

Streetwise cool

LONG BLOCK-STRIPE CARDIGAN

TENSION

11 stitches and 16 rows in stocking stitch on 7mm (UK2/US10½) needles = 10cm (4in) square.

STITCHES

Stocking stitch | In rows: Right-side rows knit all stitches, wrong-side rows purl all stitches. In rounds: Knit all stitches.

Reverse stocking stitch | In rows: Right-side rows purl all stitches, wrong-side rows knit all stitches.

In rounds: Purl all stitches.

Rib borders | Knit 1 purl 1 alternately.

TO MAKE

Pockets | Start by knitting the pockets. They will be worked into the fronts of the cardigan later. Cast on 17 stitches in oatmeal and work 13cm (5¼in) in stocking stitch. When the pocket measures 13cm (5¼in), cast off the first two and last two stitches of the last right-side row. Slip the remaining 13 stitches onto a holder. Make the second pocket in the same way.

Back and front | The cardigan is knitted in one piece in rows as far as the armholes. With 7mm circular needle and dark grey marl, cast on 99 (111:123) stitches and work in knit 1 purl 1 rib. Start with a wrong-side row and purl 2 stitches, then knit 1 purl 1 alternately and end with purl 2.



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Measurements for size S are in front of brackets: sizes M and L are inside brackets (M:L). If only one measurement is given, it applies to all sizes.

Style: semi-fitted; narrow, but not constricting

MATERIALS

- 100g Lana Grossa Yak Merino (110m/50g; 30% merino wool, 28% alpaca, 22% polyamide, 20% yak wool) in curry marl (col. 1), 250 (300:350)g in oatmeal (col. 10) and 300 (350:400)g in dark grey marl (col. 11)
- 7mm (UK2/US10½) circular needles 60 and 80cm (24 and 32in) long
- Set of 7mm (UK2/US10½) double-pointed needles
- Stitch markers or safety pins
- Stitch holders or spare needles
- 4 buttons, 25mm (1in) diameter



In the following rows work the stitches as they appear.

Work 8cm (3¼in) in rib.

Then change to curry marl and work 15cm (6in) in stocking stitch. Increase 1 stitch in the first stocking stitch row by knitting front and back into the 24th (27th:30th) stitch.

Divide the stitches as follows: 24 (27:30) stitches for the right front, 52 (58:64) stitches for the back and 24 (27:30) stitches for the left front. Mark the imaginary side seams with stitch markers or safety pins.

Note: The ribbed front border of the cardigan will be knitted on later and is 4cm (1½in) wide. (This is why the fronts added together have fewer stitches than the back.)

Pockets | When work measures 23cm (9in), change to dark grey marl and in the first dark grey row knit in the pockets as follows: Knit 5 (6:7) stitches, slip the next 13 stitches onto a holder and knit the 13 stitches of the pocket from the holder, then knit the remaining 6 (8:10) stitches of the right front, the 52 (58:64) stitches of the back and 6 (8:10) stitches of the left front, slip the next 13 stitches onto a holder and knit the 13 stitches of the second pocket from their holder and finish the row by knitting the remaining 5 (6:7) stitches of the left front.

The pocket borders will later be knitted on the stitches from the holders. Continue in stocking stitch, changing between oatmeal and dark grey every 8cm (3¼in).

Decrease for the waist at both sides | The cardigan is slightly waisted. Decreases for this are worked at both sides.

When work measures 45 (43:41)cm (17¾(17:16¼in), knit together the third-last and

second-last stitches of the right front (i.e. the 22nd and 23rd stitches for size S, the 25th and 26th stitches for size M and the 28th and 29th stitches for size L), the 2nd and 3rd stitches of the back and the 2nd and 3rd stitches of the left front. 4 stitches are decreased in each decrease row.

Repeat the decreases twice more on every 8th row (88 (100:112)) stitches.

Work 7 rows and then start increasing again by knitting in the front and back of the 2nd stitch before and the 2nd stitch after the side seams. Repeat the increases twice more in every 8th row, until there are once again 100 (112:124) stitches on the needle.

Front neck slope | When work measures 63cm (24¾in), begin decreasing for the neck slope on both fronts and continue until only the 12 (14:16) stitches for the shoulders remain.

On the right front, decrease by working the third and fourth stitches as slip 1 knit 1 pass slipped stitch over, and on the left front by knitting together the fourth-last and third-last stitches. For size S: Decrease on every 3rd right-side row. For sizes M and L: Decrease in every 2nd and 3rd right-side row alternately.

Do not forget to start working the armholes when the work reaches 75 (73:71)cm (29½(28¾:28)in) in length.

Divide for fronts and back | When work measures 75 (73:71)cm (29½(28¾:28)in), begin casting off for the armholes and finish the back and fronts separately. Continue decreasing at the front neck edge as described on page 42. The centre 52 (58:64) stitches form the back, and the remaining stitches make up the right and left fronts. The number of stitches for the fronts may vary, depending on how many decreases have been worked.

Back armhole | Finish the back first. At the beginning of the next 6 rows, cast off 2 stitches four times and 1 stitch twice (42 (48:54) stitches remain). Continue working in stripe sequence.

Back neck | When work measures 94cm (37in), cast off the centre 18 (20:22) stitches. On each

side work 2 rows stocking stitch then slip the remaining 12 (14:16) stitches onto holders.

Front armholes | Work the armhole decreases as for the back, while continuing to decrease at the neck edge as before.

When work measures 95cm (37½in), slip the

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PATTERN DIAGRAM

Measurements in cm (in)

