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V-Neck Cardigan

SIZES

3 mos (6 mos, 12 mos, 2T, 4T, 6 yrs, 8 yrs, 10 yrs)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Chest: 21¼ (23¾, 24, 25¼, 26½, 28, 29½, 31¼)'' **Length:** 12¾ (14, 14¾, 16¼, 17¾, 19¼, 20¾, 22)"

MATERIALS

Premier[®] Yarns *Dottie*[™] (100% Acrylic; 7oz/200g, 656yds/600m)

 2008-08 Reef – 1 (1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2) ball(s)

Needle: US Size 5 (3.75 mm) and US Size 4 (3.5 mm) 24" circular needle and set of dpns, US Size 4 (3.5 mm) 40" or longer circular needle *or size needed to obtain gauge*

Notions: Tapestry needle, stitch markers, stitch holders or waste yarn, 4 (5, 5, 5, 6, 7, 7, 7) – $\frac{1}{2}$ " buttons

GAUGE

22 sts x 28 rows = 4" in St st Save time, check your gauge.

Skills/techniques used in this pattern:

- Knit and purl stitches.
- Knitting in the round.
- Make one right and left increases.
- K2tog and ssk decreases.
- Sewing buttons.

STITCH GUIDE

1x1 Rib (even number of sts)Row (Rnd) 1: *K1, p1; rep from * to end.Rep Row (Rnd) 1 for patt.

PATTERN NOTES

This cardigan is worked from the top-down with raglan shaping. The front bands are worked flat in one piece using a long circular needle to accommodate the large number of stitches.

CARDIGAN

Setup

With circular needle, cast on 40 (46, 50, 52, 54, 58, 60, 64) sts, long-tail cast on recommended. **Setup Row (WS):** P3, pm, p6 (8, 10, 10, 10, 12, 12, 14), pm, p22 (24, 24, 26, 28, 28, 30, 30), pm, p6 (8, 10, 10, 10, 12, 12, 14), pm, p3.

Raglan and Neck Shaping

Note: In this section, the increases are worked at different rates for the Neck, Sleeves and Body. Read through the entire section before proceeding.

Inc Row (RS): K1, m1R (Neck Inc), *knit to 1 st bef m, m1R (Body Inc), k1, sm, k1, m1L (Sleeve Inc), knit to 1 st bef m, m1R (Sleeve Inc), k1, sm, k1, m1L (Body Inc); rep from * twice, knit to last st, m1L (Neck Inc), k1 – 10 sts inc'd. All other rows: Work even in St st. Rep Neck Incs every other RS row 6 (8, 7, 8, 10, 8, 9, 7) more times and then every 6th row 1 (0, 1, 1, 0, 2, 2, 4) time(s), **Body Incs** every RS row 12 (15, 14, 12, 13, 15, 15, 19) more times and then every other RS row 2 (1, 2, 4, 4, 4, 5, 4) time(s), and Sleeve Incs every RS row 14 (17, 18, 18, 21, 19, 19, 19) more times and then every other RS row 1 (0, 0, 1, 0, 2, 3, 4) time(s) - 130 (148, 152, 158, 172, 180, 190, 206) sts inc'd, 180 (204, 212, 220, 236, 248, 260, 280) sts total. End having just worked a WS row.

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Separate Body and Sleeves

Next Row (RS): [Knit to m, remove marker and place next 38 (44, 48, 50, 54, 56, 58, 62) sts on stitch holder, cast on 6 (6, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8) sts using backwards loop cast on], remove next m] twice, knit to end – 116 (128, 132, 136, 144, 152, 160, 172) sts.

Body

Work even in St st until piece meas 6 (6¾, 7½, 8¼, 9½, 10¼, 11½, 12)" from underarm cast on.

Hem

Switch to smaller circular needle, work even in **1x1 Rib** for 2", loosely bind off in rib.

Sleeves

Place held Sleeve sts on larger dpns. Join yarn and for working in the rnd, pick up and knit 3 (3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4) sts along underarm cast on, pm (beg/end rnd m), pick up and knit 3 (3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4) sts along underarm cast on. Knit 4 (6, 4, 8, 10, 12, 14, 14) rnds. **Dec Rnd:** K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 – 2 sts dec'd.

All other rnds: Knit.

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Rep Dec Rnd every 6th rnd 1 (1, 0, 3, 5, 6, 10, 10) more time(s) and then every 4th rnd 2 (3, 7, 5, 4, 4, 0, 2) times – 6 (8, 14, 16, 18, 20, 20, 24) sts dec'd, 36 (40, 40, 40, 42, 42, 44, 44) sts rem. Knit 4 rnds.

Cuffs

Switch to smaller dpns, work 1½" even in **1x1 Rib**. Loosely bind off sts in rib. Rep for other Sleeve.

FINISHING

Front Bands

With RS facing and longer circular needle, pick up and knit 181 (199, 211, 229, 245, 265, 285, 301) sts. **Row 1 (WS):** P1, *k1, p1; rep from * to end. **Row 2 (RS):** *K1, p1; rep from * to last st, k1. Work Rows 1-2, and then Row 1 once, if not adding buttons, work Rows 1-2, 3 times and then Row 1 once. **Buttonhole Row (RS):** Work 6 (4, 5, 7, 5, 3, 6, 7) sts in patt, *k2tog, yo, work 8 sts in patt; rep from * 2 (3, 3, 3, 4, 5, 5, 5) more times, k2tog, yo, work in patt to end - 4 (5, 5, 5, 6, 7, 7, 7) buttonholes total. Work Rows 1-2, and then Row 1 once. Loosely bind off all sts in patt.

Sew buttons opposite buttonholes. Weave in ends.

Abbreviations

- bef before begin(ning) beg dec('d) decrease(d) **dpn(s)** double point needle(s) **inc('d)** increase(d) k knit **k2tog** knit 2 sts together (1 st dec'd) marker m m1R make 1 stitch, right leaning (1 st inc'd) make 1 stitch, left leaning (1 st inc'd) m1L measures meas purl р
- pun
- patt pattern
- **pm** place marker
- rem remain(ing)

rep repeat

- rnd(s) round(s)
- RS right side
- sm slip marker
- 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)
 st(s) stitch(es)
- St st Stockinette stitch: knit on RS rows, purl on WS rows.
- **St st** Stockinette stitch: knit every rnd.
- WS wrong side
- yo yarn over

