

## Left of Center Cardi

Designed by Universal Yarn Design Team

## SIZES

3 mos ( $6 \mathrm{mos}, 12 \mathrm{mos}, 18 \mathrm{mos}, 2 \mathrm{yrs}$ )

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
Chest: $153 / 4(161 / 4,171 / 2,183 / 4,20)$ "
Length: $93 / 4$ (11, 11 $3 / 4,121 / 2,131 / 4)^{\prime \prime}$

## MATERIALS

Universal Yarn Little Bird (100\% acrylic; 100 g/346 yds)

- 109 Peacock (MC) - 1 (1, 1, 2, 2) skein(s)
Universal Yarn Little Bird Colors (100\% acrylic; 100 g/346 yds)
- 206 Bouncy Ball (A) - 1 skein all sizes
Needles: US Size 3 ( 3.25 mm ) straight or size needed to obtain gauge US Size 2 ( 2.75 mm ) straight
Notions: Tapestry needle, stitch markers, nine $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ buttons


## GAUGE

26 sts $\times 32$ Rows $=4^{\prime \prime}$ in Creative Reliefs patt
Save time, check your gauge.

Rnit, Relax, Smile, Repeat!

## PATTERN NOTES

The Left of Center Cardi is an adorable knit for little ones. An interesting, textured stripe pattern worked in Little Bird Colors makes this project a joy to knit.

Left of Center is knit flat and seamed. The Front and Back of the cardigan are knit in one piece to the armholes, then divided and worked separately. When decreasing or increasing in pattern, maintain pattern as established.

## STITCH GUIDE

## Creative Reliefs

(odd number of sts)
Note: Stitch count is cut in half on Row 3. Stitch count is restored again on Row 4.
Row 1 (RS): With MC, knit to end.
Row 2 (WS): With MC, purl to end.
Row 3: With CC, k1, * k2tog; rep from * to end.
Row 4: With CC, k1, * m1, k1; rep from * to end.
Rep Rows 1-4 for patt.

## CARDIGAN

## Hem

With smaller ndl and MC, cast on 91 (95, 103, $111,119)$ sts. Work 6 rows in Garter st. Change to larger ndl.

## Body

Work in Creative Reliefs patt to end changing colors as indicated in chart or written instructions. Cont as est'd, working Rows 1-4 of Creative Reliefs patt, until Cardigan meas 53/4 (63/4, $71 / 4,73 / 4,81 / 4)^{\prime \prime}$ from cast-on edge, ending with a WS Row.

## Divide Fronts \& Back

Setup Row (RS): Cont as est'd over 14 (15, 17, 19,
21) Right Front sts, join a new ball of yarn and cont as est'd over $51(53,57,61,65)$ Back sts, join a new ball of yarn and cont as est'd over 26 (27, 29, 31, 33) Left Front sts. Place Right Front sts on holder, place Back sts on separate holder.

## Left Front

Next Row (WS): Cont as est'd to end.
Next Row (RS): Bind off 3 sts, cont as est'd to end - $23(24,26,28,30)$ sts rem.

Next Row: Cont as est'd to end.

Dec Row (RS): K1, ssk, cont as est'd to end - 1 st dec'd, 22 (23, 25, 27, 29) sts rem.
Rep Dec Row every RS Row $7(6,5,6,5)$ more times, then rep Dec Row every 4 rows 0 (1, 2, 2, $3)$ time(s) $-15(16,18,19,21)$ Left Front sts rem. Bind off all sts. Return Right Front sts to ndl.

## Right Front

Next Row (WS): Bind off 3 sts, cont as est'd to end - 11 (12, 14, 16, 18) sts rem.
Dec Row (RS): Cont as est'd to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 - 1 st dec'd, $10(11,13,15,17)$ sts rem. Rep Dec Row every RS Row $7(6,5,6,5)$ more times, then rep Dec Row every 4 rows 0 (1, 2, 2, $3)$ time(s) - $3(4,6,7,9)$ Right Front sts rem. Bind off all sts. Return Back sts to ndl.

## Back

Bind off 3 sts at the beg of the next 2 rows -45 $(47,51,55,59)$ sts rem.
Dec Row (WS): K1, ssp, cont as est'd to last 3 sts, p2tog, k1 - 2 sts dec'd, $43(45,49,53,57)$ sts rem.
Dec Row (RS): K1, ssk, cont as est'd to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 - 2 sts dec'd,
Rep Dec Row every RS row $3(5,7,8,10)$ more times, $(6,1014,16,20)$ sts dec'd, $35(33,33,35$, 35) sts rem.

Sizes 3 mos, 6 mos, 12 mos, \& 18 mos Only
Dec Row (WS): K1, ssp, cont as est'd to last 3 sts, p2tog - 2 sts dec'd, $33(31,31,33)$ sts rem. Rep Dec Row every row $5(3,1,1,0)$ more time(s) $-10(6,2,2,0)$ sts dec'd, $23(25,29,31,35)$ sts rem. Bind off all sts.

## Sleeves

With smaller ndl and MC, cast on 31 (35, 35, 37, 37) sts. Work 6 rows in Garter st. Change to larger ndl.

## Main Sleeve

Row 1 (RS): Work in Creative Reliefs patt to end.
Row 2 (WS): Work in Creative Reliefs patt to end.
Inc Row: K1, m1, cont as est'd to last st, m1, k1 2 sts inc'd.
Rep Inc Row every RS row 9 (5, 3, 1, 3) more time(s), then rep Inc Row every 4 rows 3 (7, 10, $13,14)$ times $-57(61,63,67,73)$ sts.

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Cont as est'd, if necessary, until Sleeve meas 5 (6, $7,8,9)$ " from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

## Raglan Shaping

Bind off 3 sts at the beg of the next 2 rows 51 (55, $57,61,67$ ) sts rem.
Dec Row (RS): K1, ssk, cont as est'd to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 - 2 sts dec'd.
Dec Row (WS): K1, ssp, cont as est'd to last 3 sts, p2tog, k1-2 sts dec'd.
Work a Dec Row every row $12(10,10,10,14)$ more times, then work a Dec Row every RS row 1 $(3,4,5,4)$ times - $21(25,25,27,27)$ sts rem. Bind off all sts.

## FINISHING

Seam Sleeves to Front and Back.

## Right Button Band

With RS facing, MC, and smaller ndl, pick up and knit $50(58,63,68,73)$ sts evenly along Left Front edge. Work 9 rows in Garter st. Bind off all sts.

## Neck Edging

With smaller ndl and MC, and RS facing, pick up and knit 6 sts along top of Right Button Band, pick up and knit $1(2,4,5,7)$ st(s) along Right Front, pm, pick up and knit $19(23,23,25,25)$ sts along Sleeve, pm, pick up and knit 21 ( $23,27,29$, 33 ) sts along Back, pm, pick up and knit 19 (23, $23,25,25$ ) sts along Sleeve, pm, pick up and knit $14(15,17,18,20)$ sts along Left Front - $80(92$, 100, 108, 116) sts.
Row 1 (WS): Knit to end.
Row 2 (RS): [Knit to 2 sts bef m, ssk, sl m, k2tog] 4 times, knit to end - 8 sts dec'd - 72 ( 84,92 , $100,108)$ sts rem.
Rep Rows 1-2, 5 more times - $32(44,52,60,68)$ sts rem.
Work 4 rows in Garter st. Bind off all rem sts.

## Left Buttonhole Band

Note: One Row 2, the double yarn-overs are worked with the preceding stitch and first stitch following the double yarn-overs.
With RS facing, MC, and smaller ndl, pick up and knit $50(58,63,68,73)$ sts evenly along Left Front edge. Work 9 rows in Garter st.

Buttonhole Row 1 (RS): K 1 (1, 3, 2, 4), \{[yo] 2 times, k6 (7, 7, 8, 8)\} 8 times, [yo] 2 times, k1 (1, 4, 2, 5 .
Buttonhole Row 2 (WS): [Cont as est'd to 1 st bef double yo, \{k2tog, p2tog\}] 9 times, cont as est'd to end -9 buttonholes.
Cont in Garter st for 5 rows. Bind off all sts pwise. Sew top of Left Buttonhole Band and the side of the Neck Edging on the Left Front tog. Sew buttons to Right Button Band opposite buttonholes. Weave in any rem ends.

| Abbreviations |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| bef | before |
| beg | begin(ning) |
| CC | contrast color |
| cont | continue |
| dec('d) | decrease(d) |
| est'd | established |
| garter st | knit every row |
| inc('d) | increase(d) |
| k | knit |
| k2tog | knit 2 stitches together (1 st |
|  | dec'd) |
| m | marker |
| m1 | insert left needle from front to |
|  | back under horizontal strand of |
|  | yarn lying between st just |
|  | worked and next st, knit or purl |
|  | this st through the back loop (1 st |
|  | inc'd) |
| MC | main color |
| meas | measures |
| ndl | needle |
| p | purl |
| p2tog | purl 2 sts together (1 st dec'd) |
| patt | pattern |
| pm | place marker |
| pwise | purlwise |
| rem | remain(ing) |
| rep | repeat |
| RS | right side |
| sl | slip <br> ssk |
| slip next 2 sts individually |  |
| snitwise, slip them back to left |  |
|  | needle in this position, knit them |
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