Charlotte

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Charlotte is a snug cardi, knitted in aran-weight yarn. It has a scoop neck and a patterned border on the lower body. It is quick to knit and very comfortable to wear.

One size only. To fit size small 32"

Knitted size
Bust 84 cm / 33 inches
Length to shoulder 46 cm / 18 inches
Sleeve seam 46 cm / 18 inches

Materials
8 balls of Aran weight yarn (I used Debbie Bliss Donegal Aran Tweed – 88 metres / 96 yards per ball)
6 buttons
5mm and 4.5mm needles (US 8 and 7)

Tension
16 sts and 22 rows to 10cm (4 inches) measured over stocking stitch using 5 mm needles.

Abbreviations

k = knit
p = purl
sts = stitches
sl = slip
tog = together
tbl = through back of loop
psso = pass the slipped stitch over
yon = yon over needle
beg = beginning
alt = alternate

BACK
With 5mm needles cast on 61 stitches.
K 2 rows.

Work pattern border as follows:
Row 1: k2tog, k4, yon, k1, (yon, k4, sl1 k2tog psso, k4, yon, k1) 4 times, yon, k4, sl1 k1 psso.
Row 2 and all even numbered rows: purl.
Row 3: k2tog, k3, yon, k3, (yon, k3, sl1 k2tog psso, k3, yon, k3) 4 times, yon, k3, sl1 k1 psso.
Row 5: k2tog, k2, yon, k5, (yon, k2, sl1 k2tog psso, k2, yon, k5) 4 times, yon, k2, sl1 k1 psso.
Row 7: k2tog, k1, yon, k7, (yon, k1, sl1 k2tog psso, k1, yon, k7) 4 times, yon, k1, sl1 k1 psso.
Row 9: k2tog, yon, k9, (yon, sl1 k2tog psso, yon, k9) 4 times, yon, sl1 k1 psso.
Row 11: k2, (yon, sl1 k1 psso, k5, k2tog, yon, k3) 4 times, yon, sl1 k1 psso, k5, k2tog, yon, k2.
Row 13: k3, (yon, sl1 k1 psso, k3, k2tog, yon, k5) 4 times, yon, sl1 k1 psso, k3, k2tog, yon, k3.
Row 15: k4, (yon, sl1 k1 psso, k1, k2tog, yon, k7) 4 times, yon, sl1 k1 psso,

k1, k2tog, yon, k4.
Row 17: k5, (yon, sl1 k2tog psso, yon, k9) 4 times, yon, sl1 k2tog psso, yon, k5.
Row 19: k3, (k2tog, yon, k3, yon, sl1 k1 psso, k5) 4 times, k2tog, yon, k3, yon, sl1 k1 psso, k3.
Row 21: k2, (k2tog, yon, k5, yon, sl1 k1 psso, k3) 4 times, k2tog, yon, k5, yon, sl1 k1 psso, k2.
Row 23: k1, (k2tog, yon, k7, yon, sl1 k1 psso, k1) 4 times, k2tog, yon, k7, yon, sl1 k1 psso, k1.
Row 25: k2tog, (yon, k9, yon, sl1 k2tog psso) 4 times, yon, k9, yon, sl1 k1 psso.
Row 27: k12 (yon, k2tog, k10) 3 times, yon, k2tog, k11.
Row 28: purl.

This completes the patterned border. Continue in stocking stitch until works measures 27 cm.

Shape armholes
Cast off 4 sts at the beg of the next 2 rows.
Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows.
Dec 1 st at each end of next alt row. (47 sts)
Continue straight until armhole measures 19 cm.

Shape shoulders
Cast off 6 sts at the beg of the next 4 rows (23 sts)
Place remaining 23 sts on a stitch holder.

LEFT FRONT
With 5mm needles cast on 35 sts
K 2 rows

Commence pattern
Row 1: k2tog, k4, yon, k1, (yon, k4, sl1 k2tog psso, k4, yon, k1) 2 times, k4.
Row 2 and all even numbered rows: k4, purl to end.
Row 3: k2tog, k3, yon, k3, yon, k3, sl1 k2tog psso, k3, yon, k3, yon, k3, sl1 k2tog psso, k3, yon, k6.
Row 5: k2tog, k2, yon, k5, yon, k2, sl1 k2tog psso, k2, yon, k5, yon, k2, sl1 k2tog psso, k2, yon, k7.
Row 7: k2tog, k1, yon, k7, yon, k1, sl1 k2tog psso, k1, yon, k7, yon, k1, sl1 k2tog psso,k1, yon, k8.
Row 9: k2tog, yon, k9, (yon, sl1 k2tog psso, yon, k9), 2 times.
Row 11: k2, (yon, sl1 k1 psso, k5, k2tog, yon, k3) 2 times, yon, sl1 k1 psso, k7.
Row 13: k3, (yon, sl1 k1 psso, k3, k2tog, yon, k5) 2 times, yon, sl1 k1 psso, k6.
Row 15: k4, (yon, sl1 k1 psso, k1, k2tog, yon, k7) 2 times, yon, sl1 k1 psso, k5.
Row 17: k5, (yon, sl1 k2tog psso, yon, k9) 2 times, yon, sl1 k2tog psso, yon, k4.
Row 19: k3, (k2tog, yon, k3, yon, sl1 k1 psso, k5) 2 times, k2tog, yon, k6.

Row 21: k2, (k2tog, yon, k5, yon, sl1 k1 psso, k3) 2 times, k2tog, yon, k7.
Row 23: k1, (k2tog, yon, k7, yon, sl1 k1 psso, k1) 2 times, k2tog, yon, k8.
Row 25: k2tog, (yon, k9, yon, sl1 k2tog psso) 2 times, yon, k9.
Row 27: k12, yon, k2tog, k10, yon, k2tog, k9.
Row 28: k4, purl to end.
This completes the patterned section. Continue straight until work measures 27 cm, remembering to keep garter stitch button band correct.

Shape armholes and neck
Cast off 4 sts at the beg of the next row, k to last 8 sts, turn, leaving the last 8 sts on a holder.
Dec 1 st at neck edge , purl to end.
**dec 1 st at both ends of next 2 rows.
Dec 1 st at each end of next alt row. (16 sts)
Dec 1 st at neck edge only on next 4 alt rows. (12 sts)
Continue straight until the armhole measures 19 cm ending with the right side facing for the next row.
Shape shoulder
Cast off 6 sts at the beg of the next row.
Purl 1 row.
Cast off remaining 6 sts.

RIGHT FRONT
With 5mm needles cast on 35 sts.
K 2 rows.

Commence pattern
Row 1: k5, (yon, k4, sl1 k2tog psso, k4, yon, k1) 2 times, yon, k4, sl1 k1 psso.
Row 2 and all even numbered rows: purl to last 4 sts, k4.
Row 3 (buttonhole row): k2, yon, k2tog, k2, (yon, k3, sl1 k2tog psso, k3, yon, k3) 2 times, yon, k3, sl1 k1 psso.
Row 5: k7, (yon, k2, sl1 k2tog psso, k2, yon, k5) 2 times, yon, k2, sl1 k1 psso.
Row 7: k8, (yon, k1, sl1 k2tog psso, k1, yon, k7) 2 times, yon, k1, sl1 k1 psso.

Row 9: k9, (yon, sl1 k2tog psso, yon, k9) 2 times, yon, sl1 k1 psso.
Row 11: k7, (k2tog, yon, k3, yon, sl1 k1 psso, k5) 2 times, k2tog, yon, k2.
Row 13: k6, (k2tog, yon, k5, yon, sl1 k1 psso, k3) 2 times, k2tog, yon, k3.
Row 15: (buttonhole row): k2, yon, k2tog, k1, (k2tog, yon, k7, yon, sl1 k1 psso, k1) 2 times, k2tog, yon, k4.
Row 17: k4, k2tog, (yon, k9, yon, sl1 k2tog psso) 2 times, yon, k5.
Row 19: k6, (yon, sl1 k1 psso, k5, k2tog, yon, k3) 2 times, yon, sl1 k1 psso, k3.
Row 21: k7, (yon, sl1 k1 psso, k3, k2tog, yon, k5) 2 times, yon, sl1 k1 psso, k2.
Row 23: k8, (yon, sl1 k1 psso, k1, k2tog, yon, k7) 2 times, yon, sl1 k1 psso, k1.
Row 25: k9, (yon, sl1 k2tog psso, yon, k9) 2 times, yon, sl1 k1 psso.
Row 27: (buttonhole row): k2, yon, k2tog, k6 yon, k2tog, k10, yon, k2tog, k11.
Row 28: purl to last 4 sts, k4.
This completes the patterned border. Continue straight until work measures 27cm ending with right side facing for next row, and working another 2 buttonholes on the 11th row and following 12th row.

Place first 8 sts on a holder, continuing on the remaining sts, knit to end.
Cast off 4 sts at the beginning of the next row, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog.
Complete from ** of left front, reversing shaping.

SLEEVES
With 5mm needles cast on 36 sts.
K 4 rows.
Stocking stitch 6 rows.
Increase 1 st at each end of next and 9 following 8th rows. (56 sts)
Continue straight until sleeve measures 47 cm.

Shape top of sleeve
Cast off 4 sts at the beg of the next 2 rows.
Decrease 1 st at each end of next 2 rows.
Decrease 1 st at each end of next 3 alt rows.
Decrease 1 st at each end of next 4 following 4th rows.
Decrease 1 st at each end of next 3 alt rows.
Decrease 1 st at each end of next 2 rows.
Cast off 4 sts at the beg of the next 2 rows.
Cast off remaining 12 sts.

MAKING UP
Neckband
Join shoulder seams.
With 4.5mm needles and right side facing, k across 8 sts on holder from right front, pick up and knit 36 sts up neck edge of right front, k across 23 sts on holder for back neck, pick up and knit 36 sts down neck edge of left front, k across 8 sts on holder from left front. (111 sts)
K 6 rows working a button hole at the beg of the 4th of these rows.
Cast off.

Sew in sleeves, join side seams and sew on buttons.