

Yellow Pink and Sparkly

Holly

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A vintage-style, slim-fit cardigan with Fair Isle pattern and contrast coloured edgings.

To fit 32" chest.

Finished measurements:

Chest 33"

Sleeve seam 18"

Length 21"



Requirements

2 x 100g balls of Sirdar Country Style DK (main colour) 318 metres / 348 yards per ball

I used shade 502 gemini

1 x 100g ball of Sirdar Country Style DK in four contrasting colours

I used shades 423 light pink, 411 cream, 609 pillarbox, 441 light navy and 595 highland burn

3.75mm and 3.25mm straight needles

8 buttons

Tension

22 sts and 29 rows to 10 cm measured over pattern.

Abbreviations

k = knit

p = purl

sts = stitches

k2tog = knit 2 together

k2togtbl = knit 2 together through back of loops

dec = decrease

m1= make 1

alt = alternate

RS = right side

WS = wrong side

yon = yarn over needle

BACK

With 3.75mm needles cast on 102 sts in red. Break off red and join in dark green. Knit one row.

Row 2 : (p2, k2) p2

Row 3 : (k2, p2) k2

Repeat last 2 rows 10 more times, then row 2 once more.

Row 25: k14(k2tog, k16) 3 times, k2togtbl, k16, K2togtbl, k14. 97 sts

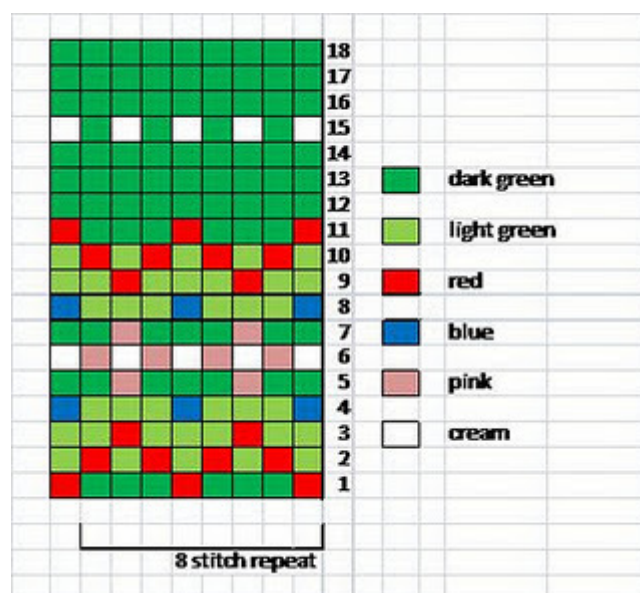
Purl 1 row.

Commence Fair Isle from chart, and at the same time, decrease 1 st at each end of 5th and 3 following 4th rows. 89 sts

Pattern 9 rows.

Increase 1 st at each end of next and 3 following 8th rows. 97 sts

Pattern 17 rows (ending with pattern row 14).



Shape armholes

Cast off 5 sts at the beginning of the next two rows. 87 sts

Decrease 1 st at each end of next 3 rows.

Decrease 1 st at each end of next 3 alternate rows.

Decrease 1 st at each end of following 4th row. 73 sts

Continue straight until armhole measures 18 cm, ending with a WS row.

Shape shoulders

Cast off 9 sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Cast off 8 sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Leave remaining 39 sts on a holder.

LEFT FRONT

With 3.75mm needles cast on 51 stitches in red. Break off red and join in dark green.

Knit one row.

Row 2: (p2, k2) to last 3 sts, p3.

Row 3: k3, (p2, k2) to end.

Repeat last two rows until 24 rows have been completed.

Decrease row : k14, k2tog, k16, k2tog, k17. 49 sts

Purl 1 row.

Commence Fair Isle pattern from chart. Keeping pattern correct, decrease 1 st at beginning of 5th and 3 following 4th rows. 45 sts

Pattern 9 rows.

Increase 1 st at beginning of next and 3 following 8th rows. 49 sts

Pattern 17 rows without shaping ending with pattern row 14.



Armhole shaping

Cast off 5 sts at beginning of next row.

Work 1 row.

Decrease 1 st at armhole edge of next 3 rows.

Decrease 1 st at armhole edge of next 3 alternate rows.

Decrease 1 st at armhole edge of following 4th row. 37 sts

Work 2 rows, ending with a WS row facing for next row.

Neck shaping

Cast off 8 sts at beg of next row.

Decrease 1 st at neck edge on next 5 rows.

Decrease 1 st at neck edge on next 5 alternate rows.

Decrease 1 st at neck edge on next 2 following 4th rows. 17 sts

Continue straight until armhole measures the same as back to start of shoulder shaping, ending with a WS row.

Shape shoulders

Cast off 9 sts at beg of next row.

Work 1 row.

Cast off remaining 8 sts.

RIGHT FRONT

With 3.75mm needles cast on 51 stitches in red. Break off red and join in dark green. Knit one row.

Row 2: p3(k2, p2) to end.

Row 3: (k2, p2) to last 3 sts, k3.

Repeat last two rows until 24 rows have been completed.

Decrease row : k17, k2tog, k16, k2tog, k14. 49 sts

Purl 1 row.

Commence Fair Isle pattern from chart. Keeping pattern correct, decrease 1 st at end of 5th and 3 following 4th rows. 45 sts

Pattern 9 rows.

Increase 1 st at end of next and 3 following 8th rows. 49 sts

Pattern 17 rows without shaping ending with pattern row 14.

Armhole shaping

Pattern 1 row.

Cast off 5 sts at beginning of next row.

Decrease 1 st at armhole edge of next 3 rows.

Decrease 1 st at armhole edge of next 3 alternate rows.

Decrease 1 st at armhole edge of following 4th row. 37 sts

Work 3 rows, ending with a RS row facing for next row.

Neck shaping

Cast off 8 sts at beg of next row.

Decrease 1 st at neck edge on next 5 rows.

Decrease 1 st at neck edge on next 5 alternate rows.

Decrease 1 st at neck edge on next 2 following 4th rows. 17 sts
Continue straight until armhole measures the same as back to start of shoulder shaping, ending with a RS row.

Shape shoulders

Cast off 9 sts at beg of next row.

Work 1 row.

Cast off remaining 8 sts.

SLEEVES

With 3.25mm needles cast on 50 stitches in red. Break off red and join in dark green. Knit one row.

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

Row 3: k2, (p2, k2) to end.

Repeat last two rows until 16 rows have been completed.

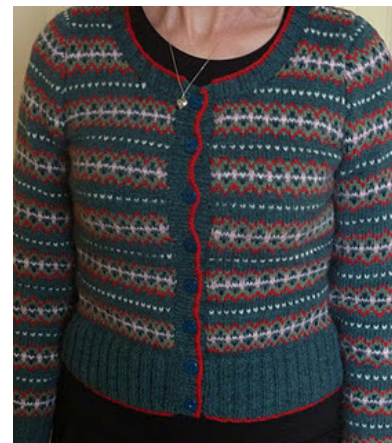
Change to 3.75mm needles and stocking stitch.

Increase row : k1, (k3, m1) to last 4 sts, k4. 65 sts

Purl 1 row.

Commence Fair Isle pattern from chart. At the same time, increase 1 st at each end of 7th row and 9 following 8th rows. 85 sts

Continue straight until sleeve measures 44 cm from cast on edge ending with a WS row (this should work out as pattern row 14).



Armhole shaping

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. 79 sts

Decrease 1 st at each end of next 7 rows.

Decrease 1 st at each end of 5 following alt rows.

Decrease 1 st at each end of following 4th row. 53 sts

Decrease 1 st at each end of next 4 alt rows.

Decrease 1 st at each end of next 7 rows.

Cast off 6 sts at beg of next 2 rows. 19 sts

Cast off remaining 19 sts.

MAKING UP

Darn in all loose ends.

Join shoulder seams.

Set in sleeves and join side and sleeve seams.

NECKBAND

Using 3.25mm needles, dark green yarn and with RS facing pick up and knit 40 sts from right front, knit across 39 sts from back neck, pick up and knit 39 sts from left front. 118 sts

Work 7 rows in k2, p2 rib.

Break off dark green and join in red. Rib one more row. Cast off in rib.

BUTTON BAND

With 3.25mm needles, dark green yarn and with RS facing pick up and knit 94 sts up left front of cardigan.

Row 1: (p2, k2) to last 2 sts, p2.

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

Repeat last two rows 2 more times, then row 1 once more (7 rows completed in total).

Break off dark green and join in red. Rib one more row. Cast off in rib.

BUTTONHOLE BAND

With 3.25mm needles, dark green yarn and with RS facing pick up and knit 94 sts up right front of cardigan.

Row 1: (p2, k2) to last 2 sts, p2.

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

Repeat row 1.

Buttonhole row (row 4): k2, p2, yon, k2tog, [(p2, k2) x 2, p2, yon, k2tog] 7 times, p2, k2.

Work 3 more rows in rib.

Break off dark green and join in red. Rib one more row. Cast off in rib.

Sew 8 buttons onto button band to correspond with buttonholes.

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