

Slouchy Cardigan

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SIZES: Small/Medium (Medium/Large) To fit women's bust, size 32"-34" (34"-36")

NEEDLES: One pair straight needles size US 8 (5 mm) needles
Change needle size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

NOTIONS: Stich markers, yarn needle

GAUGE: 19 sts and 25 rows = 4"

ABBREVIATIONS

CO – cast on

BO—bind off

K - knit

K2tog - knit 2 stitches together

N - needle, N1 = needle #1

P - purl

P2tog - purl 2 stitches together

R - round / row

RS - right side

S11 - slip 1 stitch purl-wise

Ssk - slip 2 stitches individually knit-wise, knit these 2 sts together through back loops

St/Sts - stitch / stitches

WS - wrong side

Yo - yarn over

INSTRUCTIONS

BACK

CO 84 (88) sts

Row 1: (WS) *K1, p1; rep from * across.

Change to St st: work even until piece measures 4" from beginning, end with a WS row.

Shape Sides: (RS) Decrease 1 st each side on this row—82 (86) sts remain

Work even until piece measures 8” from beginning, end with a WS row

Decrease 1 st each side on this row—80 (84) sts remain.

Work even until piece measures 16 ½” from beginning, end with a WS row.

Shape Armholes: (RS) BO 3 sts at beginning of next 2 rows, 2 sts at beginning of next 4 rows—66 (70) sts remain. Decrease 1 st each side every row 3 times—60 (64) sts remain.

Work even until Armhole measures 9 1/2” from beginning of shaping, ending with a WS row.

Shape Shoulders: (RS) BO 5 sts at beginning of next 4 rows, 4 (6) sts at beginning of next 2 rows—32 sts remain. BO remaining sts.

RIGHT FRONT

CO 84 (88) sts.

Row 1: (WS) *K1, p1; rep from * across.

Change to ST st and AT THE SAME TIME, shape center front as follows:

BO 2 sts at beginning of next row, then every other row 4 times. Work 1 (WS) row even.
74 (78) sts remain.

(RS) Decrease 1 st at beginning of this row, then every other row 23 times (50 (54) sts remain, then every 4 rows 9 times, every 6 rows 6 (8) times—and at the same time, when the piece measures 16 ½” from the beginning, shape armhole. End with a RS row.

Shape Armhole: (WS) At Armhole edge, BO 3 sts, 2 sts twice, then decrease 1 st every row 3 times—24 (26) sts remain.

Work until Armhole measures 9 ½” from beginning of shaping, end with a RS row.

Shape Shoulder: (WS) at armhole edge, BO 5 sts twice, 4 (6) sts once—10 sts remain.

Work 1 row even. BO remaining sts.

LEFT FRONT

Work as for Right Front, reversing all shaping.

SLEEVES (make two).

CO 61 (64) sts.

Row 1: (WS) *K1, p1; rep from* to last 1 (0), k 1 (0) across.

Change to St st; work 4 rows even, end with a WS row.

Shape Sleeve: (RS) Decrease Row: [K10, k2tog] twice, k13 (16), [k2to, k10] twice—57 (60).

Work 7 rows even, end with a WS row.

Decrease Row: [K9, k2tog] twice—53 (56) sts remain.

Work 7 rows even, end with a WS row.

Decrease Row: [K8, k2tog], twice, k13 (16), [k2tog, k8] twice—49 (52) sts remain.

Work 7 rows even, end with a WS row.

Decrease Row: [K7, k2tog] twice, k13 (16), [k2tog, k7] twice—45 (48) sts remain.

Work even in St st until piece measures 14 (13)’ from beginning, end with a WS row.

Shape Sleeve: (RS) Increase 1 st each side on this row, then every 6 rows twice, every 4 rows 2 (4) times—55 (62) sts.

Work even until piece measures 18” from beginning, ending with a WS row.

Shape Cap: (RS) BO 3 sts at beginning of next 2 rows, 2 sts at beginning of next 4 rows, then at each side decrease 1 st every other row 10 times –21 (28) sts remain. Bind off remaining sts.

HOOD (optional).

CO 124 sts.

Row 1: (WS) *K1, p1; rep from *across.

Change to St st; work even until piece measures 9 ½” from beginning, end with a WS row.

Divide Hood and Shape Top:

(RS) Work 62 sts, join second ball of yarn, work to end. Working both sides at the same time, work 1 (WS) row even, turn, and then decrease 1st at beginning of this row, then every other row once.

Work 2 rows even, end RS row.

Decrease Row: (RS) decrease 1 stitch, each side, as follows:

For right side of hood, work across to last 3 sts, k2tog, work 1 st;

for Left Side of Hood, work 1st, ssk, work to end—61 sts remain each side. Work 1 WS row. Repeat Decrease Row once, then at each center edge, BO 2 sts twice, 3 sts once, then 4 stitches once, AND AT THE SAME TIME, at each outside edge, BO 7 sts twice, 8 sts once. BO remaining 27 sts each side.

BO 28 sts for each side of hood.

FINISHING

Sew shoulders together. Set in Sleeves; sew side and Sleeve seams. Sew center back seam of Hood. Sew Hood to neck edge, lining up center back seam of hood with center Back neck edge. Using yarn needle, weave in all loose ends.

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