PATTERN COLLECTION

Children

Left of Center Cardi

Designed by Universal Yarn Design Team

SKILL
Knitting

DIFFICULTY
Intermediate

SIZES
3 mos (6 mos, 12 mos, 18 mos, 2 yrs)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
Chest: 15¾ (16¼, 17½, 18¾, 20)"
Length: 9¾ (11, 11¾, 12½, 13¼)"

MATERIALS
Universal Yarn *Bamboo Pop* (50% bamboo, 50% cotton; 100g/292 yds)

- 139 Sundae (MC) – 1 (1, 1, 2, 2) ball(s)
- 226 Fresh Cut (CC) – 1 ball (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, stitch holders or waste yarn, ten ½" buttons

GAUGE
26 sts x 32 Rows = 4" in Creative Reliefs patt with larger ndl
Save time, check your gauge.

PATTERN NOTES

The Left of Center Cardi is an adorable knit for little ones. Previously knit in our discontinued Little Bird yarn, we've given it new life with the fantastic palette of Bamboo Pop. This yarn creates a sturdy yet breathable fabric, perfect for layering during the spring and fall.

Left of Center is knit flat in pieces and seamed. The front and back of the cardigan are knit in one piece to the armholes, then the body is divided into the left front, right front, and back, and worked separately. When decreasing or increasing in pattern, maintain pattern as established. If there are not enough stitches to work a decrease and its corresponding increase in the Creative Reliefs pattern, work these stitches in Stockinette stitch instead.

The original version of this pattern used our discontinued yarns, Little Bird and Little Bird Colors.

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.

PATTERN BEGINS

CARDIGAN

Body

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

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 5¾ (6¾, 7¼, 7¾, 8¼)" 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, 10 14, 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.

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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.

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

Gently wash and block pieces to finished measurements. Weave in ends.

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): K3 (2, 5, 3, 5), {[yo] 2 times, k5 (6, 6, 7, 7)} 9 times, [yo] 2 times, k2 (2, 4, 2, 5.

Buttonhole Row 2 (WS): [Cont as est'd to 1 st bef double yo, {k2tog, p2tog}] 10 times, cont as est'd to end – 10 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 rem ends.

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Abbreviations

*	indicates a repeat section
approx.	approximately
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
ssk	slip next 2 sts individually knitwise, slip them back to left needle in this position, knit them together through the back loops (1 st dec'd)
ssp	slip next 2 sts individually knitwise, slip them back to left needle in this position, purl them together through the back loops (1 st dec'd)
st(s)	stitch(es)
tog	together
WS	wrong side
yo	yarn over

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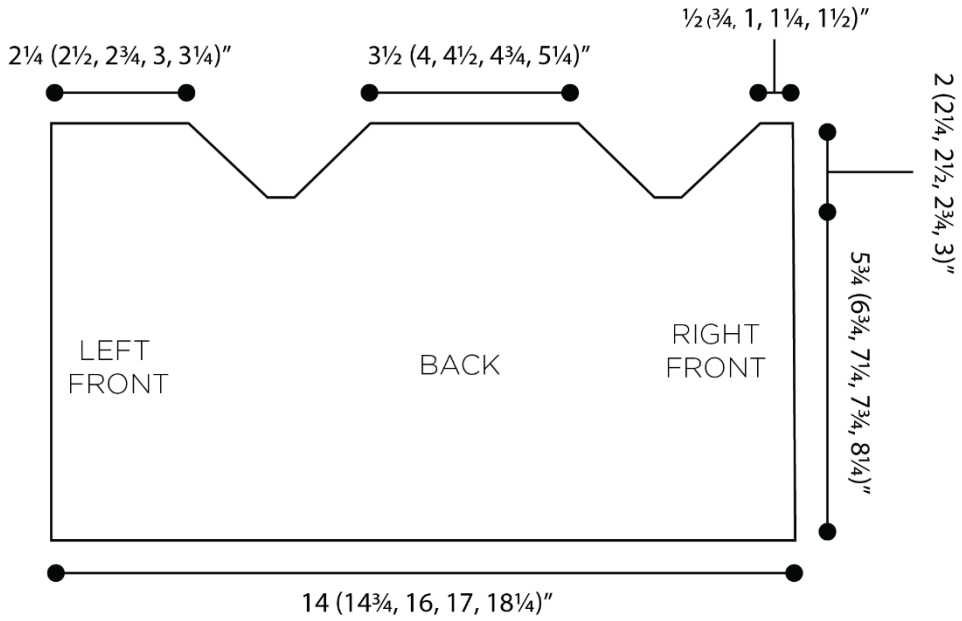

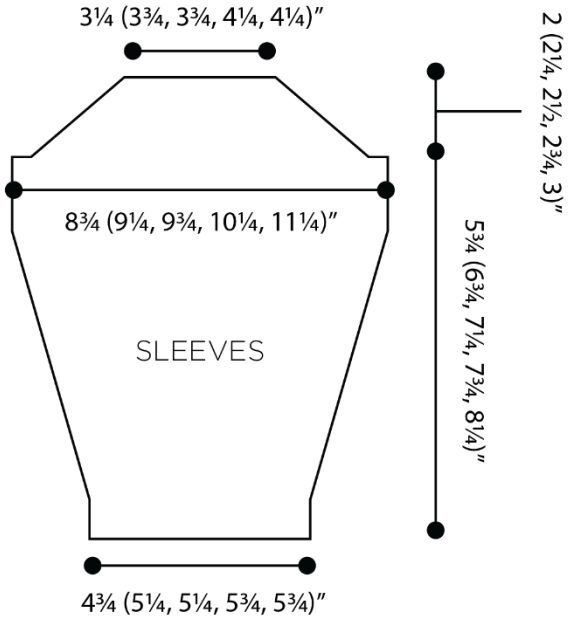

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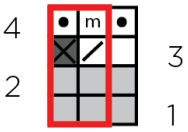

Key

- pattern repeat
- with MC, knit on RS, purl on WS
- with CC, knit on RS, purl on WS
- with CC, k2tog
- m with CC, m1
- with CC, purl on RS, knit on WS
- no stitch

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