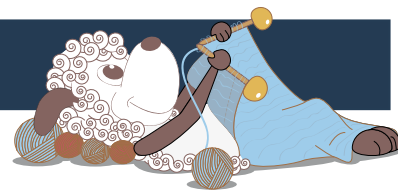


Krat - a reversible childrens cardigan



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Krat is a children's cardigan utilising the simple effect coming from changing colour in the "middle" of a garter stitch ridge. It reminds me of the result of scratching through layers of oil crayons. You have the choice between two sides for the "right" side, as both sides of the stripe pattern are equally suited. You choose the final right side before knitting the last edge and sewing in the buttons.

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Materialer

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Colour A (976): 100 (150) 150 (150) g

Colour B (811): 50 (50) 100 (100) g

Colour C (808): 50 (50) 100 (100) g

Circular needles 2,5 and 3 mm, 80 cm

6 buttons (all sizes)

A piece of left-over yarn in a contrasting colour for the provisional cast on.

Sizes

80 cl/1 yrs (92 cl/2 yrs) 104 cl/4 yrs (116 cl/6 yrs)

Measurements

Upper body width: 60 (64) 72 (80) cm

Total length: 39 (43) 46 (49) cm

Sleeve length: 21 (23) 27 (31) cm

Gauge

28 sts and 42 rows in pattern on 3 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm.



Special abbreviations

stbl (decrease): Slip 1 stitch knitwise, put st back on left needle (still twisted), and k2tog tbl

SM: slip marker from left to right needle

1 inc: pick up the loop between two sts and knit it tbl

Special techniques

Short rows with shadow wraps:

Short rows in knitting: Work to the turning point. K 1 in the stitch below the next stitch (i.e. from the row before) put this new st on the left needle (= 2 sts in 1 from the row below), turn the work and start knitting as normal.

Short rows in purl: Work to the turning point. p 1 in the stitch below the next stitch (i.e. from the row before) put this new st on the left needle (= 2 sts in 1 from the row below), turn the work and start knitting as normal.

When you work over the turning points, just work the double sts together either in knit or purl (i.e. work a k2tog or p2tog for the double sts as fitting).

About the pattern

The cardigan is worked back and forth on a circular needle. You begin with a provisional cast on at the bottom of the body and then work to the arm holes. The sleeves are worked flat and put in at the arm holes. Then the yoke is knit flat up to the neck band. The edge and button band is worked in one long piece from upper right corner over the bottom of the cardigan (where you remove the provisional cast on) and back up the other front piece..

About the stripe pattern

If you use the odd rows as the right side, you get a pattern with garter stitch ridges on a stockinette



background (see all the pictures of the knitted cardigan). In the sample, the odd rows have been used as the right side.

If you use the even rows as the right side, you get thin stripes on a reverse stockinette like background (see picture above).

Because of the colour changes you will carry yarn up on either side of the work.

Stripe pattern

Row 1: col. A – k all sts

Row 2: col. A – k1, p to last st, k1

Row 3: col. B – k all sts

Row 4: col. C – k all sts

Row 5: col. A – k all sts

Row 6: col. A – k1, p to last st, k1

Row 7: col. C – k all sts

Row 8: col. B – k all sts

Body

Cast on 156 (168) 190 (210) sts on a circular 3mm needle using a provisional cast on (for example a crocheted cast on, which is easy to undo later on) and a piece of left-over yarn. Knit the first and last st on all rows (= edge st). Work in stripe pattern until the work measures 23 (25) 27 (29) cm (approximately 13 (14) 15 (16) complete repeats of the stripe pattern). End with row 1 or row 5 (a knit row in col. A). On the next row bind off for arm holes (keep working the stripe pattern):

Work 34 (36) 42 (46) sts for the front, bind off 6 (8) 8 (10) sts for the arm hole, work until there are 76 (80) 90 (98) sts after the bound off sts (back), bind off 6 (8) 8 (10) sts for the arm hole, work until there are 34 (36) 42 (46) sts after the bound off sts (front). Put the sts for the body on hold, while you knit the sleeves.

Sleeves

The sleeves are worked flat on a circular needle. Knit the first and last st on all rows (= edge st). Increases are worked as following: k1, 1 inc, work until the last st, 1 inc, k1 (= 2 sts increased).

Cast on 40 (44) 48 (52) sts on 2,5 mm needle with

col. A and knit 10 rows (= 5 garter stitch ridges). Change to 3 mm needle and begin working the stripe pattern. Increase at both ends of the row (as described above) every 8th row 2 (2) 3 (3) times (= 4 (4) 6 (6) sts increased), and then on every 4th row 13 (13) 13 (13) times. There are now 70 (74) 80 (84) sts on the needle.

Work straight up until the sleeve measures 21 (23) 27 (31) cm. Bind off 3 (4) 4 (5) sts in the beginning of the next 2 rows with col. A. Make sure to end the sleeve at the same point in the stripe pattern as the body, so the stripes match up on the yoke.

Put the first sleeve on hold and knit another sleeve identical to the first one.

Yoke

Work all the pieces onto one needle with the next colour in the stripe pattern: 34 (36) 42 (46) sts for the front, place marker, 64 (66) 72 (74) sts for sleeve, place marker, 76 (80) 90 (98) sts for back, place marker, 64 (66) 72 (74) sts for sleeve, place marker, 34 (36) 42 (46) sts for front (= 272 (284) 318 (338) sts on the needle).

Remember to continue working the edge sts.

Work raglan decreases on all odd rows of the stripe pattern as follows:

k to 3 sts before the marker, stbl, k1, SM, k1, k2tog repeat from * to * 3 more times, k to end of row.

Thus decrease 8 sts on every other row for a total of 17 (18) 20 (22) times (= 136 (140) 158 (162) sts on the needle).

Work the rest of the yoke with col. A. Where it is possible, continue with raglan decreases as described above, but at the same time work short rows with shadow twins:

Row 1: Work until there are 6 sts remaining on needle, turn.

Row 2: Work until there are 6 sts remaining on needle, turn.

Row 3: Work until 4 sts before last turn, turn.

Row 4: Work until 4 sts before last turn, turn.

Continue like this until there are 4 (5) 5 (6) turns at either side.

Knit 2 rows in stockinette, where you work across all the turns. Now knit the neck band:

Change to 2,5 mm and col. C and knit 1 row (k all sts), change to col. B and knit 1 row (k all sts).

Change back to col A and k 10 rows (= 5 garter sts ridges). Bind off all the sts.

Edges and button bands

Choose which side, you want for the right side of the cardigan. Using a 2,5 mm needle and col. C, pick up and knit approximately 94 (100) 108 (120) sts along the left front (approximately 5 sts for each repeat of the stripe pattern), place a marker at the corner, undo the provisional cast on and place the live sts on a needle and k 155 (167) 189 (209) sts from the cast on edge, place a marker at the corner, pick up and knit 94 (100) 108 (120) sts along the right front (=



343 (367) 405 (449) sts on the needle).

Change to col. B and k until 1 st before marker, 1 inc, k1, SM, k1, 1 inc, k to 1 st before marker, 1 inc, k1, SM, k1, 1 inc, k to end of row.

Work the rest of the edge with col. A. K 4 rows (=2 garter sts ridges). Continue increasing at the corners on every other row (the "wrong" side rows).

Work the button holes on the next row. Choose which side, you would like them in. There should be 97 (103) 111 (123) sts on the front when working the button holes.

Button holes in left front (boy): k 5 (6) 6 (5), * bind off 2 sts, k until 14 (15) 17 (19) after the button hole * repeat from * to * another 4 times, bind of 2 sts, k 10 (10) 10 (11), SM, k the rest of the row.

Button holes in the right front (girl): k to marker, SM, k to marker, SM, k 10 (10) 10 (11), * bind off 2 sts, k until 14 (15) 17 (19) after the button hole * repeat from * to * another 4 times, bind of 2 sts, k 5 (6) 6 (5)

On the next row, cast on 2 sts over the bound off sts. Knit a total of 5 garter sts ridges in col. A, and bind off from the right side.

Finishing

Sew the sleeve seam from the right side, and sew close the hole under the arms. Weave in all ends and sew in buttons.

Wash the cardigan and let it dry flat, so the stripe pattern opens.