



AN ITALIAN STORY

Ombra™



TOSCANA CARDIGAN

KNITTING



WHAT YOU NEED

RED HEART® Ombra™: 6 (7, 8, 8, 9) balls 3430 Terra

Susan Bates® Knitting Needles: 5mm [US 8] and 6mm [US 10] circular needles, 40" [100 cm] or longer

Stitch holders, stitch marker, yarn needle.

GAUGE: 15 sts = about 4" [10 cm]; 20 rows = about 4" [10 cm] in Stockinette stitch (knit on right side, purl on wrong side) using larger needles. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.**

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RED HEART® Ombra™: Art R182 available in 3.5 oz (100 g) 249 yds (228 m) balls



Designed by Italian Story Design Team

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

Finished Bust: 44 (48, 52, 56, 60)" [112 (122, 132, 142, 152.5) cm], not including front bands

Finished Length: 27 (27½, 28, 28½, 29)" [68.5 (70, 71, 72.5, 73.5) cm], not including collar

Special Stitch

ssk (slip, slip, knit) = Slip next 2 stitches, one at a time, as if to knit to right needle, insert point of left needle through front of stitches, knit these sts together through back loop – 1 st decreased.

Notes

1. Cardigan is made in three pieces: Body and two sleeves.
2. Body is worked in one piece from the lower edge upwards. Piece is divided at underarms and fronts and back worked to shoulders.
3. Sleeves are worked separately and sewn to body.
4. Front bands and collar are worked in one piece along front edges and back neck edge.
5. Circular needles are used to accommodate large number of stitches. Work back and forth on circular needle as if working with straight needles.

PATTERN STITCHES

3x3 Rib (multiple of 6 sts)

Row 1 (right side): *K3, p3; repeat from * across.

Row 2: K the knits st and p the purl sts, as they appear. Repeat Rows 1 and 2 for 3x3 Rib.

3x3 Rib (multiple of 6 sts + 3)

Row 1 (right side): K3, *p3, k3; repeat from * across.

Row 2: K the knits st and p the purl sts, as they appear. Repeat Rows 1 and 2 for 3x3 Rib.

BODY

With smaller needle, cast on 171 (183, 201, 213, 231) sts. Beginning with a right side row, work in 3x3 Rib for 26 rows.

Decrease Row (right side): [K23 (24, 27, 29, 31), k2tog] 6 times, knit to end of row—165 (177, 195, 207, 225) sts.

Change to larger needle.

Work in Stockinette st (knit on right side, purl on wrong side) until piece measures about 20" [51 cm] from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

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Divide for Armholes

Next Row (right side): K41 (43, 49, 51, 56) sts for right front and place these sts onto a holder, k83 (91, 97, 105, 113) sts for back and place these sts onto a holder, k to end of row—41 (43, 49, 51, 56) sts remain on needle for left front.

Left Front

Working over left front sts only.

Purl 1 row.

Row 1 (decrease row - right side): Knit to last 5 sts, k2tog, k3—40 (42, 48, 50, 55) sts.

Row 2: Purl.

Rows 3-6 (8, 12, 14, 16): Repeat Rows 1 and 2 for 2 (3, 6, 6, 7) more times—38 (39, 42, 44, 48) sts.

Next Row (right side): Knit.

Next Row: Purl.

Next Row: Repeat Row 1—37 (38, 41, 43, 47) sts.

Next Row: Purl.

Repeat Rows last 4 rows for 5 more times—32 (33, 36, 38, 42) sts.

Work even in Stockinette st until armhole measures about 7 (7½, 8, 8½, 9)" [18 (19, 20.5, 21.5, 23) cm] from beginning.

Bind off.

Back

Return the 83 (91, 97, 105, 113) back sts to needle so that you are ready to work a wrong side row.

Work even in Stockinette st until back measures same as left front.

Bind off.

Right Front

Return the 41 (43, 49, 51, 56) right front sts to needle so that you are ready to work a wrong side row.

Purl 1 row.

Row 1 (decrease row - right side): K3, ssk, knit to end of row—40 (42, 48, 50, 55) sts.

Row 2: Purl.

Rows 3-6 (8, 12, 14, 16): Repeat Rows 1 and 2 for 2 (3, 6, 6, 7) more times—38 (39, 42, 44, 48) sts.

Next Row (right side): Knit.

Next Row: Purl.

Next Row: Repeat Row 1—37 (38, 41, 43, 47) sts.

Next Row: Purl.

Repeat Rows last 4 rows for 5 more times—32 (33, 36, 38, 42) sts.

Work even in Stockinette st until right front measures same as back.

Bind off.

SLEEVES (make 2)

With smaller needle, cast on 63 (66, 69, 72, 75) sts.

Work in 3x3 Rib for 26 rows.

Change to larger needles.

Work in Stockinette st until piece measures about 14½ (14½, 14½, 13½, 13½)" [37 (37, 37, 34.5, 34.5) cm] from beginning.

Bind off.

FINISHING

With wrong side facing, sew shoulder seams.

Front bands and Collar

With right side facing and beginning at lower right front corner, pick up and k145 (148, 151, 152, 155) sts along right front edge, 19 (25, 25, 29, 29) sts along back neck edge, and 145 (148, 151, 152, 155) sts along left front edge—309 (321, 327, 333, 339) sts.

Work in 3x3 Rib for about 6 1/2" [16.5 cm].

Bind off.

Sew sleeve seams. Sew sleeves into armholes, easing to fit.

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

k = knit; **k2tog** = knit next 2 sts together; **p** = purl; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

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