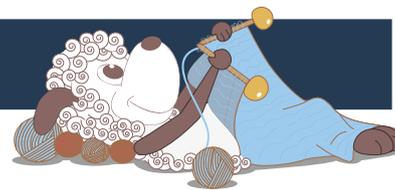


Echium - a lovely cardigan for little girls



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A sweet and lovely cardigan with pretty details. The smocking at the waist is easier to work than it may seem – and the work doesn't actually pull in that much. It only appears as through it does.

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Materials

200 (250) 300 (350) g of Anina by Filcolana, color 1055

3 mm circular needle, 80 cm long

3 mm double-pointed needles

2,5 mm crochet hook

7 buttons approx. 1,4 cm in diameter

Sizes

98 cl/2 years (110 cl/4 years) 122 cl/6 years
(134/8 years)

Measurements

Body, chest: 55 (57) 61 (67) cm

Sweater, chest: 60 (64) 69 (74) cm

Sleeve length: 26 (29) 32 (35) cm to armhole

Total length: 40 (43) 46 (50) cm

Gauge

33 sts and 40 rows in rib pattern as for the top part (p3, k1) on 3 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm.

Directions for knitting

The body is knit in piece to the armholes, where it is split into fronts and back which are finished separately. Then the sleeves are knit. The shoulder seams are sewn, the sleeves seams are sewn and the sleeves are sewn onto the body.

Finally a row of double crochet (UK terms) are worked along the front edges and neckline, then a row of picots along all edges.

Abbreviations

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

Selvedge stitches (selv st)

Knit the first and last stitch of every row.

Smock pattern

Number of sts divisible by 4 + 5 sts (incl. 2 selv sts).

Row 1 (RS): k1 (= selv st), *p3, insert right needle between the 5th and 6th stitch on the left needle and knit 1 st out through this opening. Pull the new stitch onto the left needle, k2tog, p3, k1*. Repeat from * to * to the last 4 sts, p3, k1.

Rows 2 - 4: Knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts (=



ribbing: p3, k1).

Row 5 (RS): k1 (= selv st), p3, k1, *p3, p3, insert right needle between the 5th and 6th stitch on the left needle and knit 1 st out through this opening. Pull the new stitch onto the left needle, k2tog, p3, k1*. Repeat from * to * to the last 8 sts, p3, k1, p3, k1.
Rows 6 - 8: Knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts (= ribbing: p3, k1).
Repeat row 1 - 8.

Peplum and body to the armholes

Cast on 295 (319) 343 (367) sts on a 3 mm needle.
Row 1 (WS): K6, *p1, k5*. Repeat from * to * to the last st, k1.
Row 2: P6, *k1, p5*. Repeat from * to * to the last st, p1.
Repeat row 1 and 2 until the work measures 15 (16) 18 (22) cm. End on a RS row.
Next row: K1, *k2tog, k1, k2tog, p1*. Repeat from * to * to the last 6 sts, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1 = 197 (213) 229 (245) sts on the needle.
Work 20 (20) 28 (28) rows in the smock pattern described above (= approx. 5 (5) 7 (7) cm). Then continue in rib pattern (stop working in smock pattern), knitting the knit sts and purling the purl sts until the work measures 26 (28) 31 (34) cm.
Divide the work into fronts and back: Work 45 (49) 53 (56) sts in ribbing (= right front), bind off the next 7 (7) 7 (9) sts for the right armhole, work in ribbing until there are 93 (101) 109 (115) sts on the needle after the bound off sts (= back), bind off the next 7 (7) 7 (9) sts for the left armhole, work the remaining (45 (49) 53 (56) sts (= left front). Finish each part separately.

Left front

Continue in ribbing as established while binding off 1 st at the armhole every other row a total of 4 (4) 5 (5) times. Then bind off 1 st every 4th row a total of 2 times = 39 (43) 46 (49) sts on the needle. Continue straight in pattern until the work measures 34 (36) 39 (42) cm.
Bind off sts at the neck edge every other row to shape the neckline:
Bind off 9 (10) 10 (10) sts, then bind off 4 sts, then bind off 2 sts, then bind off 1 st a total of 1 (1) 1 (2) time(s). Then bind off 1 st on the 4th row after that. Bind off the remaining 22 (25) 28 (30) sts for the shoulder, when the work measures 40 (43) 46 (50) cm.

Right front

Work as the right front, only mirror reversed.

Back

Continue in ribbing as established while binding off at the armholes the same way as for the fronts = 81 (89) 95 (101) sts on the needle. Work straight in ribbing until the work measures 39 (42) 45 (49) cm. Bind off the center 27 (29) 29 (31) sts loosely for the neck opening, and finish each side separately. Bind off

another 5 sts toward the neck. Bind off the remaining 22 (25) 28 (30) sts for the shoulder when the work measures 40 (43) 46 (50) cm. Finish the other side in the same way, only mirror reversed.

Sleeves

Cast on 48 (48) 52 (52) sts on 3 mm double-pointed needles. Join in the round and place a marker around the first stitch of the round (= at the mid point under the arm)
Work in ribbing: *k1, p3*. Repeat from * to * to the end of the round.
Increase round: knit marked stitch, M1, work in pattern to marked stitch, M1. Repeat the increase round every 4th round a total of 16 (10) 6 (6) times, then every 6th round a total of 4 (10) 14 (16) times = 88 (88) 92 (96) m.
Work new stitches in pattern symmetrically on either side of the marked stitch. Continue straight in rib pattern until the work measures 26 (29) 32 (35) cm.
Next round: Work to 3 (3) 3 (4) sts before the marked st, bind off the next 7 (7) 7 (9) sts.
Finish the sleeve bell knitting back and forth, while binding off 1 st at the beginning of the next 14 (14) 14 (16) rows, then bind off 2 sts at the beginning of the next 8 (12) 12 (14) rows, then 3 sts at the beginning of the next 4 (6) 4 (6) rows, then 4 sts at the beginning of the next 2 (0) 2 (0) rows. Bind off the remaining 31 (25) 27 (25) sts.
Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

Finishing

Sew the shoulder seams. Sew the sleeve seams. Sew the sleeves to the armholes.
Edge at cuffs: Using a 2,5 mm crochet hook, crochet a round of picots around the cuff (crochet into approx. every other stitch of the cast on edge): *2 dc, 3 ch, 1 dc in the first ch*. Repeat from * to * to end of round.
Edge along neckline, front edges and bottom hem: Start at the bottom of the right front edge and work 1 row of dc along the right front edge, around the neckline and down the left front. Do not work a row of dc along the bottom hem – instead continue by working picots (see above) all along the bottom hem. Then work picots along the front edges and neckline thus: *1 dc each of the next 2 sts, 3 ch, 1 dc in the first ch, miss 1 sts from previous row*. Repeat from * to *.
Note! Mark the placement of 7 buttons along the left edge before working the picot edge. Distribute the buttons evenly from approx. 1 cm below the smocked segment and up to the neck edge. Crochet buttonholes along the right front edge across from where the buttons will be. Buttonhole: Ch 4 instead of working a picot.
Sew in the buttons across from the buttonholes. No not steam press the work, but rinse it and lay it on a flat surface to dry.