Morning Coffee Car Coat

This long cardigan is perfect for staying warm as you walk down to the café, dress it up for workdays, or stay comfy during the weekend.

Directions are for size X-Small. Changes for sizes Small, Medium, Large, and X-Large are in parentheses.

Intended fit: Add 2-4” (5-10 cm) of positive ease; for a more form-fitting garment chose a size closer to actual bust measurement.

Finished Bust/Chest Measurement: 36 (38, 40, 42, 44)” [91.4 (96.5, 101.6, 106.7, 112) cm]

Finished Hip Measurement: 40 (42, 44, 46, 48)” [101.6 (106.7, 112, 117, 122) cm]

Special Abbreviations

kfb = knit into the front and back of the same stitch – 1 stitch increased.

ssk (slip, slip, knit) = slip next two stitches knitwise to right needle, insert point of left needle through front of sts, knit these sts together – 1 st dec.

NOTES:

This sweater is knit from the bottom up. Bottom ribbings are cast on separately then joined together once garter st body starts. Body is knit in one piece, adding pockets while working. The body is then split between fronts and back at the armhole. Raglan shaping is done while working the Front and Back pieces individually. Raglan sleeves are knit in Stockinette st separately and seamed before attaching to the body. The stitches are then picked up around neck line for the K1, P1 ribbing that is then preceded by St st border to create the roll neck edge. Finally, the button bands are picked up on either side of the front to finish the sweater.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

Backwards Loop Cast on Method

At the end of either a right side or wrong side row, wrap the yarn around your thumb or forefinger. Insert the right hand needle under the strand of yarn at the front of your finger. Remove your finger from the loop and tighten the loop around the hook.

Sloped Bind Off

Step 1: Work the first bind off rows at the garment edges as usual.

Step 2: One row before the next bind off row, work to the last st of the row, turn.

Step 3: Slip the first st from the left needle purlwise, pass the unworked stitch of the previous row over the slipped st (the first st is bound off). Bind off remaining sts as usual.

POCKETS (Make 2)

With larger needle, cast on 24 sts. Work in St st (knit every Right Side row, purl every Wrong Side row) for 4½” (11.4 cm). Place sts on holder.

FRONT RIBBING (Make 2)

With smaller needle, cast on 66 (70, 74, 78, 82) sts.

Row 1 (Wrong Side): *P2, k2; repeat from * to last 2 sts, p2.

Row 2 (Right Side): *K2, p2; repeat from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Repeat Rows 1-2 until piece measures 6” (15.2 cm) from cast on edge, ending on a Wrong Side row. Place sts on holder.

BACK RIBBING

With smaller needle, cast on 146 (150, 158, 166, 174) sts.

Row 1 (Wrong Side): *P2, k2; repeat from * to last 2 sts, p2.

Row 2 (Right Side): *K2, p2; repeat from * to last 2 sts, k2.
Repeat Rows 1-2 until piece measures 6” (15.2 cm) from cast on edge, ending on a Wrong Side row.

**Join Ribbing to Body**

**Transfer Front Ribbing sts to larger needle in this order:** Right Front Ribbing, Back Ribbing, Left Front Ribbing. With larger needle and Right Side of Right Front ribbing facing:

**Row 1:** Knit across Right Front ribbing sts decreasing 30 (32, 34, 36) sts evenly across, place marker, knit across Back ribbing piece decreasing 62 (62, 66, 70, 74) sts evenly across, place marker, knit across Left Front ribbing decreasing 30 (32, 34, 36) sts evenly across – 36 (38, 42, 44, 46) sts each for Shoulder and Neck, when piece measures 10½” (26.6 cm) from cast on edge, ending on a Wrong Side row.

**Size XS:**
- **Row 1 (Right Side):** Bind off 4 sts, knit across – 28 sts.
- **Row 2:** Knit.
- **Row 3 (dec):** K1, k2tog, knit across – 27 sts.
- **Rows 4-6:** Knit across.

**AT THE SAME TIME,** when piece measures 6⅞” (16.5 cm) from beginning of armhole shaping, begin neck shaping using Sloped Bind Off technique:
- Bind off 3 sts on the next 2 Wrong Side rows.
- Bind off 2 (3, 3) sts on the next Wrong Side row.
- Bind off 2 (2, 3) sts on the next Wrong Side row.
- Bind off 1 (2, 2) sts on the next Wrong Side row.
- Bind off 1 (1, 2) sts on the last Wrong Side row.

**Size XS:**
- **Row 1 (Right side):** Bind off 4 sts, knit across – 38 sts.
- **Row 2:** Knit.
- **Row 3:** Bind off 4 sts, knit across – 34 sts.
- **Row 4:** Knit.
- **Row 5:** Bind off 3 sts, knit across – 31 sts.
- **Row 6:** Knit.
- **Row 7 (dec):** K1, k2tog, knit across – 30 sts.
- **Rows 8-10:** Knit.

**AT THE SAME TIME,** when piece measures 8” (20.3 cm) from beginning of armhole shaping, begin neck shaping using Sloped Bind Off technique:

**Size S (M, L):**
- **Row 1 (Right Side):** Bind off 4 sts, knit across – 30 (34, 36) sts.
- **Row 2:** Knit.
- **Row 3:** Bind off 2 (4, 4) sts, knit across – 28 (30, 32) sts.
- **Row 4:** Knit.
- **Row 5 (dec):** K1, k2tog, knit across – 27 (29, 31) sts.
- **Rows 6-8:** Knit across.

**AT THE SAME TIME,** when piece measures 6⅞” (16.5 cm) from beginning of armhole shaping, begin neck shaping using Sloped Bind Off technique:
- Bind off 3 sts on the next 2 Wrong Side rows.
- Bind off 2 (3, 3) sts on the next Wrong Side row.
- Bind off 2 (2, 3) sts on the next Wrong Side row.
- Bind off 1 (2, 2) sts on the next Wrong Side row.
- Bind off 1 (1, 2) sts on the last Wrong Side row.

**Size XL:**
- **Row 1 (right side):** Bind off 4 sts, knit across – 38 sts.
- **Row 2:** Knit.
- **Row 3:** Bind off 4 sts, knit across – 34 sts.
- **Row 4:** Knit.
- **Row 5:** Bind off 3 sts, knit across – 31 sts.
- **Row 6:** Knit.
- **Row 7 (dec):** K1, k2tog, knit across – 30 sts.
- **Rows 8-10:** Knit.

**BACK ARMHOLE AND RAGLAN SHAPING**

With Wrong Side facing, transfer 76 (80, 84, 88, 92) sts from holder to larger needle.

**Size XS:**
- **Row 1:** Bind off 4 sts, knit across – 72 sts.
- **Row 2:** Bind off 4 sts, knit – 68 sts.
- **Row 3 (dec):** K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 – 66 sts.
- **Rows 4-6:** Knit across.

Work Rows 3-6 ten more times, then work Rows 3-4 eleven times until there are 24 sts left on needle.

**Bind off all sts.**

**Sizes S (M, L):**
- **Row 1:** Bind off 4 (4, 4) sts, knit to end of row – 76 (80, 84) sts.
- **Row 2:** Bind off 4 (4, 4) sts, knit to end of row – 72 (76, 80) sts.
- **Row 3:** Bind off 2 (4, 4) sts, knit to end of row – 70 (72, 76) sts.
- **Row 4:** Bind off 2 (4, 4) sts, knit to end of row – 68 (68, 72) sts.
- **Row 5 (dec):** K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 – 66 (66, 70) sts.
- **Rows 6-8:** Knit.

**Work Rows 5-8 nine (thirteen, seventeen) more times, then work Rows 5-6 twelve (six, two) times – 24 (28, 32) sts.**

**Bind off all sts.**

**Size XL:**
- **Row 1:** Bind off 4 sts, knit to end of row – 88 sts.
- **Row 2:** Bind off 4 sts, knit to end of row – 84 sts.
- **Row 3:** Bind off 4 sts, knit to end of row – 80 sts.
- **Row 4:** Bind off 4 sts, knit to end of row – 76 sts.
- **Row 5:** Bind off 3 sts, knit to end of row – 73 sts.
- **Row 6:** Bind off 3 sts, knit to end of row – 70 sts.
- **Row 7 (dec):** K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 – 68 sts.
- **Rows 8-10:** Knit.

**Work Rows 7-10 seventeen more times, then work Rows 7-8 once more – 32 sts.**

**Bind off all sts.**

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RIGHT FRONT ARMHOLE AND RAGLAN SHAPING
With Wrong Side facing, transfer 32 (34, 38, 40, 42) sts of Right Front from holder to larger needle.

**Size XS:**
- **Row 1 (Wrong Side):** Bind off 4 sts, knit to end of row – 28 sts.
- **Row 2:** Knit.
- **Row 3 (dec):** K1, ssk, knit to end of row – 27 sts.
- **Rows 4-6:** Knit. Continue to dec every 4 rows 15 times.

**AT THE SAME TIME,** when piece measures 6½” (16.5 cm) from beginning of armhole shaping, begin neck shaping using Sloped Bind Off technique:
- Bind off 3 sts on the next 2 Right Side rows.
- Bind off 2 sts on the next 2 Right Side rows.
- Bind off 1 st on the next 2 Right Side rows.
- Bind off 1 st on the next 2 Right Side rows.

**Sizes S (M, L):**
- **Row 1 (Wrong Side):** Knit across.
- **Row 2:** Bind off 4 sts, knit to end of row – 30 (34, 36) sts.
- **Row 3:** Bind off 2 (4, 4) sts, knit to end of row – 28 (30, 32) sts.
- **Row 4:** Knit.
- **Row 5 (dec):** K1, ssk, knit to end of row – 36 (40, 42) sts.
- **Rows 6-8:** Knit. Continue to dec every 4 rows 8 times and then every 6 rows 6 times.

**AT THE SAME TIME,** when piece measures 8” (20.3 cm) from beginning of armhole shaping, begin neck shaping using Sloped Bind Off technique:
- Bind off 3 sts on the next 4 Right Side rows.
- Bind off 3 sts on the next 2 Right Side rows.

**Sizes XL:**
- **Row 1 (Wrong Side):** Knit across.
- **Row 2:** Bind off 4 sts, knit to end of row – 38 sts.
- **Row 3:** Bind across.
- **Row 4:** Bind off 4 sts, knit to end of row – 34 sts.
- **Row 5:** Bind off 3 sts, knit to end of row – 31 sts.
- **Row 6:** Knit.
- **Row 7 (dec):** K1, ssk, knit to end of row – 30 sts.
- **Rows 8-10:** Knit. Continue to dec every 4 rows 8 times and then every 6 rows 6 times.

**At the same time,** when piece measures 10½” (26.5 cm) from beginning of armhole shaping, begin neck shaping using Sloped Bind Off technique:
- Bind off 2 (2, 3) sts on the next Right Side row.
- Bind off 2 (2, 3) sts on the next Right Side row.
- Bind off 1 (2, 2) sts on the next Right Side row.
- Bind off 1 (1, 2) sts on the last Right Side row.

**SLEEVES (make 2)**
With smaller needle, cast on 60 (60, 60, 64, 64) sts.
- **Row 1 (Wrong Side):** *K2, p2; repeat from * to end of row.
- **Row 2:** *P2, k2; repeat from * to end of row.

Repeat Rows 1-2 twice more.

**FINISHING**
**Pockets**
With Wrong Side facing and using yarn needle, sew pocket in place. With Right Side facing, transfer 24 sts from holder to larger needle.
- **Row 1:** K1, *p2, k2; repeat from * to last 3 sts, p2, k1.
- **Row 2:** P1, *k2, p2; repeat from * to last 3 sts, k2, p1.

Repeat Rows 1-2 two more times.

**Button Hole Row:** Work in K2 P2 rib for 18 (18, 22, 26, 30) sts, bind off 2 sts, work in pattern for 22 sts, bind off 2 sts; repeat from * 5 more times, work in pattern for 4 more sts.

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Next row: Work in pattern for 4 sts, cast on 2 sts using Backwards Loop Cast On Method, *work in pattern for 22 sts, cast on 2 sts; repeat from * 5 more times, work in pattern for 18 (18, 22, 26, 30) sts. Continue in ribbing pattern until band measures 2¼" (5.7 cm) from pick-up edge.

Bind off all sts in pattern.

Left Front Band
With Right Side facing and beginning at top of K1, P1 ribbing section of Left Front neck edge, pick up 168 (168, 172, 176, 180) sts, picking up approximately every 3 out of 4 sts down the Left Front edge.

Row 1 (Wrong Side): *K2, p2; repeat from * to end of row.

Row 2: * P2, k2; repeat from * to end of row.
Repeat Rows 1-2 six more times. Bind off in pattern.

Sew shoulder seams. Sew sleeve seams, leaving last 1" (2.5 cm) open at armhole. With Wrong Side facing, line seam of sleeve up with center of armhole at bind off edge. Sew sleeve into armhole.

Weave in all loose ends. Sew buttons to Left Front band, matching to buttonholes.

ABBREVIATIONS
dec = decrease(s)(d)(ing); K = knit;
k2tog = knit the next 2 stitches together; mm = millimeters; P = Purl;
st(s) = stitch(es); St st = Stockinette stitch; * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.