

Classic Crew Neck Cardigan (Size 2) Proverbs 31:13

YARN 2 skeins (3 ½ oz) Plymouth Encore or similar worsted acrylic or wool/acrylic yarn.

NOTIONS #5 and #8 knitting needles; 4 markers, 3 stitch holders, 5 buttons Gauge: 5 sts = 1" Circular needles (27") are easier to work with but straight needles can be used.

NECKBAND AND FIRST BUTTONHOLE: With size #5 needles, cast on 62 st.

Row 1: K 6 sts. (front band), K 1, P 1, across to last 6 sts, K 6 sts.

Row 2: K 6 sts, K 1, P 1, across, K 6 sts.

Row 3: Same as Row 1;

Row 4: K 6 sts, K 1, P 1 to last 6 sts, K 2 sts, YO, K 2 tog, K 2 sts. P 1, K 1 across. (Buttonhole made)

Row 5: Same as Row 1

Row 6: Same as Row 2

Row 7: Same as Row 1

BUTTONHOLES Make 4 more buttonholes down front 2 ½" apart)

YOKE: Change to #8 needles.

Row 8: (Wrong side) Work 6 sts, P 9 sts, place marker (front), P 7 sts, place marker (sleeve), P 18 sts, place marker (back) P 7 sts, place marker (sleeve), P 9 sts. (front), work 6 sts.

Row 9: *Work 6 sts. K across, increase 1 st. before and after each marker, work 6 sts. (8 increases)
(To increase: K in front and back of stitch)

Row 10: Work 6 sts. purl across, work 6 sts*.

Repeat from * to * until there are 52 sts on back section. End with right side row.

FRONT, BACK, AND SLEEVES: 6, 26, 41, 52, 41, 26, 6 st. 192 st.

Work 6 sts, P 26 st. place all sts. just worked on a holder (front), P 41 st., place sts. on a holder (sleeve). P 52 sts., place sts. on a holder (back). P 41 st. Leave stitches on needle (sleeve). Place **remaining stitches on a holder (front). Return to sleeve working as follows: K 2 st. together each side of sleeve and then every inch - 4 more times. Continue working until sleeve measures 6 ½". Change to #5 needles. Work in rib for 1" . Bind off loosely. (31 st.) Second sleeve: Remove stitches from holder and place on needle. Attach yarn and work same as first sleeve.

Join yarn at underarm edge of **front section not purled before. P across this front section to last 6 sts, K 6 sts, turn, K same front, K back section, K other front section. Continue working body in one piece, knitting first and last 6 stitches on purl rows. Work until 6 ½" from underarm. Change to #5 needles, Rib for 1" . Bind off loosely. FINISHING: Sew underarm sleeve. Sew on buttons

Version II. Work neck and front bands in SEED STITCH -. (K the P sts, P the K stitches) Row 1: K 1, P 1 across. Row 2: P 1, K 1 across. Row 3: Same as Row 1. Row 4: P1, K1, YO, K 2 tog. P 1, K 1 across. (Buttonhole made) Row 5: Same as Row 1. Row 6: Same as Row 2. Row 7: Same as Row 1. Continue as above with Row 8 except front bands, and end of sleeves and bottom of sweater are worked in Seed Stitch. This version lends itself to a girl's sweater so buttonholes are made 2 ½" apart on the right hand side.

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