

ABALONE

SIMPLE SEAMLESS CARDIGAN

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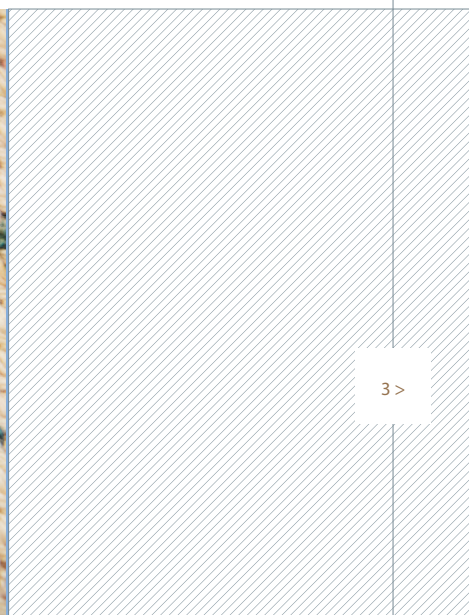


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THE BODY IS KNITTED FLAT, SHOULDERS ARE SEAMED TOGETHER USING THE KITCHENER STITCH. EDGINGS ARE KNITTED IN THE ROUND. THE PIECE WILL END UP SEAMLESS.

50'' CHEST SIZE PICTURED, BUT THE PERCENTAGES ARE INCLUDED FOR A CUSTOM FIT USING ANY YARN/NEEDLE COMBO AND ANY GAUGE.



ABBREVIATIONS

RS - right side

WS - wrong side

k - knit

p - purl

m1 - make one by doing a backwards loop, one stitch increased

slip all first stitches purlwise, with yarn in back on right side, with yarn in front on wrong side

OVERVIEW

YARN	Size pictured used 5 skeins Hedgehog Fibres Merino Aran, 166m/100g, colour Cereal
NEEDLE	5mm or to obtain gauge, the body is worked flat, but the edging is in the round, 32" circular needle would be best
GAUGE	17.5 stitches and 24 rows = 4"/10cm in stockinette worked flat This is the gauge of the sample pictured. You can use different yarn and gauge, please read pattern notes for size and
SIZE	To fit chest 50" with 10" gap in front pictured The pattern is easily adjusted for different sizes, yarns and gauges and stitch percentages are provided.
TOOLS	Stitch marker, stitch holder or waste yarn
SKILLS REQUIRED	on, casting off, picking up stitches, kitchener stitch, i-cord cast off - youtube link provided.
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INSTRUCTIONS

Pattern notes

Adjustment for different sizes:

The cardigan is designed to not to close in the front in the case of the smaller size the gap is 8"/20cm and for the larger size is 12"/30cm (please note, that the edging will add another 4-6"/10-15cm)

Measure yourself across your chest and deduct 8"-12"/20-30cm from the total measurement. This is the width of the garment without edging and your 100% of the stitches.

According to your swatch, you'll need to calculate how many stitches you need for your width.

For example, you are using the listed gauge, but you are making a 36" chest:

Gauge per inch:

17.5 stitches divided by 4 = 4.375 stitches per inch

36"- 8" gap = 28" width

28 x 4.375 = 122.5 stitches - rounded off to 122 stitches - this is your 100%

It will be better if you could round to an even number for your total and your cast on number of stitches. 5 >

Stitch counts for 50" chest are listed in the instructions.

Instructions

Body of the garment:

The garment pictured is 50" chest with 10" gap, at gauge listed - 176 stitches is 100%.

Cast on 55% of your total stitches, in this case 96sts.

Work in stockinette as follows:

Row 1 (WS): Slip 1, m1, purl until one stitch remains, m1, p1

Row 2 (RS): Slip 1, m1, knit until one stitch remains, m1, k1

Repeat these two row until 176sts (100%).

When near to the 100% sts you can see if the garment needs to be wider or not and you can increase more or stop increasing sooner.

Work even in stockinette until you reach underarm, approx 40cm from cast on, or depending on desired length.

Divide your stitches and place on stitch holders or a piece of waste yarn: 37sts (21%), 102sts (58%), 37sts (21%)

Now work each section separately, no shaping, up to shoulders, in this case 23cm or desired length.

INSTRUCTIONS

Do not cast off, match A to A and B to B and Kitchener stitch together. There will be stitches remaining at the back of neck (28sts remaining). Place these stitches on a stitch holder, they will be used for the edging.

Edging

Sleeves:

Starting at the underarm, with RS facing, pick up stitches around the sleeve opening in 2 stitches per 3 rows ratio (pick up 2, skip 1). I like to back up one stitch from the very edge when picking up stitches, which gives a nicer finish.
For this example I picked up 67sts around the armhole.

Knit 8 ridges of garter stitch (knit one row, purl one row 8 times) Finish with i-cord cast off. Handy link to a youtube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GyhgyvEgsBM>

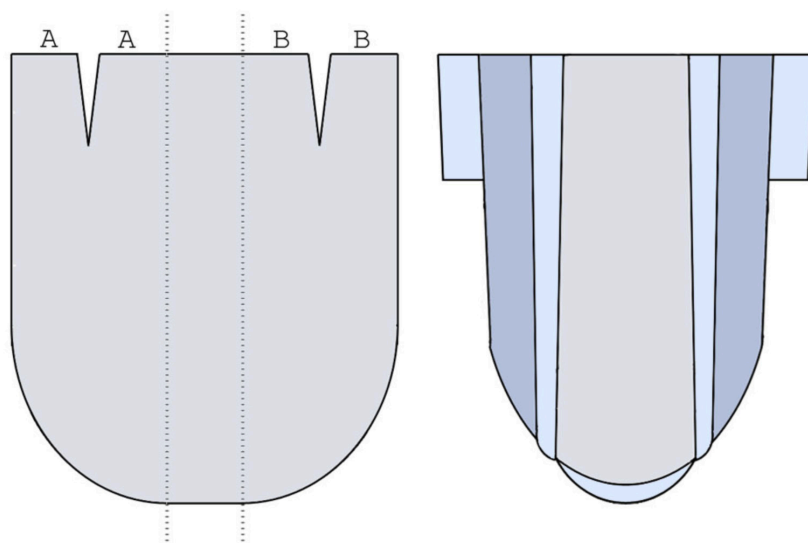
Repeat for other sleeve.

Body:

Starting at the neck back with live stitches, place the 28 stitches onto a needle and with RS facing pick up around the whole body of the garment, down the front, across the back, up the other side until you meet the live stitches again.

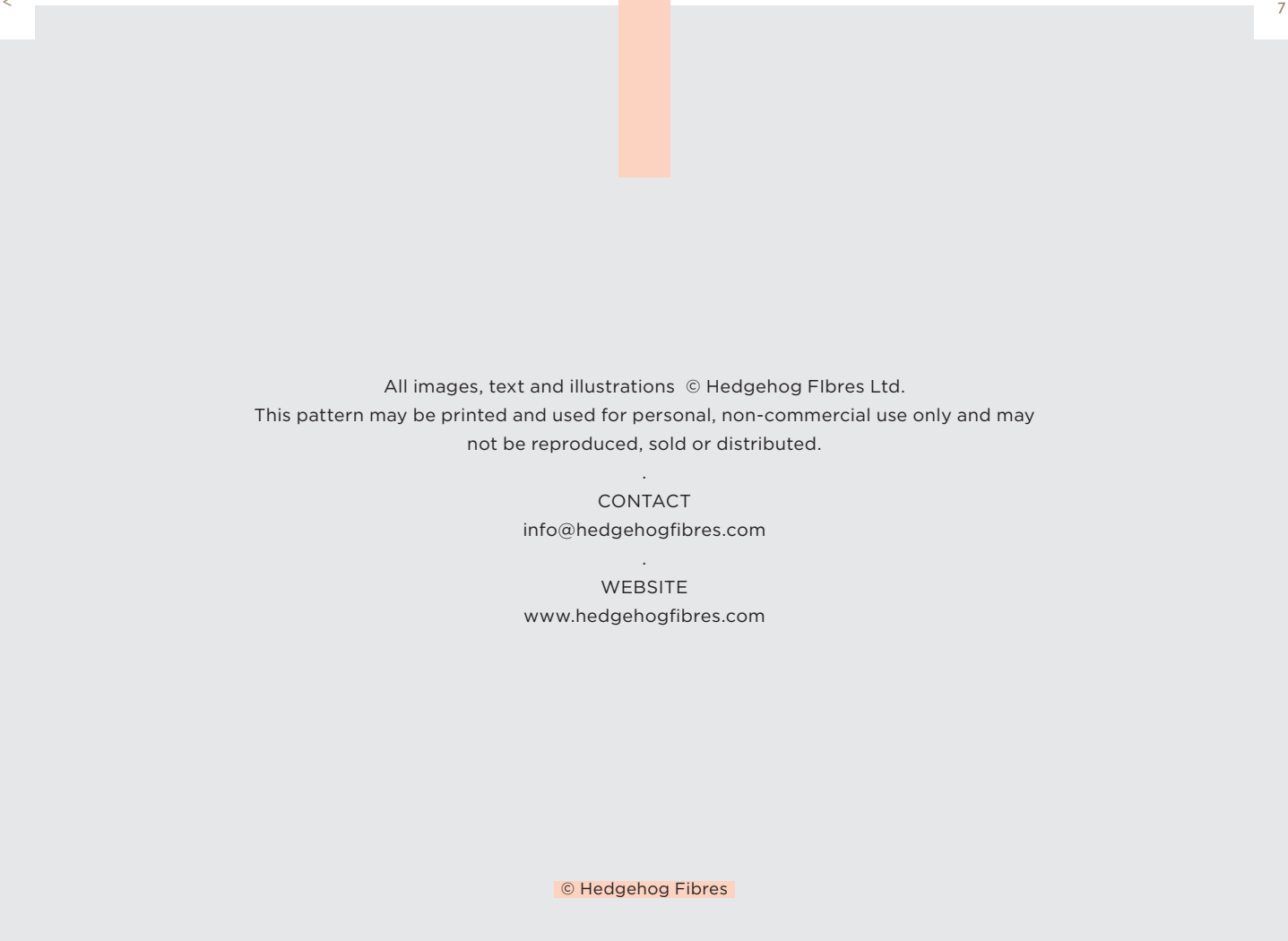
If you are picking up across rows, same ratio 2 stitches per 3 rows applies (the sides of the cardigan), bottom edge pick up every stitch.

Knit 8 ridges of garter stitch, decreasing 15% of the stitches at neck back (6 stitches decreased) in the first round. At the same time, increase 3 stitches at the lower corners, so the edging lies flat there. 312sts around including increases and decreases.
After 8 ridges, finish with an i-cord cast off.



Care Notes

Whether you are using commercially dyed yarn or lovely hand-dyed skeins, please keep in mind that colours might bleed. None of the examples shown bled, but I always knit up a sample and wash it as you would your finished item to be sure. Please use common sense, reds and crazy pinks tend to bleed the most, any red/white combo is probably not a good idea (we separate laundry, right?). To minimise bleeding, gently soak the swatch and finished item in cold water with a mild detergent or wool wash. The gentler you wash your project the better it will look over time.

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