

# Knitting for Olive



## Audrey Cardigan

**Sizes:** 1 (2, 4, 6, 8) years

**Finished measurements:** Length from shoulder to edge: approx. 24 (27, 31, 35, 40) cm [9½ (10¾, 12¼, 13¾, 15¾)]"; Chest circumference: approx. 61 (67, 75, 79, 85) cm [24 (26½, 29½, 31, 33½)]"; Sleeve length from underarm to edge: approx. 19 (22, 26, 30, 34) cm [7½ (8¾, 10¼, 11¾, 13½)]"

**Yarn:** 1 strand of Knitting for Olive Merino (250 m [273 yd] / 50 g [1.8 oz]), fingering-weight yarn, 2 (2, 2, 3, 3) balls + 1 strand of Knitting for Olive Soft Silk Mohair (225 m [246 yd] / 25 g [0.9 oz]), lace-weight yarn, 2 (2, 2, 3, 3) balls. Sample is in Merino in Camel Rose colorway + Soft Silk Mohair in Rose Clay colorway

**Needles:** 3.5 mm / US4 and 4.5 mm / US7 circular needles in 80 cm [32"] cable length, and 3.5 mm / US4 and 4.5 mm / US7 double-pointed needles, or in size to obtain gauge

**Gauge (after blocking):** 20 sts and 30 rows = 10 cm [4"] in st st with 4.5 mm / US7 needles

**Notions:** Stitch markers, waste yarn or stitch holders, tapestry needle

## Special Techniques

Our Knitting for Olive video tutorials clearly demonstrate the special techniques used in Audrey Cardigan (in Danish):

- Provisional cast-on:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhPVrc9j2vc>
- German short rows:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9encEthft8E>
- M1R and M1L increases on RS:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4bAF8eMcvM&t=11s>
- Double Stitch bind-off:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yGYeHLpRrpg&t=6s>

## Construction Notes

Audrey Cardigan is a soft and sweet cardigan in stockinette stitch with I-cord ties and edges. The fit is cropped and a bit boxy, perfect for over skirts and dresses. It is knit holding 1 strand of Merino + 1 strand of Soft Silk Mohair together throughout.

Audrey Cardigan has a raglan construction and is worked back and forth from the top down. You start with the I-cord ties and neckband, work the yoke back and forth down to the underarms where sleeve stitches are placed on hold to be worked after the body has been completed. Sleeves are worked in the round and finished with an I-cord edge.

## Neckband

*Note: You will now knit the I-cord ties and the I-cord neckband. You start using 2 double-pointed needles and knit the first tie, then change to a circular needle while working the neckband, and then you change back to 2 double-pointed needles again for the second tie. Please also note that this second tie is knit 1 cm shorter than the first tie in order for the ties to look like they are of equal length once tied up in a bow*

### I-cord tie (part 1)

With 3.5 mm / US4 double-pointed needles and 1 strand of Merino + 1 strand of Soft Silk Mohair held together, cast on 3 sts

**Step 1:** *Without turning your work*, slide all sts from left side to right side of your double-pointed needle  
Working yarn will now come from the last st

**Step 2:** With yarn held in back and *without turning your work*, k3

Repeat Steps 1 and 2 until tie measures 18 cm [7"]

Break yarn, let sts rest

### I-cord neckband

*Note: You will now cast on for the neckband with Provisional cast-on method (see Special Techniques)  
The neckband will be worked in the extension of first I-cord tie. First row is from WS*

With 3.5 mm / US4 circular needle and 1 strand of Merino + 1 strand of Soft Silk Mohair held together, cast on 66 (74, 82, 82, 90) sts using Provisional cast-on method

**Next row (WS):** P to end of row

Turn work so that RS is facing. Then, with RS of tie also facing, transfer first I-cord tie sts onto circular needle so that they will be worked first next = 69 (77, 85, 85, 93) sts

**Next row (RS):** K2, sl1k, k1, pssso, \*place the 3 sts on right needle back onto left needle, k2, sl1k, k1, pssso; repeat from \* until all sts have been worked. There are now 3 sts on your right needle

### I-cord tie (part 2)

Transfer the 3 sts on circular needle onto a 3.5 mm / US4 double-pointed needle

**Step 1:** *Without turning your work*, slide all sts from left side to right side of your double-pointed needle  
Working yarn will now come from the last st

**Step 2:** With yarn held in back and *without turning your work*, k3

Repeat Steps 1 and 2 until tie measures 17 cm [6¾"]

**Next row (RS):** K2tog, k1, pssso

Break yarn

## Yoke

Transfer 66 (74, 82, 82, 90) Provisional cast-on sts onto 3.5 mm / US4 circular needle

Change to 4.5 mm / US7 circular needle

*Note: You will now place 4 raglan markers and work back and forth in stockinette stitch*

*The first 2 stitches and the last 2 stitches of every row are edge stitches and will be worked like this:*

*Edge sts on RS rows: Sl1p wyib, k1, work sts as they appear to last 2 sts, sl1p wyib, p1*

*Edge sts on WS rows: Sl1p wyib, p1, work sts as they appear to last 2 sts, sl1p wyif, p1*

**Set-up Row (RS):** Work 2 edge sts, k11 (12, 13, 13, 14) sts across first front, pm, k8 (10, 12, 12, 14) sleeve sts, pm, k24 (26, 28, 28, 30) back sts, pm, k8 (10, 12, 12, 14) sleeve sts, pm, k11 (12, 13, 13, 14) sts across second front, work 2 edge sts

**Next row (WS):** Work 2 edge sts, p to last 2 sts, work 2 edge sts

*Note: You will now start working raglan increases and shape the neckline with German short rows working back and forth in stockinette stitch at the same time. Work the double stitches as 1 stitch throughout (see Special Techniques)*

**Short Row 1 (inc row, RS):** Work 2 edge sts, \*k to 1 st before next m, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L; repeat from \* 3 more times, k2, tw [8sts increased] = 74 (82, 90, 90, 98) sts

**Short Row 2 (WS):** Ds, p to last m on needle, sm, p4, tw

**Short Row 3 (inc row, RS):** Ds, \*k to 1 st before next m, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L; repeat from \* 3 more times, k to 2 sts after last ds, tw [8 sts increased]

**Short Row 4 (WS):** Ds, p to last m on needle, sm, p to 2 sts after last ds, tw

Repeat Short Rows 3 and 4 one more time [8 sts increased] = 90 (98, 106, 106, 114) sts

**Next row (inc row, RS):** \*K to 1 st before next m, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L; repeat from \* 3 more times, k to last 2 sts, work 2 edge sts [8sts increased] = 98 (106, 114, 114, 122) sts

**Next row (WS):** Work 2 edge sts, p to last 2 sts, work 2 edge sts

*Note: You will now work back and forth across all stitches while continuing raglan increases on every RS row*

**Row 1 (inc row, RS):** Work 2 edge sts, \*k to 1 st before next m, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L; repeat from \* 3 more times, k to last 2 sts, work 2 edge sts [8 sts increased]

**Row 2 (WS):** Work 2 edge sts, p to last 2 sts, work 2 edge sts

Repeat Rows 1 and 2, 13 (15, 18, 20, 22) more times [104 (120, 144, 160, 176) sts increased]

*Upon completion of this section, you will have 210 (234, 266, 282, 306) sts; 31 (34, 38, 40, 43) sts for each front, 44 (50, 58, 62, 68) sts for each sleeve and 60 (66, 74, 78, 84) back sts*

Divide body and sleeves

**Dividing row (RS):** Work 2 edge sts, k to first m, rm, place next 44 (50, 58, 62, 68) sleeve sts on holder, rm, k across back to next m, rm, place next 44 (50, 58, 62, 68) sleeve sts on holder, rm, k to last 2 sts, work 2 edge sts = 122 (134, 150, 158, 170) remaining sts

## **Body**

*Note: You will now continue working back and forth in stockinette stitch. The first 2 stitches and the last 2 stitches of every row are still edge stitches and will be worked as established*

Continue in st st with edge sts, working back and forth until work measures approx. 23 (26, 30, 34, 39) cm [9 (10¼, 11¾, 13½, 15¼)]" from shoulder, ending with a WS row

*Note: From here, you will no longer work edge stitches*

**Next row (dec row, RS):** K2tog, k to last 2 sts, sl1k, k1, pssso [2 sts decreased] = 120 (132, 148, 156, 168) sts

**Next row (WS):** P to end of row

## **Edge**

*Note: You will now bind off using Double Stitch bind-off method (see Special Techniques)*

**Next row (RS):** K1, \*insert right needle from behind into the st directly 2 rows below 1<sup>st</sup> st on left needle and place this st on left needle, k2tog (= the lifted st and the next st on your left needle), then bind off 1 st on your right needle by passing 1<sup>st</sup> st on right needle over 2<sup>nd</sup> st on right needle (you will have 1 st remaining on right needle afterwards); repeat from \* until last st, k1, bind off last st

## **Sleeves**

Transfer 44 (50, 58, 62, 68) sleeve sts from holder onto 4.5 mm / US7 double-pointed needles (or circular needle and Magic Loop), distribute sts evenly across needles, join for working in the round, place BOR m

Work in st st in the round until sleeve measures 17 (20, 24, 28, 32) cm [6¾ (7¾, 9½, 11, 12½)]" from underarm

Change to 3.5 mm / US4 needles

**Dec round:** K2 (0, 2, 1, 2), \*k2tog, k2tog, k1; repeat from \* to last 2 (0, 1, 1, 1) st(s), k2 (0, 1, 1, 1) [16 (20, 22, 24, 26) sts decreased] = 28 (30, 36, 38, 42) sts

### **Sleeve I-cord edge**

**Next round:** (K1, k1tbl, k1) *into same st*, \*place the 3 sts back onto left needle, k2, sl1k, k1, pssso; repeat from \* until you have worked all sts and there are only 3 sts remaining on your right needle

Join both ends by grafting the remaining 3 sts together with the beginning of the I-cord edge

## **Finishing**

Weave in all loose ends

Block

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### **Abbreviations**

Approx. – approximately

BOR – beginning of round

K – knit

P – purl

Dec – decrease

Inc – increase

Ds – double stitch (for German short-row technique)

Tw – turn work (for German short-row technique)

Wyib – with yarn in back

Wyif – with yarn in front

K1tbl – knit 1 stitch through back loop

K2tog – knit 2 stitches together [1 stitch decreased]

M1L – make 1 new left twist stitch: insert right needle, from back to front, under the bar running between first stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needle, pick up bar and knit this stitch into the back loop [1 stitch increased]

M1R – make 1 new right twist stitch: insert right needle, from front to back, under the bar running between first stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needle, pick up bar in twisted position and knit this stitch [1 stitch increased]

M – marker

Pm – place marker

Sm – slip marker

Rm – remove marker

Pss0 – pass slipped stitch(es) over

RS – right side

WS – wrong side

Sl1k – slip 1 stitch knitwise

Sl1p – slip 1 stitch purlwise

St/sts – stitch/stitches

St st – stockinette stitch