

#CHILDSPLAYCARDIGAN

## child's play cardigan - lavish version



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♥ 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! ♥

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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

## BASIC PATTERN - CARDIGAN IN GARTER STITCH

Cast on 51 [53] 57 [59] 59 sts on a UK size 8 [4 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 8 [4 mm] double-pointed needles or on a 80 cm UK size 8 [4 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

62 [68] 74 [86] 92

## MEASUREMENTS

Half chest circumference:

24 [26] 28 [29] 31 cm

Length:

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

## YARN

Lavish Fraya

50% Cashmere + 50% Extrafine

Merino

25 g = 100 m

## YARDAGE

100 [100] 150 [150] 150 g

## GAUGE

1 garter stitch on a UK size 8 [4 mm] needle:

20 sts x 38 rows = 10 x 10 cm

## SUGGESTED NEEDLE SIZE

UK size 8 [4 mm] circular needle, 80 cm

Optional: UK size 8 [4 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