

Diamond Cardigan

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SIZE

S	M	L	XL	XXL	
To fit chest					
102	107	112	117	122	cm
40	42	44	46	48	in

ACTUAL MEASUREMENTS

Chest (flat measurement)					
53.5	56.5	59	62.5	65.5	cm
21½	22½	23	25	26	in
Length					
66	68	68	70	70	cm
26	27	27	27½	27½	in
Sleeve length					
53	55	57	59	61	cm
21	22	22½	23	24	in

YARN

Rowan Wool Cotton					
A Smalt 963					
12	13	13	14	14	x50gm
B Bilberry 969					
1	1	1	1	1	x50gm
C Chestnut 966					
1	1	1	1	1	x50gm

NEEDLES

1 pair 4mm (no 8) (USA 6) needles
 1 pair 3¾mm (no 9) (USA 5) needles
 1 x 3¾ mm (no 9) (USA 5) circular needle
 Stitch holders
 6 x 00324 buttons

TENSION

22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm measured over st st using 4mm (no 8) (USA 6) needles.

BACK

Using 3¾mm (USA 5) needles and yarn A, cast on 119 [125: 131: 139: 145] sts.

Row 1 (RS) – * K1, P1, rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 2 – P1, * K1, P1, rep from * to end.

These 2 rows form 1x1 rib.

Work 6 rows more in rib, dec 1 st at centre of last of these rows and ending with RS facing for next row.

118 [124: 130: 138: 144] sts.

Change to 4mm (USA 6) needles

Beg with a K row, cont in st st until back meas 39.5 [40.5: 39.5: 40.5: 39.5] cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape armholes

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. 112 [118: 124: 132: 138] sts.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 5 [5: 3: 3: 3] rows, then foll 3 [2: 2: 1: 0] alt rows. 96 [104: 114: 124: 132] sts.

Cont straight until armholes meas 23 [24: 25: 26: 27]cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape back neck

Next row (RS): K29 [33: 36: 41: 44], turn and leave rem sts on a stitch holder.

Work each side of neck separately.

Dec 1 st at beg of next row and at same edge on 4 foll rows.

24 [28: 31: 36: 39] sts.

Shape shoulder

Cast off 11 [13: 14: 17: 18] sts at beg and dec 1 st at end of next row. 12 [14: 16: 18: 20] sts.

Dec 1 st at beg of next row.

Cast off rem 11 [13: 15: 17: 19] sts.

With RS facing rejoin yarn to rem sts, cast off centre 38 [38: 42: 42: 44: 44] sts, K to end.

Complete to match first side reversing shapings.

LEFT FRONT

Using 3¾mm (USA 5) needles and yarn A, cast on 57 [60: 63: 67: 70] sts.

Row 1 (RS): * K1, P1, rep from to last 1 [2: 1: 1: 2] sts. K1, P0 [1: 0: 0: 1].

Row 2: K0 [1: 0: 0: 1], P1, * K1, P1, rep from * to end.

These 2 rows form rib.

Work 6 rows more in rib.

Change to 4mm (USA 6) needles

Beg with a K row work 48 rows in st st, ending with RS facing for next row.

Next row (RS): K14 [17: 20: 24: 27], work next 27 sts from row 49 of chart, K to end.

This row sets the sts. 27 sts from chart rep 54 rows throughout with st st either side.

Cont in patt as set as follows:

Cont straight until left front matches back to shape armholes, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape armhole and neck

Next row (RS): Keeping patt correct cast off 3 sts, patt to last 2 sts, K2tog. 53 [56: 59: 63: 66] sts.

Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at beg of next 5 [5: 3: 3: 3] rows, then foll 3 [2: 2: 1: 0] alt rows and at same time dec 1 st at neck edge in next and every foll alt row. 39 [44: 50: 56: 61] sts.

Dec 1st at neck edge only in 2nd row, then 3 [4: 5: 6: 7] foll alt rows, then every foll 4th row to 22 [26: 29: 34: 37] sts, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape shoulder

Next row: Keeping patt correct cast off 11 [13: 14: 17: 18] sts, K to end.

Work 1 row.

Cast off rem 11 [13: 15: 17: 19] sts.

RIGHT FRONT

Using 3³/₄mm (USA 5) needles and yarn A, cast on 57 [60: 63: 67: 70] sts.

Row1 (RS): P0 [1: 0: 0: 1], * K1, P1, rep from to last st, K1.

Row 2: P1, * K1, P1, rep from to last 0 [1: 0: 0: 1], P0 [1: 0: 0: 1]. These 2 rows form rib.

Work 6 rows more in rib.

Change to 4mm (USA 6) needles

Beg with a K row work 48 rows in st st, ending with RS facing for next row.

Next row (RS): K16, work next 27 sts from row 49 of chart, K to end.

This row sets the sts. 27 sts from chart rep 54 rows throughout with st st either side.

Cont in patt as set as follows:

Work as given for left front reversing shapings.

SLEEVES (Both alike)

Using 3³/₄mm (USA 5) needles and yarn A, cast on 49 [51: 53: 55: 59] sts.

Work 18 rows in 1x1 rib as given for back dec 1 st at centre of last of these rows. 48 [50: 52: 54: 58] sts.

Change to 4mm (USA 6) needles

Beg with a K row cont in st st shaping sides by inc 1 st at each end of 5th row, then ever foll 4th [4th: 6th: 6th: 6th] row to 60 [58: 94: 90: 88] sts, then every foll 6th [6th: 8th: 8th: 8th] row to 92 [94: 96: 98: 102] sts.

Cont straight until sleeve meas 53 [55: 57: 59: 61]cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape top

Dec 1 st at each end of next 4 rows. 84 [86: 88: 90: 94] sts.

Cast off 10 sts at beg of next 6 rows. 24 [26: 28: 30: 34] sts.

Cast off 8 sts at beg of next 2 rows. Cast off rem 8 [10: 12: 14: 18] sts.

MAKING UP

Join shoulder, side and sleeve seams using back stitch or mattress stitch if preferred.

Insert sleeves using the shallow set in method.

Front edging

With RS facing, using 3³/₄mm (USA 5) circular needle and yarn A, pick up and knit 88 [90: 88: 90: 88] sts up right front edge to beg of neck shaping, 55 [57: 59: 61: 63] sts up shaped edge, 51 [51: 55: 55: 57] sts from back neck, 55 [57: 59: 61: 63] sts down shaped edge and 88 [90: 88: 90: 88] sts down left front edge. 337 [345: 349: 357: 359] sts.

Work 2 rows in 1x1 rib as given for back, ending with WS facing for next row.

Next row (WS): (Make buttonholes) Rib 2, (cast off 2 sts, rib until there are 14 sts on right hand needle), 5 times, cast off 2 sts, rib to end.

Next row: Rib to end casting on 2 sts over cast off sts of previous row.

Work 2 rows more in rib. Cast off in rib.

Pockets (make 2)

Using 4mm (USA 6) needles and yarn A, cast on 31 sts.

Beg with a K row cont in st st as follows;

K2, K27 sts from row 1 of chart, K2.

This row sets the sts.

Work 43 rows in patt as set, ending with row 44 of chart and RS facing for next row.

Change to 3³/₄ mm (USA 5) needles

Using yarn A only, beg with row 1 of 1x1 rib as given for back, work 4 rows, ending with RS facing for next row. Cast off in rib. Slip stitch pockets to fronts over plain st st and matching patt. Sew on buttons to correspond with buttonholes.

