

Nona's Cardigan Sweater

Here we recreated Nona's basic cardigan from SWTC Karaoke. In Nona's own tradition, the basic pattern is a template for endless variations. Some ideas are shared here. Consider the possibilities that come from subtle variations in the rib stitches, varying the yarn colors or adding simple cables. You will become the artist and designer with this basic template.

This sweater is knit in one piece. Sleeves are attached at the armholes.

Skill Level: Easy 

Finished bust measurement: 38" (42", 46", 48", 52")

Gauge: 4.5 sts & 6 rows = 1" in pattern stitch on larger needles

Materials:

9 (10, 11, 13, 14) balls SWTC Karaoke (50% Soysilk® fiber/  50% wool); #282 Forest

US size 5 (3.75 mm) and 8 (5 mm) circular knitting needles in 16", 24", 32" lengths and US size 5 double-pointed needles, or sizes required for gauge

1 - 22" separating zipper

Body:

With smaller needles, cast on 171 (189, 207, 225, 243) sts. DO NOT JOIN.

1. (K1, p1) repeat ending with k1.

2. (P1, k1) repeat ending with p1.

Repeat these 2 rows for 3" for all sizes.

Change to larger needles and continue to work in St st (knit 1 row, purl 1 row) inc 1 st in the center on the first row only (172 (190, 208, 226, 244) sts. Work until piece measures 15" (15", 16", 16", 17") from beginning. End by working a right side row.

Divide for Fronts and Back:

With wrong side facing, purl 38 (42, 46, 50, 54) sts. Bind off 10 (10, 12, 13, 14) sts, purl across 74 (86, 92, 100, 108) sts, Bind off 10 (10, 12, 13, 14) sts, purl 38 (42, 46, 50, 54) sts and set aside.

Sleeves:

With smaller dpns, cast on 42 (46, 48, 48, 52) sts. Place marker and join, being careful not to twist your stitches. Working onto smaller needles, k1, p1 for 2.5" (2.5", 3", 3", 3.5"). Change to larger needles and St st (knit all rounds). At the same time, inc 59

1 st before and 1 st after the marker every 6 rounds until there are 64 (72, 76, 80, 86) sts. When sleeve measures 15.25" (17", 17.5", 18", 18.5") from the beginning or desired length to underarm stop 5 (5, 6, 7, 8) sts before marker. Bind off 10 (10, 12, 13, 14) sts remember to remove marker when you get to it. Make 1 more sleeve to match.

Joining Sleeves to Body:

Starting with body and RS facing, knit across 38 (43, 46, 48, 52) sts of right front, pm, knit across 54 (62, 63, 67, 72) sts of first sleeve, pm, knit across 76 (86, 92, 96, 104) sts of back, pm, knit across 54 (62, 63, 67, 72) sts of second sleeve, pm, knit across 38 (43, 46, 48, 52) sts of left front. There will be a total of 260 (296, 310, 326, 352) sts. Purl next row. Work 2 rows in St st.

Shaping:

Knit to 3 sts before marker, ssk, k1, sm, k1, k2tog. Repeat across row for all markers. Purl back.

Repeat decrease every 2nd row 20 (25, 25, 27, 31) times,

At the same time, when the piece measures 6.5" (7.25", 7.25", 7.5", 8") from joining round, shape crew neck as follows:

Continuing raglan decreasing, bind off at the beg of next 2 rows 5 (5, 7, 7, 8) sts.

Bind off 3 sts at neck edge 1 (2, 2, 2, 2) times.

Bind off sts at neck edge 3 (2, 2, 2, 3) times.

Bind off 1 st at neck edge every RS row 1 (2, 3, 3, 2) times.

After all decreases are complete, put remaining 38 (46, 46, 54, 56) sts on a holder.

Neckband:

With RS facing, pick up 20 sts up left slope, knit remaining sts left on hold, pick up 20 sts down right slope.

WS: *P1, k1* end with p1.

RS: *K1, p1* end with k1.

Repeat for 1 inch, bind off using larger needle.

Finishing:

Fold back bottom rib and cuffs and sew down. Position zipper, pin down and sew in place using needle and thread. Weave in all ends and sew underarm seams.

Please see page 83 for listing of abbreviations.



This Cardigan sweater, knit in SWTC Karaoke is comfy and roomy.