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CARAMEL CARDIGAN ON SMALL NEEDLES FOR SMALL PEOPLE. A LOVELY PROJECT FOR THE ADVANCED KNITER WHO WANTS TO SPOIL THE SMALLEST MEMBER OF THE FAMILY. START AT THE TOP AND WORK DOWN, BEGINNING WITH TWISTED RIB AND CONTINUING IN BROKEN RIB WITH RAGLAN INCREASES. ONCE THE CARDIGAN HAS BEEN KNITTED, STITCHES ARE PICKED UP AND KNITTED ALONG THE FRONTS AND FRONT EDGES ARE WORKED IN TWISTED RIB. PRETTY BUTTONS IS THE FINISHING TOUCH, AND NOW YOU HAVE A COMPLETED A SOFT CARDIGAN CUDDLE FOR THE LITTLE RASCAL!

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ABBREVIATIONS:

 st(s)
 = stitch(es)

 k
 = knit

 p
 = purl

 RS
 = right side

 WS
 = wrong side

sl = slip stitch(es) purl-wise
tbl = through the back loop(s)

tog = together

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

TECHNIQUES

Buttonhole = yarn over, knit 2 sts together

Broken rib worked back and forth:

RS rows: Knit.

WS rows: *K1, p1*, repeat from * to *.

Broken rib worked in the round:

Round 1: Knit.

Round 2: *K1, p1*, repeat from * to *. Repeat Round 1 and 2.

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SIZES

62 (68) 74 (80) 86 (92)

Half chest circumference approx.:

24 (26) 27 (28) 30 (31) cm

25 [26] 28 [30] 33 [35] cm

Sleeve length from armhole:

14 (15) 17 (20) 23 (25)

MEASUREMENTS

Length mid back:

Woolly Fraya 100% Alpaca 50 g = 155 m

YARDAGE

62 [68] 74 [80] 86 [92] 100 [100] 150 [150] 150 [200] g

GAUGE

In broken rib on a UK size 11 (3 mm) needle 28 sts x 38 rows = 10 x 10 cm

SUGGESTED NEEDLE SIZE

Circular needles UK size 12½ (2,5 mm) and UK size 11 (3 mm), 80 cm Optionally 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

8 Stitch markers, 2 stitch holders, 6 [6] 7 [7] 7 [8] small buttons

Designed by Vibe Ulrik

Cast on 79 (79) 79 (83) 85 (87) sts on a UK size 12½ (2,5 mm) circular needle.

Row 1 (WS): *P1, k1*, repeat from * to * to the last stitch, k1 tbl (selvedge stitch).

Row 2 (RS): Sl1, p1, *k1 tbl, p1, p1*, repeat from * to * to the last stitch, k1 tbl.

Row 3: Sl1, k1, *p1 tbl, k1*, repeat from * to * to the last stitch, k1 tbl. Repeat Row 2 and 3 twice more, and place the following markers on the last row:

10 (10) 10 (12) 12 (12) sts, place marker, 7 sts, place marker, 3 sts, place marker, 7 sts, place marker, 25 (25) 25 (25) 27 (29) sts, place marker, 7 sts, place marker, 3 sts, place marker, 7 sts, place marker, 10 (10) 10 (12) 12 (12) m.

Change to a 80 cm UK size 11 (3 mm) circular needle (continue working back and forth), and work in broken rib beginning with a RS row, while working raglan increases as follows:

Row 1 (RS): SI1, *knit to marker, M1R, slip marker, k7, slip marker, M1L*, repeat from * to * until the last marker has been slipped, knit to end of row. 8 sts have been increased.

Work rib on the next row as follows:

Row 2: Sl1, [*k1, p1*, repeat from * to * to marker, slip marker, p1, k1, p1, k1, p1, k1, p1, slip marker, p1] repeat from [to] until the last marker has been slipped, work in rib as established to the last 2 sts, k2.

Row 3: Work as Row 1.

Row 4: Sl1, k1, [*p1, k1*, repeat from * to * to marker, slip marker, p1, k1, p1, k1, p1, k1, p1, slip marker k1] repeat from [to] until the last marker has been slipped, work in rib as established to the last stitch, k1.

Repeat Row 1-4 until there are 26 (28) 30 (32) 34 (34) sts on each front, 35 (39) 43 (43) 47 (47) sts on each sleeve and 57 (61) 65 (65) 71 (73) sts on the back and the 7 raglan sts between sleeves and body.

Now divide the work for body and sleeve and finish each part separately in broken rib. Knit 30 (32) 34 (36) 38 (38) sts 26 (28) 30 (32) 34 (34) front sts + 4 raglan sts), place the last 3 raglan sts + 35 (39) 43 (43) 47 (47) sleeve sts + 3 raglan sts from next raglan on a stitch holder, cast on 5 (5) 7 (7) 7 (7) new sts in extension of the sts on the needle, knit the 4 last raglan sts + 57 (61) 65 (65) 71 (73) back sts + 4 sts from next raglan (a total of 65 (69) 73 (73) 79 (81) sts), place the last 3 raglan sts + 35 (39) 43 (43) 47 (47) sleeve sts + 3 raglan sts from next raglan on a stitch holder, cast on 5 (5) 7 (7) 7 (7) new sts in extension of the sts on the needle, knit the 4 last raglan sts + 26 (28) 30 (32) 34 (34) front sts.

Continue back and forth across the body sts in broken rib until the work measures 24 [25] 27 [29] 32 [34] cm from the cast-on edge mid back. End on a WS row.

Change to a UK size 12½ (2,5 mm), 80 cm circular needle and work in rib as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, p1, *k1 tbl, p1*, repeat from * to * to the last stitch, k1.

Row 2 (WS): Sl1, k1, *p1 tbl, k1*, repeat from * to * to the last stitch, k1.

Repeat Row 1 and 2 once more. Work Row 1 one last time. Cast off all sts in twisted rib.

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Sleeves:

Place the 3 raglan sts + 35 (39) 43 (43) 47 (47) sleeve sts + 3 raglan sts on a UK size 11 (3 mm), 80 cm circular needle (if using the Magic Loop technique) or UK size 11 (3 mm) double-pointed needles. Pick up and knit 5 (5) 7 (7) 7 (7) sts in the sts cast on at the underarm on the body and place a marker for the beginning of the round in the middle of these sts, so there are 2 (2) 3 (3) 3 (3) sts to the front of the sleeve and 3 (3) 4 (4) 4 (4) to the back.

Work in the round and continue in broken rib, beginning with a knit round. Work an decrease round every 10th [8th] 8th [8th] 8th [8th] round a total of 4 [6] 7 [7] 8 [8] times as follows: K1, k2tog, knit to the last 3 sts of the round, k2tog tbl, k1.

There are now 38 (38) 42 (42) 44 (46) sts left on the needle. Continue in broken rib until the sleeve measures 13 (14) 16 (19) 22 (24) cm from the armhole.

Change to a UK size $12\frac{1}{2}$ [2,5 mm] circular needle or double-pointed needles. Work 4 rounds in twisted rib [k1 tbl, p1]. Cast off all sts in twisted rib.

Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

FRONT EDGES AND FINISHING:

Pick up and knit sts along the front edges with a UK size $12\frac{1}{2}$ [2,5 mm] needle. Take care that the edges do not become too tight and pull the fronts together or too loose. Pick up and knit approx. 6 sts for every 10 rows.

Left front edge: Work 5 rows in twisted rib (k1 tbl, p1). Bind off in twisted rib.

Right front edge: Work twisted rib the same as for left front edge, but work 6(6)7(7)7(8) buttonholes evely distributed on the 3rd row.

Weave in all ends. Sew on buttons across from the buttonholes.

