row: Knit as brioche pattern indicates.

16th row (RS): k1 (edge st), *knit brioche over 8 sts, CNF *, repeat from * to * to last 2 sts, brk, k1 (edge st).

17th-23rd row: Knit as brioche pattern indicates.

Repeat rows 8-23 (this shapes the pattern), until you have knit 38 rows. Finish with 2 ribbing rows (k1, p1) and bind off as pattern indicates.

Measure how many sts and rows you have on 10 x 10 cm and choose your needle size accordingly.

BACK
With 4 mm needles and the two yarns held together cast on 93 (105) 117 (129) sts.

1st row (WS): k1 (edge st), *p1, k1*, repeat from * to * until last 2 sts, p1, k1 (edge st).

2nd row: k1 (edge st), *k1, p1*, repeat from * to * until last 2 sts, k1, k1 (edge st).

Begin brioche pattern like this:
3rd row: k1 (edge st), *sl1yo, k1*, repeat from * to * to last 2 sts, sl1yo, k1 (edge st).

4th row: k1 (edge st), *brk, p1*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts, brk, k1 (edge st).

Rows 3 and 4 make the brioche pattern.

Knit 11 rows more of brioche.

16th row (RS): k1 (edge st), *knit brioche over 8 sts, CNB*, repeat from * to * a total of 7 (8) 9 (10) times, knit brioche over 7 sts, k1 (edge st).

17th-23rd row: Knit as brioche pattern indicates.

24th row (RS): k1 (edge st), knit brioche over 14 sts, *CNF, knit brioche over 8 sts*, repeat from * to * a total of 6 (7) 8 (9) times, knit brioche over 5 sts, k1 (edge st).

25th-31st row: Knit as brioche pattern indicates.

Repeat rows 16-31, they make the brioche pattern.

There are no cables over the 8 outer sts in each side. Continue, till body measures 34 cm from the cast-on edge (or desired length). Finish with a wrong side row.

ARMHOLES
Shape the armholes by decreasing on every 2nd row (right sides) by knitting decreases over the 6 outer sts as follows:
Next row (double decrease row): k1 (edge st), knit brioche over 5 sts, p3tog, follow pattern to last 9 sts, p3tog, knit brioche over 5 sts, k1 (edge st).

Next row: Knit as brioche pattern indicates.
Repeat the 2 rows above 1 (3) 4 (5) more times.

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Next row (RS) (decrease row): k1 (edge st), knit brioche over 5 sts, p2tog, follow pattern to last 8 sts, p2tog, knit brioche over 5 sts, k1 (edge st).

Next row: Knit as brioche pattern indicates.

Repeat those 2 rows 1 (1) 3 (3) more times.

You have now decreased 12 (20) 28 (32) sts and have 81 (85) 89 (97) sts on your needles.

Continue pattern but keep the 8 (10) 12 (10) outermost sts in each side free of cables, those are knit brioche only.

Continue straight, until you have knit 67 (69) 71 (71) sts from first decrease row, last row is from wrong side.

Shoulders and back of neck
The sloping shoulders are shaped by short rows, as follows:
1st short row (RS): knit and follow pattern till last 5 (7) 7 (7) sts, turn work.

2nd short row: yo, knit brioche to last 5 (7) 7 (7)sts.

3rd short row: yo, knit brioche over 16 (16) 18 (20) sts, p2tog, brk, k1 (edge st), divide work by placing the remaining sts on a stitch holder and leave to rest, turn work.

Right shoulder
4th short row (WS): k1 (edge st), sl1yo, k2, knit brioche to 6 sts before yo on previous row, turn work.

5th short row: yo, knit brioche to last 4 sts, p2tog, brk, k1 (edge st).

6th short row: k1 (edge st), knit brioche to 6 sts before yo on previous row, turn work

Last short row (RS): yo, knit brioche to last st, k1 (edge st).

Next row: k1 (edge st), knit ribbing (p1, k1) as pattern indicates and work yo's ktog with next st as you come by them, in order to leave no holes where the short rows were made, finish with a k1 (edge st).

Break yarn and leave the 23 (25) 27 (29) right shoulder sts to rest on a stitch holder.

Left shoulder
Place the outer 25 (27) 29 (31) sts back on the 4 mm needles and leave the middle 31 (31) 35 (35) sts on the stitch holder. Hold the two yarns together and knit from the neck side on the right side:

3rd short row (RS): k1 (edge st), brk, p2tog, knit brioche to 6 sts before yo from previous row, turn work.

4th short row: yo, knit brioche to last 4 sts, k2, sl1yo, k1 (edge st).

5th short row: k1 (edge st), brk, p2tog, knit brioche to 6 sts before yo from previous row, turn work.

6th short row: yo, knit brioche to last st, k1 (edge st).
Last short row (RS): k1 (edge st), knit ribbing (k1, p1) as pattern indicates and work yo's ktog with next st as you come by them, finish with a k1 (edge st).

Break yarn and leave left shoulder sts to rest on a stitch holder, while you knit the front.

FRONT
Cast on and follow the back pattern all the way to the armholes. Decrease for armholes the same way as on the back.

Continue work, till you have made 54 (56) 58 (58) rows from the first decrease at the armhole.

Neckline
Next row (RS): k1 (edge st), knit brioche over 21 (23) 25 (27) sts, p3tog, brk, k1 (edge st), place the remaining sts on left needle onto a stitch holder and let them rest for now, turn work.
Now finish each side of the neckline separately.

Left side of neckline
Next row (WS): k1 (edge st), knit brioche to the last st, k1 (edge st).

Next row: k1 (edge st), knit brioche to last 4 sts, p2tog, brk, k1 (edge st).

Next row: k1 1 (edge st), sl1yo, k2, knit brioche to last st, k1 (edge st).

Next row: k1 (edge st), knit brioche to last 4 sts, p2tog, brk, k1 (edge st).

Continue knitting brioche over the next 23 (25) 27 (29) sts and knit 8 rows more. Finish with a right side row.

Shoulder
Next up are short rows to shape the sloping shoulder. Work as follows:
1st short row (WS): k1 (edge st), knit brioche to the last 5 (7) 7 (7) sts, turn work.

2nd short row: yo, knit brioche to last st, k1 (edge st).

3rd short row: k1 (edge st), knit brioche to 6 sts before yo from previous row, turn work.

4th short row: yo, knit brioche to last st, k1 (edge st).

Repeat rows 3 and 4 one more time.

Next row (WS): k1 (edge st), knit ribbing (p1, k1) over all sts and work yo's ktog with next st as you come by them, finish with a k1 (edge st).

Break yarn but leave extra length to knit the shoulder seams later.

Let the 23 (25) 27 (29) shoulder sts rest on a stitch holder, while you knit the other side of the neckline.

Right side of neckline
Place the 27 (29) 31 (33) outer sts on the opposite side onto the 4 mm needle, leave the middle 27 (27) 27 (31) sts on the stitch holder.

With the two yarns held together, start from right side:
Next row (RS): k1 (edge st), brk, p3tog, knit brioche to the last st, k1 (edge st).

Next row: k1 (edge st), knit brioche to last st, k1 (edge st).

Next row: k1 (edge st), brk, p2tog, knit brioche to the last st, k1 (edge st).

Next row: k1 (edge st), knit brioche to last 4 sts, k2, sl1yo, k1 (edge st).

Next row: k1 (edge st), brk, p2tog, knit brioche to last st, k1 (edge st).

Continue knitting brioche, till you have knit 9 more rows. Finish with a wrong side row.

Next up are short rows to shape the sloping shoulder shape. work as follows:
1st short row (RS): k1 (edge st), knit brioche to the last 5 (7) 7 (7) sts, turn work.

2nd short row: yo, knit brioche to last st, k1 (edge st).

3rd short row: k1 (edge st), knit brioche to 6 sts before yo from previous row, turn work.

4th short row: yo, knit brioche to last st, k1 (edge st).
Next row (RS): k1 (edge st), knit ribbing (k1, p1) over all sts and work yo's ktog with next st as you come by them, finish with a k1 (edge st).

Do not break yarn.

Knitting shoulder seams together (with 3 needle bind off)
Place back and front piece with the two right sides facing each other. Wrong sides turn outwards. Begin at

the last knitted shoulder and hold the 2 needles parallel in your left hand. Optionally use an extra needle. Insert the right needle knitwise into first st on the first needle and then into the first st on the needle behind, knit the 2 sts together. Bind off sts as you knit them. Break yarn and knit the second shoulder accordingly, but with the long tail of the yarn.

FINISHING
Turn the vest to right side again and sew the sides together with mattress stitches in the outermost st. Begin 16 cm from the cast-on edge (the slit) and sew to beginning of armhole decreases.
Weave in all loose ends carefully.

Neckline/Turtleneck
Place the resting neck (back) and front sts on 3.5 mm circular needles.
Begin from the right side after the neck sts, pick up 17 sts (inside the outer sts) evenly along the rounded neckline towards the front sts, pick up 17 sts evenly along the other side of the rounded neckline to the neck sts = 92 (92) 92 (100) sts.

Knit 20 rounds of ribbing as pattern indicates.

Knit 3 rounds of stockinette and bind off all sts on 4th round.
Weave in the loose end.

Gently wash vest according to washing instructions on the label and lay it flat to dry on a towel.