

Yellow, Pink and Sparkly

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A loose fitting cardigan with a decorative Fair Isle border around the body. Knitted in 4 ply weight yarn.



The cardigan is knitted in one piece up to the armholes, and then knitted back and forth. The shoulders are formed by short row shaping and a three needle bind off. The sleeves are knitted flat and seamed to fit.

SIZING AND MEASUREMENTS

The cardigan is offered in one size only - to fit 32/ 34 inch bust (80/ 85 cm)

Finished measurements:

Chest 36" / 92 cm

Sleeve seam 18" / 46 cm

Length 19" / 48 cm

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

This pattern incorporates, short row shaping, three needle bind off and Fair Isle knitting from a chart. The Fair Isle pattern is not complicated, and would be suitable for a confident beginner.

YOU WILL NEED

10 x 25g balls of Jamieson & Smith 2 ply jumper weight in main colour - pink.

Oddments (approximately 5g) in the following colours-

Cream, light blue, medium blue, dark blue and green

2.75 mm straight needles for cuff ribbing, button bands etc

3 mm circular needle for lower body & 3 mm straight needles for upper body & sleeves

3.25 mm circular for Fair Isle border

Stitch holders

12 buttons - approximately 1 cm in diameter

GAUGE

26 sts and 40 rows to 10 cm measured over stocking stitch.

ABBREVIATIONS USED

k = knit

p = purl

sts = stitches

dec = decrease

m1= make 1

alt = alternate

RS = right side

WS = wrong side

yrn = yarn round needle

LH = left hand

RH = right hand

wrap and turn = wrap next stitch and turn - work the required number of stitches in the row, wrap the next st by slipping the st onto the RH needle, take the yarn to the opposite side of the work, between the needles, and then slip the same st back onto the LH needle. On subsequent row, work the loop and the wrapped st together and continue in pattern



Divide for armholes

RIGHT FRONT

Pattern 53 sts, turn leaving remaining sts on a spare needle.

Working on the 53 sts for the right front and keeping pattern correct, dec 1 st at armhole

edge on next 5 rows. (48 sts)

Dec at armhole edge on 2 following alternate rows. (46 sts)

Dec at armhole edge on following 4th row. (45 sts)

Work 2 rows ending with a WS row.

Shape Neckline

Put 9 sts on a holder, rejoin yarn to next st and patt to end. (36 sts)

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 8 rows. (28 sts)

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 6 alt rows. (22 sts)

Dec 1 st at neck edge on 3 following 4th rows. (19 sts)

Continue straight until armhole measures 17 cm ending with a WS row.

Shape shoulders (using short row shaping)

K13, wrap and turn.

P to end.

K7, wrap and turn.

P to end.

Knit to end.

Place sts on a holder.

Break of yarn.

BACK

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to sts on the spare needle. Cast off 8 sts. Pattern 106 sts, turn. (106 sts)

Leave remaining sts on a spare needle.

Working on the 106 sts for the back, dec 1 st at each end of next 5 rows. (96 sts)

Dec 1 st at each end of the 2 following alt rows. (92 sts)

Dec 1 st at each end of the following 4th row. (90 sts)

Continue without shaping until the armhole measures the same as the right front to the start of the shoulder shaping, ending with a WS row.

Shape shoulders (using short row shaping)

k23, turn, leaving remaining 67 sts on a spare needle.

Working on 23 sts only, cast off 4 sts, purl until there are 13 sts on RH needle, wrap and turn.

Knit to end.

P7, wrap and turn.

knit to end.

Purl to end, place the 19 sts on a holder for right back shoulder.

Return to the remaining back sts and with RS facing, place the first 44 sts on a holder for the back neck.

Rejoin yarn to remaining 23 sts cast off 4 sts, knit until there are 13sts on the RH needle, wrap and turn.

P to end.

K 7 sts, wrap and turn.

P to end.

K to end. Place the 19 sts on a holder.

LEFT FRONT

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to remaining sts on spare needle, cast off 8 sts and pattern to end. (53 sts)

Dec 1 st at armhole edge on next 5 sts. (48 sts)

Dec 1 st at armhole edge on 2 following alt rows. (46 sts)

Dec 1 st at armhole edge on following 4th row. (45 sts)

Work 2 rows ending with a WS row.

Shape neckline

Work to last 9 sts, turn, place the 9 sts on a stitch holder.

Working on the remaining 36 sts, dec 1 st at neck edge on next 8 rows. (28 sts)

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 6 alt rows. (22 sts)

Dec 1 st at neck edge on three following 4th rows. (19 sts)

Continue straight until armhole measures the same as right front and back to start of shoulder shaping ending with a RS row.

Shape shoulders (using short row shaping)

P13, wrap and turn.

K to end.

P7, wrap and turn.

K to end.

P to end.

Place sts on a holder.

Break of yarn.



SLEEVES

With 2.75 mm straight needles cast on 54 sts.

Row 1: k2, (p2, k2) to end.

Row 2: p2, (k2, p2) to end

Repeat the last two rows 7 more times - 16 rows worked in total.

Change to 3mm needles and work 4 rows in stocking stitch.

Increase row (RS): k2, m1, k to last 2 sts, m1, k2. (56 sts)

Work 9 rows.

Increase as before on next row.

Repeat the last ten rows 13 more times. (84 sts)

Continue without shaping until sleeve measures 46 cm (18 inches).

Armhole shaping

Cast off 6 sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows. (72 sts)

Decrease 1 st at each end of next 3 rows. (66 sts)

Work 1 row without decreasing, then decrease 1 st at each end of next row.

Repeat the last 2 rows 1 more time - 4 rows worked in total. (62 sts)

Work 3 rows without decreasing, then decrease 1 st at each end of next row.

Repeat the last 4 rows 4 more time - 20 rows worked in total. (52 sts)

Work 1 row without decreasing, then decrease 1 st at each end of next row.

Repeat the last 2 rows 4 more time - 10 rows worked in total. (42 sts)

Decrease 1 st at each end of next 5 rows. (32 sts)

Cast off 4 sts at the beginning of the next 4 rows. (16 sts)

Cast off remaining sts.

MAKING UP

Shoulder seams

Place the shoulder sts for the right front and corresponding back onto straight needles.

With RS facing, 3 needle bind off the stitches.

Repeat with the left front and corresponding back.

Join sleeve seam and set sleeve into armhole.

NECKBAND

With RS facing and 2.75 mm needles, knit across 9 sts from holder on right front, pick up and knit 38 sts from right front, pick up and knit 9 sts from right back, knit across 44 sts on holder for back, pick up and knit 9 sts from left back, pick up and knit 38 sts from left front, knit across 9 sts from holder on left front . (156 sts)

Row 1 (WS): p3 (k2, p2) to last st, p1.

Row 2 (RS): k3, (p2, k2) to last st, k1.

Repeat these two rows 2 more times (6 rows worked in total).

Cast off in rib.

BUTTON BAND

With 2.75 mm needles, pick up and knit 94 sts along left front.

Row 1 (WS): (p2, k2) to last two sts, p2.

Row 2 (RS): (k2, p2) to last two sts, k2.

Repeat these two rows 2 more times (6 rows worked in total).

Cast off in rib.

BUTTONHOLE BAND

With 2.75 mm needles, pick up and knit 94 sts along left front.

Row 1 (WS): (p2, k2) to last two sts, p2.



Row 2 (RS): (k2, p2) to last two sts, k2.

Repeat first row 1 more time.

Row 4 (buttonhole row): k2, (p2tog, yrn, k2, p2, k2) eleven times, p2tog, yrn, k2.

Rows 5 & 6: as rows 1 & 2.

Cast off in rib.

Neaten all loose ends and sew on buttons to correspond with the buttonholes.



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