

# ALEXA

This is a pair of sleeves knitted as one length, to a relaxed raglan pattern. You can then knit a border, or skirt, as long as you wish, round the edges.

**SIZES** [chest measurement in inches]: relaxed fit

30 32 34 36 38 40 42 44 46 48 50 52 54 56

**TENSION:** at T7 standard gauge, approx. 30 sts and 42 rows to 10cm/4 inches. I used plating to combine two two ply yarns, but you could use four ply, or anything which gives you this tension approximately.

**PUNCH CARD** Brother 2, Knitmaster 3, or any tuck pattern



## SLEEVES:

1. . Cast on 70/74/74/78/80/82/84/86/88/90/92/92/94/94 sts in WY, using TD7 and open edge method.RC000.

2. Inc 1 st at each end of every

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| 30 | 6th row 6 times, then every 7th row 16 times to 114 sts (148 rows total).  |
| 32 | 6th row 11 times, then every 7th row 12 times to 120 sts (150 rows total). |
| 34 | 6th row 25 times to 124 sts (150 rows total).                              |
| 36 | 6th row 23 times, then every 7th row twice to 128 sts (152 rows total).    |
| 38 | 5th row 9 times, then every 6th row 18 times to 134 sts (153 rows total).  |
| 40 | 5th row 21 times, then every 6th row 8 times to 140 sts (153 rows total).  |
| 42 | 5th row 27 times, then every 6th row 3 times to 144 sts (153 rows total).  |
| 44 | 4th row once, then every 5th row 30 times to 148 sts (154 rows total).     |
| 46 | 4th row 6 times, then every 5th row 26 times to 152 sts (154 rows total).  |
| 48 | 4th row 16 times, then every 5th row 18 times to 158 sts (154 rows total). |
| 50 | 4th row 21 times, then every 5th row 14 times to 162 sts (154 rows total). |
| 52 | 4th row 36 times, then every 5th row twice to 168 sts (154 rows total).    |
| 54 | 3rd row 9 times, then every 4th row 32 times to 176 sts (155 rows total).  |
| 56 | 3rd row 9 times, then every 4th row 32 times to 176 sts (155 rows total).  |

3. Work even to total 154/156/156/158/158/158/158/158/158/158/158/158/158 rows. COR

4. Shape raglan on right hand side of knitting only, except first two rows [underarm shaping]

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| 30 | Cast off 6 sts at beg of next two rows (102 sts rem). Dec 1 st at right hand end of every 3rd row 6 times, then dec 1 st at right hand end of every 2nd row 42 times. Total 258 rows. |
| 32 | Cast off 7 sts at beg of next two rows (106 sts rem). Dec 1 st at right hand end of every 3rd row 4 times, then dec 1 st at right hand end of every 2nd row 46 times. Total 262 rows. |
| 34 | Cast off 7 sts at beg of next two rows (110 sts rem). Dec 1 st at right hand end of every 3rd row twice, then dec 1 st at right hand end of every 2nd row 50 times. Total 264 rows.   |
| 36 | Cast off 8 sts at beg of next two rows (112 sts rem). Dec 1 st at right hand end of every 3rd row 6 times, then dec 1 st at right hand end of every 2nd row 46 times. Total 270 rows. |
| 38 | Cast off 8 sts at beg of next two rows (118 sts rem). Dec 1 st at right hand end of every 3rd row 4 times, then dec 1 st at right hand end of every 2nd row 51 times. Total 274 rows  |
| 40 | Cast off 9 sts at beg of next two rows (122 sts rem). Dec 1 st at right hand end of every 3rd row 4 times, then dec 1 st at right hand end of every 2nd row 53 times. Total 278 rows. |
| 42 | Cast off 9 sts at beg of next two rows (126 sts rem). Dec 1 st at right hand end of every 3rd row 4 times, then dec 1 st at right hand end of every 2nd row 55 times. Total 282 rows. |
| 44 | Cast off 9 sts at beg of next two rows (130 sts rem). Dec 1 st at right hand end of every 3rd row twice, then dec 1 st at right hand end of every 2nd row 59 times. Total 284 rows.   |

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| 46 | Cast off 10 sts at beg of next two rows (132 sts rem). Dec 1 st at right hand end of every 3rd row 4 times, then dec 1 st at right hand end of every 2nd row 57 times. Total 286 rows. |
| 48 | Cast off 10 sts at beg of next two rows (138 sts rem). Dec 1 st at right hand end of every 3rd row twice, then dec 1 st at right hand end of every 2nd row 62 times. Total 290 rows.   |
| 50 | Cast off 11 sts at beg of next two rows (140 sts rem). Dec 1 st at right hand end of every 2nd row 65 times. Total 290 rows  |
| 52 | Cast off 11 sts at beg of next two rows (146 sts rem). Dec 1 st at right hand end of every 2nd row 64 times, then dec 1 st at right hand end of every row 4 times. Total 292 rows      |
| 54 | Cast off 12 sts at beg of next two rows (152 sts rem). Dec 1 st at right hand end of every 2nd row 66 times, then dec 1 st at right hand end of every row 4 times. Total 296 rows.     |
| 56 | Cast off 12 sts at beg of next two rows (152 sts rem). Dec 1 st at right hand end of every 2nd row 66 times, then dec 1 st at right hand end of every row 4 times. Total 296 rows      |

This is the midpoint, you have knitted one sleeve: you now need to knit the second from the top down.

First mark each end.

Then knit the second sleeve reversing shapings, i.e., where the pattern says 'decrease' you will increase, and vice versa.

You will then have a pair of joined sleeves, with the raglan shapings on the front edge of your cardigan, and the straight edge on the back.

## BODY

My cardigan body was knitted in three sections: one for the back, and two for the front. You may need to divide the back into two as well, depending on size.

## BACK

I knitted the back by holding the straight edge between the sleeves/armholes up to the machine, and I attached it on to 190 needles, with the front [knit] side facing. [Size 36] You may need to do this in two sections.

I knitted across these needles T5 and read the punch card pattern. I then set the card rolling, and the machine to tuck.

Then I knitted 40 rows T5, 40 rows T6, 40 rows T7, 40 rows T8, 40 rows T9, 20 rows T10. [220 rows]

I took this off on a circular HK needle, but you could use waste yarn, or finish with a loose cast off, or an edging.

This gives a mid-hip length. You can knit longer, I would keep a similar proportion on the different tensions.

## FRONT

I knitted this in two pieces: each had 100 stitches, and were knitted as for the back.

However, if you wish to make a longer back, I would suggest that you knit as for the back, but after 160 rows [or fewer if you prefer], you begin to put needles into hold at the centre front end as follows: 1 stitch every alternate row. This will prevent the collar become too big, and create a gradual curve round the front.

## FINISHING

Join the sleeve seams, and the seams between the body pieces.

Finish the edges and the sleeve hems: I used a garter stitch hand knit, but you could crochet or use a machine edge: an example of one you might use can be found in our first [newsletter](#) September 2015, the Alternative Edging for the Crescent shawl. Also in that newsletter was a project for a similar cardigan to this [so I have been adapting it for over three years!], with some alternative edges.

I made Dorset buttons to match my cardigan, and to hold the body in place at the front. Instructions can be found here: [Henry's Buttons](#)