

#CHILDSPLAYCARDIGAN

child's play cardigan



FRAYA[®]



♥ A SMALL, SIMPLE PROJECT – EVEN IF YOU ARE A BEGINNER. START AT THE TOP AND EITHER WORK THE CARDIGAN COMPLETELY IN KNIT STITCH OR WITH A SMALL VARIATION WITH KNIT AND PURL STITCHES. INCREASE FOR THE SLEEVES AS DESCRIBED IN THE PATTERN AND THEN WORK THE SLEEVES EITHER ON DOUBLE-POINTED NEEDLES OR ON A CIRCULAR NEEDLE USING THE MAGIC LOOP TECHNIQUE. BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, YOU WILL HAVE CREATED THE LOVELIEST LITTLE BABY CARDIGAN, WHICH IS REVERSIBLE AND CAN BE WORN WITH BOTH THE RIGHT SIDE AND THE WRONG SIDE OUT. IT'S A BIT OF A CHEAT, BUT THE EDGE STITCHES ARE USED AS BUTTONHOLES – CLEVER! GENTLY RINSE THE SWEET CARDIGAN AND LET IT DRY; THIS MAKES THE YARN EVEN MORE GORGEOUS AND SOFT. BEST OF LUCK ♥

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ABBREVIATIONS:

selv st = selvedge stitches: Slip the first stitch purl-wise with the yarn held to the front on every row.

M1R = Make 1 Right increase: Pick up the chain between stitches with the left needle from back to front and knit it.

M1L = Make 1 Left increase: Pick up the chain between stitches with the left needle from front to back and knit it through the back loop.

st(s) = stitch(es)

k = knit

p = purl

RS = right side

WS = wrong side

tbl = through the back loop(s)

tog = together

SEED STITCH OVER AN EVEN NUMBER OF STS:

RS rows: *K1, p1*, repeat from * to * to end of row.

WS rows: *p1, k1*, repeat from * to * to end of row.

Knit stitches are always purled and purl stitches are always knitted, so the stitch switches from knit to purl on every row, forming a texture pattern.

BASIC PATTERN - CARDIGAN IN GARTER STITCH

Cast on 51 [53] 57 [59] 59 sts with two stands of Mindful FRAYA on a UK size 7 [4,5 mm] circular needle.

Knit 3 rows, remembering to work a selv st at the beginning of every row of yoke and body.

Place the following markers on the last row: 10 [10] 11 [12] 12 sts [left front], place marker, 7 [7] 7 [7] 7 sts [left sleeve], place marker, 17 [19] 21 [21] 21 sts [back], place marker, 7 [7] 7 [7] 7 sts [right front], place marker, 10 [10] 11 [12] 12 sts [right front].

Work increases on the next row [RS]: Selv st, *knit to 2 sts before marker, M1R, p1, k1, slip marker, k1, p1, M1L*, repeat from * to * to the last 8 [8] 9 [10] 10 sts on the right front, knit these sts.**

Next row [WS]: Selv st, knit to end of row.

Repeat these 2 rows, working an increase on both sides of each marker every RS row until there are 23 [24] 26 [29] 31 sts on each front, 33 [35] 37 [41] 45 sts on each sleeve and 43 [47] 51 [55] 59 sts on the back. End on a WS row.

Body:

Divide the sts for front and back on the next row [RS] as follows: Selv st, knit 22 [23] 25 [28] 30 sts for the left front, place the 33 [35] 37 [41] 45 sts for the left sleeve on a stitch holder, cast on 4 new sts in extension of the sts on the needle and place a marker in the middle of these sts, knit the 43 [47] 51 [55] 59 sts for the back, place the 33 [35] 37 [41] 45 sts for the right sleeve on a stitch holder, cast on 4 new sts in extension of the sts on the needle and place a marker in the middle of these sts, knit the 23 [24] 26 [29] 31 sts for the right front.

Next row [WS]: Selv st, knit to end of row.

Next row [RS]: Selv st, *knit to 2 sts before marker, p1, k1, slip marker, k1, p1*, repeat from * to * once more, knit to end for row.

Repeat the last 2 rows until the work measures 21 [22] 24 [26] 27 cm. Bind off all sts.

Sleeves:

Place sts for one sleeve on UK size 7 [4,5 mm] double-pointed needles or on a 80 cm UK size 7 [4,5 mm] circular needle using the Magic Loop technique.

Pick up and knit 4 sts in the underarm sts on the body and place a marker in the middle of these.

Join in the round. There are now 37 [39] 41 [45] 49 sts on the needle.

Work in garter stitch by alternately knitting 1 round and purling 1 round, while at the same time working a decrease round every 6th round until there are 25 [25] 27 [27] 27 sts left on the needle.

Work decreases on a knitted round as follows: K2, k2tog tbl, knit to 4 sts before the marker, k2tog, k2.

Work straight in garter stitch until the sleeve measures 16 [18] 20 [22] 24 cm from the armhole.

Bind off all sts.

Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

Finishing:

Weave in all ends and gently press the finished work. The selvedge sts along the front edges form little holes, and these function as buttonholes. Sew buttons on evenly distributed along one side.

SIZES

68 [74] 86 [92] 104 cm

MEASUREMENTS

Half chest circumference:

26 [28] 31 [33] 35 cm

Length:

approx. 21 [22] 24 [26] 27 cm

YARN

Mindful Fraya

100% Wool

50 g = 350 m

YARDAGE

100 [100] 150 [150] 150 g

GAUGE

1 garter stitch on a UK size 7 [4,5 mm] needle:

18 sts x 35 rows = 10 x 10 cm

SUGGESTED NEEDLE SIZE

UK size 7 [4,5 mm] circular needle, 80 cm

Optional: UK size 7 [4,5 mm]

double-pointed needles

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

Stitch markers, stitch holders, small buttons

VARIATION

The cardigan can be worked in stripes of seed stitch and stockinette stitch

CARDIGAN WITH SEED STITCH STRIPES

Cast on and work as for the basic pattern to the three ***

Next row [WS]: Selv st, *purl to 2 sts before marker, k2, slip marker, k2*, repeat from * to * 3 more times, purl to end of row.

Next row [RS]: Selv st, *knit to 2 sts before marker, M1R, p1, k1, slip marker, k1, p1, M1L*, repeat from * to * 3 more times, knit to end of row.

Work 3 more rows as established above.

Next row – seed stitch [RS]: Selv st, *work seed stitch as described above to 2 sts before marker, M1R, p1, k1, slip marker, k1, p1, M1L*, repeat from * to * 3 more times, work seed stitch to end of row.

Next row – seed stitch [WS]: Selv st, *work seed stitch by knitting the purl sts and purling the knit sts as described above to 3 sts before marker, p1, k2, slip marker, k2, p1*, repeat from * to * 3 more times, work seed stitch to end of row.

Repeat the last 2 rows once more for a total of 4 rows of seed stitch.

Work the stripe pattern by working 6 rows in stockinette stitch with increases every RS row as established, then working 4 more rows of seed stitch with increases. Continue in stripes and with increases until there are 23 [24] 26 [29] 31 sts on each front, 33 [35] 37 [41] 45 sts on each sleeve and 43 [47] 51 [55] 59 sts on the back. End on a WS row

Body:

Continue in stripes of stockinette stitch and seed stitch as on the yoke, while at the same time dividing the sts for front and back on the next row [RS] as follows: Selv st, work 22 [23] 25 [28] 30 sts in pattern for the left front, place the 33 [35] 37 [41] 45 sts for the left sleeve on a stitch holder, cast on 4 new sts in extension of the sts on the needle and place a marker in the middle of these sts, work across the 43 [47] 51 [55] 59 sts for the back in pattern, place the 33 [35] 37 [41] 45 sts for the right sleeve on a stitch holder, cast on 4 new sts in extension of the sts on the needle and place a marker in the middle of these sts, work the last 23 [24] 26 [29] 31 sts in pattern for the right front.

Work straight in pattern on the body until the work measures 19 [20] 21 [22] 23 cm. Knit 3 rows.

Bind off all sts.

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Continue the stripe pattern, while at the same time working a decrease round every 6th round until there are 25 [25] 27 [27] 27 sts left on the needle as follows: Work 2 sts in pattern, k2tog tbl, knit to 4 sts before the marker, k2tog, work 2 sts in pattern.

Work straight in garter stitch until the sleeve measures 16 [18] 20 [22] 24 cm from the armhole.

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