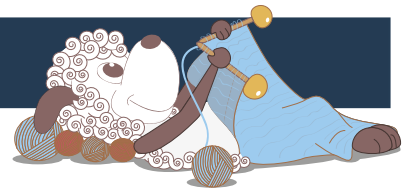


Saxifraga - a cardigan with elongated stitches



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The more I knit with Genuine Greenland Wool, the more I grow to love this yarn. It is not at all suitable for wearing next to the skin, but it has other charms: If you choose to knit something quite simple on larger needle, the amazing rustic woolliness of the yarn presents itself beautifully.

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Materials

300 (400) 400 (400) 500 (500) 500 g of Genuine Greenland Wool by Filcolana in color 971
6 mm circular needle, 60 cm long
5 mm circular needle, 40 or 60 cm long
2 stitch markers
1 extra knitting needle for binding off

Sizes

XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL) 3XL

Measurements

Body, chest: 70-76 (80-86) 90-96 (100-106) 110-116 (120-126) 130-136 cm
Wingspan: 111 (118) 122 (131) 138 (150) 150 cm
total length: 36 (37) 38 (38) 38 (39) 39 cm

Gauge

12 sts and 19 rows in stockinette stitch on 6 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm.

Special abbreviations

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

Elongated stitches

The elongated stitches are created by wrapping the yarn multiple times around the needle, creating multiple yarn overs between stitches – for this design



2 and 3 times – and then dropping these yarn overs on the next row without knitting them. These extra, dropped yarn overs create the elongated stitches. Once the yarn overs have been “dropped” and the row finished, the stitches can be pulled gently to help them become even and uniform.

Cable cast-on

Start by turning the work so the WS is facing you.
Insert the right needle between the first and second stitch on the left needle, catch the working yarn and pull a loop through. Place the loop on the left needle, turning it into a stitch. Repeat from * to * until you have the required number of stitches. Turn the work so the RS is facing you again and continue as the pattern describes.

Directions for knitting

Both sleeves are worked from the cuff to the shoulder. First one sleeve is knit in the round, then the work is split at under the sleeve and the shoulder is worked back and forth. One row of elongated stitches are worked, after which the stitches for the front are set aside while the back is worked. The entire back is worked with elongated stitches in extension of the first sleeve. Then the back is set aside as well to be sewn together with the other side later, while the second sleeve is worked. The second sleeve is worked the same as the first, the front stitches are set aside and the back stitches are sewn together with the other side of the back. Finally a wide edge is worked all the way around the neck, fronts and back.

First sleeve

Cast on 34 (38) 40 (44) 46 (50) 52 sts on a 5 mm circular needle. Knit back and forth for 14 rows.
Change to a 6 mm circular needle. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round.
Continue in stockinette stitch and place a second marker after 17 (19) 20 (22) 23 (25) 26 sts.
Knit 6 rounds of stockinette stitch.
Increase round: *k3, M1, knit to 3 sts before marker, M1, k3*. Repeat from * to * once more.

Work an increase round every 4th (4th) 4th (5th) 5th (5th) 5th round until there are 98 (102) 104 (104) 106 (110) 112 sts on the needle - a total of 16 (16) 16 (15) 15 (15) 15 times.

Work straight in stockinette stitch until the sleeve measures 37 (38) 40 (42) 43 (44) 44 cm.

Divide the work

Turn the work and work back and forth in stockinette stitch.

Row 1 (WS): Purl to beginning of round marker, turn.

Row 2: K2tog, knit to beginning of round marker, turn.

Repeat Row 1 and 2 a total of 2 (2) 2 (2) 3 (4) 4 times.



Knit back and forth in garter stitch (knit all rows) - decreasing as on Row 2 two more times. There are now 94 (98) 100 (100) 101 (104) 106 sts on the needle.

Knit 1 WS row.

Elongated stitches

Row 1 (RS): K1, yarn over, k1, yarn over 2 times, k1, *yarn over 3 times, k1*. Repeat from * to * to end of row.

Row 2: *K1, let the 3 yarn overs fall off the needle without knitting them*. Repeat from * to * to the last 3 sts + their yarn overs, k1, let the 2 yarn overs fall off the needle without knitting them, k1, let the single yarn over fall off the needle without knitting it, k1. Gently pull the work, so the elongated stitches “fall into place”.

Break the yarn and let the first 49 (51) 52 (52) 53 (55) 56 sts rest on an extra knitting needle – ie. the sts at the same end of the needle as the k2tog decreases. These are the front sts.
Continue across the remaining 45 (47) 48 (48) 48 (49) 50 sts on the needle, for the back. Join the yarn, beginning with a RS row.

Back

Knit across the 45 (47) 48 (48) 48 (49) 50 sts of the back. Begin with a RS row:

Row 1-4: Knit.

Row 5: *Yarn over 3 times, k1*. Repeat from * to * to end of row.

Row 6: *K1, let the 3 yarn overs fall off the needle without knitting them*. Repeat from * to * to end of row.

Gently pull the work, so the elongated stitches “fall into place”.

Work Row 1-6 a total of 3 (4) 4 (5) 5 (5) 6 times.
Knit 2 rows, then let the sts rest on an extra knitting needle.

Second sleeve

Work the same way as the first sleeve to "divide the work".

Divide the work

Turn the work and work back and forth in stockinette stitch.

Row 1 (WS): Purl to beginning of round marker, turn.

Row 2: Knit to 2 sts before beginning of round marker, k2tog, turn.

Repeat Row 1 and 2 a total of 2 (2) 2 (2) 3 (4) 4 times.

Knit back and forth in garter stitch - decreasing as on Row 2 two more times. There are now 94 (98) 100 (100) 101 (104) 106 sts on the needle.

Knit 1 WS row.

Elongated stitches

Row 1 (RS): *Yarn over 3 times, k1*. Repeat from * to * to the last 3 sts, yarn over 2 times, k1, yarn over, k2.

Row 2: K2, let the single yarn over fall off the needle without knitting it, k1, let the 2 yarn overs fall off the needle without knitting them, *k1, let the 3 yarn overs fall off the needle without knitting them*. Repeat from * to * to the last stitch, k1.

Gently pull the work, so the elongated stitches "fall into place".

Let the last 49 (51) 52 (52) 53 (55) 56 sts rest - ie. the sts hvile - ie. the sts at the same end of the needle as the k2tog decreases. These are the front sts. Sew the remaining 45 (47) 48 (48) 48 (49) 50 sts together with the 45 (47) 48 (48) 48 (49) 50 sts from the other side of the back using Kitchener stitch.

Edge

Pick up and knit sts using a 5 mm circular needle.

Pick up and knit 8 sts from under the right sleeve and to the resting sts of the right front, knit the 49 (51) 52 (52) 53 (55) 56 resting sts. Place a marker, pick up 2 sts in the 3 garter ridges at the beginning of the back, *using cable cast-on, cast on 4 new sts over the row of elongated sts, turn the work again, pick up 2 sts in the 3 garter ridges between the rows of elongated sts*. Repeat from * to * across the back. Place a marker. Knit the 49 (51) 52 (52) 53 (55) 56 resting sts of the left front, pick up 8 sts between the left front and under the left sleeve, pick up 4 sts from the center under the left sleeve to the first garter ridges of the back, pick up 2 sts in the 3 garter ridges at the beginning of the back. Repeat from * to * to and including the last garter ridges of the back, pick up and knit 4 sts from the last garter ridge and to under the right sleeve.

Work back and forth in garter stitch.

Row 1 (WS): Knit.

Row 2: Knit to first marker, slip marker, k2tog, knit to 2 sts before the second marker, k2tog, slip marker, knit to end of row.

Work Row 1 and 2 a total of 5 times.

The knit 10 rows straight. Bind off knit-wise from the WS.

Finishing

Sew the seams at the cuffs and the garter edge.

Weave in the ends.