



## Magical Stripes Cardi

*Knit this sweater with yarn that goes from shiny to brushed to metallic and then to multicolored—it seems like magic! Also enjoy the magic of the sweater's silhouette that flatters a range of body types.*

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**Directions are for size Small. Changes for sizes Medium, Large, 1X and 2X are in parentheses.**

**RED HEART® Boutique™ “Magical™”:** 4 (5, 6, 6, 7) balls  
1406 Hocus Pocus.

**Knitting Needles:** 4mm [US 6], and 5mm [US 8]  
3 stitch holders, three 1” buttons, yarn needle.

**GAUGE:** 16 sts = 4”; 20 rows = 4” in St st (knit on Right Side, purl on Wrong Side) with larger needles. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.**

**To Fit Bust** 34 (38, 42, 46, 50)”

**Finished Bust:** 36 (40, 44, 48, 52)”

**Finished Length:** 24 (25, 25½, 25½, 25½)”

### Special Stitches

**M1** = Make 1 (Increase) – Lift strand between needles to left-hand needle and knit strand through the back loop, twisting it to prevent a hole.

**M1P** = Make 1 purl (Increase) – Lift strand between needles to left-hand needle and purl strand through the back loop, twisting it to prevent a hole.

**ssk** = slip next two stitches knitwise to right needle, insert point of left needle through front of stitches, knit these stitches together through back loop.

**w&t (wrap and turn)**—Slip next stitch to right needle, bring yarn to front, between needles, slip the stitch back to left needle. Bring yarn around front of slipped stitch and to back, between needles. Turn work to begin working back in the other direction. **Note:** When working the wrapped stitch in a later row, pick up the wrap and work it together with the wrapped stitch.

### Pattern Stitch

**1 x 1 Rib (multiple of 2 sts)**

**Row 1:** \*K1, p1; repeat from \* to end of row.

Repeat Row 1 for 1 x 1 Rib.

### Notes

1. Cardigan is worked in St st (knit on Right Side, purl on Wrong Side) throughout, except for ribbing on edges.
2. Cardigan is made from 6 pieces: peplum, back, left front, right front, and two sleeves. Pieces are sewn together after knitting.
3. Peplum is knit in one piece, from side to side. Flare is created with short rows.

### PEPLUM

With smaller needles, Cast on 42 (44, 46, 46, 46).

Work in 1 x 1 Rib for 4 rows.

Change to larger needles.



**Row 5 (Right Side):** [K1, p1] 3 times, knit to end of row.

**Row 6:** Purl to last 6 sts, [k1, p1] 3 times.

Repeat last 2 rows 10 (9, 8, 7, 7) more times.

### Wedge

**Row 1 (Right Side):** [K1, p1] 3 times, knit to last 8 sts, wrap and turn (w&t).

**Row 2:** Purl to last 6 sts, [k1, p1] 3 times.

**Row 3:** [K1, p1] 3 times, knit to last 16 sts, w&t.

**Row 4:** Purl to last 6 sts, [k1, p1] 3 times.

**Row 5:** [K1, p1] 3 times, knit to last 24 sts, w&t.

**Row 6:** Purl to last 6 sts, [k1, p1] 3 times.

**Row 7:** [K1, p1] 3 times, knit to last 32 sts, w&t.

**Row 8:** Purl to last 6 sts, [k1, p1] 3 times.

**Row 9:** [K1, p1] 3 times, k12, working the wrap together with the wrapped st, w&t.

**Row 10:** Purl to last 6 sts, [k1, p1] 3 times.

**Row 11:** [K1, p1] 3 times, k20, working the wrap together with the wrapped st, w&t.

**Row 12:** Purl to last 6 sts, [k1, p1] 3 times.

**Row 13:** [K1, p1] 3 times, k28, working the wrap together with the wrapped st, w&t.

**Row 14:** Purl to last 6 sts, [k1, p1] 3 times.

**Rows 15–40:** Keeping 6 edge sts in 1 x 1 Rib, work even in St st for 26 rows.

Repeat last 40 rows 3 (4, 5, 6, 7) more times.

### Last Wedge

Work Rows 1–14 of wedge.

**Rows 15–36 (34, 32, 30, 30):** Keeping 6 edge sts in 1 x 1 Rib, work even in St st for 22 (20, 18, 16, 16) rows.

Change to smaller needles.

Work in 1 x 1 Rib for 4 rows.

Bind off.

### BACK

With larger needles, Cast on 66 (74, 82, 90, 98) sts.

Beginning with a Right Side row, work even in St st for 8 rows.

**Increase Row (Right Side):** K1, M1, knit to last st, M1, k1—68 (76, 84, 92, 100) sts.

Work even in St st for 7 rows.

Repeat Increase Row—70 (78, 86, 94, 102) sts.

Repeat last 8 rows once more—72 (80, 88, 96, 104) sts.

Work even in St st for 5 rows.

### Shape Armhole

**Row 1 (Right Side):** Bind off 3 (4, 6, 7, 8), knit to end of row—69 (76, 82, 89, 96) sts.

**Row 2:** Bind off 3 (4, 6, 7, 8), purl to end of row—66 (72, 76, 82, 88) sts.

**Decrease Row:** K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, ssk, k1—64 (70, 74, 80, 86) sts.

**Next Row:** Purl.

Repeat Decrease Row—62 (68, 72, 78, 84) sts.

Repeat last 2 rows 1 (2, 4, 5, 6) more times—60 (64, 64, 68, 72) sts.

Work even in St st for 27 (27, 25, 23, 21) rows.

### Shape Shoulders

**Row 1 (Right Side):** Bind off 6 (7, 7, 8, 9), knit to end of row—54 (57, 57, 60, 63) sts.

### Left Shoulder

**Row 2:** Bind off 6 (7, 7, 8, 9), p6 (7, 7, 7, 8), p2tog, slip remaining sts onto a st holder, turn—7 (8, 8, 8, 9) sts on needle.

**Row 3:** Knit to end of row.

Bind off.

### Right Shoulder

**Row 2:** With Wrong Side facing, skip first 32 (32, 32, 34, 34) sts on st holder (leave these sts on holder for neck); working across remaining sts on holder, join yarn and p6 (7, 7, 7, 8), p2tog.

**Row 3:** Knit to end of row.

Bind off.

### LEFT FRONT

With larger needles, Cast on 36 (40, 44, 48, 52) sts.

**Row 1 (Wrong Side):** [K1, p1] 3 times, purl to end of row.

**Row 2:** Knit to last 6 sts, [k1, p1] 3 times.

Keeping front 6 sts in 1x1 Rib, work even in St st for 6 rows.

**Increase Row (Wrong Side):** [K1, p1] 3 times, purl to last 2 sts, M1P, p1—37 (41, 45, 49, 53) sts.

Keeping front 6 sts in 1x1 Rib, work even in St st for 7 rows.

Repeat Increase Row—38 (42, 46, 50, 54) sts.

Repeat last 8 rows once more—39 (43, 47, 51, 55) sts.

Keeping front 6 sts in 1x1 Rib, work even in St st for 6 rows.

### Shape Armhole

**Row 1 (Right Side):** Bind off 3 (4, 6, 7, 8) sts, knit to last 6 sts, [k1, p1] 3 times—36 (39, 41, 44, 47) sts.

**Row 2:** [K1, p1] 3 times, purl to end of row

**Decrease Row:** K1, k2tog, knit to last 6 sts, [k1, p1] 3 times—35 (38, 40, 43, 46) sts.

Repeat last 2 rows 2 (3, 5, 6, 7) more times—33 (35, 35, 37, 39) sts.

Keeping front 6 sts in 1x1 Rib, work even in St st for 14 (14, 12, 10, 8) rows.

### Shape Neck

**Row 1 (Wrong Side):** P10 (10, 10, 12, 13) sts, slip these sts onto a stitch holder (for neck), p2tog, purl to end of row—22 (24, 24, 24, 25) sts.

**Row 2:** Knit to last 2 sts, k2tog—21 (23, 23, 23, 24) sts.

**Row 3:** Bind off 2 (2, 2, 2, 1), purl to end of row—19 (21, 21, 21, 23) sts.

**Row 4:** Repeat Row 2—18 (20, 20, 20, 22) sts.

**Row 5:** Bind off 2 (2, 2, 1, 1), purl to end of row—16 (18, 18, 19, 21) sts.



**Row 6:** Repeat Row 2—15 (17, 17, 18, 20) sts.

**Row 7:** Bind off 1, purl to end of row—14 (16, 16, 17, 19) sts.  
Work even in St st for 6 rows.

#### Shape Shoulder

**Row 1 (Right Side):** Bind off 6 (7, 7, 8, 9), k2tog, knit to end of row—7 (8, 8, 8, 9) sts.

**Row 2:** Purl.

Bind off.

#### RIGHT FRONT

With larger needles, Cast on 36 (40, 44, 48, 52) sts.

**Row 1 (Right Side):** [K1, p1] 3 times, knit to end of row.

**Row 2:** Purl to last 6 sts, [k1, p1] 3 times.

**Row 3 (buttonhole row 1):** K1, p1, k2tog, k1, p1, knit to end of row.

**Row 4 (buttonhole row 2):** Purl to last 5 sts, k1, p1, yo, p1, k1, p1.

Keeping front 6 sts in 1x1 Rib, work even in St st for 4 rows.

**Increase Row (Right Side):** [K1, p1] 3 times, knit to last 2 sts, M1, p1—37 (41, 45, 49, 53) sts.

Keeping front 6 sts in 1x1 Rib, work even in St st for 7 rows.

Repeat Increase Row—38 (42, 46, 50, 54) sts.

Repeat last 8 rows once more—39 (43, 47, 51, 55) sts.

Keeping front 6 sts in 1x1 Rib, work even in St st for 1 row.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 (buttonhole rows).

Keeping front 6 sts in 1x1 Rib, work even in St st for 3 rows.

#### Shape Armhole

**Row 1 (Wrong Side):** Bind off 3 (4, 6, 7, 8) sts, purl to last 6 sts, [k1, p1] 3 times—36 (39, 41, 44, 47) sts.

**Row 2:** [K1, p1] 3 times, knit to end of row.

**Decrease Row:** P1, p2tog, purl to last 6 sts, [k1, p1] 3 times—35 (38, 40, 43, 46) sts.

Repeat last 2 rows 2 (3, 5, 6, 7) more times—33 (35, 35, 37, 39) sts.

Keeping front 6 sts in 1x1 Rib, work even in St st for 14 (14, 12, 10, 8) rows.

#### Shape Neck

**Row 1 (Right Side):** K10 (10, 10, 12, 13) sts, slip these sts onto a stitch holder (for neck), k2tog, knit to end of row—22 (24, 24, 24, 25) sts.

**Row 2:** Purl to last 2 sts, p2tog—21 (23, 23, 23, 24) sts.

**Row 3:** Bind off 2 (2, 2, 2, 1), knit to end of row—19 (21, 21, 21, 23) sts.

**Row 4:** Repeat Row 2—18 (20, 20, 20, 22) sts.

**Row 5:** Bind off 2 (2, 2, 1, 1), knit to end of row—16 (18, 18, 19, 21) sts.

**Row 6:** Repeat Row 2—15 (17, 17, 18, 20) sts.

**Row 7:** Bind off 1, knit to end of row—14 (16, 16, 17, 19) sts.  
Work even in St st for 6 rows.

#### Shape Shoulder

**Row 1 (Wrong Side):** Bind off 6 (7, 7, 8, 9), p2tog, purl to end of row—7 (8, 8, 8, 9) sts.

**Row 2:** Knit.

Bind off.

#### SLEEVE (make 2)

With smaller needles, Cast on 40 (44, 50, 54, 60) sts.

Work in 1 x 1 Rib for 4 rows.

Change to larger needles.

Beginning with a Right Side row, work even in St st for 6 rows.

**Increase Row (Right Side):** K1, M1, knit to last 2 sts, M1, k1—42 (46, 52, 56, 62) sts.

Work even in St st for 5 rows.

Repeat Increase Row—44 (48, 54, 58, 64) sts.

Repeat last 6 rows 4 more times—52 (56, 62, 66, 72) sts.

Work even in St st until piece measures 11" from beginning (or desired length), end with a Wrong Side row.

#### Shape Cap

**Row 1 (Right Side):** Bind off 3 (4, 6, 7, 8), knit to end of row—49 (52, 56, 59, 64) sts.

**Row 2:** Bind off 3 (4, 5, 6, 7), purl to end of row—46 (48, 50, 52, 56) sts.

**Decrease Row:** K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, ssk, k1—44 (46, 48, 50, 54) sts.

**Next Row:** Purl.

Repeat last 2 rows 10 (11, 11, 11, 12) times—24 (24, 26, 28, 30) sts.

Repeat Decrease Row—22 (22, 24, 26, 28) sts.

**Next Row:** P1, p2tog, purl to last 3 sts, p2tog through the back loop (tbl), p1—20 (20, 22, 24, 26) sts.

Repeat last 2 rows 2 (2, 3, 3, 3) times—12 (12, 10, 12, 14) sts.

Repeat Decrease Row 1 (1, 0, 0, 0) time(s)—10 (10, 10, 12, 14) sts.

Bind off.

#### FINISHING

Block pieces lightly, avoid direct pressing of ribbing. Sew shoulder, side, and sleeve seams. Sew sleeves into armholes. Sew peplum to lower edge of body, distributing any ease evenly.

#### Neck Band

**Row 1 (Right Side):** Beginning at right neck, work in 1 x 1 Rib over 10 right front sts from holder, pick up 23 (24, 25, 25, 25) sts across right neck edge, work in 1 x 1 Rib over 32 (32, 32, 34, 34) back neck sts from holder, pick up 23 (24, 25, 25, 25) sts across left neck edge, working across left front sts from holder, [k1, p1] 2 times, k1, p1, k2tog, k1, p1—97 (99, 101, 103, 103) sts.



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Change to smaller needles.

**Row 2 (buttonhole):** K1, p1, yo, p1, k1, p1, \*k1, p1; repeat from \* across—98 (100, 102, 104, 104) sts.

Work in 1 x 1 Rib for 2 more rows.

Bind off tightly.

Sew buttons opposite buttonholes. Weave in ends.



**RED HEART® Boutique™ “Magical™”**  
Art. E787, Available in 3.5 oz (100g), 190 yd (174m) balls.

**ABBREVIATIONS:** **BO** = bind off; **CO** = cast on; **k** = knit; **k2tog** = knit next 2 sts together; **p** = purl; **p2tog** = purl next 2 sts together; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **tbl** = through back loop(s); **yo** = yarn over; \* = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated.

