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The Daydreamer Cardigan is worked in a sumptuous Half Fisherman's rib stitch which makes this a luxurious and lightweight piece that you'll want to wear on repeat. The squishy fabric is both fun and quick to knit. I knitted my first sample in just a week! The slightly balloon shaped sleeves together with the elegant raglan yoke shaping makes this a true classic in any wardrobe.

The cardigan is worked top down seamlessly. First the yoke is worked flat while shaping the neckline and raglan increases for the body and sleeves. The lower body is worked flat while leaving the stitches for the sleeves on hold, and then the sleeves are worked in the round. Stitches are picked up from both front edges separately and worked in double knitting. Lastly stitches are picked up around the neckline for the double folded collar.

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SIZES:

XS (S, M, L) (XL, 2XL, 3XL) (4XL, 5XL)

FINISHED GARMENT MEASUREMENTS:

a. Bust circumference (including front edge plackets overlapped, approx 2.5 cm / 1"):

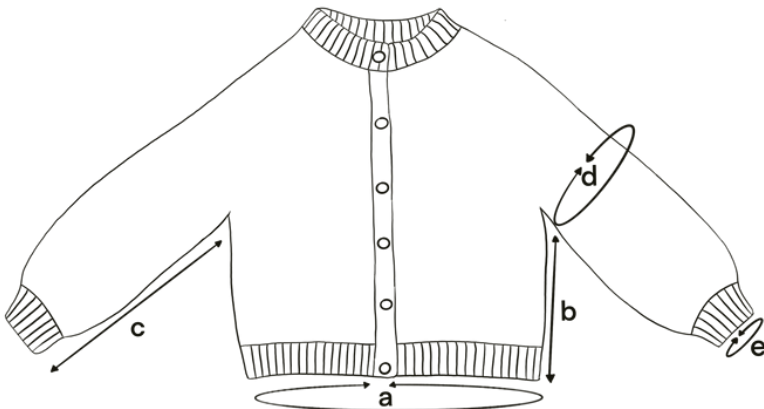
103.5 (111.5, 120, 130) (138.5, 150, 155) (166.5, 171.5) cm / 40.75 (44, 47.25, 51.25) (54.5, 59, 61) (65.5, 67.5)".

b. Body length from underarm to hem: 30.5 cm / 12" all sizes (or desired length).

c. Sleeve length underarm to cuff: 45.5 cm / 18" all sizes (or desired length).

d. Upper sleeve circumference: 31.5 (36.5, 40, 43.5) (48.5, 51.5, 55) (61.5, 66) cm / 12.5 (14.25, 15.75, 17.25) (19, 20.25, 21.75) (24.25, 26)".

e. Sleeve cuff circumference: 17.5 (20, 21.5, 24) (26.5, 28, 29.5) (33.5, 36) cm / 7 (7.75, 8.5, 9.5) (10.5, 11, 11.5) (13.25, 14.25)".



The Daydreamer Cardigan is designed to have 15-30 cm / 6-12" of positive ease. Choose a size that is 15-30 cm / 6-12" bigger than your bust circumference depending on how relaxed or tight fitting you want the cardigan to be.

Sample in size M. Kika has a bust of approx. 89 cm / 35" and is 171 cm / 5'7" tall.

GAUGE:

12 sts x 28 rows = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4" on 5 mm / US8 needles in Half Fisherman's rib stitch, after gently steam blocking.

15 sts x 24 rows = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4" on 4 mm / US6 needles in twisted *k1 tbl, p1* rib stitch, after gently steam blocking.

Note!

When you're counting row gauge in Half Fisherman's rib stitch, remember that 28 rows look like 14 rows (RS side) since the knit stitches are knitted in the stitch below on alternating rows.

Half Fisherman's rib stitch:

Row 1 (WS): K all sts.

Row 2 (RS): *K1b, p1* to end.

NEEDLES:

5 mm / US8: circular needle 40-60 cm / 16-24" for sleeves and 80-100 cm / 32-40" for body, or just an 80-100 cm / 32-40" needle if you're using Magic Loop technique.

4 mm / US 6: circular needle 40-60 cm / 16-24" for sleeve cuffs and 80-100 cm / 32-40" for body hem and front edge plackets, or just an 80-100 cm / 32-40" needle if you're using Magic Loop technique. A spare 4 mm / US 6 is used to work the front edge placket.

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NOTIONS:

8 regular stitch markers and 2 removable stitch markers, stitch wire or scrap yarn, 6-7 snap buttons approx. 18 mm / 0.7" in diameter or regular buttons if you choose to work buttonholes, tapestry needle. Optional: decorative buttons.

SAMPLE KNITTED WITH YARN:

300 (325, 350, 400) (425, 450, 450) (475, 500) g Garnstudio Drops Melody (71% alpaca, 25% wool, 4% polyamide - 140 m / 153 yds / 50 g) in the color 22

together with

100 (115, 115, 125) (125, 137.5, 143.75) (160, 162.5) g of Knitting For Olive Soft Silk Mohair in the color Unicorn Purple (70% mohair, 30% silk - 225 m / 246 yds / 25 g).

The cardigan is knitted with one strand of alpaca and one strand of silk mohair held together.

SUGGESTED YARNS:

The cardigan is worked in a worsted / aran weight yarn. You can choose to use a fluffy alpaca yarn alone or held together with one strand of silk mohair to get an airy and lightweight feeling. Or, you can also choose to work the cardigan in for example a merino wool yarn for more stitch definition.

Below are some yarn suggestions:

- 1 strand of Drops Air held together with 1 strand of Drops Kid Silk
- 1 strand of Sandnes Garn Borstet Alpaca held together with 1 strand of Sandnes Garn Tynn Silk Mohair
- 1 strand of Viking Garn Alpaca Bris held together with 1 strand of Viking Garn Kid Silk
- 4-5 strands of Filcolana Tilia or Knitting For Olive Soft Silk Mohair held together
- 1 strand of Cascade 220 held together with Filcolana Tilia



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YOKE

The yoke of the cardigan is worked flat on circular needles. First, the neckline is shaped by working increases at both fronts. This will make the back higher and the front lower which will create a better and more flattering fit.

SHAPING THE NECKLINE

Cast on 59 (65, 75, 79) (85, 91, 97) (103, 105) sts with the Backwards-Loop Cast On method on a 5 mm / US 8 circular 80-100 cm / 32-40" needle. Do not join in the round.

Work one Setup Row (*Note! The Setup Row is a WS row*) and place 8 markers for raglan seams as follows:

Setup Row (WS): K 3 (3, 5, 7) (7, 9, 9) (9, 9) (=front sts), PM1, k5 (=raglan sts), PM2, k 7 (9, 11, 11) (13, 13, 15) (17, 17) (=sleeve sts), PM3, k5 (=raglan sts), PM4, k 19 (21, 23, 23) (25, 27, 29) (31, 33) (=back sts), PM5, k5 (=raglan sts), PM6, k 7 (9, 11, 11) (13, 13, 15) (17, 17) (=sleeve sts), PM7, k5, (=raglan sts), PM8, k 3 (3, 5, 7) (7, 9, 9) (9, 9) (=front sts). Turn work.

Start working the yoke in Half Fisherman's rib as follows:

Row 1 (RS): P1, *p1, k1b* to m (=front sts), SM8, p1, *k1b, p1* to m (=raglan sts), SM7, k1b, *p1, k1b* to m (=sleeve sts), SM6, p1, *k1b, p1* to m (=raglan sts), SM5, k1b, *p1, k1b* to m (=back sts), SM4, p1, *k1b, p1* to m (=raglan sts), SM3, k1b, *p1, k1b* to m (=sleeve sts), SM2, p1, *k1b, p1* to m (=raglan sts), SM1, *k1b, p1* to last st, p1 (=front sts).

Next, start shaping the front of the cardigan as follows:

Row 2 (WS): Kfb, k to last st, kfb.

2 sts increased, there are 61 (67, 77, 81) (87, 93, 99) (105, 107) sts in total.

Continue working in Half Fisherman's rib while increasing on every row (in other words: work kfb for the last and first st of every row), while slipping all markers on each row.

Work as follows:

Row 3 (RS): Kfb, k1b, *p1, k1b* to m (=front sts), SM8, p1, *k1b, p1* to m (=raglan sts), SM7, k1b, *p1, k1b* to m (=sleeve sts), SM6, p1, *k1b, p1* to m (=raglan sts), SM5, k1b, *p1, k1b* to m (=back sts), SM4, p1, *k1b, p1* to m (=raglan sts), SM3, k1b, *p1, k1b* to m (=sleeve sts), SM2, p1, *k1b, p1* to m (=raglan sts), SM1, k1b, *p1, k1b* to last st, kfb (=front sts).

2 sts increased, there are 63 (69, 79, 83) (89, 95, 101) (107, 109) sts in total.

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Rows 4-9: Repeat Rows 2-3, three more times.

12 sts increased, there are 75 (81, 91, 95) (101, 107, 113) (119, 121) sts total.

Work one more row as follows:

Row 10 (WS): K all sts.

Neckline shaping is complete. Place a removable stitch marker into the first and last st to mark where sts will be picked up later for the double knitted front edge plackets.

YOKE RAGLAN SHAPING

Continue working the yoke flat and increasing sts around the raglan seams as follows:

Row 1 (RS): P2, *k1b, p1* to 1 st before m, [k1b, yo, k1b] into the same st (=front sts), SM8, p1, *k1b, p1* to m (=raglan sts), SM7, [k1b, yo, k1b] into the same st, p1, *k1b, p1* to last st before m, [k1b, yo, k1b] into the same st (=sleeve sts), SM6, p1, *k1b, p1* to m (=raglan sts), SM5, [k1b, yo, k1b] into the same st, p1, *k1b, p1* to last st before m, [k1b, yo, k1b] into the same st (=back sts), SM4, p1, *k1b, p1* to m (=raglan sts), SM3, [k1b, yo, k1b] into the same st, p1, *k1b, p1* to last st before m, [k1b, yo, k1b] into the same st (=sleeve sts), SM2, p1, *k1b, p1* to m (=raglan sts), SM1, [k1b, yo, k1b] into the same st, *p1, k1b* to last 2 sts, p2 (=front sts).

16 sts increased, there are 91 (97, 107, 111) (117, 123, 129) (135, 137) sts in total.

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8 (WS): K all sts (*Note: treat yarn overs as regular sts here = knit through the front loops*).

Rows 3, 5, 7 (RS): P2, k1b, *p1, k1b* to last 2 sts, p2.

Repeat Rows 1-8, 6 (6, 6, 7) (8, 9, 9) (10, 11) more times.

There are 187 (193, 203, 223) (245, 267, 273) (295, 313) sts in total.

BODY

Next, the body is worked flat while the sts for the sleeves are put on hold.

Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): P2, k1b, *p1, k1b* to m (=front sts), RM8, p1, *k1b, p1* to m (=raglan sts), RM7, transfer 35 (37, 39, 43) (49, 53, 55) (61, 65) sleeve sts onto a stitch wire, cast on 3 (7, 9, 9) (9, 9, 11) (13, 15) sts for underarm with the Backwards-Loop Cast on method, RM6, p1, *k1b, p1* to m (=raglan sts), RM5, k1b, *p1, k1b* to m (=back sts), RM4, p1, *k1b, p1* to m (=raglan sts), RM3, transfer 35 (37, 39, 43) (49, 53, 55) (61, 65) sleeve sts onto a stitch wire, cast on 3 (7, 9, 9) (9, 9, 11) (13, 15) sts for underarm with the Backwards-Loop Cast on method, RM2, p1, *k1b, p1* to m (=raglan sts), RM1, k1b, *p1, k1b* to last 2 sts, p2.

You have 123 (133, 143, 155) (165, 179, 185) (199, 213) sts in total for the body.

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Row 2 (WS): K all sts.

Row 3 (RS): P2, k1b, *p1, k1b* to last 2 sts, p2.

Repeat Rows 2-3 until the body from the underarm measures 25 cm / 10" (or, until 5.5 cm / 2" less than the desired length).

Tip! I recommend trying on the cardigan at this point to get a length that fits your preferences.

Change to 4 mm / US6 circular 80-100 cm / 32-40" needles and work as follows:

Row 1 (WS): K1, *k1, p1 tbl* to the last 2 sts, k2.

Row 2 (RS): P1, *p1, k1 tbl* to the last 2 sts, p2.

Row 3 (WS): K1, *k1, p1 tbl* to the last 2 sts, k2.

Repeat Rows 2-3 until the hem rib measures 5.5 cm / 2".

Bind off using the Italian Bind-Off method, or your preferred bind-off method.

SLEEVES

Transfer the 35 (37, 39, 43) (49, 53, 55) (63, 65) sleeve sts that you had on hold onto a 5 mm / US8 40-60 cm / 16-24" circular needle, double-pointed needles or a longer circular needle for Magic Loop technique.

Starting from the middle of underarm, join new yarn and pick up and knit 2 (4, 4, 4) (4, 4, 6) (6, 8) sts, pick up and k 1 st from the gap between the underarm sts and the sleeve sts, *k1b, p1* to last sleeve st, k1b, pick up and knit 1 st from the gap between the sleeve sts and the underarm sts, pick up and knit 1 (3, 5, 5) (5, 5, 5) (5, 7) sts from the underarm.

Place a marker to indicate the beginning of rnd (=BOR-m).

There are 40 (46, 50, 54) (60, 64, 68) (76, 82) sts in total for the sleeve.

Rnd 1:

Size XS: P1, p2tog, p to last 3 sts before m, p2tog, p1.

Size S: P3, p2tog, p to last 4 sts before m, p2tog, p2.

Sizes M, L, XL and 2XL: P3, p2tog, p to last 6 sts before m, p2tog, p4.

Size 3XL: P5, p2tog, p to last 6 sts before m, p2tog, p4.

Size 4XL: P5, p2tog, p to last 6 sts before m, p2tog, p4.

Size 5XL: P7, p2tog, p to last 8 sts before m, p2tog, p6.

There are 38 (44, 48, 52) (58, 62, 66) (74, 80) sts in total for the sleeve.

Continue as follows:

Rnd 2: *K1b, p1* to end of rnd.

Rnd 3: P to end of rnd.

Repeat Rnds 2-3 until sleeve measures 38 cm / 15" in total from underarm (or, 7.5 cm / 3" less than total desired length). Then work Rnd 2, once more.

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Change to 4 mm / US 6 needles and work one decrease rnd as follows:

Sizes XS, S, 2XL, 4XL, 5XL: *K1, p1, k2tog, p2tog* to the last 2 sts, k1, p1.

Sizes M, 3XL: *K1, p1, k2tog, p2tog* to end of rnd.

Sizes L, XL: K1, p1, *k1, p1, k2tog, p2tog* to last 2 sts, k1, p1.

There are 26 (30, 32, 36) (40, 42, 44) (50, 54) sts in total for the sleeve.

Work *k1 tbl, p1* rib until cuff measures 7.5 cm / 3" in total. Bind off using the Italian Bind-Off method, or your preferred Bind-off method..

Work the other sleeve the same way.

FRONT EDGE PLACKETS

Tip! If you'd like to add buttonholes instead of snap buttons, use the instructions under "How to make buttonholes" below this section for either the Left or Right Side.

The right and left sides of the front edge placket are worked individually. First, sts are picked up along each edge using a 4 mm / US 6 circular needle. Then the yarn is cut, and new yarn is joined to begin working the double knitted placket using a spare 4 mm / US 6 needle together with the circular needle. Work each placket as described below.

LEFT SIDE

With the cardigan in front of you and RS facing, begin picking up sts at the bottom left side of the cardigan using a 4 mm / US 6, 80-100 cm/ 32-40" circular needle. Pick up 5 sts for every 7 rows, or in other words: pick up and knit 1 st from every row 2 times, then skip 1 row, pick up and knit 1 st from every row 3 times, then skip 1 row. Continue picking up sts until you reach the stitch marker placed after working the Neckline Shaping of the yoke (you can remove this marker now). The amount of sts picked up will depend on the length of your cardigan. Cut the yarn.

Tip! Make a note of how many sts you picked up for the Left Side so that you can match the amount of picked up sts when working the Right Side.

Return to the bottom left side of the work and join new yarn to begin working the double knitted placket as follows:

Turn the work so you have the WS facing you and cast on 9 new sts on the 4 mm / US 6 circular needle using the Italian Cast-On method, working the first and last sts as purl sts. On your circular needles you will now have the 9 new sts and all the picked up edge sts.

Turn work so that the RS side is facing you.

Row 1 (RS): Using a spare 4 mm / US 6 needle, *k1, sl1 wyif*, repeat from * to * a total of 4 times, k2tog-tbl (knitting the last CO st with one st from the picked up sts through the back loop). Turn work.

Row 2 (WS): *Sl1 wyif, k1*, repeat from * to * to the last st, sl1 wyif. Turn work.

Repeat Rows 1-2 across all picked up sts along the left front edge until only 1 picked up edge st remains. There will be 10 sts remaining on the needle.

Bind off from the RS using the Italian Bind-Off method. Work the last 2 sts together, binding off as if they were a single st.

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RIGHT SIDE

With the cardigan in front of you and RS facing, begin picking up sts using a 4 mm / US 6, 80-100 cm/ 32-40" circular needle, working from the stitch marker placed after working the Neckline Shaping at the top right side of the cardigan (you can remove this marker now). Pick up 5 sts for every 7 rows, or in other words: pick up and knit 1 st from every row 2 times, then skip 1 row, pick up and knit 1 st from every row 3 times, then skip 1 row. Continue picking up sts until you reach the bottom of the cardigan. The amount of sts picked up will depend on the length of your cardigan (make sure that you pick up the same amount of sts as you did for the Left Side). Cut the yarn.

Return to the top right side of the work and join new yarn to begin working the double knitted placket as follows:

Turn the work so you have the WS facing you and cast on 9 new sts on the 4 mm / US 6 circular needle using the Italian Cast-On method, working the first and last sts as purl sts. On your circular needles you will have the 9 new sts and all the picked up edge sts.

Turn work so that the RS side is facing you.

Row 1 (RS): Using a spare 4 mm / US 6 needle, *k1, sl1 wyif*, repeat from * to * a total of 4 times, k2tog-tbl (knitting the last CO st with one st from the picked up sts through the back loop). Turn work.

Row 2 (WS): *Sl1 wyif, k1*, repeat from * to * to the last st, sl1 wyif. Turn work.

Repeat Rows 1-2 across all the picked up sts along the left front edge until only 1 picked up edge st remains. There will be 10 sts remaining on the needle.

Bind off from the RS using the Italian Bind-Off method. Work the last 2 sts together, binding off as if they were a single st.

HOW TO MAKE BUTTONHOLES

To create buttonholes the front edge placket is divided into two parts and each side of the buttonhole is knitted separately one at a time. After working each buttonhole the two parts or "columns" are joined together again. Start by placing removable stitch markers where you want to create the buttonholes.

First work one side of the buttonholes across the first 4 sts. Work from the RS as follows:

Row 1 (RS): *K1, sl1 wyif*, repeat from * to * a total of 2 times. Turn work.

Row 2 (WS): *K1, sl1 wyif*, work from * to * a total of 2 times. Turn work.

Repeat Rows 1-2, 3 more times (work 8 rows in total), or for a larger buttonhole, work 10 or 12 rows instead of 8.

Repeat Row 1 (RS) once more, so that the working yarn is now in the middle of the front edge placket sts. Cut the yarn and let the sts rest on a stitch holder or an extra double-pointed needle while working the other side of the buttonhole.

Join new yarn and work from the RS as follows:

Row 1 (RS): *K1, sl1 wyif*, repeat from * to * a total of 2 times, k2tog tbl (knit the last st of 5 sts from the front edge place sts together with a picked up stitch through the back loops). Turn work.

Row 2 (WS): *Sl1 wyif, k1*, repeat from * to * to the last stitch, sl1 wyif. Turn work.

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Repeat Rows 1 -2, 3 more times (work 8 rows in total), or for a larger buttonhole, work 10 or 12 rows instead of 8.

Repeat Row 1 (RS) once more, so the next row is a WS row.

Now join together the both sides of the buttonhole on the same needle, work as follows:

Row 1 (WS): *Sl1 wyif, k1*, repeat from * to * across all the front edge placket sts to the last stitch, sl1 wyif. Turn work.

The buttonhole is now complete. The next row is a RS row.

COLLAR

With a 4 mm / US 6 circular needle 40-60-80-100 cm / 16-24-32-40" pick up and knit 79 (81, 83, 85) (87, 89, 91) (93, 95) sts from the neckline with the RS facing (including the double knitted front edge plackets).

Row 1 (WS): P1, *p1 tbl, k1* to the last 2 sts, p1 tbl, p1.

Row 2 (RS): K1, *k1 tbl, p1* to the last 2 sts, k1tbl, k1.

Repeat Rows 1-2 until the collar measures 10 cm / 4" in total.

Bind off loosely using the standard bind-off method (the bind-off edge will be hidden when folded double and attached on the inside).

FINISHING

Fold the collar double and attach the collar on the inside by hand sewing loosely, being careful not to tighten it too much. You can also sew together the front gaps of the collar. Weave in all ends and steam block your cardigan lightly by placing a damp kitchen towel on top of the fabric and gently pressing with an iron to allow the steam to open up the stitches and smooth out the fabric.

Spread out the bottom part of the press buttons (also known as snaps) evenly along one of the front edge plackets and attach them using the same yarn you worked the cardigan in. Then attach the top part of each press button on the backside of the other front edge placket, making sure the buttons on the front and back align.

Optional: If you want to add that extra something to your cardigan, you can attach decorative buttons on the outer front edge corresponding to the placement of the snaps. This way you won't have buttonholes stretching out the fabric, but still get the finishing touch of a decorative button detail.

Enjoy your new handmade knit!

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Hope you enjoyed working this pattern!

You can use the hashtags **#daydreamercardigan** and **#knitwithkika** when you post on Instagram so we can admire your work and get inspired :)

If you have any questions, please send them to support@kutovakika.com

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ABBREVIATIONS

BO = bind off

BOR = beginning of round

CO = cast on

Dec = decrease

DPN = double pointed needle

Inc = increase

K = knit

K1b = knit one below. Insert the right needle into the stitch on the row below and knit this stitch.

K1 tbl = knit 1 stitch through the back loop. Knit the stitch “twisted”, insert the right needle through the back loop and knit.

K2tog = knit 2 stitches together through front loops. *1 st decreased*

Kfb = knit the stitch through the front and back. First insert the right needle in the stitch on the left needle and knit as you would normally but don't drop the stitch from your left needle. Next bring your right needle to the back of the left needle and knit into the same stitch through the back. Slip the stitch from the left needle to the right. *1 st increased*

m = marker

P = purl

PM = place marker

P1 tbl = purl 1 stitch through the back loop. Purl the stitch “twisted”, insert the right needle into the back leg of the stitch and purl.

P2tog = Purl 2 stitches together. *1 st decreased*

RM = remove marker

Rnd(s) = round(s)

RS = right side

SM = slip marker

St(s) = stitch(es)

St st = Stockinette stitch. Worked flat: RS: knit, WS: purl, in the round: knit all rounds.

Tbl = through back loop. Knit or purl a stitch “twisted”: for a knit stitch insert the right needle through the back loop and knit, for a purl stitch insert the right needle into the back leg of the stitch and purl.

Yo = yarn over. Bring the working yarn from the back of the work to the front by moving it between the two needles and wrap it over the right needle creating a “hole” in the fabric. Knit the next stitch as usual. *1 st increased.*

WS = wrong side

wyif = with yarn in front