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Picnic Cardigan



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The Picnic Cardigan is a light and versatile piece that can be layered over various outfits, making it a both chic and fun addition to any wardrobe. It features an open round neckline and delicate tie bands which add a playful and feminine twist to the design. I envisioned a cardigan that would add a touch of whimsy to my outfit that would be comfortable and easy to style with both a Summer dress or plain jeans & t-shirt combo.

The Picnic Cardigan has a regular fit with long sleeves and twisted rib details around the hem and cuffs. The cardigan is worked flat from top down, and features German Short Row shaping for the sleeves. The fronts are finished with double knitted edges and the collar is worked as a tunnel for the drawstring I-cord. The I-cord tie bands are knitted last separately and attached to the cardigan.

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SIZES:

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

FINISHED GARMENT MEASUREMENTS:

a. Bust circumference excluding front edge plackets: 80 (84, 92, 96) (108, 120, 128) (138, 148, 158) cm / 31.5 (33, 36.25, 37.75) (42.5, 47.25, 50.5) (54.25, 58.25, 62.25)".

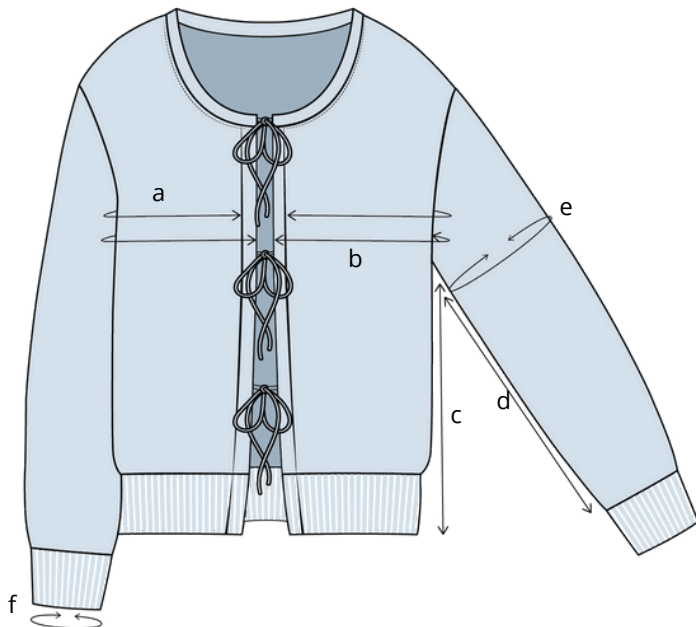
b. Bust circumference including front edge plackets: 84 (88, 100, 104) (112, 124, 132) (142, 152, 162) cm / 33 (34.75, 39.25, 41) (44, 48.75, 52) (55.75, 59.75, 63.75)".

c. Length from underarm to hem: 32 (33, 34, 34) (35, 35, 35) (36, 36, 37) cm / 12.75 (13, 13.5, 13.5) (14, 14, 14) (14.25, 14.25, 14.75)" or, desired length.

e. Sleeve length from underarm to hem: 57.5 cm / 22.5" all sizes.

d. Upper sleeve circumference: 41 (41, 44, 46) (47, 48, 49) (51, 53, 55) cm / 16 (16, 17.25, 18) (18.5, 18.75, 19.25) (20, 20.75, 21.75)".

f. Cuff circumference: 22.5 (22.5, 24.5, 27.5) (28, 28, 29) (30, 32.5, 32.5) cm / 8.75 (8.75, 9.75, 10.75) (11, 11, 11.5) (11.75, 12.75, 12.75)".



The Picnic Cardigan is designed to have about 5-10 cm / 2-4" of positive ease for a regular fit.

Blue and gray sample knits are in size S, Kika has a bust of approx. 87 cm / 34".

GAUGE:

20 sts x 30 rows = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4" in Stockinette st flat on 4 mm needles, after blocking.

22 sts x 34 rows = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4" in *k1 tbl, p1* rib flat on 3 mm / US 2.5 needles, after blocking.

NEEDLES:

3 mm / US2.5: circular needles 80-100 cm / 32-40" for rib hem and double knitted front edge plackets, and DPNs for sleeve rib cuffs, I-cords and optional use for front edge plackets.

4 mm / US6: circular needles 80-100 cm / 32-40" for body, and circular needles 40 cm / 16" for sleeves or DPNs (or use Magic Loop technique).

NOTIONS:

Removable stitch markers, tapestry needle, tape measure, stitch holder or scrap yarn, safety pin to thread the I-cord into the collar tunnel at the end.

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SUGGESTED YARN:

The cardigan can be knitted with one strand of Sport or DK weight yarn, or by holding one strand of fingering weight yarn together with one strand of lace or fingering weight yarn.

You will need approx.

1100 (1150, 1250, 1350) (1400, 1500, 1650) (1750, 1900, 2000) m / 1200 (1260, 1370, 1480) (1530, 1640, 1800) (1910, 2080, 2190) yds of DK or Sport weight yarn

or

1100 (1150, 1250, 1350) (1400, 1500, 1650) (1750, 1900, 2000) m / 1200 (1260, 1370, 1480) (1530, 1640, 1800) (1910, 2080, 2190) yds of **each** fingering and/ or lace weight yarn.

Sample knitted with yarns:

Blue sample:

215 (225, 250, 265) (275, 300, 325) (350, 375, 400) g of Knitting For Olive Merino (100% merino wool - 250 m / 273 yds / 50 g) in color Poppy Blue

together with

120 (125, 140, 145) (155, 165, 180) (195, 210, 220) g of Knitting For Olive Silk Mohair (70% mohair, 30% silk - 225 m / 246 yds / 25 g) in color Poppy Blue.

The blue sample is worked holding one strand of merino and one strand of silk mohair together.

Gray sample:

235 (250, 270, 300) (320, 350, 375) (400, 415, 425) g of Sandnes Garn Sunday (100% merino wool - 235 m / 260 yds / 50 g) in color 1042

together with

130 (140, 150, 165) (175, 195, 210) (220, 230, 235) g of Isager Silk Mohair (75% kid mohair, 25% silk - 212 m / 230 yds / 25 g) in color 2 S.

The gray sample is worked holding one strand of merino and one strand of silk mohair together.

DIRECTIONS:

The work begins by knitting the Upper Back flat and shaping the armholes with increases. Next, stitches are picked up from each side of the Upper Back neckline to create the Upper Fronts, which are worked flat separately while shaping both the neckline and armholes. Once complete, all stitches are joined together for the Lower Body which is knitted flat and finished with a twisted rib hem.

For the sleeves, stitches are picked from the armholes and shaped using German Short Rows before continuing in the round. To complete the cardigan, stitches are picked up along the front edges for a double-knitted edge band. Then, stitches are picked up around the neckline to knit the collar. Finally, all the I-cord ribbons are knitted separately on DPNs and attached to the cardigan.

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UPPER BACK

With 4 mm / US 6 circular needles (80-100 cm / 32-40") cast on 68 (72, 76, 78) (86, 92, 96) (100, 104, 108) sts using the Long-Tail Cast-on method. Place 2 removable stitch markers on the first setup-row to mark the neckline (this is where sts will be picked up for the Upper Right and Left Fronts later). *Note! These markers won't be carried along the work.*

Setup row (WS): P 20 (21, 23, 24) (27, 30, 31) (33, 35, 37) (=shoulder), PM around the strand between the sts, p 28 (30, 30, 30) (32, 32, 34) (34, 34, 34) (=back neck), PM around the strand between the sts, p to end (=shoulder).

Continue as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K to end.

Row 2 (WS): P to end.

Continue working in Stockinette st (repeat rows 1-2) until the Upper Back measures 16 cm / 6.25" from the cast-on edge.

Increase sequence 1

Begin shaping the armholes by working increases as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K3, M1L, k to the last 3 sts, M1R, k3. 2 sts increased.

Row 2 (WS): P to end.

Row 3: K to end.

Row 4: P to end.

There are 70 (74, 78, 80) (88, 94, 98) (102, 106, 110) sts in total.

Repeat rows 1-4, for 1 (1, 1, 2) (2, 2, 2) (3, 4, 5) more times.

There are 72 (76, 80, 84) (92, 98, 102) (108, 114, 120) sts in total.

Increase sequence 2

Continue shaping the armholes as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K3, M1L, k to the last 3 sts, M1R, k3. 2 sts increased.

Row 2 (WS): P to end.

There are 74 (78, 82, 86) (94, 100, 104) (110, 116, 122) sts in total.

Repeat rows 1-2, for 1 (1, 2, 2) (3, 6, 7) (8, 9, 10) more times.

There are 76 (80, 86, 90) (100, 112, 118) (126, 134, 142) sts in total.

The Upper Back is now complete. Cut the yarn and let the sts rest on a stitch wire or piece of scrap yarn.

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RIGHT UPPER FRONT

With 4 mm / US 6 circular needles (80-100 cm / 32-40"), pick up and knit 20 (21, 23, 24) (27, 30, 31) (33, 35, 37) sts from the right outer edge to the right side neckline stitch marker placed at the cast-on edge in the beginning (when looking at the piece with the RS facing you and the cast-on edge towards the top). You can remove the marker now. Work one setup row as follows:

Setup row (WS): P to end.

Begin working on the Right Upper Front as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K to end.

Row 2 (WS): P to end.

Continue working in Stockinette st (repeat rows 1-2) until the Right Upper Front measures 5.5 cm / 2.25" from the pick up edge.

Neckline increase sequence

Begin shaping the neckline as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K to last 3 sts, M1R, k3. 1 st increased.

Row 2 (WS): P to end.

Row 3: K to end.

Row 4: P to end.

There are 21 (22, 24, 25) (28, 31, 32) (34, 36, 38) sts in total.

Repeat rows 1-4, 7 more times.

There are 28 (29, 31, 32) (35, 38, 39) (41, 43, 45) sts in total.

Cast on new sts for the middle of the neckline:

Row 1 (RS): K to end, cast on 6 (7, 7, 7) (8, 8, 9) (9, 9, 9) sts with the Backwards-Loop Cast-on method.

Note! Place a removable marker in the last st to mark where the front edge placket will be worked later on.

Row 2 (WS): P to end.

There are 34 (36, 38, 39) (43, 46, 48) (50, 52, 54) sts in total.

Increase sequence 1

Begin shaping the armhole by working increases as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K3, M1L, k to end. 1 st increased.

Row 2 (WS): P to end.

Row 3: K to end.

Row 4: P to end.

There are 35 (37, 39, 40) (44, 47, 49) (51, 53, 55) sts in total.

Repeat rows 1-4, for 1 (1, 1, 2) (2, 2, 2) (3, 4, 5) more times.

There are 36 (38, 40, 42) (46, 49, 51) (54, 57, 60) sts in total.

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Increase sequence 2

Continue shaping the armholes as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K3, M1L, k to end. 1 st increased.

Row 2: P to end.

There are 37 (39, 41, 43) (47, 50, 52) (55, 58, 61) sts in total.

Repeat rows 1-2, for 1 (1, 2, 2) (3, 6, 7) (8, 9, 10) more times.

There are 38 (40, 43, 45) (50, 56, 59) (63, 67, 71) sts in total.

The Right Upper Front is now complete. Cut the yarn and let the sts rest on a stitch wire or piece of scrap yarn while you work the Left Upper Front next.

LEFT FRONT

With 4 mm / US 6 circular needles (80-100 cm / 32-40"), pick up and knit 20 (21, 23, 24) (27, 30, 31) (33, 35, 37) sts from the left side neckline stitch marker placed at the cast-on edge in the beginning to the left outer edge (when looking at the piece with the RS facing you and the cast-on edge towards the top). You can remove the marker now.

Work one setup row as follows:

Setup row (WS): P to end.

Begin working the Left Upper Front as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K to end.

Row 2 (WS): P to end.

Continue working in Stockinette st (repeat rows 1-2) until the Left Upper Front measures 5.5 cm / 2.25" from the pick up edge.

Neckline increase sequence

Begin shaping the neckline as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K3, M1L, k to end. 1 st increased.

Row 2 (WS): P to end.

Row 3: K to end.

Row 4: P to end.

There are 21 (22, 24, 25) (28, 31, 32) (34, 36, 38) sts in total.

Repeat rows 1-4, 7 more times.

There are 28 (29, 31, 32) (35, 38, 39) (41, 43, 45) sts in total.

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Cast on new sts for middle of the neckline:

Row 1 (RS): K to end.

Row 2 (WS): P to end, cast on 6 (7, 7, 7) (8, 8, 9) (9, 9, 9) sts with the Backwards-Loop Cast-on method. *Note! Place a removable marker in the last st to mark where the front edge placket will be worked later on.*

There are 34 (36, 38, 39) (43, 46, 48) (50, 52, 54) sts in total.

Increase sequence 1

Begin shaping the armhole by working increases as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K to last 3 sts, M1R, k3. *1 st increased.*

Row 2 (WS): P to end.

Row 3: K to end.

Row 4: P to end.

There are 35 (37, 39, 40) (44, 47, 49) (51, 53, 55) sts in total.

Repeat rows 1-4, for 1 (1, 1, 2) (2, 2, 2) (3, 4, 5) more times.

There are 36 (38, 40, 42) (46, 49, 51) (54, 57, 60) sts in total.

Increase sequence 2

Continue shaping the armholes as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K to last 3 sts, M1R, k3. *1 st increased.*

Row 2: P to end.

There are 37 (39, 41, 43) (47, 50, 52) (55, 58, 61) sts in total.

Repeat rows 1-2, for 1 (1, 2, 2) (3, 6, 7) (8, 9, 10) more times.

There are 38 (40, 43, 45) (50, 56, 59) (63, 67, 71) sts in total.

The Left Upper Front is now complete. Don't cut the yarn.

BODY

Transfer the Upper Back and Right Upper Front sts onto the same 4 mm / US6 working circular needles and begin working the lower body.

Joining row (RS):

K all 38 (40, 43, 45) (50, 56, 59) (63, 67, 71) Left Upper front sts,
cast on 4 (4, 6, 6) (8, 8, 10) (12, 14, 16) new sts for the underarm with the Backwards-Loop Cast-on method,
k all 76 (80, 86, 90) (100, 112, 118) (126, 134, 142) Upper Back sts,
cast on 4 (4, 6, 6) (8, 8, 10) (12, 14, 16) new sts for the underarm with the Backwards-Loop Cast-on method,
k all 38 (40, 43, 45) (50, 56, 59) (63, 67, 71) Right Upper front sts.

There are 160 (168, 184, 192) (216, 240, 256) (276, 296, 316) sts in total.

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Work the body in Stockinette st until it reaches 24 (25, 26, 26) (27, 27, 27) (28, 28, 29) cm / 9.5 (9.75, 10.25, 10.25) (10.75, 10.75, 10.75) (11, 11, 11.5)" measured from the underarm (or, until 7.5 cm / 3" less than total desired length).

Change to 3 mm / US 2.5 circular needles and work the hem as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K1, k2tog, p1, *k1 tbl, p1* to last 2 sts, k2. *1 st decreased.*

There are 159 (167, 183, 191) (215, 239, 255) (275, 295, 315) sts in total.

Continue working on the hem as follows:

Row 2 (WS): P2, k1, *p1 tbl, k1* to last 2 sts, p2.

Row 3 (RS): K2, p1, *k1 tbl, p1* to last 2 sts, k2.

Continue working in twisted rib stitch (repeat rows 2-3) until the hem measures 7.5 cm / 3" in total. Bind off using the Italian Bind-off method (*Note: when using the Italian Bind-off method, bind off the first two and last two k sts as one in order to keep the *k1, p1 rhythm*), or use your preferred bind-off method.

SLEEVES

Starting at the middle of the underarm, pick up and knit 84 (84, 90, 94) (96, 98, 100) (104, 108, 112) sts with 4 mm / US 6 circular needles (40-60 cm / 16-24") evenly along the armhole opening. The rhythm for picking up sts is approx. 2 sts per 3 rows, in other words: pick up and k2 from every row, skip 1. Place BOR-m.

Work one decrease rnd and place 2 markers as follows:

Decrease rnd: K3, ssk, k 5 (5, 6, 8) (10, 12, 14) (16, 18, 20), PM1, k to last 10 (10, 11, 13) (15, 17, 19) (21, 23, 25), PM2, k to last 5 sts, k2tog, k3. *2 sts decreased.*

There are 82 (82, 88, 92) (94, 96, 98) (102, 106, 110) sts in total.

Next, begin shaping the sleeve by working German Short Rows. Work as follows:

German Short Row 1 (RS): K to M1, SM1, k to M2, SM2, k1, turn work.

German Short Row 2 (WS): Make DS, SM2, p to M1, SM1, p1, turn work.

German Short Row 3 (RS): Make DS, SM1, k to M2, SM2, k DS, k1, turn work.

German Short Row 4 (WS): Make DS, p to M2, SM2, p to M1, SM1, p to DS, p DS, p1, turn work.

German Short Row 5 (RS): Make DS, k to M1, SM1, k to M2, SM2, k to DS, k DS, k1, turn work.

German Short Row 6 (WS): Make DS, p to M2, SM2, p to M1, SM1, p to DS, p DS, p1, turn work.

Repeat rows 5-6, for 2 (2, 3, 4) (5, 6, 7) (8, 9, 10) more times.

German Short Rows are complete.

Begin working the sleeve in the round in Stockinette st until it measures approx. 4 cm / 1.5" from the underarm. Then work decrease round:

Decrease rnd: K3, ssk, k to last 5 sts, k2tog, k3. *2 sts decreased.*

There are 80 (80, 86, 90) (92, 94, 96) (100, 104, 108) sts in total

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Repeat the Decrease rnd every 4 cm / 1.5", for 9 more times until the sleeve measures 50 cm / 19.75" from underarm (or 7.5 cm / 3" less than desired final sleeve length).

There are 62 (62, 68, 72) (74, 76, 78) (82, 86, 90) sts in total.

Change to 3 mm / US 2.5 circular needles for the cuff rib, work one rnd of decreases on the first rnd as follows:

Sizes XXS, XS: K1 tbl, p1, *k2tog, p1, k1 tbl, p1* to end. *12 sts decreased.*

Size S: K2tog, p1, *k2tog, p1, k1 tbl, p1* to end. *14 sts decreased.*

Size M: K1 tbl, p1, *k2tog, p1, k1 tbl, p1* to end. *14 sts decreased.*

Size L: K1 tbl, p1, *k2tog, p1, k1 tbl, p1* to last 2 sts, k1 tbl, p1. *14 sts decreased.*

Size XL: K1 tbl, p1, k1 tbl, p1, k1 tbl, p1, *k2tog, p1, k1 tbl, p1* to end. *14 sts decreased.*

Size 2XL: K2tog, p1, *k2tog, p1, k1 tbl, p1* to end. *16 sts decreased.*

Size 3XL: K1 tbl, p1, *k2tog, p1, k1 tbl, p1* to end. *14 sts decreased.*

Size 4XL: K1 tbl, p1, k1 tbl, p1, k1 tbl, p1, *k2tog, p1, k1 tbl, p1* to end. *14 sts decreased.*

Size 5XL: *K1tog, p1, k1 tbl, p1* to end of rnd. *18 sts decreased.*

There are 50 (50, 54, 58) (60, 62, 62) (68, 72, 72) sts in total.

All sizes

Continue working in *k1 tbl, p1* rib until the cuff measures 7.5 cm / 3" in total and bind off using the Italian Bind-off method (or your preferred bind-off method).

Work the other sleeve the same way.

FRONT EDGE PLACKETS

For the front edge plackets sts are picked up along the front edges with a 3 mm / US 2.5 circular needle. The front edge placket is worked in double knitting either with just the circular needle or together with a 3 mm / US 2.5 double-pointed needle.

LEFT FRONT EDGE

Start by picking up and knitting sts as follows:

Pick up and k1 in every row along the left front edge starting at the bottom left side (when looking at the cardigan with the front and RS facing you) to the stitch marker placed when casting on sts for the neckline. The amount of picked up sts will depend on how long your cardigan is. Cut the yarn and remove the marker. *Tip! Make a note of how many sts you pick up from the first edge so you can pick up the same amount for the other side.*

Join in new yarn and start working the double knitted placket from the bottom left front edge.

Work as follows:

Turn the work so you have the WS side facing you and cast on 9 new sts on the 3 mm / US 2.5 circular needle in addition to the picked up sts on the left front edge of the cardigan using the Italian Cast-On method (make the first and last st of the cast on sts purl sts). Turn work so that the RS side is facing you.

Tip!

Scan the QR code to see a video tutorial on how to work the double knitted front edge plackets, or go to youtube.com/@kutovakika and search for the Darling Cardigan tutorial at timestamp 41:06.



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Row 1 (RS): *K1, sl1 wyif*, repeat from * to * a total of 4 times, k2tog-tbl (knit the last st of the 9 sts that you just cast on together with one stitch from the picked up sts through the back loops). 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 there is only 1 of the picked-up sts left (until there are only 10 sts remaining on the needle). Bind off from the RS using the Italian bind-off method. When working the last 2 sts of the Italian bind-off, seam these 2 sts as if they were 1 st (as if you had knitted them together tbl).

RIGHT FRONT EDGE

Start by picking up and knitting sts as follows:

Pick up and k1 in every row along the right front edge starting at the stitch marker placed when casting on sts for the neckline to the bottom right side (when looking at the cardigan with the front and RS facing you). The amount of picked up sts will depend on how long your cardigan is Cut the yarn and remove the marker.

Join in new yarn and start working the double knitted placket from the top right front edge.

Work as follows:

Turn the work so you have the WS side facing you and cast on 9 new sts on the 3 mm / US 2.5 circular needle in addition to the picked up sts on the left front edge of the cardigan using the Italian Cast-On method (make the first and last st of the cast on sts purl sts). Turn work so that the RS side is facing you.

Row 1 (RS): *K1, sl1 wyif*, repeat from * to * a total of 4 times, k2tog-tbl (knit the last st of the 9 sts that you just cast on together with one stitch from the picked up sts through the back loops). 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 there is only 1 of the picked-up sts left (until there are only 10 sts remaining on the needle). Bind off from the RS using the Italian bind-off method. When working the last 2 sts of the Italian bind-off, seam these 2 sts as if they were 1 st (as if you had knitted them together tbl).

I-CORD TUNNEL COLLAR

For the collar stitches are picked up around the neckline opening from the WS side (including the double knitted front edge plackets). The collar is worked in Stockinette st flat and will then be folded and attached on the outside by binding off the stitches together with the pick up edge on the right side.

With 3 mm / US 2.5 circular needles, pick up and k 106 (114, 122, 130) (138, 146, 146) (146, 154, 154) sts evenly around the neckline opening with the WS side facing you (meaning you'll pick up sts from the wrong side of the work). The rhythm for picking up sts is approx. 4 sts for every 5 sts/rows (except for the double knitted front edge plackets and middle of the back where I recommend picking up 1 st in each st).

Row 1 (RS): P to end.

Row 2 (WS): K to end.

Repeat rows 1-2 until the collar measures 4 cm / 1.75" from the pickup edge. End so that the next row is a RS row.

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Begin binding off sts and at the same time attaching the collar to the pick up edge.

Tip! Choose a half or full size larger sized needle when binding off sts to make sure the bind off edge doesn't become too tight.

Work as follows:

Step 1: Fold the collar in half towards the outside.

Step 2: With your right needle, pick up and transfer the first stitch in the row below the pickup edge onto the left needle.

Step 3: Knit the first 2 sts on the left needle together (the st you just picked up from below the pick up edge and the first st from the collar sts).

Step 4: Knit 1 from the left needle, then pull the first stitch over the second stitch on the right needle.
1 st bound off.

Step 5: Pick up the next st from the row below the pick up edge with the right needle and transfer onto the left needle.

Step 6: Knit the first 2 sts on the left needle together, pull the first stitch over the second stitch on the right needle. *1 st bound off.*

Repeat Steps 5-6 until all sts are bound off and pull yarn through the last st.

Tip!

Scan the QR code to see a video tutorial on how to work the collar bind off, or go to youtube.com/@kutovakika



I-CORD TIE STRINGS

The cardigan is attached by one longer I-cord that is threaded through the collar tunnel, and 2 pairs of shorter ones for the ribbons. The I-cord is like a tube of knitting which is worked with 2 straight 3 mm / US2.5 DPNs.

Cast on 3 sts on a 3 mm / US2.5 DPN with the Backwards-loop Cast-on method, don't turn the work but instead slide all sts on the DPN from the left all the way to the right on the DPN. K all sts taking extra care to tighten the first sts to form the I-cord tube.

Repeat until I-cord measures approx. 130 cm / 51" in total, then k3tog and pull yarn through. Weave in both ends at the beginning and end with a tapestry needle.

Work 4 more I-cords that are approx. 30 cm / 12" in length.

Tip!

Scan the QR code to see a video tutorial on how to work the I-cord tie strings, or go to youtube.com/@kutovakika and search for the Pride and Pearls Cardigan tutorial at timestamp 42.20.



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FINISHING

Attach a safety pin to one of the ends of the long I-cord and thread it through the collar tunnel.

Attach the shorter I-cord tie strings by hand sewing just at the edge of the double knitted front edge plackets. Place the first shorter I-cord pair approx 12.5 cm / 5" from the top collar tie string, and place the second pair approx 12.5 cm / 5" from the first.

Weave in all ends on the wrong side of the cardigan. Soak the cardigan in cold to lukewarm water to help the stitches relax and even out. Lay flat to dry. The cardigan is ready to be worn!



Hope you enjoyed this pattern!

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

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

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ABBREVIATIONS

BOR = beginning of round

DPN = double pointed needle

DS = double stitch, used when working German Short Rows. Work as follows:

The double stitch is always worked on the first stitch of the row following a turn. The first stitch on the left needle is slipped purlwise with yarn in front (wyif), then the yarn is pulled tightly over the needle so that the two legs of the stitch in the row below are pulled up and exposed on the right needle. Continue working the row as the pattern says. On the next row, work the double stitch as a “normal” stitch, either knitting or purling it as normal.

K = knit

K2tog = knit 2 stitches together through front loops. *(1 stitch decreased)*

K3tog = knit 3 stitches together through front loops. *(2 stitch decreased)*

K1 tbl = knit one through the back loop so that the stitch becomes twisted

M1L = make 1 left (left-leaning increase), knit the strand between two sts by inserting the left needle from front to back and knit the stitch twisted (through the back loop). *(1 st increased)*

M1Lp = make 1 left purl (left-leaning increase), purl the strand between two sts by inserting the left needle from front to back and purl the stitch twisted (through the back loop). *(1 st increased)*

M1R = make 1 right (right-leaning increase), knit the strand between two stitches by inserting the left needle from back to front and knit the stitch (through the front loop). *(1 st increased)*

M1Rp = make 1 right purl (right-leaning increase), purl the strand between two stitches by inserting the left needle from back to front and purl the stitch (through the front loop). *(1 st increased)*

P = purl

PM = place marker

P1 tbl = purl one through the back loop

Rnd(s) = round(s)

RS = right side

SM = slip marker

Ssk = slip, slip, knit. Slip the first stitch as if to knit, slip the second stitch as if to knit. Slide both stitches from the right needle back to the left hand needle. Knit both stitches through the back loops together as if they were one stitch. *(1 stitch decreased)*

St(s) = stitch(es)

Stockinette st = Stockinette stitch. When worked flat (back and forth): knit all stitches on the right side and purl all the stitches on the wrong side. When worked in the round: knit all stitches.

WS = wrong side

. = repeat the steps between the *