Nostalgia cardigan - Delicate

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♥ A CUTE CARDIGAN WORKED IN GORGEOUS WARM BABY MERINO. THE DESIGN HAS A CIRCULAR YOKE WITH LITTLE ARCHES – THE INCREASES ARE PLACED SO THE EACH ARCH ENDS EXACTLY BELOW (OR IN BETWEEN) THE PREVIOUS ARCHES, SO THE PATTERN IS PLEASINGLY HARMONIOUS. THE LENGTH OF THE BODY AND SLEEVES OF THE CARDIGAN IS EASILY ADJUSTED, SINCE THE DESIGN IS WORKED FROM THE TOP DOWN – AND THERE IS ALMOST NO FINISHING WORK. KNIT IT FOR YOUR DAUGHTER, YOUR NEPHEW OR SOMEBODY ELSE WHO WOULD LOVE THIS SWEET CARDIGAN – THE PERFECT PROJECT FOR YOU IF YOU ARE ALREADY AN EXPERIENCED KNITTER.

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ABBREVIATIONS:

st(s) = stitch(es)
k = knit
p = purl
sl = slip stitch purl-wise
tbl = through the back loop
buttonhole = k2tog, yarn over
selv st = Selvedge st: knit the first stitch of every row through the back loop, slip the last stitch of every row purl-wise with the yarn held in front
wyib = with the yarn held in back
wyif = with the yarn held in front

C3R = slip next 2 sts onto cable needle and leave at back of work, K1, then K2 from cable needle.
C3L = slip next st onto cable needle and leave at front of work, K2, then K1 from cable needle
M1 = Make 1 increase – lift the chain between the stitches onto the left needle and knit it through the back loop

The cardigan is worked from the top down and has very little finishing work at the end. First the neck is worked with short rows, then the yoke. Then the work is divided into body and sleeves and each part is finished separately.

PATTERN:

Cast on 72 [72] 72 [72] 72 sts on UK 13-12 (2.5 mm) needles. Beginning with a WS row, work 7 rows of k1, p1 ribbing.
Change to UK 10-12 (3 mm) needles.
Work short rows as follows:
Row 8: K56, turn.
Row 9: Sl1, p39, turn.
Row 10: Sl1, k43, turn.
Row 11: Sl1, p44, turn.
Row 12: Sl1, knit to the last 8 sts, turn.
Row 13: Sl1, purl to the last 8 sts, turn.
Row 14: Sl1, knit to end of row while at the same time increasing 12 [12] 12 [24] 24 sts evenly across the row.
There are now 84 [84] 84 [96] 96 sts on the needle.
Row 15: Purl.
Now work pattern as follows:
Row 16: 1 selv st, k4, *sl2 wyib, k10*, repeat from * to * to the last 7 sts, sl2 wyib, k4, 1 selv st.
Row 17: 1 selv st, p4, *sl2 wyif, p10*, repeat from * to * to the last 7 sts, sl2 wyif, p4, 1 selv st.
Row 18: 1 selv st, k2, *C3R, C3L, k6*, repeat from * to * to the last 9 sts, C3R, C3L, k2, 1 selv st.
Row 19: Purl.
Row 20: 1 selv st, k4, *M1, k2, M1, k4*, repeat from * to * to the last 7 sts, M1, k2, M1, k4, 1 selv st.
There are now 110 [110] 110 [126] 126 sts on the needle.
Row 21: Purl.
Row 22: 1 selv st, k13, *sl2 wyib, k14*, repeat from * to * to the last 16 sts, sl2 wyib, k13, 1 selv st.
Row 23: 1 selv st, p13, *sl2 wyif, p14*, repeat from * to * to the last 16 sts, sl2 wyif, p13, 1 selv st.
Row 24: 1 selv st, k11, *C3R, C3L, k10*, repeat from * to * to the last 18 sts, C3R, C3L, k11, 1 selv st.
Row 25: Purl.
Row 26: 1 selv st, k5, *M1, k2, M1, k6*, repeat from * to * to the last 8 sts, M1, k2, M1, k5, 1 selv st.
There are now 136 [136] 136 [156] 156 sts on the needle.
Row 27: Purl.
Row 28: 1 selv st, k6, * sl2 wyib, k18*, repeat from * to * to the last 9 sts, sl2 wyib, k6, 1 selv st.
Row 29: 1 selv st, p6, *sl2 wyif, p18*, repeat from * to * to the last 9 sts, sl2 wyif, p6, 1 selv st.
Row 30: 1 selv st, k4, *C3R, C3L, k14*, repeat from * to * to the last 11 sts, C3R, C3L, k4, 1 selv st.

SIZES
62 [68] 74 [80] 86

MEASUREMENTS
Half chest circumference:
24 [25] 27 [28] 29 cm
Length:
26 [27] 28 [30] 33 cm

YARN
Delicate Fraya
100% Merino Wool extra fine
50 g = 175 m

YARDAGE
100 [100] 150 [150] 150 g

GAUGE
Gauge in stockinette stitch on UK 10-12 (3 mm) needles:
25 m x 36 p = 10 cm x 10 cm

SUGGESTED NEEDLE SIZE
Straight and double pointed needles UK size 10-12 (3 mm) and 13-12 (2.5 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
2 stitch holders, stitch markers, 6 buttons

Row 31: Purl.

Row 32: Knit.

Row 33: Purl.

Row 34: 1 selv st, k16, * sl2 wyib, k18*, repeat from * to * to the last 19 sts, sl2 wyib, k16, 1 selv st.

Row 35: 1 selv st, p16, * sl2 wyif, p18*, repeat from * to * to the last 19 sts, sl2 wyif, p16, 1 selv st.

Row 36: 1 selv st, k14, *C3R, C3L, k14*, repeat from * to * to the last 21 sts, C3R, C3L, k14, 1 selv st.

Row 37: Purl.

Row 38: 1 selv st, k6, *M1, k2, M1, k8*, repeat from * to * to the last 9 sts, M1, k2, M1, k6, 1 selv st. There are now 162 (162) 162 (186) 186 sts on the needle.

Row 39: Purl.

Row 40: 1 selv st, k7, *sl2 wyib, k22*, repeat from * to * to the last 10 sts, sl2 wyib, k7, 1 selv st.

Row 41: 1 selv st, p7, *sl2 wyif, p22*, repeat from * to * to the last 10 sts, sl2 wyif, p7, 1 selv st.

Row 42: 1 selv st, k5, *C3R, C3L, k18*, repeat from * to * to the last 12 sts, C3R, C3L, k5, 1 selv st.

Row 43: Purl.

Row 44: Knit.

Row 45: Purl.

Row 46: 1 selv st, k19, *sl2 wyib, k22*, repeat from * to * to the last 22 sts, sl2 wyib, k19, 1 selv st.

Row 47: 1 selv st, p19, *sl2 wyif, p22*, repeat from * to * to the last 22 sts, sl2 wyif, p19, 1 selv st.

Row 48: 1 selv st, k17, *C3R, C3L, k18*, repeat from * to * to the last 24 sts, C3R, C3L, k17, 1 selv st.

Row 49: Purl.

Row 50: 1 selv st, knit 4 (14) 9 (9) 10 sts, *M1, knit 6 (4) 3 (5) 4 sts*, repeat from * to * to the last 1 (11) 8 (6) 7 sts, knit 0 (10) 7 (5) 6 sts, 1 selv st. There are now 188 (196) 210 (220) 228 sts on the needle.

Row 51: Purl.

Divide the work for body and sleeves as follows: Knit 26 (27) 29 (31) 32 sts (left front), slip the next 40 (42) 44 (46) 48 sts to a stitch holder (sleeve), cast on 4 new sts in extension of the sts on the needle, knit 56 (58) 64 (66) 68 sts (back), slip the next 40 (42) 44 (46) 48 sts to a stitch holder (sleeve), cast on 4 new sts in extension of the sts on the needle, knit 26 (27) 29 (31) 32 sts (right front).

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch across the body until the work measures 25 (26) 27 (29) 32 cm, measured from the middle of the neck. Change to UK 13-12 (2.5 mm) needles and work 5 rows of k1, p1 ribbing. Cast off loosely.

SLEEVES:

Slip the sts for the first sleeve to UK 12-10 (3 mm) double-pointed needles (or use a circular needle and the magic loop method). Pick up and knit 4 sts for the armhole and place a marker at the centre of these sts to mark the beginning of the round. Work in the round in stockinette stitch, while at the same time knitting 2 sts together on either side of the marker every 16th row until there are 38 (40) 42 (44) (44) sts left on the needle. Work straight until the sleeve measures 13 (14) 15 (16) 18 cm from the armhole. Change to UK 13-12 (2.5 mm) double-pointed needles and work 5 rows of k1, p1 ribbing. Cast off loosely.

Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

FINISHING AND FRONT EDGES:

Weave in all ends and gently press the finished work.

Pick up and knit approx. 60 (68) 74 (80) 84 sts along the right front edge with a UK 13-12 (2.5 mm) needle and work 5 rows of k1, p1 ribbing. Cast off.

Pick up and knit the same number of sts along the left front edge and knit 2 rows of k1, p1 ribbing. Work a row of 6 buttonholes evenly distributed approx. 5 cm apart on the next row. Work 2 more rows of ribbing. Cast off.

Weave in the last ends and sew in the buttons.