

Flowntot Cardigan

This sweet cardi is simple to knit and easy to customize. The original small-size cardigan (left) was embellished with [Hinke's Just a Leaf](#) all around the waistband, but this is an optional embellishment. The Wave edging adds a delicate touch and is easy to do. It looks great with either ties or buttons, but ensure buttons are sewn on for dear life.



materials

3 skeins (1 each colour) worsted weight yarn (or whatever gets gauge) – *approximately* 250-300 yd total

colour A: Main body colour, 1 skein (Lion Brand Cupcake in “Sugar plum”)

colour B: Accent colour, < 1 skein (Lion Brand Cotton-Ease in “Cactus”)

colour C: Skirt colour, 1 skein (Bernat Cottontots in “Sweet Cream”)

size 5 mm needles, 24” circular and dpn (body and sleeves)

size 4 mm needles, circular and dpn (cuffs and neckband)

size G (4.0 mm) crochet hook

tapestry needle

stitch markers

if embellishing with leaves : safety pins, or those stitch markers that open and close

gauge: 18 st and 24 rows / 4 inches (Take the time to do a gauge swatch!)

size: S: 0-3 mos. (M: 4-8 mos., L: 9-12 mos.)

chest measurements: 16 (17, 18) inches

abbreviations used:

CO – cast on

pm – place marker

M - marker

kfbf – knit front, back, and front again (inc 2 st) (used in middle band)

m1 – make one (inc 1 st) (used in skirt increases)

all other abbreviations used are standard

starting at the top; raglan increases

Using colour A and larger needles:

CO 32 (38, 44) stitches

Row 1: Knit 1, pm, k 8 (10, 12), pm, k 14 (16, 18), pm, k 8 (10, 12) pm, k 1

Row 2 and all even rows: purl

Row 3: Knit across, kfb at the st before and after each marker (8 st inc)

Row 5: kfb of first st, kfb at the st before and after each marker, kfb final st. (10 st inc)

Continue increasing 10 st every row (purl even rows).

When there are 22 (26, 30) st between the back markers, next odd row: stop increasing first and last st.

Kfb at the st before and after each marker (8 st inc).

Continue increasing 8 st every odd row and purling every even row.

When there are 36 (40, 44) st between the back markers, next right side row: knit to first M, remove M, place shoulder sts on scrap yarn to hold for sleeve, remove marker, CO 2 (2, 1) st, join to back st, k to next M, remove M, place shoulder sts on scrap yarn to hold for sleeve, remove M, CO 2 (2, 1) st, join to front st and knit to end. 70 (78, 84) st total on needles – no more increasing.

Knit in stockinette 4 (4, 6) more rows, *or* to desired length.

middle band

If you want to leave out the leaves, knit the middle band in plain stockinette (ignore instructions for rows 3 and 4 and just knit across, purl across, respectively)

Row 1 (RS): Switch to colour B – purl across

Row 2 (WS): purl across

Row 3: k6, kfbf (inc 2 st), [k13 (12, 11), kfbf] 4 (5, 6) times, k7 (6, 5). Place each of the groups of 2 inc st onto holders as you go, leaving them on the needle; 5 (6, 7) in all.

Row 4: p across, slipping held st off needle to dangle in front (i.e. visible on the RS) - 70 (78, 84) total

Row 5: k across

Row 6: Switch to colour C – knit across



skirt

Because the lace at the bottom has a repeat of 18 sts (plus two for selvedge), the skirt begins by increasing sts evenly over the first 6 rows (increasing on odd rows, and purling across even rows). I've written out the increase instructions by size for the sake of clarity – when I collapse these instructions they look like an algebraic equation, and no one needs that.

A note about m1 (make one) – Any manner of increasing one stitch will do, but I don't recommend kfb as it leaves a visible bar. Choose your best invisible increase!

Row 1 (RS): increase 7 (10, 12) evenly across 70 (78, 84) sts – 77 (88, 96) total

S: k 5, m1, (k 10, m1) 6 times, k 5

M: k 7, m1 (k 7, m1) 9 times, k 8

L: k 3, m1 (k 7, m1) 11 times, k 4

Row 2 and all even rows (WS) : purl across

Row 3: increase 7 (11, 16) evenly across 77 (88, 96) sts – 84 (99, 112) total

S: k 5, m1, (k 11, m1) 6 times, k 6

M: k 4, m1, (k 8, m1) 10 times, k 4

L: k 3, m1 (k 6, m1) 15 times, k 3

Row 5: increase 8 (11, 16) evenly across 84 (99, 112) sts – 92 (110, 128) total

S: k 7, m1, (k 10, m1) 7 times, k 7

M: k 4, m1, (k 9, m1) 10 times, k 5

L: k 3, m1 (k 7, m1) 15 times, k 4

Row 6: p across

Knit in stockinette, 8 (10, 12) more rows, *or* to desired length, and begin edging on RS row.

wave edging

Row 1 [RS]: k across

Row 2 [WS]: k1, purl to last 1 st, k1

Row 3: k1, *k2tog 3 times, [yo, k1] 6 times, k2tog 3 times*, rep to last st, k1

Row 4: k across

Rep these 4 rows twice more. BO all sts.

If desired, do not break yarn and begin picking up stitches for button band (see below). Otherwise, break yarn and weave in ends.



sleeves

Using larger dpns, arrange held sts evenly onto 3 needles, beginning by picking up from armpit 2 (1, 0) on the first needle, and 2 (1, 0) at the end of the third needle.

If knitting L size, leave longer tail to sew up armpit holes. The hole can be avoided by picking up sts from the armpit and decreasing twice more than indicated; this results in a bigger, baggier sleeve.

PM and join to knit in round - 34 (36, 38) st total.

Knit 3 rounds.

Round 4 (decrease round): k1, k2tog, k to last 3 st, ssk, k1 (2 st dec).

Knit 4 rounds and 1 decrease round, 2 more times - 28 (30, 32) st rem.

Knit even in colour A until sleeve measures 4.5 (5, 5.5)" *or* to 1" less than desired sleeve length, from armpit.

Next round: change to smaller needles and colour C, purl 1 round.

Round 2, 4, 6: Purl around

Round 3, 5: Knit around

Round 7: BO in purl, not too tightly.

Make the other sleeve the same way. Weave in ends.



button bands & collar

Using smaller circular needle and yarn colour C, begin picking up stitches for the button band on the lower left side (RS). Pick up and knit 3 out of 4 st to collar. Pick up and knit all the shoulder and back neck st. Pick up and knit 3 out of 4 st down the right side of the cardigan.

If using buttons on finished cardigan, work buttonholes into row 3 at desired button-points.

Row 1 (WS): Knit 5 rows in garter st (k every row).

Row 6 (RS): BO loosely.

finishing

The edge of the button band where it meets the lace sticks out a little, but this can be tidied with a few stitches to “close” it.



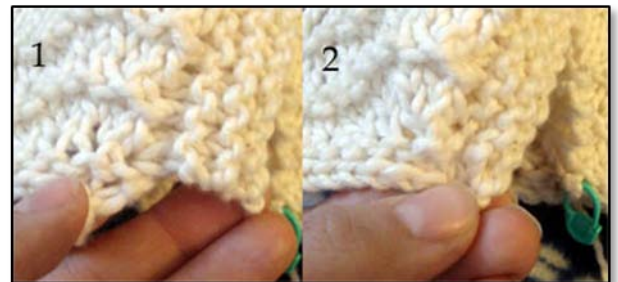
if embellishing with leaves:

For each of the groups of 2 held st:

Slip 2 st to needle. kfb, k1 (3 st).

Knit I-cord to desired dangliness (I did three rounds before starting leaf). Make [Hinke's "Just a leaf"](#) 5 (6, 7) times.

Alternatively, knit the leaf first and graft it to the held sts.



for curlicue ties (make 2 or 4):

Place markers at desired tie points on the inside of the front bands, in pairs (across from each other).

On smaller needle, CO 35.

Row 1: kfb of each st (70 st)

Row 2: BO loosely. Break yarn leaving 7” tail. Use tail to sew curlicue to inside front band at a marker



Sew on buttons if you made buttonholes.

Weave in and trim remaining loose ends.

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