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Instant Gratification Cardie-Jacket
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Notes
This is a simple, easy to knit neck-down cardigan/jacket, with V-line front panels and 1/2 sleeves. There is no seaming because the arms are knit in the round and the body is worked in 1 piece with raglan decreases. It will also work up fast because it is knit with bulky yarn. It is highly recommended that you use a bulky cotton yarn. If you are substituting another yarn, make sure it has a lot of drape (like an alpaca,for example. Sample is shown in size 36.

Size
To Fit Bust: 30(32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44,46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56) inches

Finished Chest: 30 (32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56) inches

Length: 14(14.5, 15, 15, 15.5, 15.5, 16, 16, 16.5, 16.5, 17, 17, 18, 18) inches

Materials
- 4(4, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7, 8, 8, 9, 9) skeins of Araucania Patagonia Nature Cotton, 100g/100m
- 6.5mm (US10.5) /32" (100cm) circular needles
- 6.5mm (US10.5)/16" (40cm) circular needles or 6.5mm double pointed needles
- 4 locking stitch markers
- 2 stitch holders (or use scrap yarn)
- darning needle

Gauge
12 sts and 18 rows = 4"/10cm

Abbreviations
For help with techniques see www.knittinghelp.com

beg	begin
cast off knit-wise	cast off using a knit stitch
cast off purl-wise	cast off using a purl stitch
dec	decrease
inc	increase
k	knit
kfb	knit into front and back of stitch
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together
p	purl
pfb	purl into front and back of stitch
pm	place marker on right needle
RS	Right side, outside of sweater, traditionally the flat side of stocking stitch
sl	slip stitch or marker from the left needle to the right
st	stitch
ssk	slip 2 stitches knit-wise, slip left needle into front of sts, knit them together
stocking stitch	alternate knit one row, purl one row
WS	wrong side, inside of sweater, traditionally the bumpy side of stocking stitch

Instructions
Note: To make the edges look tidier you may want to add a selvedge edge: on every row possible (you can start at row 3), work the first stitch, slip the second to the right needle, then work the third stitch.

Body
Cast on 36(36, 40, 40, 44, 44, 46, 46, 50, 50, 52, 52, 54, 54) sts

Row 1: p1, pm, p8(8,9,9,10, 10, 10, 10, 11, 11, 12, 12, 12, 12), pm, p18(18, 20, 20, 22, 22, 24, 24, 26, 26, 26, 26, 28, 28) pm, p8(8,9,9,10, 10, 10, 10, 11, 11, 12, 12, 12, 12), pm, p1.

Row 2: kfb, sl marker, kfb, (k to one st before next marker, kfb, sl marker, kfb) 3 times.

Row 3: purl

Row 4: Knit to 1 st before marker, kfb, sl marker, kfb, (k to one st before next marker, kfb, sl marker, kfb) 3 times, k to last st, kfb.

Row 5: purl to last st , pfb

Repeat Row 4 and 5 until the raglan seam measures 7(7, 7.5, 7.5, 8, 8, 8.5, 8.5, 9, 9, 9.5, 9.5, 10, 10)".

Divide for sleeves
Row 1: K to 1st marker, sl the sts between 1st & 2nd marker on st holder, pm, K to 3rd marker, sl sts between 3rd & 4th markers on st holder, pm, k to last st, kfb.

Place a locking marker in the centre stitch where the markers had been (or you can use tie on a small piece of scrap yarn in a contrasting color), when you start work on the arms this will mark the beginning /end of the round.

Note: On the next row you may find that you have baggy strand of yarn bridging the space where the arm sts are on holders. When you get to the extra yarn lift it up with your left needle or finger, make a loop with it, twist it twice (360º), place it on the left needle, purl it together with the next st. You only need to do this for the next row, you do not need to do this any of the following times you work row 1.

Row 2: Purl to last st, pfb.

Continue Body
Row 1: knit to last st, kfb.

Row 2: purl to last st, pfb.

Repeating these rows, continue to work until the work measures work measures 13 (13,14, 14, 14.5, 14.5, 15, 15, 15.5, 15.5, 16, 16, 16.5, 16.5) inches from the shoulder, end on a WS row. Work for 12 rows in stocking stitch omitting the kfb and pfb, end on a WS row.

Next Row (RS): Purl.

Cast off knit-wise, loosely.

Sleeves
Note: It's a really good idea at this point to divide your remaining yarn in half, so you can make both sleeves the same length. You can do this with a kitchen or postal scale. If you don't have one you can get away with weighing your yarn on one of the produce scales at the super market. Each sleeve is worked separately.

With the 6.5mm/16" circular needle and RS facing you, start at the locking stitch marker/ tied scrap yarn in underarm, pick up 4, (4, 4, 4, 4, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7) sts under the arm, pick up and knit the sts from the holder, pick up 4, (4, 4, 4, 4, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7) sts. Place a marker on the needle at the center of the underarm sts.

Rounds 1-7: Knit.
Round 8: K1, k2tog, k to 3 sts before the marker, ssk, k1. Plus sizes may choose omit the k2tog & ssk. Repeat the last 8 rounds until the sleeve measures 8" from underarm.

Knit until arm measures 11 (11, 12, 12, 12, 12, 13, 13, 13, 13, 13, 13, 13, 13) inches.
Next Round: Purl.
Cast off purl-wise, loosely. Weave in ends.