

**CARDIGAN NO. 5 #CARDIGANNO5**





## **ABOUT CARDIGAN NO. 5**

Cardigan No. 5 is a classic cardigan, knit in brioche stitch.

Inspired by the 80's men's wear, this cardigan has a rather tight and feminine fit.

The cardigan is knit top down and no final sewing is needed.

## **SIZES**

XS (S) M (L) XL

## **MEASUREMENTS**

Length (centre back): 50 (52) 53 (58) 64 cm

Chest measurement (circumference): 100 (104) 111 (115) 122 cm

Sleeve length (measured under the armhole opening): 47 (48) 49 (49) 50 cm

See size guide on the following page.

## **RECOMMENDED NEEDLES**

Circular needle 5 mm (60, 80 and/or 100 cm)

Circular needle 3,5 mm (60, 80 or 100 cm)

## **GAUGE**

11 sts x 16 rows in brioche stitch on needle 5 mm = 10 x 10 cm

*WATCH OUT! The 16 rows are brioche stitch rows. You actually knit 32 rows = 10 cm.*

## **MATERIAL**

100 (100) 100 (125) 125 g Soft Silk Mohair, Knitting for Olive 25 g/225 m in colour Sky

... together with

300 (350) 400 (450) 500 g Double Soft Merino, Knitting for Olive 50 g/125 m in colour Marshmallow yellow.

The cardigan is knit with double thread, 1 thread/ colour

6 buttons (Ø 2,4 cm)

## ABBREVIATIONS

st(s) = stitch(es)

k = knit

p = purl

tbl = through the back loop

rs = right side

ws = wrong side

stm = stitch marker

t st = turning stitch

yo = yarn over

## BEFORE YOU START

Please remember to knit a gauge swatch, before you start knitting your cardigan. A gauge swatch is necessary to make sure the proportions of the cardigan turns out correct.

Brioche stitch can be a bit difficult to measure correctly, as it stretches a lot. Pay extra attention, when taking measurements.

### Size guide

Cardigan No. 5 has a short and relatively tight fit.

The cardigan is worn with approx. 15-20 cm positive ease (measured at your bust).

Please keep in mind that brioche stitch stretches when being worn – it will return to the original size after wash.

If you prefer an oversize fit, go up one size according to your actual size.

### Composition

At first, you'll knit the back by casting on sts at the neck. Thereafter, the back is knit back and forth with additional increases. By picking up sts at the shoulder, you'll then knit both front pieces separately.

Now front and back are closed to the round, while at the same time new sts are cast on under the armhole opening.

The body is finished by knitting back and forth on a circular needle.

Pick up sts at the neckline to create the ribbed hem. Pick up sts at the armhole openings and knit the sleeves in the round on circular needles. Finally, pick up sts along both front edges and knit the front bands. Then sew in the buttons and weave in all ends.

### Edge stitches

Edge sts are knit on *every* single row along the garment's edges.

Both at front and back, the 1<sup>st</sup> and last st are k sts. By knitting a garter stitch edge, it is easier to pick up sts for the front bands later.

## Brioche stitch

You'll find the basic techniques of brioche stitch explained below.

*TIP! If this is your 1<sup>st</sup> garment in brioche stitch, I recommend watching this video first to understand the technique:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6p3lILmP10>

### **Increases (Incr.):**

When knitting an increase in brioche stitch, you must always increase 2 sts, so that the brioche stitch adds up.

The increases are always knit at the garment's rs and are knit into a brioche st (the k st with yo).

Knit as follows:

K1 without slipping the st off the left needle, k1 into the *same* st and let the st glide off the needle. 1 st became 3 sts.

Watch this video for further information:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xWvLDKht58>

### **Decreases:**

The decreases are - as the increases - worked in pairs. 3 sts become 1 st.

Decreases in brioche stitch can either be right (brRsl) or left (brLsl) slanting decreases.

#### **brRsl:**

Knit the brioche stitch together with the following st. Place this st back onto the left needle and pass the following brioche st over (as if to cast off a st).

Place the st back onto the right needle.

Watch this video for further information:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=weCqM-DzrnA>

#### **brLsl:**

Slip 1 st knitwise, k2tog. Pass the slipped st over (as if to cast off a st).

Watch this video for further information:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=viRrIfidxAQ>

**k1 brioche st:** when knitting brioche stitch back and forth, you knit the k st together with the yo from the previous row, i.e. you place the right needle through *both* the yo and the k st and k2tog.

**p1 brioche st:** when knitting brioche stitch in the round, you will need a purl brioche stitch, i.e. place the right needle through *both* the yo and the p st and p2tog.

## BACK

Cast on 27 (27) 27 (27) 29 sts on needle 5 mm.

The 1<sup>st</sup> row, a ws-row, set up the brioche stitch.

**1<sup>st</sup> row (ws):** 1 edge-st, \*yo, slip 1 st purlwise, k1\*, repeat \*-\* until 2 sts left, yo, slip 1 st purlwise, edge-st.

The following row, place 2 stm, for dividing the garment as follows:  
7 sts, stm, 13 (13) 13 (13) 15 sts, stm, 7sts.

**2<sup>nd</sup> row (rs):** 1 edge-st, \*k1 brioche st, yo, slip 1 st purlwise\*, repeat \*-\* until 2 sts left, k1 brioche st, edge-st.

**3<sup>rd</sup> row (ws):** 1 edge-st, \*yo, slip 1 st purlwise, k1 brioche st\*, repeat \*-\* until 2 sts left, yo, slip 1 st purlwise, edge-st.

The following row, knit the increases at the stm as follows:

**4<sup>th</sup> row (rs):** 1 edge-st, \*knit in brioche st until the 1<sup>st</sup> stm, slip stm, incr., knit in brioche st until 1 st *before* the stm, incr., slip st, knit 6 sts in brioche st, edge-st (= 4 sts increased).

**5<sup>th</sup> row (ws):** 1 edge-st, knit in brioche stitch until 1 st left, edge-st.

*WATCH OUT! When knitting the increases from the previous row in brioche stitch, knit the 3 sts as follows: yo, slip 1 st purlwise, k1, yo, slip 1 st purlwise.*

Repeat the 2<sup>nd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> row, until you've knit 9 (10) 11 (11) 12 increase-rows. You have now 63 (67) 71 (71) 77 sts on the needle.

The following row, cast off the shoulder-sts as follows:

Cast off 6 sts *loosely*, knit in brioche stitch until 6 sts left, cast off the 6 sts *loosely*. You have now 51 (55) 59 (59) 65 sts on the needle.

Cut the yarn.

You are now at a ws.

Now take a new piece of yarn and knit as follows: 1 edge-st, \*yo, slip 1 st purlwise, k1 brioche st\*, repeat \*-\* until 2 sts left, yo, slip 1 st purlwise, edge-st.

Continue knitting back and forth in brioche stitch (**2<sup>nd</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> row**), until your work measures 13 (14) 14 (15) 15 cm - according to 20 (22) 22 (24) 24 brioche stitch rows - measured from the 1<sup>st</sup> row with the new yarn. End with a ws-row.

Cut the yarn.

## **LEFT FRONT**

Pick up 17 (19) 19 (21) 23 sts along the back's 1<sup>st</sup> row. Now this is your first shoulder seam.

The 1<sup>st</sup> row is a ws-row. Continue knitting the edge stitches every row.

Knit as follows: 1 edge-st, \*yo, slip 1 st purlwise, k1 brioche st\*, repeat \*-\* until 2 sts left, yo, slip 1 st purlwise, edge-st.

Continue knitting back and forth in brioche stitch (**2<sup>nd</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> row**), until the front piece measures 4 (4,5) 5 (5) 6 cm - according to 6 (7) 8 (8) 9 brioche stitch rows. End with a ws-row.

Now it's time to shape the neckline by increasing as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> row (rs):** 1 edge-st, k 2 sts in brioche, incr., knit in brioche stitch until 1 st left, edge-st.

**2<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> row:** 1 edge-st, knit in brioche stitch until 1 st left, edge-st.

Repeat the **1<sup>st</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> row** in total 4 times. You have now 25 (27) 27 (29) 31 sts on the needle.

Continue knitting in brioche stitch, until your work measures 21 (22) 22 (23) 24 cm, measured from the shoulder seam.

End with a ws-row.

Let the garment rest.



## RIGHT FRONT

Pick up 17 (19) 19 (21) 23 sts along the back's 1<sup>st</sup> row. This is your second shoulder seam.

The 1<sup>st</sup> row is a ws-row. Continue knitting the edge stitches every row.

Knit as follows: 1 edge-st, \*yo, slip 1 st purlwise, k1 brioche st\*, repeat \*-\* until 2 sts left, yo, slip 1 st purlwise, edge-st.

Continue knitting back and forth in brioche stitch (**2<sup>nd</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> row**), until the front measures 4 (4,5) 5 (5) 6 cm - according to 6 (7) 8 (8) 9 brioche stitch rows. End with a ws- row.

You will now shape the neckline by increasing as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> row (rs):** 1 edge-st, knit in brioche stitch until 4 sts left, incr., knit 2 sts in brioche stitch, edge- st.

**2<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> row:** 1 edge-st, knit in brioche stitch until 1 st left, edge-st.

Repeat the **1<sup>st</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> row** in total 4 times. You have now 25 (27) 27 (29) 31 sts on the needle.

Continue knitting in brioche stitch, until your work measures 21 (22) 22 (23) 24 cm, measured from the shoulder seam.

End with a ws-row.

Cut the yarn.

## BODY

Now place front and back on the same circular needle. Knit in brioche st over the left front-sts, cast on 3 new sts under the armhole opening, continue in brioche st over the back-sts, cast on 3 new sts under the armhole opening, knit in brioche st over the right front-sts.

You have now 107 (115) 119 (123) 133 sts on the needle.

Continue knitting in brioche st, until your work measures 24 (25) 27 (29) 33 cm (measured from under the armhole opening).

End with a ws-row.

Change to needle 3,5 mm. Knit 4 cm in rib (remember the edge sts). Watch out that k st is placed over k st and p st over p st.  
Cast off all sts with the Italian cast off method.

*TIP! If you're not familiar with the Italian cast off method, then watch this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TPnmkW0UbFs>*

## **NECKLINE**

Pick up sts at the neckline with needle 3,5 mm.

Pick up 61 (65) 67 (67) 71 sts along the edge.

To get the right shape, start at the cardigan's right front piece, and pick up your first stitch in the row where the last of the 4 increases (those you've made at the front to shape the neck) is placed.

The sts should be divided as follows:

19 (20) 21 (21) 22 sts along the right front, 23 (25) 25 (25) 27 sts along the shoulder and back, 19 (20) 21 (21) 22 sts along the left front.

The 1<sup>st</sup> row is a ws- row.

1 edge-st, \*p1, k1\*, until 2 sts left, p1, edge-st.

Continue knitting in rib (k st over k st, p st over p st) and remember the edge sts, until the ribbed hem measures 3 cm.

Cast off all sts with the Italian cast off method.

## **SLEEVES**

Start centre under the armhole opening (into a p st) and pick up 58 (58) 60 (62) 64 sts along the armhole opening's edge.

Pick up 4 out of 5 sts, i.e. pick up 4 sts, hop 1 st over and continue picking up, except at the shoulder (the horizontal brioche sts row at the back), where you pick up every st. Place a stm where you close to the round (round's beginning).

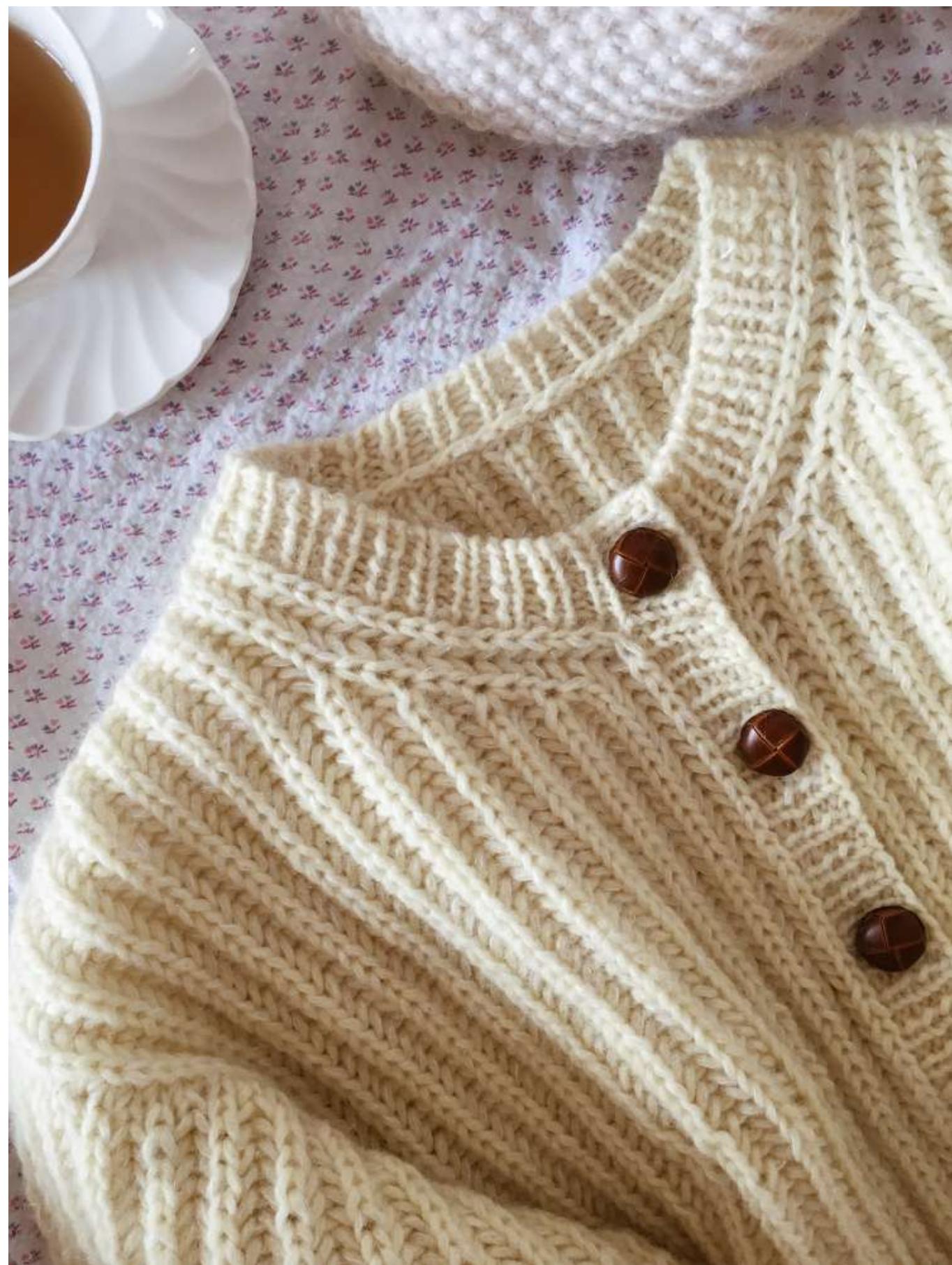
### **Right sleeve:**

2 sts under the sleeve, 20 (20) 20 (20) 22 sts along the back, 7 sts along the shoulder, 28 (28) 28 (30) 30 sts along the front, 1 st under the sleeve, stm.

### **Left sleeve:**

2 sts under the sleeve, 28 (28) 28 (30) 30 sts along the front, 7 sts along the shoulder, 20 (20) 20 (20) 22 sts along the back, 1 st under the sleeve, stm.

Continue knitting in brioche stitch in the round, i.e. you knit alternately k and p brioche stitch.



***TIP!** When knitting brioche stitch in the round, the round's last st before the stm and the 1<sup>st</sup> st after the stm will be the same.*

*I.e. when you have knit a yo and slip 1 st purlwise as the round's last st, you will start the new round with a yo and slip 1 st purlwise.*

*Watch this video for further information:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKYaFeFAa8>

**1<sup>st</sup> round:** \*k1, yo, slip 1 st purlwise\*, repeat \*-\* the complete round.

**2<sup>nd</sup> round:** \*yo, slip 1 st purlwise, k1 brioche st\*, repeat \*-\* the complete round.

**3<sup>rd</sup> round:** \*p1 brioche st, yo, slip 1 st purlwise\*, repeat \*-\* the complete round

Knit alternately the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> round**, until the garment measures approx. 8 (9) 9 (10) 10 cm, measured from under the armhole opening.

You'll now start knitting decreases.

Knit the decrease at the beginning and the end of the **2<sup>nd</sup> round** as follows:

\*Yo, slip 1 st purlwise, brRsl, knit in brioche st until 3 sts left, brLsl\*.

Continue knitting in brioche stitch in the round (**2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> round** alternately), while knitting the decreases every 12<sup>th</sup> brioche stitch round further 4 (4) 4 (4) 5 times.

You have now knit 5 (5) 5 (5) 6 decrease rounds and the amount of sts has been reduced to 38 (38) 40 (42) 40 sts.

Continue knitting in pattern, until the sleeve measures 43 (44) 45 (45) 46 cm, or has the desired length.

The last round is a **3<sup>rd</sup> round**.

Change to needle 3,5 mm and knit 5 cm rib \*p1, k1\*. Watch out that k st is placed over k st and p st over p st.

Cast off all sts with the Italian cast off method.

Knit the 2<sup>nd</sup> sleeve the same way.

## RIGHT FRONT BAND

The front bands are knit so that the piece next to the neckline is 1 row slimmer than the rest of the front band. This way, the cardigan has a neater look and the front band won't turn out too large at the neck.

With the short end of the thread, pick up 62 (66) 68 (72) 80 sts along the right front edge with needle 3,5 mm.

*TIP! If you are unsure about how to pick up stitches with a short end of the thread, watch this video for further information:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ltM0GQrAcGI>

Start at the cardigan's bottom edge and pick up sts towards the neckline. End picking up sts at row where the neckline's bottom and the front piece meet. Push all sts to the other end of the circular needle and start knitting the front band from the rs. You are starting from the cardigan's bottom.

K1, \*k1, p1\*, repeat \*-\* until 1 st left, k1.

Pick up the 7 sts along the neckline.

You have now 69 (73) 75 (79) 87 sts on the needle.

P1, \*p1, k1\*, repeat \*-\* until 1 st left, p1.

The following row, knit the button holes.

K1, knit 3 sts in rib, yo, k2tog, knit 10 (12) 10 (12) 14 sts in rib, yo, k2tog, \*10 (10) 12 (12) 14 sts in rib, yo, k2tog\*, repeat \*-\* in total 3 times, knit 10 (12) 10 (12) 14 sts in rib, yo, k2tog, knit 2 sts in rib, k1.

Continue knitting in rib (remember that the 1<sup>st</sup> and last st are a k st on the rs and a p st on the ws), until the front band measures 3 cm. Cast off all sts.

## LEFT FRONT BAND

With a new yarn, pick up sts along the left front edge with needle 3,5 mm.

Start picking up sts in the row where the bottom of the neckline band and the front piece meet. I.e. do not pick up sts into the neckline itself, they will be added on your next row.

Pick up 62 (66) 68 (72) 80 sts along the left front edge.

The 1<sup>st</sup> row is a ws-row.

P1, \*p1, k1\* and repeat \*-\* until 1 st left, p1.

You are now at the bottom of the neckline.

Pick up further 7 sts, so that the neckline is framed by the front band.

*TIP! When picking up the last 7 sts, you'll have to turn your work, so that the rs is facing you and work from right to left.*

You have now 69 (73) 75 (79) 87 sts on the needle.

K1, \*k1, p1\*, repeat \*-\* until 2 sts left, k2.

Continue knitting in rib, until the front band measures 3 cm. Watch out, that the 1<sup>st</sup> and last st are a k st on the rs and a p st on the ws.

Cast off all sts.

## **FINISHING**

Sew the buttons onto the left front, weave in all ends and wash and block the cardigan.

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