



CROOKED CARDI

Sizes: 1 (2) 3 (4) 5 (6) 7

Garment bust circumference: Approx. 103 (110) 116 (120) 126 (136) 144 cm

The garment has a positive ease of approx. +25–30 cm compared to your actual bust measurement. If you want a more oversized fit, go up in bust circumference compared to your own measurement, or go down for a tighter fit.

Total length: Approx. 54 (55) 56 (58) 60 (60) 62 cm

Recommended needles: Circular needles 5.5 and 4.5 mm (40 and 80/100 cm)

Gauge: 14 sts x 22 rows = 10 x 10 cm in stockinette stitch on 5.5 mm needles

Gauge is given after blocking. (If you knit tighter, use larger needles. If you knit looser, use smaller needles.)

Yarn suggestions:

Alpakka Lin from Rauma Garn (50g = 175m): 200 (250) 250 (250) 300 (350) 350 g

Held together with

Finull from Rauma Garn (50g = 175m): 200 (250) 250 (250) 300 (350) 350 g

Or any other yarn that matches the given gauge. Remember that yardage will vary depending on the yarn.

Other materials: Hooks/ clasps (or any other closure mechanism)

I recommend testing how many closures work best for your cardigan: I used 3 (L: 58 mm, W: 20 mm). You can use more or fewer based on your preferred look.

A BIT ABOUT CROOKED CARDI:

Crooked Cardi is a top-down, flat-knit cardigan with a modern twist. The back is worked first, then stitches are picked up for the front pieces. The right front is shaped at the neckline, while the left stays straight for a side split. After joining and knitting the body, sleeves are picked up and knit in the round. Garter edges add a clean finish throughout. The cardigan opens on the left side, with a continuous button band that wraps around the neck and ends on the right front.

ABBREVIATIONS & TECHNIQUES

st: stitch

rnd: round

ndl: needle

pm: place marker

k: knit

p: purl

R: right

L: left

WS: wrong side of work

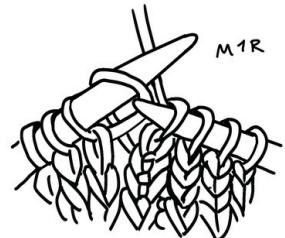
RS: right side of work

edge st: edge stitch (worked as purl on WS, knit on RS)

M1R: Make 1 Right – Lift the strand between stitches from back to front with left needle, knit through the front loop.

k2tog: Knit 2 stitches together (Right-leaning decrease)

ssk: Slip, slip, knit – Slip 1 st as if to knit, slip next st as if to knit, return both to left needle and knit through back loop (left-leaning decrease)



PATTERN

BACK

The back is worked flat in stockinette stitch. Cast on 22 (22) 24 (24) 27 (27) 27 sts on 5.5 mm needles.

You will now shape the back piece by casting on stitches using the backward loop cast-on at the end of each row, on both RS and WS rows. The first row is from the WS, work as follows:

*Purl 1 row, cast on 3 new sts at the end of the row (WS). Knit 1 row, cast on 3 new sts at the end of the row (RS). *

Repeat from * to * a total of 8 (9) 9 (10) 10 (11) 12 times, meaning you will have cast on 24 (27) 27 (30) 30 (33) 36 new sts on each side of the work.

You now have 70 (76) 78 (84) 87 (93) 99 sts on the back.

Continue knitting in stockinette stitch, without any further increases, until the back measures 23 (24) 25 (26) 27 (28) 29 cm, measured from center back at the cast-on edge. End with a WS row.

Break the yarn and place the back on a holder or scrap yarn.

RIGHT FRONT

With 5.5 mm needles, pick up 24 (27) 27 (30) 30 (33) 36 sts along the right shoulder of the back. Pick up 1 st in each st where shoulder stitches were cast on. Start from the RS, picking up sts from the armhole edge toward the neckline.

The first row is from the WS, but work this row as knit. The next row is from the RS, but work it as purl. You have now created a 2-row garter edge across the shoulder.

Continue knitting back and forth in stockinette stitch (as usual) until the piece measures approx. 7 cm from under the garter edge on the shoulder. End with a WS row.

Begin increasing at the neckline on the RS as follows:

*Knit to last 3 sts, m1R, k3. Purl back. *

Repeat the increases every other row as described from * to * a total of 4 (4) 4 (4) 5 (5) 5 times = 28 (31) 31 (34) 35 (38) 41 sts on the right front.

On the next RS row, cast on 12 (12) 12 (14) 14 (16) 16 new sts using the backward loop cast-on.

Continue working in stockinette stitch until the piece measures 24 (25) 26 (27) 28 (29) 30 cm from under the garter edge on the shoulder. End with a WS row.

Break the yarn and leave the right front sts on a holder or scrap yarn.

LEFT FRONT

With 5.5 mm needles, pick up 24 (27) 27 (30) 30 (33) 36 sts along the left shoulder of the back, picking up 1 st in each st where you cast on shoulder stitches on the left side of the back. Start from the neckline and pick up towards the shoulder on the RS.

The first row is from the WS and should be knit. The next row is from the RS and should be purled. You now have a 2-row garter edge across the shoulder.

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch until the piece measures 24 (25) 26 (27) 28 (29) 30 cm from under the garter edge.

Do not break the yarn. From the next RS row, you will join the left and right fronts with the back to form the body.

BODY

Join the body to one piece as follows:

Knit across the left front and cast on 5 (5) 6 (5) 7 (6) 6 sts at the underarm using the backward loop cast-on. Continue knitting across the back and cast on another 5 (5) 6 (5) 7 (6) 6 sts at the other underarm.

Knit across the right front.

You now have 144 (156) 160 (172) 180 (192) 204 sts on the body.

Continue working back and forth in stockinette stitch until the body measures 50 (51) 52 (54) 56 (56) 58 cm, or until 4 cm short of the desired length, measured mid-back from the cast-on edge.

Switch to 4.5 mm needles and work ribbing as follows:

WS: 1 purl edge st, p2, *k2, p2* repeat from * to *, end with 1 purl edge st.

RS: 1 knit edge st, k2, *p2, k2* repeat from * to *, end with 1 knit edge st.

Continue in established double rib for about 3 cm. The next row is RS.

Work a 2-row garter edge to finish: On RS, purl 1 row. On WS, knit while binding off all sts.

SLEEVES

With 5.5 mm needles, pick up 60 (60) 64 (64) 68 (68) 72 sts around the armhole, starting at the center of the sts cast on under the arm. This equals picking up approx. 2 out of every 3 sts around.

Begin working in the round while decreasing down the sleeve. Place a marker at the bottom of the sleeve to indicate the start of round.

Work about 2 cm in stockinette in the round.

Begin decreasing the sleeve like this:

K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 (you have now decreased 2 sts)

Repeat these decreases from * to * every 4 cm, for a total of 10 decrease rounds.

You now have 40 (40) 44 (44) 48 (48) 52 sts on the sleeve.

Continue knitting in the round until the sleeve measures 42 cm or desired length, measured from under the arm. (If you want longer sleeves, remember that there is also 4 cm of ribbing.)

Switch to 4.5 mm needles and work 2x2 ribbing (k2, p2) for 3 cm.

Finish with a 2-row garter edge: purl 1 round. On the next round, purl while binding off.

NECKLINE / "BUTTON BAND"

With 4.5 mm needles, pick up sts for the left button band:

Start where you cast on sts at the center of the right front. From RS, pick up 3 sts for every 4 rows along the right front neckline, across the back neck, and down the left front. Final stitch count should be divisible by 4.

Work ribbing:

WS: 1 purl edge st, p2, *k2, p2* repeat from * to *, end with 1 purl edge st.

RS: 1 knit edge st, k2, *p2, k2* repeat from * to *, end with 1 knit edge st.

Work back and forth in ribbing for about 3 cm. The next row is RS.

Finish with a 2-row garter edge: On RS, purl 1 row. On WS, knit while binding off all sts.

Now pick up sts for the right button band:

Start at the bottom edge of the cardigan on the RS and pick up 3 sts for every 4 sts along the right front. Final stitch count should be divisible by 4.

Work ribbing as on the left side and finish with a 2-row garter edge as above.

FINISHING

Sew the hooks/ clasps onto the button bands. When attaching, count up from the hem to place the top hook evenly on both sides. It's recommended to place the hooks in the purl columns of the ribbing (see photos for inspiration).

Weave in all loose ends as invisibly as possible. Block the garment as desired and let it dry flat (note that measurements may vary depending on how the piece is shaped while drying).

Your Crooked Cardi is now finished and ready to wear!

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