MULTICOLORED CARDIGAN

DIFFICULTY = Easy

YARN = 2 balls x 100 grams of col. 20 POEMA ALPACA by LAINES DU NORD
INTERCHANGEABLE CIRCULAR NEEDLES = size 5 mm points, 80 cm cable.
SHORT POINTS CIRCULAR NEEDLES = size 5 mm points, 40 cm cable.
OTHERS = stitch marker, row counter, darning needle, scissors, tape measure, waste yarn, 6 buttons.

Work the cardigan top down. It's an oversize garment.

The instructions below refer to sizes M (L-XL), so number before the brackets refers to size M, while numbers into the brackets refer to size L and XL.

SAMPLE

15 stitches and 20 rows = 10 x 10 cm in stocking stitch using size 5 mm knitting needles, measured after blocking. If needed, change size of knitting needles.

POINTS USED

Patterned rib stitch 1/1. Stocking stitch.

German short rows.
1st r.: slip 1st st. k-wise with yo (double stitch), knit as far as indicated.

2nd r.: slip 1st st. p-wise with yo (double stitch), purl as far as indicated.

Across next rows, work the double stitch like a single stitch.

ABBREVIATIONS

RS = right side of work
WS = wrong side of work
SM = stitch marker
SMb = stitch marker of the beginning of the round
st. / sts. = stitch / stitches
col. = color
k = knit
M1r: increase to the right (using left needle, lift the yarn between right and left needle from back to front, then knit).
M1l: increase to the left (using left needle, lift the yarn between right and left needle from front to back, then knit through the back loop).
st. / sts. = stitch / stitches
r. = row / rows
k-tbl = knit through back loop
yo = yarn over
k2tog = knit 2 stitches together
p2tog = purl 2 stitches together
ssk = slip 1 st. k-wise, slip next st. too, move 2 sts. on left needle and knit them together through back loop)
sl 1 k-wise = slip 1 stitch knit-wise, from left to right knitting needles.
sl 1 p-wise = slip 1 stitch purl-wise, from left to right knitting needles.
p = purl

MEASURES

SIZES M (L-XL)

MEASURES OF THE GARMENT

Size shown by the picture: M
Chest circumference: 104 cm
Total height: 60 cm
Height from undersleeve: 36 cm
Circumference of top part of sleeve: 38 cm
Length from undersleeve: 43 cm

PROCEDURE

COLLAR AND YOKE

Using size 5 mm knitting needles and 80 cm cable, cast-on 93 (97-101) sts. and work as foll.:

1st r.: sl 1 k-wise, k1, (p1, k-tbl) until 3 sts. from the end, p1, k2.

2nd r.: sl 1 p-wise,p1, (k1, p1) until 1 st. from the end, p1.

Rep. 1st and 2nd r. until 10th r. and work the 6th r. as foll.:

6th r.: sl 1 p-wise, p1, k1, p2tog, yo, p1, (k1, p1) until 1 st. from the end, p1.

Across last r., place the SM as foll.: 1 SM after 9 sts. of the band, 1 SM after 12 (13-14) sts. of front, 1 SM after 2 sts. of raglan, 1 SM after 8 sts. of the shoulder, 1 SM after 2 sts. of raglan, 1 SM after 27 (29-31) sts. of back, 1 SM after 2 sts. of raglan, 1 SM after 8 sts. of shoulder, 1 SM after 2 sts. of raglan, 1 SM after 12 (13-14) sts. of front, 1 SM after 9 sts. of band.

Short needles knitting:

1st Short r.: sl 1 k-wise, k1, (p1, k1-tbl) 3 times, p1, k51(54-57), turn.

2nd Short r.: 27 (29-31) purl, turn.

3rd Short r.: 41 (43-45) purl, turn.

4th Short r.: 55 (57-59) purl, turn.

5th Short r.: knit until first SM, * M1r, SM, k2, SM, M1s *, knit until next SM, rep. from * to *, knit until next SM, rep. from * to *, knit until next SM, rep. from * to *, knit until double st., k1, turn.

6th Short r.: purl until next double st. (moving the SM), p1, turn.

Rep. 5th Short r. and 6th Short r. twice more.

11th Short r.: like 5th Short r., at the end k2.

12th Short r.: like 6th Short r., at the end p2.

Stop short needles knitting.

1st r: like 5th Short r. until SM of the band, then work (p1, k1-tbl) until 3 sts. from the end,

p1, k2.

2nd r.: sl 1 p-wise, p1, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, purl until 9 sts. from the end, (k1, p1) 4 times, p1.

3rd r.: sl 1 k-wise, k1, (p1, k1-tbl) 3 times, p1, knit until next SM, * M1r, SM, k2, SM, M1s *, knit until next SM, rep. from * to *, knit until next SM, rep. from * to *, knit until next SM, rep. from * to *, knit until SM of the band, (p1, k1-tbl) until 3 sts. from the end, p1, k2.

Row 4: sl 1 p-wise, p1, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, purl until 9 sts. from the end, (k1, p1) 4 times, p1.

Rep. 3rd and 4th r. until the end of 40 (44-48) r.

Across 18th and 40th r., shape a buttonhole as foll.:

18th and 40th r.: sl 1 p-wise, p1, k1, p2tog, 1 yo, p1, k1, p1, k1, purl until 9 sts. from the end, (k1, p1) 4 times, p1.

SEPARATING SLEEVES FROM THE BODY

41st r. Size S: sl 1 k-wise, k1, (p1, k1-tbl) 3 times, p1, k38, leave next 60 sts. for first sleeve, cast-on 2 sts. for undersleeve, k79, leave next 60 sts. for second sleeve, cast-on 2 sts. for undersleeve, k38, (p1, k1-tbl) until 3 sts. from the end, p1, k2.

41st r. Size M: sl 1 k-wise, k1, (p1, k1-tbl) 3 times, p1, k40, leave next 64 sts. for first sleeve, cast-on 2 sts. for undersleeve, k83, leave next 64 sts. for second sleeve, cast-on 2 sts. for undersleeve, k40, (p1, k1-tbl) until 3 sts. from the end, p1, k2.

41st r. Size L: sl 1 k-wise, k1, (p1, k1-tbl) 3 times, p1, k42, leave next 68 sts. for first sleeve, cast-on 2 sts. for undersleeve, k87, leave next 68 sts. for second sleeve, cast-on 2 sts. for undersleeve k42, (p1, k1-tbl) until 3 sts. from the end, p1, k2.

BODY

41st r.: sl 1 k-wise, k1, (p1, k1-tbl) 3 times, p1, knit until 9 sts. from the end, (p1, k1-tbl) until 3 sts. from the end, p1, k2.

42nd r.:sl 1 p-wise, p1, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, purl until 9 sts. from the end, (k1, p1) 4 times, p1.

Rep. 41st and 42nd r. until the end of 94th r. and across 62nd and 84th r. shape one buttonhole as foll.:

62nd and 84th r.: sl 1 p-wise, p1, k1, p2tog, 1 yo, p1, k1, p1, k1, purl until 9 sts. from the end, (k1, p1) 4 times, p1.

After completing 94th r., cont. as foll.:

1st r.: sl 1 k-wise, k1, (p1, k1-tbl) until 3 sts. from the end, p1, k2.

2nd r.: sl 1 p-wise, p1, (k1, p1) until 1 sts. from the end, p1.

Rep. 1st and 2nd r. until the end of 20th r., working 10th r. as foll.:

10th r.: sl 1 k-wise, p1, k1, p2tog, 1 yo, p1, (k1, p1) until 1 st. from the end, p1.

SLEEVES

Using size 5 mm points and 40 cm cable, pick-up 60 (64-68) sts. you have left and 2 new cast-on sts., then place the MG in the center of these 2 sts. Use the yarn of same color of sts. you have left (in the middle of ball).

1st round: knit until SMb.

Rep. 1st round until the end of round 84 (88-92), decr. 1 st. on both sides of SMb every 6 rounds, i.e across rounds: 8, 16, 24, 32, 40, 48, 56, 64, 72 and 80. Work the decreases as foll.: knit until 3 sts. from SMb, 1 ssk, k1, move the SMb, k1, k2tog.

Cont. working the **lower band**:

1st r.: (k1-tbl, p1) until SMb.

2nd r.: k1, p1) until SMb.

Rep. 1st and 2nd r. until the end of 10th r.

Bind off all sts. loosely.

FINITURE

Hide the ends. Sew the buttons in front of buttonholes. Wet and block. Wear!

PHOTOGALLERY