

## STITCH PATTERN:

Garter Stitch: Knit every row.

## GAUGE:

21 sts and 42 rows $=\left(4^{\prime \prime} \times 4 "\right)$ in Garter Stitch
on working needle

To save time, check your gauge and read all instructions thoroughly before beginning.

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## Designer's Description:

The cardigan is worked sideways in Garter stitch, starting with the Right Sleeve. Short rows on the top of the sleeve help to set the sleeve, so that it does not pull against the shoulder as the garment is worn. After increases for the sleeve are completed, stitches are cast on for the Right Front and Back. The A-line shaping in the waist and back are created by strategically placed sets of (German) Short Rows. The Front and Back are separated during the neckline shaping. The Front Neck is shaped and the Front is worked simultaneously with the knitted buttonhole band. The back shaping continues until the Back reaches the center back line, at which point the stitches of the Back are placed on hold, and the opposite sleeve, Front and Back are worked with symmetrical shaping. Both sleeve and side seams are sewn with a Mattress Stitch, and the two halves are joined at the center Back with a Three Needle Bind Off. Collar stitches are picked up around the neckline and worked in Garter Stitch, changing needle sizes to create most of the shaping.

## Pattern Notes:

- Colors are always changed on the RS of work.
- Piece is worked sideways, beginning at Right Sleeve.
- Left portion of sweater is done as a mirror image of Right side.
- Collar sts are picked up around the neck and worked with shaping.


## SPECIAL TECHNIQUES:

## Twisted Backward Loop Cast On:

*With the yarn at left end of work, place index finger under the yarn and twist it toward yourself to make a loop. Insert needle through the back of made loop pulling yarn to tighten; repeat from * for desired number of sts.

Note: Twisting more than one time will create an even tighter cast on.

## German Short Rows (using the TP Stitch):

Note: This is the German version of the Wrap \& Turn stitch
TP Stitch (Turn \& Pull): Turn the work, bring working yarn to the front, slip the last stitch to the right needle and pull the yarn firmly over the right needle to the back, pulling the stitch below up until the legs of the pulled stitch are on the needle. The working yarn is now at the back and ready to continue knitting the next stitch. When working back across the pulled stitches, knit the two legs of the pulled stitch (TP Stitch) together as one.

## Three Needle Bind Off:

With the right side of the 2 pieces facing each other, and with needles held parallel in left hand, insert a third needle (right hand needle) into first stitch on each parallel needle and knit these 2 stitches together. *Knit together the first stitch on each parallel needle again, slip first stitch made on right needle over second stitch just made (one stitch has been bound off); repeat from * until all the stitches are bound off. Weave in yarn tail.

## Mattress Stitch

To begin: Thread a tapestry needle with yarn that matches the knitted fabric. Hold the two pieces to be sewn parallel to each other with the right sides of the fabric facing up and the cast-on edge at the bottom (closest to you).
Loosely pin the pieces together to hold the edges in place.
Set Up: Insert the tapestry needle from back to front between the first two stitches of one piece, just above the cast-on stitch; pull the yarn through, leaving a 3 -inch tail.
Step 1: Insert the needle from front to back between the $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ stitches of the second piece and pull the yarn through.

Step 2: Return to the first side and insert the needle from the right side to wrong side where the yarn previously came out of the piece. Slip the needle upward under the next horizontal bar and bring the needle through to the right side.
Step 3: Cross to the other side and repeat the same process, going down where you came out, under one bar, up and out.
Repeat Steps 1-3 until seam is complete, pulling the seam closed every inch or so. Weave in the tail.

## Short Rows Guide

Set A (Front only)
Short Row 1: K35 (38, 39), TP, knit back.
Short Row 2: K32 (35, 36), TP, knit back.
Short Row 3: K29 $(32,33)$ TP, knit back.
Short Row 4: K26 $(29,30)$ TP, knit back.

## Set B (Back only)

Short Row 1: K85 (88, 90), TP, knit back.
Short Row 2: K80 (83, 85), TP, knit back.
Short Row 3: K75 (78, 80), TP, knit back.
Short Row 4: K70 (73, 75), TP, knit back.
Short Row 5: K65 (68, 70), TP, knit back.
Short Row 6: K60 (63, 65), TP, knit back.

## Set C (From Back to Front)

Short Row 1: Knit to last $56(59,60)$ sts, TP, knit back.
Short Row 2: Knit to last $66(69,70)$ sts, TP, knit back.

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## INSTRUCTIONS:

## Right Side:

Sleeve:
With working needle and CC1, CO $72(76,82)$ sts for Right Sleeve.
Knit 12 rows.
Next Row (WS): K36 (38, 41), PM for shoulder line, $\mathrm{k} 36(38,41)$.
Sleeve Shaping:
Note: Read ahead, as shaping \& color changes happen at the same time.
Inc Row (RS): Kfb, knit to last stitch, kfb (2 sts inc).
At the same time as working the color sequence (see **) and breaking the yarn at all stripes, repeat the Inc Row every 14th row another $4(1,1)$ times, and then every 12 th row $1(5,5)$ times $=84(90,96)$ sts.

Color Sequence:
** Continuing with CC1, knit another 10 rows.
Switch to CC2 and work $10(12,12)$ rows.
Switch to CC1 and work 4 rows.
Switch to MC and work 4 rows.
Switch to CC2 and work 4 rows.
Switch to MC and work $36(40,40)$ rows.

## Shoulder Shaping:

Note: The following German short row shaping creates room in the top of the Sleeve, so that it does not pull at the shoulder.
Switch to CC1 and knit 3 rows even.
Next Row (WS): K16, PM \#1, knit to last 16 sts, PM \#2, knit to end of row. Work short rows as follows:
Short Row 1 (RS): Knit to marker \#2, TP, knit back to marker \#1, TP.
Short Row 2: Knit to 5 sts before marker \#2, TP, knit back to 5 sts before marker \#1, TP.
Short Row 3: Knit to 10 sts before marker \#2, TP, knit back to 10 sts before marker \#1, TP.

Short Row 4: Knit to 15 sts before marker \#2, TP, knit back to 15 sts before marker \#1, TP.
Next Row (RS): Knit to end of row working the TP Stitch legs together as one stitch as you come to them, then, using the Twisted Backward Loop Cast On Method, CO $85(88,90)$ sts for Right Back $=169(178,186)$ sts.
Next Row (WS): Knit to end of row working the TP Stitch legs together as one stitch as you come to them, then, using Twisted Backward Loop Cast On Method, CO $85(88,90)$ sts for Right Front $=254(266,276)$ sts.

## Body:

With CC1, knit $16(22,26)$ more rows, then break yarn.
With CC2 knit $8(10,14)$ rows, then break yarn.

Join MC on RS and knit 6 rows.

* With RS facing work Set A Short Rows, ending after working a WS row.


Next Row (RS): Knit and work the TP Stitch legs together as one stitch as you come to them.
With WS facing, work Set B Short Rows, ending after working a RS row.
Next Row (WS): Knit and work the TP Stitch legs together as one stitch as you come to them.
Knit 5 more rows.
With WS facing, work Set C Short Rows, ending after working a RS row.
Next row (WS): Knit and work the TP Stitch legs together as one stitch as you come to them.

Knit 6 more rows.
Repeat from * two more times, ending last sequence with 2 knit rows instead of 6 .
Front and Back Separation:
With WS facing, knit to 6 sts before shoulder marker, then BO $16(16,18)$ sts, removing marker, and knit to end of row $=121(127,132)$ sts for Back and $117(123,126)$ sts for Front $=238(250,258)$ sts total.
Move the $121(127,132)$ sts for Back to holder or waste yarn.

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## Right Front Neck Shaping:

Next Row (RS): Knit.
Next Row (WS): BO 2 sts, knit to end.
Rep these two rows 2 more times $=111(117,120)$ sts.
Knit 4 more rows even.
With RS facing, switch to CC2 and knit $4(4,6)$ rows even, then break yarn.
Switch to CC1 and knit $2(4,4)$ rows even.
Buttonholes:
Note: For a tighter edge use the Twisted Backward Loop Cast On to cast on for buttonholes.
Next Row (RS): Knit to last 24 sts, BO 4, k12, BO 4, k4.
Next Row (WS): K4, CO 4, k12, CO 4, knit to end.
Knit $6(6,8)$ more rows even.
Bind off all sts loosely.
Right Back:
Transfer $121(127,132)$ sts from holder back to working needle.
With RS facing, switch to MC at Back neck and knit $5(7,7)$ rows even.
With WS facing, work Set B Short Rows, ending after working a RS row.
Next Row (WS): Knit and work the TP Stitch legs together as one stitch as you come to them.

Knit 6 rows even.
With RS facing, switch to CC2 and knit 2 rows.
Work short rows as follows:
Short Row 1 (RS): K45, TP, knit back.
Short Row 2: K35, TP, knit back.
Next Row (RS): Knit and work the TP Stitch legs together as one stitch as you come to them.
Knit one row even.
Place all sts on waste yarn.

## LEFT SIDE:

Sleeve:
Work as for Right Sleeve.

## Body:

With CC1, knit $16(22,26)$ more rows and break yarn.
With CC2 knit $8(10,14)$ rows and break yarn.
Switch to MC on RS and knit 6 rows.

* With RS facing, work Set B Short Rows, ending after working a WS row.

Next Row (RS): Knit and work the TP Stitch legs together as one stitch as you come to them.
With WS facing, work Set A Short Rows, ending after working a RS row.
Next Row (WS): Knit and work the TP Stitch legs together as one stitch as you come to them.
Knit 5 more rows even.

With WS facing, work Set C Short Rows, ending after working a RS row.
Next Row (WS): Knit and work the TP Stitch legs together as one stitch as you come to them.

Knit 6 more rows even.
Repeat from * two more times, ending last sequence with 3 knit rows instead of 6 .
Front and Back Separation:
With WS facing, knit to $10(10,12)$ sts before shoulder marker, then BO 16 $(16,18)$ sts, knit to end of row $==121(127,132)$ sts for Back and $117(123$,
126) sts for Front $=238(250,258)$ sts total.

Move the $117(123,126)$ sts for Front to holder or waste yarn.
Left Back:
With RS facing, knit $6(8,8)$ rows even, ending after working a WS row.
With RS facing, work Set B Short Rows, ending after working a WS row.
Next Row (RS): Knit and work the TP Stitch legs together as one stitch as you come to them.
Knit 5 rows even.
With RS facing, switch to CC2 and knit 2 rows.
Work short rows as follows:
Short Row 1 (RS): K45, TP, knit back.
Short Row 2: K35, TP, knit back.
Next Row (RS): Knit and work the TP Stitch legs together as one stitch as you come to them.
Knit one row even.
Move all sts to a holder or waste yarn.
Left Front Neck Shaping:
Move $117(123,126)$ Front sts from holder to working needle.
With WS facing, switch to MC at lower edge and knit to end.
Next Row (RS): BO 2 sts and knit to end of row.
Next Row (WS): Knit.
Rep these two rows 2 more times $=111(117,120)$ sts.
Knit 4 more rows even.
With RS facing, switch to CC2, knit $4(4,6)$ rows, then break yarn.
Switch to CC1 and knit $10(12,14)$ rows even.
Bind off all sts loosely.

## FINISHING

Weave in ends. Block to measurements.
Sew both side seams, including the Sleeves using the Mattress Stitch, and matching the yarn color on the sides.
Transfer Left Back and Right Back sts to separate circular needles. Then, with RS together, sew Left Back and Right Back together using a Three Needle Bind Off.

Sew buttons to Left Front to correspond to buttonholes.

## Collar:

With RS of garment facing and using the working needle, begin picking up sts for Collar at Right Front as follows:

Join CC1 and pick up $43(45,46)$ sts for Right Front, 22 sts for Back neck, and $43(45,46)$ sts for Left Front $=108(112,114)$ sts.

Note: In order to make Collar stand up, alternate needle sizes between the working needle and the smallest needle for the next 8 rows only as follows:

Next Row (RS): With smallest needle, knit.
Next Row (WS): With working needle, knit.
Rep these two rows 3 more times.
Next Row (RS): With CC2 and working needle, knit.
Knit 3 rows even.
Change to medium needle and knit 4 more rows.
Switch to MC and knit 6 rows even.
Note: Use kfb for the following increases.
Inc Row (WS): Knit across row, inc $10(12,14)$ sts evenly spaced $=118$
$(124,128)$ sts.
Knit 6 rows even.
Change to larger needle and knit 8 rows even.
Switch to CC2 and knit 6 rows even.
Switch to largest needle and CC1.
Knit 18 rows even.
BO all sts very loosely. Weave in ends.
Block Collar.

| ABBREVIATIONS: |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| approx | approximate(ly) |
| BO | Bind Off |
| CC1 | Coordinating Color 1 |
| CC2 | Coordinating Color 2 |
| CO | Cast On |
| k | knit |
| kf\&b | knit into the front of the stitch, and without removing the needle, |
|  | knit into the back of the same stitch (increases 1 stitch). |
| MC | Main Color |
| p | purl |
| PM | Place Marker |
| RS | Right Side |
| st(s) | stitch(es) |
| TP | Turn \& Pull (see TECHNIQUES) |
| WS | Wrong Side |


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