

# Jacob - an adorable cardigan for the little ones



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This design is part of a little collection inspired by the works of the famous Danish-Norwegian poet **Ludvig Holberg**. Holberg lived from 1684-1754, and even though this is a long time ago, he had a very special talent for showing – and exposing – different types of people, which is a big part of what makes him relevant still today.

The little cardigan Jacob is inspired by Holberg's comedy "Barselsstuen". Although women no longer have an extended period of confinement after birth where they are to remain in bed to recover, the particular mood of the "barselsstue" after a new baby is born with well meaning maternity advice, gossip and chatter still exists. Most bring a gift for the new baby and this cardigan with a little collar would make any new mother happy and is worked in the softest wool.

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## Materials

Anina from Filcolana: 100 (100) 100 (150) g in color 2169 (Blue Haze)  
6 (6) 7 (7) buttons  
3 mm circular needle, 60 cm

## Cardigan

Size: 0-3 (6-9) 12-18 (24) mdr./56 (74) 86 (92) cl  
Body, chest: 39-43 (44-48) 49-53 (54-58) cm  
Cardigan, chest: approx. 47 (53) 59 (65) cm  
Total length: approx. 22 (26) 29 (34) cm

## Strikkefasthed

28 sts x 40 rows in moss stitch on 3 mm needles AFTER WASHING = 10 x 10 cm.

## Special abbreviations

**M1l**: from the front, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle and knit through the back loop (left leaning increase).

**M1r**: from the back, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle and knit through the front loop (right leaning increase).

**Skp**: Skp: slip 1 stitch, knit the next stitch, pass the slipped stitch over the knit one.



**Moss stitch**

Row 1: \*k1, p1\*. Repeat from \* to \*.

Row 2: Knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts.

Row 3 Purl the knit sts and knit the purl sts.

Row 4: Knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts.

**Directions for knitting**

The cardigan is worked from the top down with raglan increases on the yoke. The collar is worked back and forth and shaped with short rows. After the yoke has been worked, the work is split into sleeves and body and each is finished separately.

**Yoke**

Cast on 83 (87) 91 (95) sts on a 3 mm needle and knit 5 rows (beginning with a RS row. Continue in stockinette stitch, knitting the first and last 3 sts of every row. Work raglan increases on the 2nd row (RS) and then every other RS row as follows: K2, skp, knit to the last 4 sts, k2tog, k2. There are now 77 (81) 85 (89) sts on the needle.

Work 0 (0) 2 (4) rows as established.

Decrease 8 sts evenly across the next or (WS). There are now 69 (73) 77 (81) sts on the needle.

Now work short rows to shape the collar and lift the back of it. Work a RS row to the last 5 sts. Turn on the next stitch as follows: Slip the next stitch purl-wise with the yarn in front of the needle, then lift the working yarn up and over the needle and pull until the stitch looks as through it is 2 sts. (When working this stitch, the 2 sts are worked as one). Purl to the last 5 sts, turn on the next stitch as described above. Continue turning once more at either end of the work 5 sts before the last turn. After the last turn, knit to the end of the row, while knitting the double sts together. Cast on 3 new sts in extension of the sts on the needle on this and the following row for the button and buttonhole bands. There are now 75 (79) 83 (87) sts on the needle.

The RS and WS are now switches, so the RS of the collar becomes the WS of the cardigan.

Place 4 marker on the next row (WS): K3, work 12 (13) 14 (15) sts in moss stitch, p1, k1 (mark this stitch), p1, work 5 sts in moss stitch, p1, k1 (mark this stitch), p1, work 23 (25) 27 (29) sts in moss stitch, p1, k1 (mark this stitch), p1, work 5 sts in moss stitch, p1, k1 (mark this stitch), p1, work in moss stitch to the last 3 sts, k3.

Work the next (RS) as follows: K3, \*work in moss stitch to 1 stitch before the marked stitch, M1r, k1, p1 (the marked stitch), k1, M1l\*. Repeat from \* to \* 3 more times, work in moss stitch to the last 3 sts, k3. Continue as established, working increases every RS row. Work the 3 sts between each set of increases as they present (knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts) and work moss sts over all remaining sts except the first and last 3 sts which are knit on all rows.

At the same time, work buttonholes from the RS along the edge as follows:

Boys (at the beginning of the row): k1, k2tog, yarn over.



Girls (at the end of the row): Yarn over, skp, k1. The first buttonhole is worked on the 4th row, after which a buttonhole is worked every 12 rows until a total of 6 buttonholes have been worked. Work a total of 18 (21) 24 (27) raglan increase rows. End on a WS row. There are now 219 (247) 275 (303) sts on the needle.

**Body**

Next row (RS): Work in pattern across the 34 (38) 42 (46) sts for the first side of the front (the second to last stitch is knit and the first marked stitch is purl). Slip the next 43 (49) 55 (61) sts for the first sleeve to a stitch holder. Work across the 65 (73) 81 (89) sts for the back (incl. the marked sts on either side) as follows: k2tog, work in moss stitch to 1 stitch before the marked stitch on the other side, skp. Slip the next 43 (49) 55 (61) sts for the second sleeve to a stitch holder. Continue in pattern across the 34 (38) 42 (46) sts for the second side of the front (the last marked stitch is purl, and the next stitch is knit). There are now 131 (147) 163 (179) sts on the needle.

Continue back and forth, knitting the first and last 3 sts of every row for the button and buttonhole bands, knit the sts as they present (knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts) over the 3 sts at either side and in moss stitch over all remaining sts until the work measures 13 (15) 17 (20) cm from where the work was split, ending on a WS row. Purl 4 rows. Bind off purl-wise from the RS – not too tightly.

**Sleeves**

Place the 43 (49) 55 (61) sts for the first sleeve on the circular needle and cast on 1 new stitch at either end of the work for the selvedge. There are now 45 (51) 57 (63) sts on the needle.

Knit the first and last 2 sts on the RS and purl them on the WS rows. Work in moss stitch across all remain-

ning sts. Work straight until the sleeves measures 6 cm from where the work was split. Decrease on the next RS row as follows: K1, skp, work in moss stitch to the last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Work a decrease row as above every 8th row another 3 times. There are now 37 (43) 49 (55) sts on the needle.

Work straight until the sleeve measures 11 (14) 17 (20) cm, ending on a WS row. Purl 4 rows. Bind off purl-wise from the RS.

Weave in the ends. Gently rinse the vest, put it through a (dry) spin cycle in the washing machine and lay it on a flat surface to dry.

Sew in the buttons across from the buttonholes.