

#STRIGHTANDNARROWCARDIGAN

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♥ A CARDIGAN FOR THE SLIGHTLY BIGGER GIRLS WHO ARE KEEPING AN EYE ON THEIR MOTHER'S WARDROBE – COOL TO WEAR WITH JEANS AS WELL AS DRESSES. THE CARDIGAN IS WORKED FROM THE TOP DOWN, STARTING WITH THE NECK EDGE AT BOTH SIDES AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF STITCHES FROM THERE TO FORM THE YOKE WITH RAGLANS. THIS ENSURES THAT THERE IS VERY LITTLE FINISHING WORK AT THE END, AS YOU ONLY NEED TO WEAVE IN THE ENDS. THE BEGINNING MIGHT SEAM A BIT CHALLENGING, BUT ASK YOUR BEST KNITTING FRIEND FOR HELP IF NEEDED AND THE REST WILL BE A WALK IN THE PARK.



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ABBREVIATIONS:

st[s] = stitch[es]

k = knit

p = purl

RS = right side

WS = wrong side

tbl = through the back loop

tog = together

M1 = Make 1 increase – lift the chain between the stitches onto the left needle and knit it through the back loop

Selv = Selvedge stitch, slip the first stitch of every row purl-wise and knit the last stitch

Decrease = k2tog or k2tog tbl

The cardigan is worked from the bottom up. First the rib for the neck edge is worked, first the left side then the right, which is knitted together with the left part. Then stitches are picked up and knitted along the side of the rib and the yoke is worked with raglan increases from here. Once the yoke has been completed, the work is divided into body and sleeves, which are finished separately.

PATTERN

LEFT NECK EDGE:

Cast on 9 sts on a UK size 8 [4 mm] needle. Work ribbing as follows:

Row 1 (WS): 1 selv, [p1, k1] 3 times, p1, 1 selv.

Row 2: 1 selv, [k1, p1] 3 times, k1, 1 selv.

Repeat these 2 rows until the work measures 9,5 [9,5] 10 [10] 10 cm. Place the sts on a stitch holder.

Pick up and knit 9 sts along the cast-on edge of the left neck edge rib with a UK size 8 [4 mm] needle, so identical rib can be worked in the opposite direction. Mid back is where the two length of rib both begin.

RIGHT NECK EDGE:

RS row: 1 selv, [k1, p1] 3 times, k1, 1 selv.

WS row: 1 selv, [p1, k1] 3 times, p1, 1 selv.

Repeat these 2 rows until the work measures 9,5 [9,5] 10 [10] 10 cm, and the entire rib measures 19 [19] 20 [20] 20 cm in length. Now pick up sts along the side of the rib to begin the actual yoke of the cardigan.

Place the sts for the right neck rib on a UK size 6 [5 mm], 80 cm circular needle, then pick up sts along the side of the rib (from the side that would be facing down if you were wearing the cardigan), pick up 14 [14] 14 [16] 16 sts along the right half of the rib, then pick up 14 [14] 14 [16] 16 sts along the left half of the rib for a total of 28 [28] 28 [32] 32 sts picked up along the side of the rib, then place the 9 sts from the left neck edge back on the needle. Now begin with a RS row and knit across all 46 [46] 48 [50] 50 sts on the needle.

SIZES

122 [128] 134 [140] 152

MEASUREMENTS

Chest 1/2:

41 [42] 43 [45] 48 cm

Length:

58 [60] 62 [64] 68 cm

YARN

Fluffy Fraya

60% Kid Mohair + 40% Acrylic

50 g = 150 m

YARDAGE

200 [200] 200 [250] 250 g

GAUGE

Gauge in stockinette stitch on a UK size 6 [5 mm] needle: 16 sts x 24 rounds = 10 cm x 10 cm

SUGGESTED NEEDLE SIZE

Circular needle UK size 6 [5 mm], 80 cm and double-pointed needles UK size 8 [4 mm] and 6 [5 mm]

Please note: The needle sizes given above are only suggestions. The size of the needles you need depends on your personal gauge. If you knit firmly you might need a large needle size, if you knit loosely you might need a smaller needle size.

NOTIONS

4 stitch markers, stitch holders

DIVIDE THE STS FOR RAGLAN:

Work 9 sts in rib, k1, 1 raglan stitch, k4 [sleeve], 1 raglan stitch, knit 14 [14] 16 [18] 18 sts [back], 1 raglan stitch, k4 [sleeve], 1 raglan stitch, k1, 9 sts in rib.

Work a WS row of stockinette stitch with rib at the beginning and end as established.

Work a M1 increase on both sides of each raglan stitch every RS row. At the same time, work a M1 increase right after the rib at the beginning of the row and right before the rib at the end of the row every 8th row a total of 5 [5] 6 [6] 7 times.

Divide the work when there are 38 [39] 41 [42] 45 sts on each front, 50 [52] 54 [56] 60 sts on each sleeve and 60 [62] 66 [70] 74 on the back.

Work the left front incl. the raglan stitch, place the sleeve sts on a stitch holder, cast on 4 new sts in extension of the sts for the left front, work the back incl. the raglan stitch at either end, place the sleeve sts on a stitch holder, cast on 4 new sts in extension of the sts for the back, work the right front incl. the raglan stitch. Now work back and forth across the sts for the body with rib at either end until the work measures 54 [56] 58 [60] 64 cm from the centre of the neck rib. Decrease 1 stitch on the last row, for an odd number of sts total.

Change to a UK size 8 [4 mm], 80 cm circular needle and work k1, p1 ribbing across all sts until the work measures 58 [60] 62 [64] 68 cm from the centre of the neck rib. Bind off loosely in rib.

SLEEVES:

Place the sts for the sleeve on UK size 6 [5 mm] double-pointed needles. Cast on 4 sts for under the sleeve and place a marker in the middle of these sts to mark the beginning of the round. Work in the round in stockinette stitch, while working a decrease on either side of the marker every 5th [5th] 5th [5th] 5th round a total of 11 [11] 12 [12] 14 times. There are 32 [34] 34 [36] 36 sts left on the needle. Work straight in stockinette stitch until the work measures 26 [27] 29 [31] 35 cm from the armhole. Change to UK size 8 [4 mm] double-pointed needle and work in k1, p1 ribbing until the sleeve measures 30 [31] 33 [35] 39 cm from the armhole, then bind off in rib.

Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

FINISHING:

Weave in the ends and gently press the finished cardigan. Done.

