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CARDIGAN

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It is recommended to use a nonsuperwash yarn for steeking, make sure you choose appropriately for this pattern! This design is easily customizable to make a cropped or shorter sleeve version, just knit the body and sleeves to your desired length. Yardage given is for the full length, long sleeve version. Check out the projects on Ravelry to see other knitters' modifications!

MATERIALS

Yarn

Mon Sheep Shop Molleuse
DK, 100% BFL, 4 oz, 246 yards [100 g, 225 m]

Yardage:

C1: 950 (980, 1230, 1476, 1722, 1986) yards [869 (896, 1125, 1350, 1575, 1816) m]
C2: 190 (200, 240, 320, 340, 360) yards [174 (183, 219.5, 292.5, 311, 329) m]
C3: 230 (240, 320, 380, 420, 480) yards [210 (219.5, 292.5, 347.5, 384, 439) m]
C4: 190 (200, 240, 320, 340, 360) yards [174 (183, 219.5, 292.5, 311, 329) m]

Original sample uses:

C1 (brown): Golden Brown
C2 (cream): Champagne
C3 (red): Sangria
C4 (blue): Nuage

Sizes:

This sweater is designed to be worn with 4-9" [10-23 cm] of positive ease at the bust. Measurements given below are for the finished garment.

XS, S, M, L, XL, 2X: 36 (40.25, 44.5, 49, 53.25, 57.75)"
[91.5 (102, 113, 124.5, 135, 146.5) cm]

Needles

Main Needles: US 6 [4 mm]
Ribbing Needles: US 4 [3.5 mm]

Gauge in colorwork pattern over 4" [10 cm]: 22 sts and 28 rounds

Gauge in cable pattern over 4" [10 cm]: 22 sts and 32 rounds

Notions

Cable needle, stitch markers, scissors, scrap yarn or stitch holders, 10-11 1" [25 mm] buttons (number of buttons will vary if you modify the length of your sweater), crochet hook or sewing machine for reinforcing steeks

NOTE: St counts given do not include the steek sts. After you cast on the steeks, you will have 5 extra sts for the steek between markers.

How to make Cluster sts:

Slip next 3 sts to cable needle, then wind yarn around sts on cable needle 3 times counterclockwise, then slip the 3 sts to right-hand needle. For video tutorial, see <https://youtu.be/7zly9sawGJg>

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Directions:

With smaller needles and C1, cast on 94 (94, 102, 102, 106, 114) sts, do not join in the round.

Neck Ribbing:

Row 1 (RS): *K2, p2; repeat from * to 2 sts before end of row, k2.

Row 2 (WS): *P2, k2; repeat from * to 2 sts before end of row, p2.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 two (2) times more.

At the end of the last row, pm to indicate beginning of steek sts, cast on 5 sts for the steek using cable cast on method, pm for BOR, and join in the round.

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Switch to main gauge needles.

K one round.

Next Round:

Sizes XS, S, and XL: K1, m1L, k to 1 st before steek sts, m1L, k to BOR. 2 sts increased

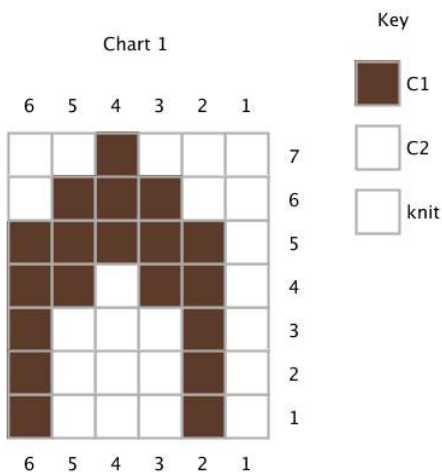
Sizes M, L and 2X: K.

96 (96, 102, 102, 108, 114) sts

Chart 1

Work Chart 1 with C1 and C2 as shown.

After completing all 7 rounds of chart break C1.



SHORT ROWS

With C2, work short row shaping to raise back neck.

Row 1 (RS): From BOR, k 78 (78, 82, 82, 87, 92), w&t.

Row 2 (WS): P 60 (60, 62, 62, 66, 70), w&t.

Row 3 (RS): K to 4 sts before last wrapped st, w&t.

Row 4 (WS): P to 4 sts before last wrapped st, w&t.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 2 (3, 3, 4, 4, 5) times more.

After last turn to RS, resume knitting in the round. When you come to a wrapped st, work the wrapped st with its corresponding st to BOR.

Knit 0 (0, 1, 2, 4, 6) rounds.

Increase Round 1:

XS, S, M, L and XL: *K2, m1L; repeat from * to steeks, k to BOR. 144 (144, 153, 153, 162, x) sts
2X: K2, *k2, m1L; repeat from * to steeks, k to BOR. x (x, x, x, x, 170) sts

144 (144, 153, 153, 162, 170) sts

Knit 0 (1, 2, 3, 5, 6) rounds.

Increase Round 2:

XS: K. No increase. 144 (x, x, x, x, x) sts
S: *K6, m1l; repeat from * to steeks, k to BOR. x (168, x, x, x, x) sts

M and L: K1, m1L, *k4, m1L; repeat from * to steeks, k to BOR. x (x, 192, 192, x, x) sts

XL: K3, *k2, m1L; repeat from * to 3 sts before steeks, k to BOR. x (x, x, x, 240, x) sts

2X: *K2, m1L; repeat from * to BOR. x (x, x, x, x, 255) sts

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Next Round (L and 2X only. All other sizes skip to Cluster Sts.)

L: *K8, m1L; repeat from * to steek sts, k to BOR. x (x, x, 216, x, x) sts

2X: K3, *k28, m1L; repeat from * to steek sts, k to BOR. x (x, x, x, x, 264) sts

144 (168, 192, 216, 240, 264) sts

Cluster Sts:

Switch to C1, do not break C2. See instructions on making cluster st on page 1.

Round 1: K.

Round 2: *K1, cluster; repeat from * to steek sts, sm, k to BOR.

Round 3: K.

Round 4: K2, *k1, cluster; repeat from * to 2 sts before steek sts, k2, sm, k to BOR.

Round 5: K.

Place removable marker for center back- from BOR, count 72 (84, 96, 108, 120, 132) sts, pm.

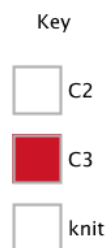
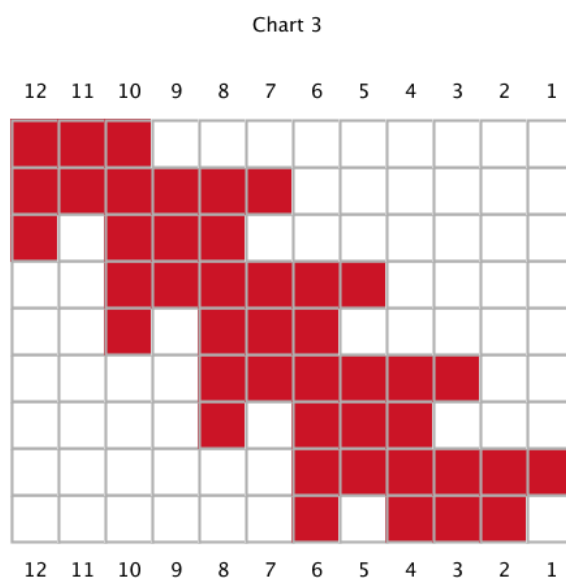
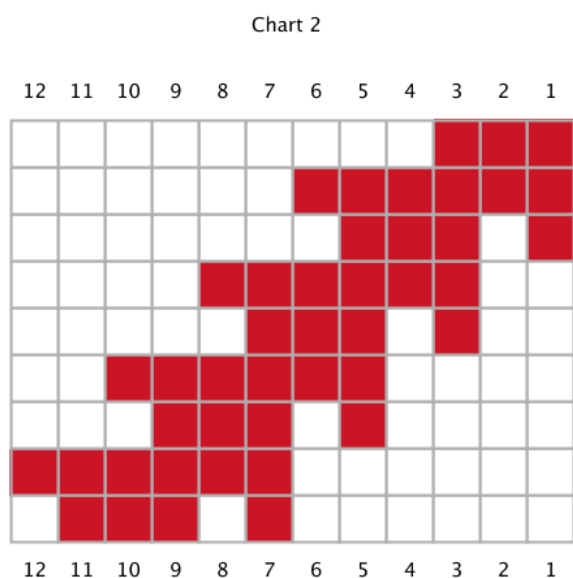
Switch to C2. Break C1.

Charts 2 and 3:

Chart 2 is worked from BOR to m at center back 6 (7, 8, 9, 10, 11) times. Chart 3 is worked from m at center back to steek sts 6 (7, 8, 9, 10, 11) times. Work steek sts in checkerboard pattern.

Work through all rounds of Charts 2 and 3 using C2 and C3 as shown. Remove m for center back after completing all rounds of charts.

Do not break yarn. K one round with C3.



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Increase Round 3:

Using C3. Do not break C2.

XS: *K3, m1L; repeat from * to steek sts, sm, k to BOR.

192 (x, x, x, x, x) sts

S and M: *K4, m1L; repeat from * to steek sts, sm, k to BOR. x (210, 240, x, x, x) sts

L: M1L, k1, m1L, *k5, m1L; repeat from * to steek sts, m1L, sm, k to BOR. x (x, x, 262, x, x) sts

XL: *K5, m1L; repeat from * to steek sts, sm, k to BOR. x (x, x, x, 288, x) sts

2XL: *K6, m1L; repeat from * to steek sts, sm, k to BOR. x (x, x, x, x, 308) sts

192 (210, 240, 262, 288, 308) sts

Next Round:

Using C4, k.

Increase Round 4:

Using C3. Do not break C2 or C4.

Sizes XS, M and XL: K. No sts increased. 192 (x, 240, x, 288, x) sts

Size S: *K35, m1L; repeat from * to steek sts, sm, k to BOR. x (216, x, x, x, x) sts

Sizes L: K1, m1L, k to 1 st before steek sts, m1L, k1, sm, k to BOR. x (x, x, 264, x, x) sts

Size 2X: *K77, m1L; repeat from * to steek sts, sm, k to BOR. x (x, x, x, x, 312) sts

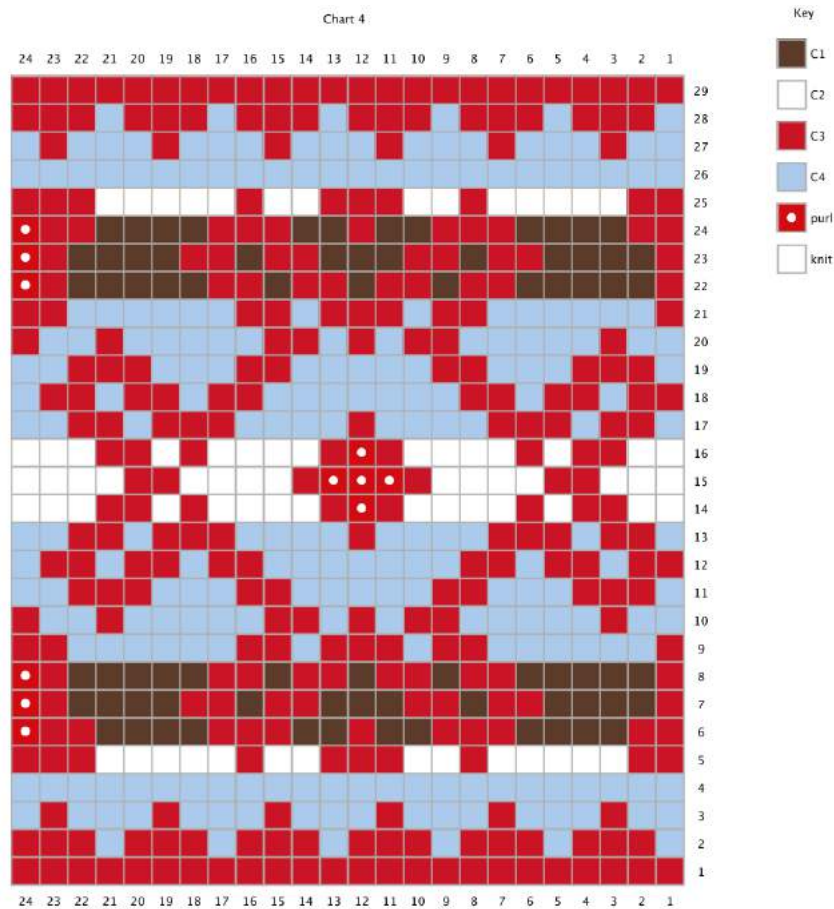
192 (216, 240, 264, 288, 312) sts

Chart 4:

Chart 4 is worked from BOR to steek sts using C1, 2, 3 and 4 as shown.

From BOR, work Round 1 of Chart 4 for 8 (9, 10, 11, 12, 13) repeats to steek sts, k steek sts in checkerboard pattern.

Repeat as above for each round of chart (1-29) until you complete the chart. Break C1 and C2.



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Next Round:

With C4, k. Break C4.

Next Round:

With C3, k.

192 (216, 240, 264, 288, 312) sts

Increase Round 5:

With C3.

XS and 2XL: *K2, m1L; repeat from * to steek sts, sm, k to BOR. 288 (x, x, x, x, 468) sts

S, M, L and XL: *K3, m1L; repeat from * to steek sts, sm, k to BOR. x (288, 320, 352, 384, x) sts

288 (288, 320, 352, 384, 468) sts

Next Round:

With C3, k.

Increase Round 6:

With C3.

XS and 2XL: No increase, skip to Next Round(s).

S: *K12, m1L; repeat from * to steek sts, sm, k to BOR. x (312, x, x, x, x) sts

M: K4, *k13, m1L; repeat from * to 4 sts before steek sts, k to BOR. 24 st increased. x (x, 344, x, x, x) sts

L: K8, *k14, m1L; repeat from * to 8 sts before steek sts, k8, sm, k to BOR. x (x, x, 376, x, x) sts

XL: K10, *k13, m1L; repeat from * to 10 sts before steek sts, k10, sm, k to BOR. x (x, x, x, 412, x) sts

288 (312, 344, 376, 412, 468) sts

Next Round(s)

With C3.

XS: skip to Separate Body and Sleeves.

S-L: K one round.

XL: K 6 rounds.

2X: K 8 rounds.

Separate Body and Sleeves

With C3.

From BOR, k 43 (48, 56, 60, 65, 72), place next 58 (60, 62, 68, 76, 89) sts on holder for left sleeve, cast on 10 (12, 10, 12, 14, 11) sts for underarm, k 86 (96, 108, 120, 130, 146), place next 58 (60, 62, 68, 76, 89) sts on holder for right sleeve, cast on 10 (12, 10, 12, 14, 11) sts for underarm, k to BOR.

192 (216, 240, 264, 288, 312) body sts

Body

Place removable marker for center back. From BOR, count 96 (108, 120, 132, 144, 156) sts, place marker.

Charts 5 and 6 (on page 6)

Chart 5 is worked from BOR to m at center back 8 (9, 10, 11, 12, 13) times. Chart 6 is worked from m at center back to steek sts 8 (9, 10, 11, 12, 13) times. Work steek sts in checkerboard pattern.

Work through all rounds of Charts 5 and 6 using C2 and C3, remove marker for center back. Break C2 and C3.



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Chart 5

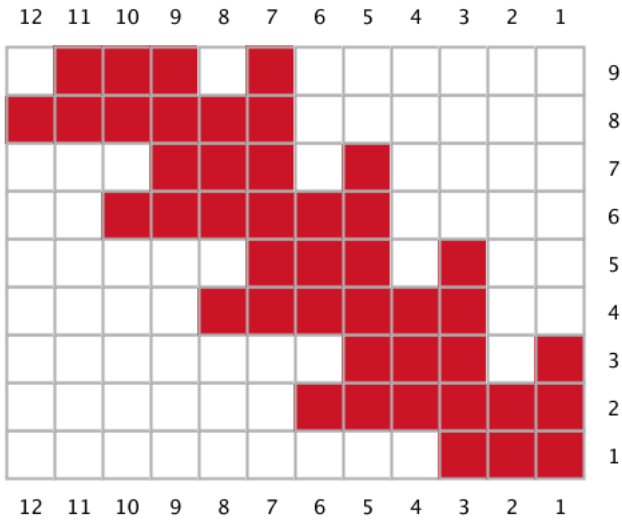
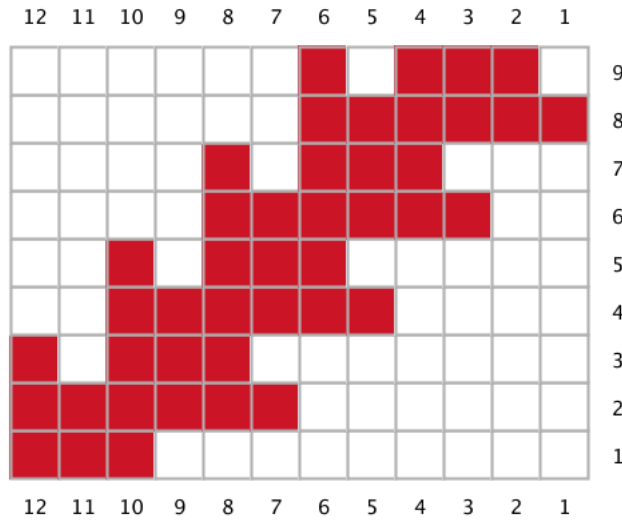


Chart 6



Key

☐ C2
☒ C3
☐ knit

Remainder of body is worked in C1.

K one round using C1.

Cluster Sts

Round 1: *K1, cluster; repeat from * to steak sts, sm, k to BOR.

Round 2: K.

Round 3: K2, *k1, cluster; repeat from * to 2 sts before steek sts, k2, sm, k to BOR.

Round 4: K.

Cable Cross Pattern

Remainder of body is worked in Cable Cross Pattern to the hem. You can follow the Cable Cross Chart or the written instructions.

Cable Cross Pattern Written Instructions

Round 1 and all odd-numbered rounds: K.

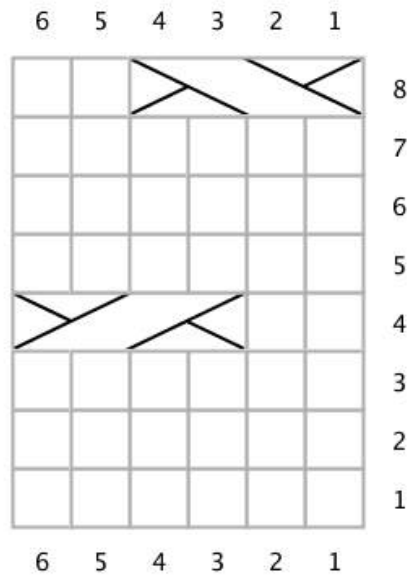
Round 2: K.

Round 4: *K2, c4b; repeat from * to steak sts, k to BOR.



Round 6: Knit.

Round 8: *C4f, k2; repeat from * to steek sts, k to BOR.
Repeat Rounds 1-8 until body measures 13" [33 cm]
from underarm, or 1.5" [4 cm] less than desired length.
At the end of the last round, bind off 5 steek sts.

Cable Cross Chart



Key

☐
 c4b
 c4f
☐ knit

Hem Ribbing:

Switch to ribbing needles, worked flat.

Row 1 (RS): *K2, p2; repeat from * end of row.

Row 2 (WS): *K2, p2: repeat from * to end of row.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until hem ribbing measures 1.5" [4 cm]. Bind off in pattern.

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Sleeves

Note- Both sleeves are worked the same, except the chart followed for the colorwork pattern. Make sure the chart you are following is the correct one for the sleeve you are working.

Transfer 58 (60, 62, 68, 76, 89) sleeve sts from stitch holder to main gauge needle. With RS facing, join C2 at right end of underarm CO sts on body. Pick up and knit 5 (6, 5, 6, 7, 6) sts from CO underarm edge, place BOR marker, pick up and knit 5 (6, 5, 6, 7, 7) more sts from CO underarm edge, k across the sleeve sts.

Note- for size 2X you are picking up 2 sts more than were CO for the underarm. Pick up the extra 2 sts on either end of CO sts.

68 (72, 72, 80, 90, 102) sleeve sts

Next Round: K.

Charts 5 and 6 (on page 6)

Some sizes do not fit a full repeat of the pattern on the sleeves. See notes below.

XS: K4, work 5 repeats of chart, k4.

S and M: Work 6 repeats of chart.

L: K4, work 6 repeats of chart, k4.

XL: K3, work 7 repeats of chart, k3.

2X: K3, work 8 repeats of chart, k3.

Left Sleeve: Work Chart 5.

Right Sleeve: Work Chart 6.

Work all rounds of charts as shown. Break C2 and C3. Remainder of sleeve is worked in C1.

K1 round using C1.

Cluster Sts

Sizes XS, S, M and L:

Round 1: *K1, cluster; repeat from * to BOR.

Round 2: K.

Round 3: K2, *k1, cluster; repeat from * to 2 sts before BOR, k to BOR.

Round 4: K.

Sizes XL and 2X:

Round 1: K2, *k1, cluster; repeat from * to BOR.

Round 2: K.

Round 3: K4, *k1, cluster; repeat from * to 2 sts before BOR, k to BOR.

Round 4: K.

Decrease Round 1:

XS and L: K2tog, k to 2 sts before BOR, k2tog.

66 (x, x, 78, x, x) sts

S, M, XL and 2X: K. No decreases.

x (72, 72, x, 90, 100) sts

66 (72, 72, 78, 90, 100) sts

Cable Pattern

Remainder of sleeve is worked in Cable Cross Pattern to the hem. You can follow the Cable Chart or written instructions on page 6.

Repeat Rounds 1-8 until sleeve measures 16" [41 cm] from underarm, or desired length.

Decrease Round 2: *K1, k2tog; repeat from * to BOR. 44 (48, 48, 52, 60, 68) sts

Sleeve Hem Ribbing:

Switch to ribbing needles.

Round 1: *K2, p2; repeat from * BOR.

Repeat Round 1 until hem ribbing measures 2" [5 cm]. Bind off in pattern.

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FINISHING

Weave in ends and gently block (I prefer to gently steam the area to be steeked, and save the full blocking until the end.) Make sure your ends are woven away from the area to be cut.

Prepare and carefully cut steeks using your preferred method (crochet or sewn reinforcement). Excellent tutorials on steeking can be found at

<https://katedaviesdesigns.com/2012/04/29/steeks-2-reinforcing-and-cutting/>

<https://blog.tincanknits.com/2014/09/18/steek/>

Left Front Band (button band):

With Ribbing Needle, with the RS facing you, pick up and k at a rate of 2 sts for every 3 rows along the left edge. Your number will vary based on the body length of your sweater, just make sure you have a total number that is divisible by 4+2.

Work 2x2 rib (k2, *p2, k2*) for 9 rows then bind off in rib pattern.

Right Front Band (buttonhole band):

With the RS facing you, pick up and k the same number of sts as the button band on the right edge.

Mark the placement of 10 or 11 buttonholes evenly on the band with pins.

Rows 1-3: Work in 2x2 rib, matching left button band.
Row 4, Buttonhole Row (WS): k2, *sl 2 sts onto right needle, psso first st, sl 1 more st onto right needle, psso, return st back on left needle, cast on 2 sts with a back loop cast on, work in pattern to next marked st*.

Work rib for 5 more rows then bind off in rib pattern.

Weave in all ends. Block gently in lukewarm water and let dry flat. Trim the steek or cover with a ribbon.

Sew buttons on button band.





ABBREVIATIONS

BOR	beginning of round
C (1, 2, 3, 4)	Color (1, 2, 3, 4)
C4B	cable 4 back- slip next 2 sts onto cable needle and hold at back, k next 2 sts from left hand needle, k 2 sts from cable needle
C4F	cable 4 front- slip next 2 sts onto cable needle and hold at front, k next 2 sts from left hand needle, k 2 sts from cable needle
K	knit
PM	place marker
P	purl
m	marker
m1L	make one left
RS	right side
WS	wrong side
w&t	wrap and turn
st(s)	stitch(es)

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