

# Varsity Cardigan

Level: Intermediate

## SIZES

XS (Small, Medium, Large, 1X, 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X)

### FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

**Bust:** 35¾ (40¾, 43¾, 47½, 50¼, 55½, 59, 62,

64¾)"

**Length:** 25½ (26, 26½, 27, 27½, 28, 28¼, 28¼, 28¼,

28¾)"

## **MATERIALS**

**Premier® Yarns** *Serenity® Chunky* (100% Acrylic; 3.5 oz/100 g, 109 yds/100 m)

- MC: 700-42 Fog 6 (6, 7, 7, 8, 8, 9, 9, 9) balls
- CC: 700-37 Raven 1 ball (all sizes)

**Needles:** US Size 11 (8mm) and US Size 10½ (6.5 mm) 32" circular needle and set of dpns or size needled to obtain gauge

**Notions:** Tapestry needle, stitch markers, stitch holder or waste yarn, 6 (6, 6, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7) – 1-1½" buttons

## **GAUGE**

11 sts x 15 rows = 4" in St st with larger needle Save time, check your gauge.

## **STITCH GUIDE**

1x1 Rib (multiple of 2 sts)

**Row 1:** \*K1, p1; rep from \* to end.

Rep Row 1 for patt.

(Instructions are the same for working in the rnd.)

**Mock Cable Panel** (panel of 6 sts)

Row 1 (RS): P1, k4, p1. WS Rows 2 and 6: K1, p4, k1.

**Row 3:** P1, k1, sl 2, k1, p1. **Row 4:** K1, p1, sl 2, p1, k1.

Row 5: P1, RT, LT, p1.

Rep Rows 1-6 for patt.

**Left Twist (LT):** Knit second st on left-hand needle tbl but do not drop st from needle; knit first st on left-hand needle normally and then slip both sts from left-hand needle together.

**Right Twist (RT):** K2tog but do not drop sts from left-hand needle; insert right-hand needle between 2 sts just worked and knit first st again, slip both sts from left-hand needle together.

Three Needle Bind Off: Have each set of sts to join on its own needle. Hold needles together with right sides of work facing each other. Insert right hand needle into first st on front needle, then into first st on back needle and knit the two sts together. \*Insert right hand needle into next st on front needle, then into next st on back needle and knit the two sts together. Pass first st over second to bind off 1 st; rep from \* until all sts are bound off.

#### PATTERN NOTES

The body of this Cardigan is worked from the bottom up in one piece, the shoulders are joined using a three needle bind off. Once the body is complete, the sleeves are picked up and worked top down in the round. Finally, the front bands and collar are picked up and worked in one piece.

## CARDIGAN

## Back

With MC and smaller circular needle, cast on 94 (108, 116, 126, 134, 148, 158, 166, 174) sts. Work 2" even in Garter st. Switch to larger circular needle.

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**Setup Row 1 (RS):** K1, pm, work **Mock Cable Panel** (beg with Row 1) over the next 6 sts, pm, k23 (30, 34, 39, 43, 50, 54, 58, 62), pm, work **Mock Cable Panel** over the next 6 sts, pm, k22 (22, 22, 22, 22, 24, 24, 24), pm, work

Mock Cable Panel over the next 6 sts, pm, k23 (30, 34, 39, 43, 50, 54, 58, 62), pm, work Mock Cable Panel over the next 6 sts, pm, k1. Setup Row 2 (WS): P1, \* sm, work Mock Cable Panel over the next 6 sts, sm, purl to next marker; rep from \* to last st, sm, p1.

Cont in est'd patt until piece meas 17" from cast-on edge, or to desired length, end having just worked a WS row.

## **Separate Fronts and Back**

Work across first 22 (26, 28, 30, 32, 36, 38, 40, 42) sts in patt and then place on stitch holder or waste yarn (Right Front). Work across next 50 (56, 60, 66, 70, 76, 82, 86, 90) sts in patt and then place sts on stitch holder or waste yarn (Back). Work across rem 22 (26, 28, 30, 32, 36, 38, 40, 42) sts in patt (Left Front).

## **Left Front Neck Shaping**

Work 3 (1, 3, 9, 11, 9, 9, 9, 11) rows even in est'd patt. **Dec Row (RS):** Work in patt to 2 sts bef m, k2tog, work in patt to end -1 st dec'd.

All other rows: Work even in patt.

Rep Dec Row every other RS row 6 (7, 7, 6, 6, 7, 7, 7, 7) more times – 15 (18, 20, 23, 25, 28, 30, 32, 34) sts rem. Work even in patt until Left Front meas 8½ (9, 9½, 10¼, 10¾, 11¼, 11¼, 11¼, 11¾)" from

separation. Place sts on stitch holder or waste yarn. Or if you prefer to seam shoulders instead of using a three needle bind off, bind off sts in patt.

## **Right Front Neck Shaping**

Place held Right Front sts on working needle. With WS facing, join MC.

Work 3 (1, 3, 9, 11, 9, 9, 9, 11) rows even in est'd patt. **Dec Row (RS):** Work in patt to second m, sm, ssk, work in patt to end -1 st dec'd.

All other rows: Work even in patt.

Rep Dec Row every other RS row 6 (7, 7, 6, 6, 7, 7, 7, 7) more times – 15 (18, 20, 23, 25, 28, 30, 32, 34) sts rem. Work even in patt until Right Front meas  $8\frac{1}{2}(9, 9\frac{1}{2}, 10\frac{1}{4}, 10\frac{1}{4}, 11\frac{1}{4}, 11\frac{1}{4}, 11\frac{1}{4})$ " from separation. Place sts on stitch holder or waste yarn. Or if you prefer to seam shoulders instead of using a three needle bind off, bind off sts in patt.

## Back

Place held Back sts on working needle. With WS facing, join MC. Work even in patt until Back meas 8½ (9, 9½, 10¾, 10¾, 11¼, 11¼, 11¾, 11¾)" from separation, end having just worked a WS row. If you prefer to seam the shoulders, bind off all sts.

#### Join Shoulders

Note: If you have bound off all the sts, seam the shoulders, then move onto next section.

With live Back sts still on needle, turn sweater inside out. Place held Right Front sts on a dpn or additional needle.

Using **Three Needle Bind Off** bind off/join the 15 (18, 20, 23, 25, 28, 30, 32, 34) shoulder sts with the first 15 (18, 20, 23, 25, 28, 30, 32, 34) Back sts, bind off

20 (20, 20, 20, 20, 20, 22, 22, 22) Back neck sts. Place held Left Front sts on dpn, then using Three Needle Bind Off bind off/join the 15 (18, 20, 23, 25, 28, 30, 32, 34) shoulder sts with the rem 15 (18, 20, 23, 25, 28, 30, 32, 34) Back sts.

## **Sleeves**

With RS facing, MC and larger dpns, pick up and knit 46 (50, 52, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64) sts around armhole opening, pm and join for working in the rnd. Work 6 (6, 4, 4, 4, 2, 2, 2, 2) rnds even in St st.

Dec Rnd: K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 –

All other rnds: Knit.

2 sts dec'd.

Rep Dec Rnd every 6th rnd 7 (3, 5, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) more time(s), every 4th rnd 1 (7, 5, 11, 11, 13, 12, 11, 10) time(s) and then every other rnd 0 (0, 0, 0, 2, 0, 2, 3, 4) times – 16 (20, 20, 24, 26, 26, 28, 28, 28) sts dec'd, 28 (28, 30, 30, 30, 32, 32, 32, 34) sts rem.

Work 6 (6, 4, 4, 4, 2, 2, 2, 2) rnds even in St st or to desired length, minus Cuffs.

## Cuffs

Switch to smaller dpns. Work 4 rnds in **1x1 Rib**, switch to CC and work 3 rnds in **1x1 Rib**, switch to MC and work 4 rnds in **1x1 Rib**. Loosely bind off all sts in rib. Rep for other Sleeve.

## **Finishing**

## **Front Bands and Collar**

With RS facing, MC and smaller circular needle, pick up and knit 165 (169, 171, 175, 177, 181, 183, 183, 185) sts along fronts and back neck.

Setup Row (WS): P1, \*k1, p1; rep from \* to end.



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Buttonhole Row 1 (RS): (Switch to CC) Work in est'd patt (p the purls and k the knits) over the first 3 (2, 3, 4, 5, 4, 4, 4, 5) sts, \*bind off 2 sts, work 5 sts in patt; rep from \* 4 (4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5) more times, bind off 2 sts, work in est'd patt to end.

Buttonhole Row 2 (WS): Cont with CC, work in patt to first set of bound off sts, \*cast on 2 sts using backwards loop (E loop) method, work in patt to next set of bound off sts; rep from \* to last 3 (2, 3, 4, 5, 4, 4, 4, 5) sts, work in patt to end.

Switch to MC and work 2 rows in est'd patt, loosely bind off all sts in rib.

Weave in ends. Block to finished measurements if desired.

Sew buttons opposite buttonholes.

## **Abbreviations**

bef before begin(ning) beg CC contrasting color

continue cont dec('d) decrease(d)

double point needle(s) dpn(s)

established est'd Garter st Knit every row.

k knit

k2tog knit 2 sts together (1 st dec'd)

marker m MC main color

purl р patt pattern place marker pm remain(ing) rem repeat(ing rep round(s) rnd(s) right side RS slip

slip marker sm

sl

slip slip knit (1 st dec'd) ssk

st(s) stitch(es)

Stockinette stitch: knit every rnd. St st

WS wrong side



