No-Button Cozy Knit Cardigan

You'll love knitting and crocheting this very wearable cardigan. Stylish with a furry soft texture this bulky yarn will work up quickly.

Directions are for size Small; changes for sizes Medium, Large, X-Large, 2X and 3X are in parentheses.

Finished Bust/Chest Measurement: 36 (40, 44, 48, 52, 56)” [91.5 (101.5, 112, 122, 132, 142) cm]
Length: 24 (24½, 25½, 26, 27, 27½)” [61 (62, 65, 66, 68.5, 70) cm]

NOTE
1. Cardigan is worked in 5 pieces (back, 2 fronts, 2 sleeves) and then seamed together. Front/Neck band is picked up and knitted after assembly.
2. Shaping for Front neck and armholes are worked at same time.
3. When increasing on right side rows: K1, M1L, knit to last stitch, M1R, k1.
4. When decreasing, work as follows on right side rows: K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1: and as follows as wrong side rows: P1, p2tog, purl to last 3 sts, p2tog tbl, p1.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS
p2tog tbl: (1 st decrease) Purl 2 sts together through the back loops.
MIR: (1 st increase) Bring the tip of the left-hand knitting needle under the strand between stitches from back to front. Knit this loop.
MIL: (1 st increase) Bring the tip of the left-hand knitting needle under the strand between stitches from front to back. Knit through the back of the loop.
ssk: (1 st decrease) Slip next two stitches knitwise to right needle, insert point of left needle through front of sts, knit these sts together through back loop.

CARDIGAN BACK
Cast on 67 (73, 81, 89, 97, 105) sts.
Row 1 (Right Side): *K1, p1; repeat from * to last st, k1.
Row 2: *P1, k1; repeat from * to last st, p1. Repeat last 2 rows until piece measures

2½ (2½, 3, 3, 3½, 3½)” [6.5 (6.5, 7.5, 7.5, 9, 9) cm] from beginning, ending after a wrong side row.
Change to St st and work until piece measures 16 (16½, 17, 17, 18, 18)” [40.5 (42, 43, 43, 45.5, 45.5) cm] from beginning, ending after a wrong side row.

Shape Armholes
Bind off 5 (6, 6, 7, 8, 9) sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows – 57 (61, 69, 73, 81, 87) sts remain on last row worked.
Decrease Row (Right Side): K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 2 sts decreased – 55 (59, 67, 71, 79, 85) sts.

Decrease 1 st along each side edge every row for 3 (3, 5, 6, 7, 8) more times – 49 (53, 57, 61, 65, 69) sts remain on last row worked.

Work in St st until Armholes measure 8 (8, 8½, 9, 9, 9)“ [20.5 (20.5, 21.5, 23, 23, 24) cm], ending after a wrong side row.

Shape Back Neck and Shoulders

Mark center 21 (23, 25, 27, 29, 31) sts for neck.

Next Row (Right Side): Bind off 5 (5, 6, 6, 6) sts, work to marked center sts, join second ball of yarn, bind off center 21 (23, 25, 27, 29, 31) sts for back neck, knit to end of row.

Next Row: Working both sides at the same time with separate balls of yarn, bind off 5 (5, 6, 6, 6) sts, purl to end of left shoulder, purl across sts of right shoulder – 9 (10, 11, 12, 13) sts remain on each shoulder.

Next Row: Bind off 4 (5, 5, 5, 6, 6) sts, work to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 for right shoulder; k1, ssk, knit to end of row for left shoulder.

Next Row: Bind off 4 (5, 5, 5, 6, 6) sts at beginning of row, purl across left shoulder sts, purl across right shoulder sts.

Bind off remaining 4 (4, 5, 5, 5, 6) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

LEFT FRONT

Cast on 32 (34, 38, 42, 46, 48) sts.

Row 1 (Right Side): *P1, k1; repeat from * across.

Repeat last row until piece measures 2½ (2½, 3, 3½, 3½)“ [6.5 (6.5, 7.5, 7.5, 9, 9) cm] from beginning, ending after a wrong side ow.

Change to St st and work until piece measures 14½ (15, 15½, 15½, 16½, 16½)“ [37 (38, 39.5, 39.5, 42, 42) cm] from beginning, ending after a wrong side row. Place a marker at end of this row to indicate start of neck shaping.

Shape Front Neck and Armhole

Note: Read ahead as multiple shaping happens at the same time.

Sizes Small and Medium ONLY

Next Row (Right Side): Knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 1 st decreased for neck.

Next Row: Purl across.

Knit 1 row, purl 1 row.

Repeat last 4 rows 9 (9, x, x, x, x) more times. At same time, when piece measures same length as Back to armhole, bind off 5 (6, x, x, x, x) sts at beginning of next right side row for armhole. Decrease 1 st at armhole edge every row 4 (4, x, x, x, x) more times.

Sizes Large, 1X, 2X and 3X ONLY

Next Row: Knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 1 st decreased for neck.

Next Row: Purl across.

Knit 1 row, purl 1 row.

Repeat last 6 rows x (x, 5, 5, 6, 5) more times, then work decrease row x (x, 1, x, 1) more time. At same time, when piece measures same length as Back to armhole, bind off x (x, x, x, x, x) sts at beginning of next right side row for armhole. Decrease 1 st at armhole edge every row x (x, x, x, x, x) more times.

ALL SIZES

Continuing to decrease at neck edge as established, work until piece measures same length as Back to shoulder, ending after a wrong side row – 13 (14, 15, 16, 17, 18) sts remain on last row worked.

Shape Shoulder

Next Row (Right Side): Bind off 5 (5, 6, 6, 6) sts, knit to end.

Next Row: Purl across.

Next Row: Bind off 4 (5, 5, 6, 6) sts, knit to end.

Next Row: Purl across.

Bind off remaining 4 (4, 5, 5, 6) sts.

RIGHT FRONT

Cast on 32 (34, 38, 42, 46, 48) sts.

Row 1 (Right Side): *P1, k1; repeat from * across.

Repeat last row, until piece measures 2½ (2½, 3, 3, 3½, 3½)“ [6.5 (6.5, 7.5, 7.5, 9, 9) cm] from beginning, ending after a wrong side row.

Change to St st and work until piece measures 14½ (15, 15½, 15½, 16½, 16½)“ [37 (38, 39.5, 39.5, 42, 42) cm] from beginning, ending after a wrong side row. Place a marker at end of this row to indicate start of neck shaping.

Shape Front Neck and Armhole

Note: Read ahead as multiple shaping happens at the same time.

Sizes Small and Medium ONLY

Next Row (Right Side): K1, ssk, knit to end – 1 st decreased for neck.

Next Row: Purl across.

Knit 1 row, purl 1 row.

Repeat last 4 rows 9 (9, x, x, x, x) more times. AT SAME TIME, when piece measures same length as Back to armhole, bind off x (x, 6, 7, 8, 9) sts at beginning of next wrong side row for armhole. Decrease 1 st at armhole edge every row x (x, 5, 6, 7, 8) more times.

ALL SIZES

Continuing to decrease at neck edge as established, work until piece measures same length as Back to shoulder, ending after a wrong side row – 13 (14, 15, 16, 17, 18) sts remain on last row worked.

Shape Shoulder

Next Row (Wrong Side): Bind off 5 (5, 5, 6, 6, 6) sts, purl to end.

Next Row: Knit across.

Next Row: Bind off 4 (5, 5, 5, 6, 6) sts, purl to end.

Next Row: Knit across. Bind off remaining 4 (4, 5, 5, 6) sts.

Bracelet Length Sleeves

Cast on 31 (33, 33, 35, 35, 37) sts.

Row 1 (Right Side): *K1, p1; repeat from * to last st, k1.

Row 2: *P1, k1; repeat from * to last st, p1.
Repeat last 2 rows until piece measures 2½ (2½, 3, 3, 3½, 3½)” [6.5 (6.5, 7.5, 7.5, 9, 9) cm] from beginning, ending after a wrong side row and increasing 1 st in center of final rib row – 32 (34, 34, 36, 36, 38) sts.

Knit 1 row, purl 1 row.

Continuing in St st, increase 1 st at each end every 4 rows 14 (14, 13, 12, 11) times, then every 2 rows x (x, 2, 2, 4, 6) times – 60 (60, 64, 68, 68, 72) sts on last row worked.

Work until sleeve measures 17 (17, 17½, 17½, 18, 18)” [43 (43, 44.5, 44.5, 45.5, 45.5) cm] from beginning, ending after a wrong side row.

Shape Cap

Bind off 5 (6, 6, 7, 8, 9) sts at the beginning of next 2 rows – 50 (48, 52, 54, 52, 54) sts remain on last row worked.

Decrease 1 st each end every right side row 4 (4, 6, 7, 8, 9) times – 42 (40, 40, 40, 36, 36) sts remain on last row worked.

Decrease 1 st each end every row 6 (4, 4, 3, 1, 5) times – 30 (32, 32, 34, 34, 26) sts remain on last row worked.

Bind off 2 sts at the beginning of the next 4 (6, 4, 4, 4, 2) rows – 22 (20, 24, 26, 22) sts remain on last row worked.

Bind off remaining sts.

FINISHING

Sew shoulder seams. Set in sleeves. Sew side and underarm seams.

Front and Neck Band

With right side facing and using circular needle, join yarn at lower right front edge, pick up and knit 45 (47, 49, 49, 53, 53) sts along right front edge to first marker, 39 (39, 41, 43, 43, 45) sts from marker to right shoulder, 25 (27, 29, 31, 33, 35) across back neck, 39 (39, 41, 43, 45, 43, 45) from left shoulder to second marker and 45 (47, 49, 49, 53, 53) to bottom of left front edge – 193 (199, 209, 215, 225, 231) sts.

Row 1 (Wrong Side): *P1, k1; repeat from * to last st, p1.

Row 2: *K1, p1; repeat from * to last st, k1.

Repeat last 2 rows twice and then repeat Row 1 once more.

Bind off in ribbing.

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

cm = centimeters; k = knit; k2tog = knit 2 sts together; mm = millimeters; p = purl; p2tog = purl 2 sts together; St st = Stockinette stitch; st(s) = stitch(es); tbl = through back loop; tog = together; [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

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