

Cropped Cardigan with border

Waist length cardigan with slip stitch border, in two styles:

- With open front [as shown in picture]
- V neck

Yarn: 4 ply – most yarns suitable e.g. wool, wool/acrylic mix, cotton

Gauge: 7 sts / 10 rows to an inch – Main Tension 7/
Hems T6 [or suitable tension to obtain gauge]

Sizes: bust size 32/34/36/38/40/42/44 inches



Punchcard used locked on row 1 or 2 [you can just punch the rows shown] or use Stitchworld 306

Border

Work the following rows after completing the hem [on sleeves you need to work increases during the border]

Row 1 Main yarn K row while activating the card in **locked** position [setting up pattern]

Row 2-9 Contrast colour A: slip stitch both ways Card locked on Row 1

Row 10-11 Cancel slip Main yarn K Change card to lock on Row 2

Row 12-19 Contrast colour B: slip stitch both ways

Row 20-21 Cancel slip Main yarn K Change card to lock on Row 1

Row 22-29 Contrast colour C: slip stitch both ways

Row 30 onwards: Cancel slip [and card] Main yarn

BACK:

1. Cast on 122/130/ 136/144/152/158/166 sts in WY, using TD6 and open edge method. Work 6 rows, ending COR. Change to MY. Work straight for 28/28/28/30/30/30/30 rows. You may wish to work a turn or picot row halfway. To complete the hem, graft the cast-on sts to the last row worked.
2. Change to TD7 and Stocking stitch, RC000. [work border here] Work 92/94/98/100/98/96/100 rows. COR.
3. Armhole shaping. Cast off 6/7/ 77/8/8/9 sts at beginning of next 2 rows. COR. Dec 1 st at each end of every alternate row for 16/18/ 22/28/30/32/34 rows. Total 110/114/122/130/130/130/136 rows with 94/98/100/102/106/110/114 sts remaining.
4. Work a further 60/60/58/54/56/56/54 rows straight. COR. Total 170/174/ 180/184/186/186/190 rows.
5. Shoulder shaping. Cast off
Size 32: 8sts at beg of next 2 rows then 9 sts next 4 rows
Size 34 /36/ 38: 9 sts at beginning of next 6 rows.
Size 40: 9 sts at beg of next 4 rows then 10 sts next 2 rows
Size 42: 7 sts at beg of next 6 rows then 8 sts next 2 rows
Size 44: 7 sts at beg of next 2 rows then 8 sts next 6 rows
COR.
6. Total 176/180/186/190/192/194/198 rows with 42/44/46/48/50/52/52sts remaining for back of neck. Cast off loosely.

FRONT [V neck style]: Cardigan right side worked first. * For alternative front see below

1. Cast on 62/66/ 69/73/77/80/84 sts in WY, using TD6 and open edge method. Work 6 rows, ending COR. Change to MY. Work straight for 28/28/28/30/30/30/30 rows. You may wish to work a turn or picot row halfway. To complete the hem, graft the cast-on sts to the last row worked.
2. Change to TD7 and Stocking stitch, RC000. **[work border here]** Work 92/94/98/100/98/98/100 rows.
3. Armhole. Dec for armhole at right end, as for back. AT THE SAME TIME,
4. Shape neck. Dec 1 st at neck edge (left end) of next row, then every 3rd row 9/11/13/15/15/17/17 times, then every 4th row 12/11/10/9/10/9/9 times, until 26/27/27/27/28/29/31 sts remain. Then work 2 row(s) straight. Total 170/174/180/184/186/186/190 rows.
5. Shoulder shaping. Cast off as for back.
6. Left cardigan front. Work as for right side, reversing shapings.

***ALTERNATIVE FRONT [with open front as shown in picture]**

1. Cast on 41/44/46/49/52/54/54 sts in WY, using TD6 and open edge method. Work 6 rows, ending COR. Change to MY. Work straight for 28/28/28/30/30/30/30 rows. You may wish to work a turn or picot row halfway. To complete the hem, graft the cast-on sts to the last row worked.
2. Change to TD7 and Stocking stitch, RC000. **[work border here]** Work 92/94/98/100/98/98/100 rows.
3. Armhole. Dec for armhole at right end, as for back
4. Knit straight to 170/174/180/184/186/186/190 rows.
5. Shoulder shaping. Cast off as for back.
6. Left cardigan front. Work as for right side, reversing shapings.

SLEEVES:

1. Cast on 78/82/84/88/92/94/98 sts in WY, using TD6 and open edge method. Work 6 rows, ending COR. Change to MY. Work straight for 16 rows. You may wish to work a turn or picot row halfway. To complete the hem, graft the cast-on sts to the last row worked.
2. Change to TD7 and Stocking stitch, RC000. **[work border here]** while increasing as follows
3. Inc 1 st at each end of every
32/34: 7th row once then 8th row 3 times
36: 6th row 3 times, then every 7th row twice
38/40/42/44: 6th row once then every 7th row 4 times
to 86/90/94/98/102/104/108 sts (31/31/32/34/34/34 rows total).
4. Work straight to total 38/38/38/40/40/40 rows. COR.
5. Shape cap. Cast off 6/7/7/7/8/8/9 sts at beg of next two rows (74/76/80/84/86/88/90 sts rem).
Dec 1 st at each end of every 2nd row 9/10/12/27/13/12/29 times, then dec 1 st at each end of every 3rd row 6/4/2/0/2/4/0 times, then dec 1 st at each end of every 2nd row 8/10/12/0/13/12/0 times.
Total 92/92/ 94/96/100/102/100 rows. COR. Cast off remaining 28/28/28/30/30/32/32 sts loosely.

Finishing

Join shoulders.

Front Band: Hold half of the front edge [bottom edge to mid-neck] up to machine, wrong side facing. Hook the edge up loosely to between 160-200 stitches/ i.e. not stretching the work. Knit a 12 row hem, and then cast off. Repeat for second section.

Attach sleeves and sew up side and sleeve seams.