



Hitofude Cardigan

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As implied by the name "Hitofude", meaning a single brush stroke in Japanese, this open front cardigan with an all over lace pattern is worked in one "yarn stroke" -- a continuous strand without cutting the yarn.

The yarn stroke starts from the upper body and sleeves worked together in a rectangular piece, then moves to lower body, where the lace pattern increases evenly, creating a gentle drape.

- **SIZES:** Bust XS 73-84 (S 85-96, M 97-108, L 109-120, XL 121-132, XXL 133-144) cm / XS 28³/₄-32³/₄ (S 32-37, M 37¹/₂-41¹/₄, L 41³/₄-45¹/₄, XL 46-50, XXL 50¹/₂-54¹/₄)"
- **FINISHED MEASUREMENTS:** Body width 42 (48, 54, 60, 66, 72) cm / 15¹/₄ (17¹/₂, 19³/₄, 22, 24, 26¹/₂)" - Refer to the diagram on Page 5 for more detailed measurements.
- **YARN:** Tosh Merino Light by Madelinetosh, 384 m (420 yards) / 100 g, 2 (3, 3, 4, 4, 4) skeins. Shown here in col. French Grey (size XS with 3.6 mm needle). Or approximately 660 (760, 890, 1060, 1190, 1390) m / 730 (840, 980, 1160, 1310, 1530) yards of fingering weight yarn that drapes well after blocking.
- **NEEDLE:** US size 4 (3.5 mm) circular needle, 80 cm (32") long or size to obtain correct gauge.
- **NOTIONS:** 5 stitch markers, crochet hook (3.25 mm), tapestry needle, spare double pointed or circular needle (same size or smaller than main needle), 2 waste yarns. Optional: 1 button (13-15 mm / 1/2~5/8").
- **GAUGE:** 20 sts and 32 rows = 10 cm (4") in Chart A. Or 24 sts and 16 rows in Chart A (2 x 2 pattern repeats) = 12 cm (4³/₄") and 5 cm (2") - After blocking, slightly stretched.

Instructions

●UPPER BODY AND SLEEVES (work back and forth)

Note: The whole piece is worked in one piece thoroughly except for casting on where you crochet 2 separate chains, one for Left Sleeve (= Chain A) and another one for Right Sleeve and Body (= Chain B). This adjusts the number of rows in each sleeve.

CROCHET CHAIN PROVISIONAL CAST ON (see Page 5) AND SET UP ROWS

Chain A: With waste yarn and crochet hook, chain 48 (48, 54, 54, 60, 60) sts.

Chain B: With another waste yarn, chain 132 (144, 162, 174, 192, 204) sts.

Starting from Chain A, with main needle and yarn, pick up and knit 48 (48, 54, 54, 60, 60) sts through each bump of chain, TURN WORK.

SET UP ROW 1 (RS): [K1, p1] 3x, PM, k42 (42, 48, 48, 54, 54), DO NOT TURN. With working yarn, pick up and knit 132 (144, 162, 174, 192, 204) sts from Chain B, TURN WORK.

SET UP ROW 2 (WS): [P1, k1] 3x, PM, p5, k2, *p10, k2; repeat from * to 5 sts before marker, p5, SM, [k1, p1] 3x.

Now you have 180 (192, 216, 228, 252, 264) sts on your needle.

BEGIN PATTERN (work even): Using BASIC ROWS REPEAT METHOD (see below), work Chart A until you have completed 11 (12, 13, 14, 15, 16) vertical repeats. Or continue in pattern until the piece measures your upper arm size (Sleeves are made by folding in half lengthwise and seaming together). Make sure you end with Row 8. Remove all markers in ending row.

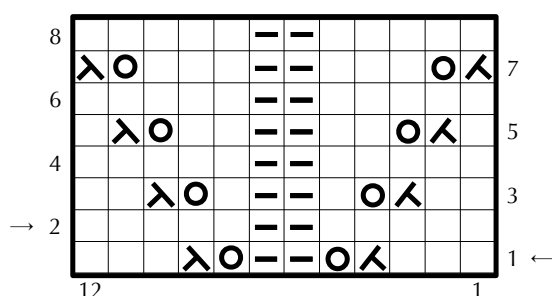
BASIC ROWS REPEAT METHOD

Note: Each of the basic rows starts with 1x1 Rib for the right edge, then body is worked from specified chart, and the row ends with 1x1 Rib for the left edge. The Sl st at the beginning of each row should be worked slightly tighter than normal. Slip all markers unless otherwise instructed.

ODD ROWS (RS): Wyif sl1 pwise, p1, [k1, p1] 2x, specified Chart pattern, [p1, k1] 3x.

EVEN ROWS (WS): Wyib sl1 kwise, k1, [p1, k1] 2x, specified Chart pattern, [k1, p1] 3x.

CHART A



□ k on RS, p on WS

— p on RS, k on WS

○ yo

⋈ k2tog

⋈ ssk



ROW 1: K3, k2tog, yo, p2, yo, ssk, k3.

ROW 2 and all even numbered rows: P5, k2, p5.

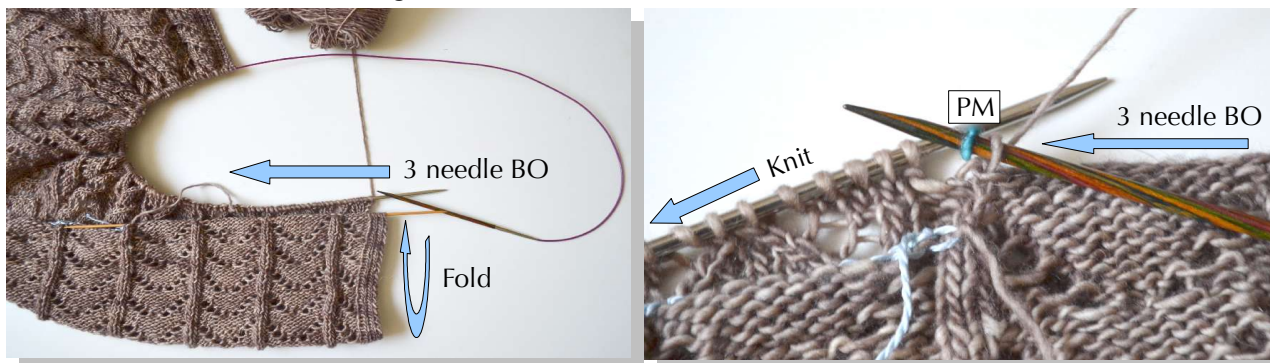
ROW 3: K2, k2tog, yo, k1, p2, k1, yo, ssk, k2.

ROW 5: K1, k2tog, yo, k2, p2, k2, yo, ssk, k1.

ROW 7: K2tog, yo, k3, p2, k3, yo, ssk.

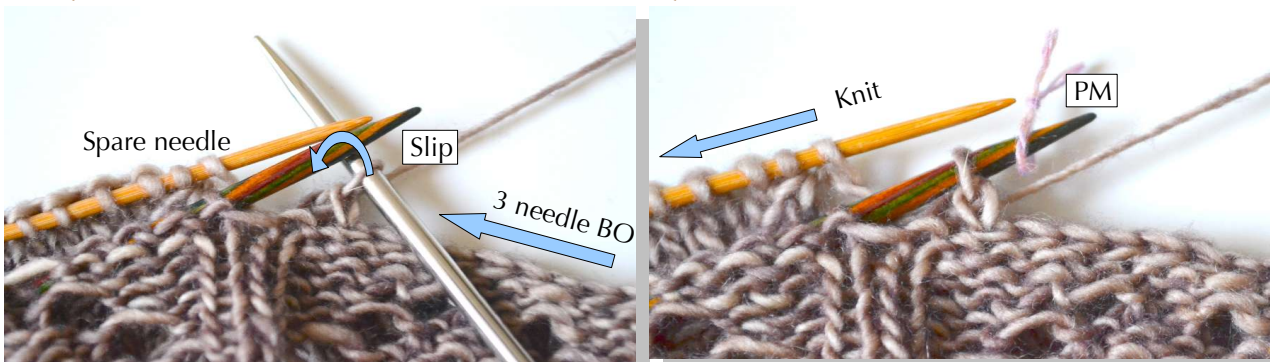
●UNDER ARM SEAMS

LEFT SLEEVE: Carefully unravel Chain A, place 48 (48, 54, 54, 60, 60) sts to spare needle, fold your work with RS facing together, then using 3 needle bind off method (see Page 5), BO 47 (47, 53, 53, 59, 59) sts (= 1 st remains on right hand needle), PM, k to end.



RIGHT SLEEVE: Carefully unravel Chain B, place 132 (144, 162, 174, 192, 204) sts to spare needle, fold your work with RS facing together, then using 3 needle bind off method, BO 47 (47, 53, 53, 59, 59) sts (= 84 (96, 108, 120, 132, 144) sts remain on spare needle), slip 1 st on right hand needle to other side of main needle, PM, k all sts on spare needle, k1, SM.

Now you have 170 (194, 218, 242, 266, 290) sts on your main needle.



●1x1 RIB FOR SHOULDER AND WAIST (work in round)

ROUND 1: *Repeat [k1, p1] to 3 sts before marker, k1, p2tog*, RM, repeat * to * once more, SM.

ROUNDS 2 - 8: Repeat [k1, p1] to marker, SM.

Now you have 168 (192, 216, 240, 264, 288) sts on your needle.

●LOWER BODY

SET UP ROUNDS

Note: Increase the front body using kfb and work the neck line using Elastic BO method.

•**STEP 1:** Kfb18 (18, 24, 24, 30, 30), PM, k48 (60, 60, 72, 72, 84), PM, kfb30 (36, 42, 48, 54, 60), PM, p2tog, [k1, p1] 2x, k1.

•**STEP 2:** BO 47 (47, 59, 59, 71, 71) sts using Elastic BO method as follows: p1, k1, *Insert left hand needle into the two sts on right needle, k2tog tbl*, [p1, repeat from * to *, k1, repeat from * to *] to bind off specified number of sts. Make sure you have 17 (23, 23, 29, 29, 35) sts before next marker on left hand needle.

•**STEP 3:** [P1, k1] 2x, p1, PM, kfb12 (18, 18, 24, 24, 30), RM.

•**STEP 4:** [K to maker, SM] 3x, [p1, k1] 3x, pick up and knit 1st from the first BO st of previous round.

SET UP ROW (Begin work back and forth)(WS): P2tog, [k1, p1] 2x, k1, SM, p5, k2, *p10, k2; keep markers in place, repeat from * to 5 sts before last marker, p5, SM, [k1, p1] 3x.

Now you have 180 (216, 240, 276, 300, 336) sts on your needle.

BEGIN PATTERN (work even): Keep markers in place, using BASIC ROWS REPEAT METHOD, work Chart A until you have completed 3 (3, 3, 4, 4, 4) vertical pattern repeats. Make sure you end with Row 8.

BEGIN FRONT BODY INCREASES

Note: This section uses Charts B - E for Left and Right Fronts and Chart A for Back. At the same time, using BASIC ROWS REPEAT METHOD throughout this section. Note that 2 sts are increased by 2 YOs in Row 1 of each Chart B - E.

ROW 1 (RS): Using BASIC ROWS REPEAT METHOD, work Chart B to 2nd marker (Left Front), SM, work Chart A to 3rd marker (Back), SM, work Chart B to last marker (Right Front).

NEXT 15 ROWS: Work in pattern as established, ending with Row 16 of Chart B and Row 8 of Chart A.

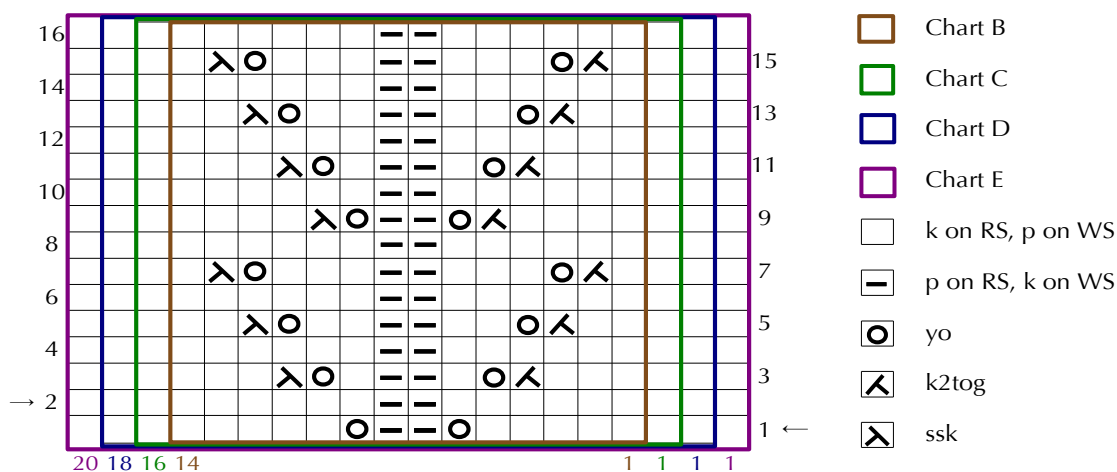
Note: If you want to add a button, make a buttonhole in next row (Row 1 of Chart C) as follows: Work to last 6 sts, p1, k1, yo, k2tog, p1, k1.

NEXT 16 ROWS: Work Chart C for each Front, Chart A for Back.

NEXT 16 ROWS: Work Chart D for each Front, Chart A for Back.

NEXT 16 ROWS: Work Chart E for each Front, Chart A for Back.

CHART B, C, D, E



1x1 RIB BAND

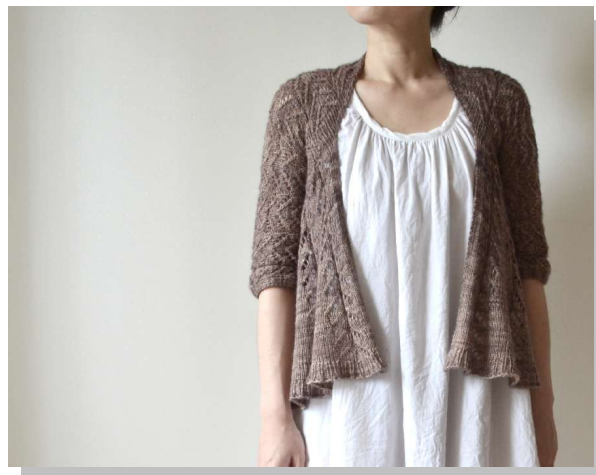
SET UP ROW (RS): Wyif sl1 pwise, [p1, k1] 2x, p1, SM, k2tog, repeat [p1, k1] to end. Keep markers in place until end of this section.

ROW 1 (WS): Wyib sl1 kwise, repeat [k1, p1] to end.

ROW 2 (RS): Wyif sl1 pwise, repeat [p1, k1] to end. Repeat these 2 rows 3 more times.

BIND OFF (WS): [Regular BO in pattern to marker, RM, Elastic BO in pattern to marker, RM] 2x, Regular BO in pattern to end. Cut yarn.

Now, you have finished a single yarn stroke!



●FINISHING

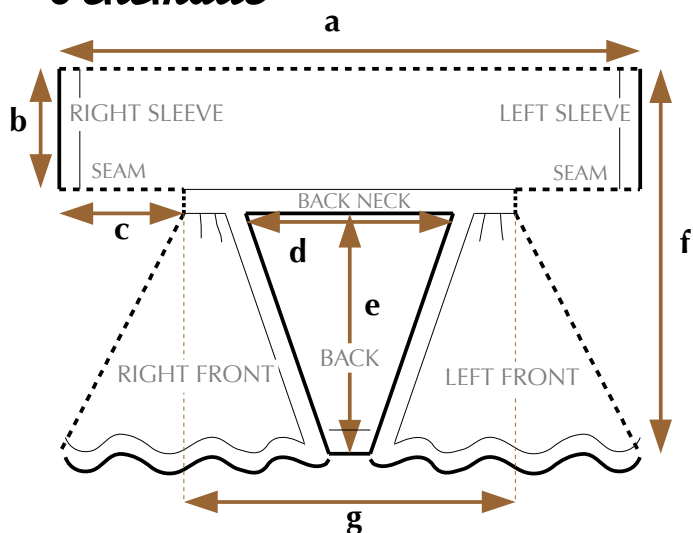
Weave in ends, soak in lukewarm water for 20 minutes. Squeeze out water gently, block and dry (see photo). Sew on the button to correspond to the buttonhole if needed.



Abbreviations

CO ... cast on	st(s) ... stitch(es)	kfb ... knit front and back
BO ... bind off	k ... knit	tbl ... through back of loop(s)
RS ... right side	p ... purl	sl ... slip
WS ... wrong side	yo ... yarn over	kwise .. knit wise
PM ... place marker	k2tog .. knit 2 stitches together	pwise .. purl wise
SM ... slip marker	ssk ... slip slip knit	wyif ... with yarn in front
RM ... remove marker	p2tog .. purl 2 stitches together	wyib ... with yarn in back

Schematic



	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL
a	86cm 34"	92 36 1/4	104 41	110 43 1/4	122 48	128 50 1/4
b	14.5 5 3/4	15.5 6	16.5 6 1/2"	18 7	19.5 7 3/4	20.5 8
c	22 8 3/4	22 8 3/4	25 9 3/4	25 9 3/4	28 11	28 11
d	24 9 1/2	24 9 1/2	30 11	30 11 3/4	36 14 1/4	36 14 1/4
e	30.5 12	30.5 12	30.5 12	33 13	33 13	33 13
f	47.5 18 3/4	48.5 19	49.5 19 1/2	53.5 21	55 21 1/2	56 22
g	42 16 1/2	48 18 3/4	54 21 1/2	60 23 3/4	66 26	72 28 1/4

Tutorial Videos

- **CROCHET CHAIN PROVISIONAL CAST ON**
(from Garnstudio Drops design)

<http://vimeo.com/6710716>

- **3 NEEDLE BIND OFF**
(from KnittingHelp.com)

<http://www.knittinghelp.com/video/play/three-needle-bind-off-continental>



Enjoy!

