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## Birds Of a Feather

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**Birds of a Feather is inspired by Løfberg's pirate budgie, where vibrant colours and unique feather patterns come together. The artwork is reflected both in the choice of colours and in the distinctive feather pattern that adorns the shoulders and runs down the upper side of the sleeves.**

**The design is based on a saddle shoulder, with a construction carefully developed to ensure an excellent fit.**





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# Sizes & Measurements

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

**Fits chest circumference**

80-87 (88-93) 94-99 (100-107) 108-116  
(117-126) 127-136 cm

**Circumference (A)**

104 (109) 116 (121) 129  
(134) 141 cm

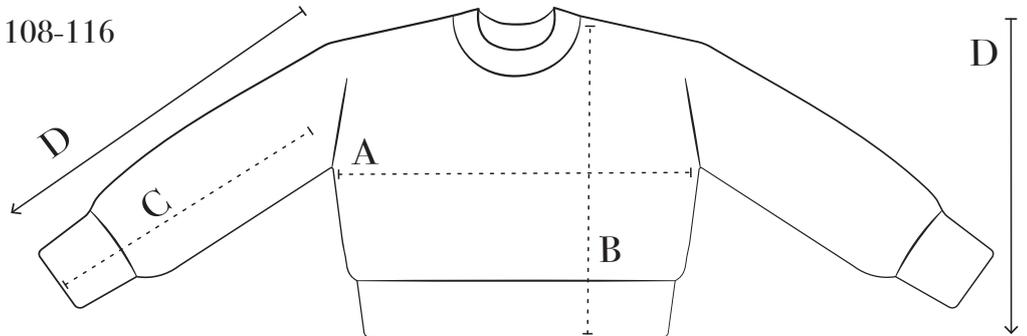
**Length (B)**

52 (53) 54 (56) 58 (60) 62 cm

**Sleeve length (C)**

43 (42) 41 (40) 39 (38) 37 cm

**Knitting direction (D)**



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## Materials

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**YARN FROM FILCOLANA**

**Arwetta colour 251 (Electric Yellow)**  
250 (250) 300 (300) 350 (350) 400 g

**Tilia colour 367 (Lemon Grass)**  
125 (125) 150 (150) 175 (175) 200 g

**Arwetta colour 250 (Disco Green)**  
200 (200) 250 (250) 300 (300) 350 g

**Tilia colour 279 (Juicy Green)**  
100 (100) 125 (125) 150 (150) 175 g

**The entire sweater is worked with 2 strands of Arwetta and 2 strands of Tilia held together, 4 strands in total, in the following colour combinations:**

**Colour A**

2 strands of Arwetta colour 251 + 2 strands of Tilia colour 367

**Colour B**

2 strands of Arwetta colour 251 + 1 strand of colour Tilia 367 + 1 strand of Tilia colour 279

**Colour C**

1 strand of Arwetta colour 251 + 1 strand of Arwetta colour 250 + 1 strand of Tilia colour 367 + 1 strand of Tilia colour 279

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**Colour D**

1 strand of Arwetta colour 251 + 1 strand of Arwetta colour 250 + 2 strands of Tilia colour 279

**Colour E**

2 strands of Arwetta colour 250 + 2 strands of Tilia colour 279

**NEEDLES**

Circular needle 6 mm, 40 cm, and 80-120 cm  
Double pointed needles 6 mm (DPN's and short circular needle can be omitted if working magic loop on longer circular needle)

**EXTRAS**

4 Stitch markers  
3 Stitch holders

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## Gauge

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16 sts and 21 rows in stockinette, with 2 strands of each quality held together (4 strands in total), worked on 6 mm needle = 10 x 10 cm

The gauge is measured after washing.

The needle size is only a guide.

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# Technique

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## ABBREVIATIONS

**st(s):** stitch(es)

**k:** knit

**p:** purl

**tbl:** through the back loop

**tog:** together

**sl1p:** slip 1 st purlwise

**RS:** right side

**WS:** wrong side

## SM1, SM2, SM3, SM4

Stitch marker No. 1, stitch marker No. 2, etc...

## M1R (right-leaning increase)

With the left needle, lift the strand between two stitches from back to front and knit it.

## M1L (left-leaning increase)

With the left needle, lift the strand between the two stitches from front to back and knit it through the back loop.

## M1LP (left-leaning increase as seen on RS)

With the left needle pick up the strand between 2 sts from front to back. Purl though the back loop.

## SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

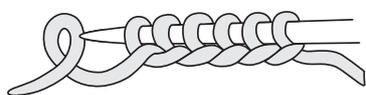
### Short row stitch

Slip 1st st onto right-hand needle with yarn in front. Tug the yarn up and over the right-hand needle (away from yourself). This creates a double stitch. Continue working the row as instructed in the pattern. On next row work the double sts together as either k2tog or p2tog depending on what the stitches indicate. This technique is called German Short Rows.

### Backward loop cast on

Form a loop with the yarn, so the end attached to the skein of yarn is in front of the end attached to the sts on the needle, insert the right needle through the front of the loop and pull tight so the loop becomes a stitch around the needle.

Repeat until you have the desired number of stitches.




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# Workflow

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Birds Of a Feather is knitted top-down with saddle shoulders that extend into contiguous sleeves, which

are worked simultaneously with the yoke.

First, the shoulder panels are knitted according to charts. Once the full shoulder width is achieved, stitches are picked up along each shoulder panel for the back and front sections. Each section is worked separately, back and forth, with short rows to shape slanted shoulders, while increases are made towards the neckline on the front sections.

After the front sections are completed, they are set aside, and stitches are picked up along the other side of each shoulder panel. Stitches are cast on between the shoulder panels, and the neck and upper back are worked back and forth with short rows.

All sections are then joined, and the work continues in the round. Simultaneously, increases are made for the sleeve cap, and the lace pattern from the shoulders continues down the sleeves.

At the bottom of the armholes, the work is divided into sleeves and body, which are finished separately. At this point, the colour transitions also begin. Both the sleeves and body are finished with twisted ribbing. Finally, stitches are picked up along the neckline, and the neckband is worked in twisted rib, folded over, and sewn to the wrong side.

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# Chart

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The chart is located on the last page of this pattern. The chart is read from the bottom and up.

When working back and forth on the needle, the chart is read from right to left on RS rows and from left to right on WS rows.

When working in the round, the chart is read from right to left on all rounds.

# Pattern

## LEFT SHOULDER

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Cast on 23 sts with 6 mm needle and colour A using the long tail cast on.

Purl 1 row (WS).

Now work according to the chart over the centre 13 sts, as follows:

**1st row (RS):** K5, work the next 13 sts according to the first row of the chart, k5.

**2nd row:** P5, work the next 13 sts according to the second row of the chart, p5.

Repeat these 2 rows and repeat the 4 rows of the chart, until 35 (37) 39 (39) 41 (41) 43 rows of chart have been worked. Last row is from RS.

The work now measures approximately 17 (17,5) 18,5 (18,5) 19,5 (19,5) 20,5 cm.

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Break the yarn and leave sts to rest on a stitch holder.

## LEFT FRONT

Measure out an end of yarn in colour A, and pick up and knit 27 (29) 30 (31) 32 (33) 34 sts using 6 mm needle, along the RS of the 5 sts on the right hand side of the shoulder piece. Begin at the cast on row, and insert the needle in the gap between the first and the second st on every 3 out of 4 rows all the way to the stitch holder.

Slide the sts back to the needle tip and work the sts from RS on next row.

Work back and forth in stockinette, at the same time, work short rows and increases towards the neck opening, as follows:

**1st short row (RS):** K6 (7) 7 (7) 8 (8) 9, turn work.

**2nd short row:** 1 short row st, purl to the last 3 sts, M1LP, p3.

**3rd short row:** Knit to the short row st from previous row, knit the two loops of the short row st together as to k2tog, k4, turn work.

**4th short row:** 1 short row st, purl to the last 3 sts, M1LP, p3.

Repeat 3rd and 4th short row 3 times more.

**11th short row (RS):** Knit to the short row st from previous row, knit the loops of the short row st together as to k2tog, knit to end of row.

Now there are 32 (34) 35 (36) 37 (38) 39 sts on the needle.

Break the yarn and leave sts to rest on a stitch holder.

## RIGHT SHOULDER

Work as on left shoulder from # to #.

Do NOT break the yarn.

## RIGHT FRONT

In extension to the sts from last worked RS row, pick up and knit sts along the 5 sts worked in stockinette, on the right side of the shoulder piece. Pick up and knit 3 sts for every 4 rows, a total of 27 (29) 30 (31) 32 (33) 34 sts.

Work back and forth in stockinette, at the same time, work short rows and increases towards the neck opening, as follows:

**1st short row (WS):** P6 (7) 7 (7) 8 (8) 9, turn work.



**2nd short row:** 1 short row st, knit to the last 3 sts, M1R, k3.

**3rd short row:** Purl to the short row st from previous row, purl the two loops of the short row st together as to p2tog, p4, turn work.

**4th short row:** 1 short row st, knit to the last 3 sts, M1R, k3.

Repeat 3rd and 4th short row 3 times more.

**11th short row (WS):** Purl to the short row st from previous row, purl the loops of the short row st together as to p2tog, purl to end of row.

There are now 32 (34) 35 (36) 37 (38) 39 sts on the needle.

Break the yarn and leave sts to rest on a stitch holder.

## BACK

Pick up and knit 27 (29) 30 (31) 32 (33) 34 sts along the RS of the 5 sts in stockinette on the left shoulder/front. Begin at the last worked row on the shoulder and pick up and knit sts towards the cast on row.

In extension to the sts on the needle, cast on 27 (27) 27 (27) 29 (29) 31 sts using the backward loop cast on technique, pick up and knit another 27 (29) 30 (31) 32 (33) 34 sts along the RS of the 5 sts in stockinette on right shoulder/front, from the cast on row to the last worked row = 81 (85) 87 (89) 93 (95) 99 sts.

Work short rows back and forth as follows:

**1st short row (WS):** P60 (63) 64 (65) 69 (70) 74, turn work.

**2nd short row:** 1 short row st, k38 (40) 40 (40) 44 (44) 48, turn work.

**3rd short row:** 1 short row st, purl to the short row st from the previous row, work the short row st as to p2tog, p4, turn work.

**4th short row:** 1 short row st, knit to the short row st from the previous row, work the short row st as to k2tog, k4, turn work.

Repeat 3rd and 4th short row 3 times more.

**11th short row (WS):** 1 short row st, purl to the short row st from the previous row, work the short row st as to p2tog, purl to end of row.

Do NOT break the yarn.

## YOKE

Now join the back, both shoulder pieces and both sides of the front, to be worked in the round, at the same time new sts are cast on at centre front, as follows:

**Next row (RS):** Knit all sts on the back to the short row st from the previous row, work the short row st as to k2tog, knit the remaining back sts (= 81 (85) 87 (89) 93 (95) 99 sts on the back), insert SM1 on right hand needle. Slip the 23 sts from right shoulder back to left hand needle, k23, insert SM2 on right hand needle, slip the 32 (34) 35 (36) 37 (38) 39 sts on right front back to left hand needle and knit these sts to the last 3 sts, M1R, k3. In extension to the the sts on the needle, cast on 15 (15) 15 (15) 17 (17) 19 sts using the backward loop cast on technique, slip the sts from left front to the left hand needle, k3, M1L, knit the remaining sts on the left front, insert SM3 on right hand needle, slip the 23 sts on left shoulder back to the left hand needle, k23, insert SM4 on right hand needle and join round.

SM4 is now the beginning of round marker.

There are now 208 (216) 220 (224) 232 (236) 244 sts on the needle.





Now work in the round, AT THE SAME TIME, continue according to the chart down the sleeves and work increases for the sleeves as follows:

**1st round:** Knit to SM1, slip SM1 to right hand needle, M1L, knit to the centre 13 sts of the sleeve and work these sts according to chart, knit to SM2, M1R, slip SM2 to right hand needle, knit all sts of the front to SM3, slip SM3 to right hand needle, M1L, knit to the centre 13 sts of the sleeve and work these sts according to chart, knit to SM4, M1R, slip SM4 to right hand needle.

**2nd round:** Knit to end of round.

Repeat these 2 rounds 11 times more = 256 (264) 268 (272) 280 (284) 292 sts.

Repeat 1st round 6 (6) 5 (5) 5 (5) 5 times more = 280 (288) 288 (292) 300 (304) 312 sts.

### Size M (L) XL (2XL) 3XL only

**Next round:** K1, M1L, knit to 1 st before SM1, M1R, k1, slip SM1, M1L, knit to centre 13 sts of the sleeve and work these st according to chart, knit to SM2, M1R, slip SM2, k1, M1L, knit to 1 st before SM3, M1R, k1, slip SM3, M1L, knit to centre 13 sts of the sleeve, work these sts according to chart, knit to SM4, M1R, slip SM4.

Repeat this round - (-) 1 (1) 2 (2) 3 times more = - (-) 304 (308) 324 (328) 344 sts.

### All sizes

Divide work into body and sleeves and finish each part separately, as follows:

### BODY

**Next round:** Knit to SM1, remove SM1 and cast on 2 (2) 2 (4) 4 (6) 6 sts using the backward loop cast on technique, slip all sts to SM2 to a stitch holder, remove SM2, knit to SM3, remove SM3 and cast on 2 (2) 2 (4) 4 (6) 6 sts, at the same time insert a beginning of round marker between the middle sts of these new sts, slip all sts to SM4 to a stitch holder, remove SM4.

Now there are 166 (174) 186 (194) 206 (214) 226 sts on the needle.

Knit 3 rounds.

Change colours and work as follows:

Knit 4 rounds with colour B

Knit 4 rounds with colour C

Knit 4 rounds with colour D

Change to colour E and continue in stockinette to work measures 42 (43) 44 (46) 48 (50) 52 cm, at center back.

Change to 4 mm needle.

### Rib

Work twisted rib (k1tbl, p1) to ribbing measures 10 cm.

Now work 2 rounds of double knitting as follows:

**1st round:** \* K1tbl, sl1p with yarn in front of work \*, repeat from \* to \* to end of round.

**2nd round:** \* Sl1p with yarn at back of work, p1 \*, repeat from \* to \* to end of round.

Bind off all sts using the Italian bind off.

Break yarn and measure a tail at least 3 times the length of the rib circumference. Thread tail onto a tapestry needle.

**1.** Insert the needle into the 1st st on the left needle purl-wise and pull the yarn through.

**2.** Insert the needle between the 1st and 2nd st from back to front.

**3.** Insert the needle through the 2nd st from front to back.

**4.** Insert the needle into the 1st st knit-wise and slip off the needle.

**5.** From the front, insert the needle from right to left into the front leg of the 2nd st, pull the yarn through.

**6.** Insert the needle into the 1st st purl-wise and slip off the needle.

Repeat points 2-6 until there is 1 (purl) st left on the left needle.

### Finishing:

**7.** From the front, insert the needle from right to left through the first bound off st, pull the yarn through.

**8.** As point 6. All sts are bound off.

Weave the ends in thoroughly.

