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## COLORWORK CARDIGAN



### Cairn

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### SKILL

Knitting

### DIFFICULTY

Advanced

### SIZES

Extra Small (Small, Medium, Large, 1X)  
(2X, 3X, 4X, 5X)

*Shown in Small size with approx. 10" of positive ease.*

### FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

**Chest (buttoned):** 38 (42, 46, 50, 54)  
(58, 62, 66, 70)"

**Length:** 20 (20½, 21, 22, 22½)  
(23, 24, 24½, 25)"

### MATERIALS

**Fonty Tartan 3** (100% superwash fine wool; 50g/153 yds)

- 2022 (A) - 3 (3, 4, 4, 4) (5, 5, 5, 6) balls
- 2007 (B) - 1 (1, 1, 1, 1) (1, 1, 1, 2) balls
- 2028 (C) - 2 (2, 2, 3, 3) (3, 3, 4, 4) balls
- 2027 (D) - 1 (1, 2, 2, 2) (2, 2, 2, 2) balls
- 2001 (E) - 3 (3, 3, 3, 4) (4, 4, 5, 5) balls
- 2030 (F) - 1 (1, 2, 2, 2) (2, 2, 2, 2) balls
- 2009 (G) - 1 (1, 1, 2, 2) (2, 2, 2, 2) balls

### Needles:

US Size 7 (4.5 mm) 16" and 32-40" circular and set of DPNs (or your preferred needle for knitting small circumferences) *or size needed to obtain gauge*

US Size 6 (4 mm) 16" and 32-40" circular needle and set of DPNs (or your preferred needle for knitting small circumferences)

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**Notions:** Tapestry needle, stitch markers (one unique marker to denote bor), spare circular needle (for three-needle bind off), sewing needle and thread (and/or crochet hook, for reinforcing the steeks), five  $\frac{3}{4}$  - 1" buttons

## GAUGE

24 sts x 26 rnds = 4" in stranded knitting after blocking

**Save time, check your gauge.**

## PATTERN NOTES

A true masterpiece of color, the Cairn cardigan flaunts an intricate stranded motif in an array of brilliant hues, reminiscent of a vibrant flower garden. Fonty Tartan 3's 100% superwash wool content and gently mottled appearance bring a graceful softness to this enchanting piece, yielding a cozy cardi that stands out in a crowd. Dig into this rewarding knit and let your colors shine!

This cardigan is knit seamlessly in the round from the bottom up. The body of the sweater is steeked. The sleeves are picked up and knit from the top down. During finishing, stitches for the button bands are picked up and knit flat.

The stranded colorwork motifs in this pattern are charted only.

This cardigan is intended to be worn with approximately 5-8" of positive ease at the widest point of the chest.

## PATTERN BEGINS

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#### Body

#### Hem

With smaller ndl and color E, cast on 7 sts, pm, cast on 54 (60, 66, 72, 78) (84, 90, 96, 102) Right Front sts, pm to denote Side, cast on 113 (125, 137, 149, 161) (173, 185, 197, 209) Back sts, pm to denote Side, cast on 54 (60, 66, 72, 78) (84, 90, 96, 102) Left Front sts, place unique marker to denote bor and join in the rnd, being careful not to twist - 228 (252, 276, 300, 324) (348, 372, 396, 420) total sts.

*Note: Slip Side markers as you come to them.*

**Rnd 1:** K7, sl m, k2, \* p1, k1; rep from \* to last st, k1.

Rep Rnd 1 until piece meas approx. 2" from cast-on edge.

Change to larger ndl.

#### Main Body

*Note 1: You will now begin stranded knitting. Change colors as indicated on Steek Chart and Body Chart.*

*Note 2: You may wish to place markers between each pattern repeat to help you stay on track.*

**Rnd 1:** Work Rnd 1 of Steek Chart across 7 sts to m, sl m, work Rnd 1 of Body Chart to end. Body Chart will be repeated 18 (20, 22, 24, 26) (28, 30, 32, 34) times across each row.

Cont as est'd through Rnd 48 of Steek Chart and Body Chart, then continuously rep Rnds 1-48 until piece meas approx. 13 (13, 13, 13½, 13½) (13½, 14, 14, 14)" from cast-on edge, taking note of which rnd of the Steek and Body Charts you ended with.

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## Establish Sleeve Steeks

**Next Rnd:** Cont in patt as est'd to first Side marker, sl m, cast on 7 sts using the backwards loop method, pm, cont in patt as est'd over Back sts to next Side marker, sl m, cast on 7 sts using the backwards loop method, pm, cont in patt as est'd to end - 242 (266, 290, 314, 338) (362, 386, 410, 434) sts.

**Next Rnd:** Work next rnd of Steek Chart to m, sl m, cont in Body Chart as est'd to m, sl m, work Steek Chart to m (*following the same rnd as for the first Steek section*), sl m, cont in Body Chart as est'd to m, sl m, work Steek Chart to m (*following the same rnd as for the first Steek section*), sl m, cont in Body Chart as est'd to end.

## Shape Neck

*Note: Maintain Body Chart throughout all Neck Shaping. Work the first and last two stitches of each rnd (excluding the first Steek Chart) in the first color you see on that round of the chart.*

**Dec Rnd:** Work next rnd of Steek Chart to m, sl m, k1, ssk, cont in patt to last 3 sts (slipping markers as you come to them), k2tog, k1 - 2 sts dec'd, 240 (264, 288, 312, 336) (360, 384, 408, 432) total sts rem; 53 (59, 65, 71, 77) (83, 89, 95, 101) sts rem for each Front.

**Even Rnd:** Cont in patt as est'd to end. Rep Dec Rnd every 4 rnds, 1 (3, 4, 4, 6) (7, 7, 8, 10) more times, then rep Dec Rnd every 2 rnds, 15 (13, 12, 14, 12) (11, 13, 12, 10) times - 32 (32, 32, 36, 36) (36, 40, 40, 40) sts dec'd, 208 (232, 256, 276, 300) (324, 344, 368, 392) total sts rem; 37 (43, 49, 53, 59) (65, 69, 75, 81) sts rem for each Front.

Cont even in patts as est'd until piece meas approx 7 (7½, 8, 8½, 9) (9½, 10, 10½, 11)" from armhole cast-on.

**Next Rnd:** Bind off 7 Steek sts, remove m, cont as est'd over 37 (43, 49, 53, 59) (65, 69, 75, 81) Right Front sts, remove m, bind off 7 Steek sts, remove m, cont as est'd over 37 (43, 49, 53, 59) (65, 69, 75, 81) Right Back sts, bind off 39 (39, 39, 43, 43) (43, 47, 47, 47) Back Neck sts, cont as est'd over 37 (43, 49, 53, 59) (65, 69, 75, 81) Left Back sts, remove m, bind off 7 Steek sts, remove m, cont as est'd over 37 (43, 49, 53, 59) (65, 69, 75, 81) Left Front sts to end.

Turn work so that RS of Fronts and Back are facing together. Using a spare circ ndl, join Left Front and Left Back sts together using the three-needle bind-off. Rep for Right Front and Right Back sts. Turn work so that RS is facing again.

## Reinforce Armhole Steeks

*Work both alike.*

With sewing needle and thread, sewing machine, or crochet hook and any shade of yarn, sew or crochet Armhole Steek to reinforce, then carefully cut it open.

## Sleeves

*Make both alike.*

With RS facing, larger ndl, and color A, begin at the center of the underarm (at the split below the Steek cast-on). Fold the Steek towards the back of the work, exposing the pick-up edge on top (*this should be the fourth stitch toward the inside of each side of the cut*). Inserting the ndl through both legs of the sts along this column, pick up and knit 84 (90, 96, 102, 108) (114, 120, 126, 132) sts evenly

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around armhole. PM and join to knit in the rnd.

**Rnd 1:** Work Rnd 1 of Sleeve Chart to end.

**Rnd 2:** Work next rnd of Sleeve Chart to end.

Cont in patt as est'd until Sleeve meas approx. 2" from picked-up edge.

## Shape Sleeve

*Note: Maintain Sleeve Chart throughout all Sleeve Shaping. Work the first and last two stitches of each rnd in the first color you see on that round of the chart.*

**Dec Rnd:** K1, k2tog, cont in patt as est'd to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 – 2 sts dec'd, 82 (88, 94, 100, 106) (112, 118, 124, 130) sts rem.

Continuing in patt as est'd, rep Dec Rnd every 8 (6, 6, 4, 4) (4, 4, 4, 2) rnds, 1 (8, 4, 19, 16) (12, 8, 3, 32) more time(s), then rep Dec Rnd every 6 (4, 4, 2, 2) (2, 2, 2, 0) rnds, 11 (7, 13, 1, 5) (12, 18, 26, 0) time(s) – 24 (30, 34, 40, 42) (48, 52, 58, 64) sts dec'd, 58 (58, 60, 60, 64) (64, 66, 66, 66) sts rem.

Cont even in patt as est'd until Sleeve meas approx. 15¼ (15¼, 15¼, 15¼, 14¾) (14¼, 13¾, 13¾, 12¾)" from picked-up edge, or 2" less than desired length.

Break all colors except for color E.  
Change to smaller ndl.

## Cuff

**Rnd 1:** \* K1, p1; rep from \* to end.

Rep Rnd 1 until Sleeve meas approx. 17¼ (17¼, 17¼, 17¼, 16¾) (16¼, 15¾, 15¾, 14¾)" from picked-up edge. Bind off all sts in patt.

## Reinforce Body Steeks

With sewing needle and thread, sewing machine, or crochet hook and any shade

of yarn, sew or crochet center front Steek to reinforce, then carefully cut it open.

## Button Band

With RS facing, smaller ndl, and color E, begin at the bottom of the Right Front. Fold the Steek towards the back of the work, exposing the pick-up edge on top (*this should be the fourth stitch toward the inside of each side of the cut*). Inserting the ndl through both legs of the sts along this column, pick up and knit 124 (126, 130, 136, 138) (141, 148, 151, 153) sts along Right Front edge, 39 (39, 39, 43, 43) (43, 47, 47, 47) sts along Back Neck edge, and 124 (126, 130, 136, 138) (141, 148, 151, 153) sts along Left Front edge – 287 (291, 299, 315, 319) (325, 343, 349, 353) sts.

**Row 1 (WS):** K1, \* p1, k1; rep from \* to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

**Row 2 (RS):** K2, \* p1, k1; rep from \* to last st, k1.

Rep Rows 1-2 until piece meas approx. ½" from picked-up edge, ending with a WS row.

## Buttonholes

*Note: On Buttonhole Row 2, the double yarn-overs are worked with the preceding stitch and first stitch following the double yarn-overs. If the preceding stitch is a knit stitch: ssk. If the preceding stitch is a purl stitch: ssp. If the stitch following the double yarnover is a knit stitch: k2tog. If the stitch following the yarnover is a purl stitch, p2tog.*

**Buttonhole Row 1 (RS):** Cont as est'd over 6 (6, 6, 5, 5) (5, 6, 6, 6) sts, [yo] 2 times, {con't as est'd over 16 (16, 16, 17, 17) (17, 18, 18, 18) sts, [yo] 2 times} 4 times, cont as est'd to end – 5 buttonholes.

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**Buttonhole Row 2 (WS):** Cont as est'd to 1 st bef the first double yo, [work next st and the first yo tog, then work the second yo and foll st tog, cont as est'd over 15 (15, 15, 16, 16) (16, 17, 17, 17) sts] 4 times, work next st and first yo tog, then work second yo and foll st tog, cont as est'd to end.

**Row 1 (RS):** K2, \* p1, k1; rep from \* to last st, k1.

**Row 2 (WS):** K1, \* p1, k1; rep from \* to last 2 sts, p1, k1. Rep Rows 1-2 until piece meas approx. 1¼" from picked-up edge, ending with a WS row. Bind off all sts in patt.

## Secure Steeks

With sewing needle and thread, secure the excess fabric along the center front and each armhole to the inside of the garment using whipstitch.

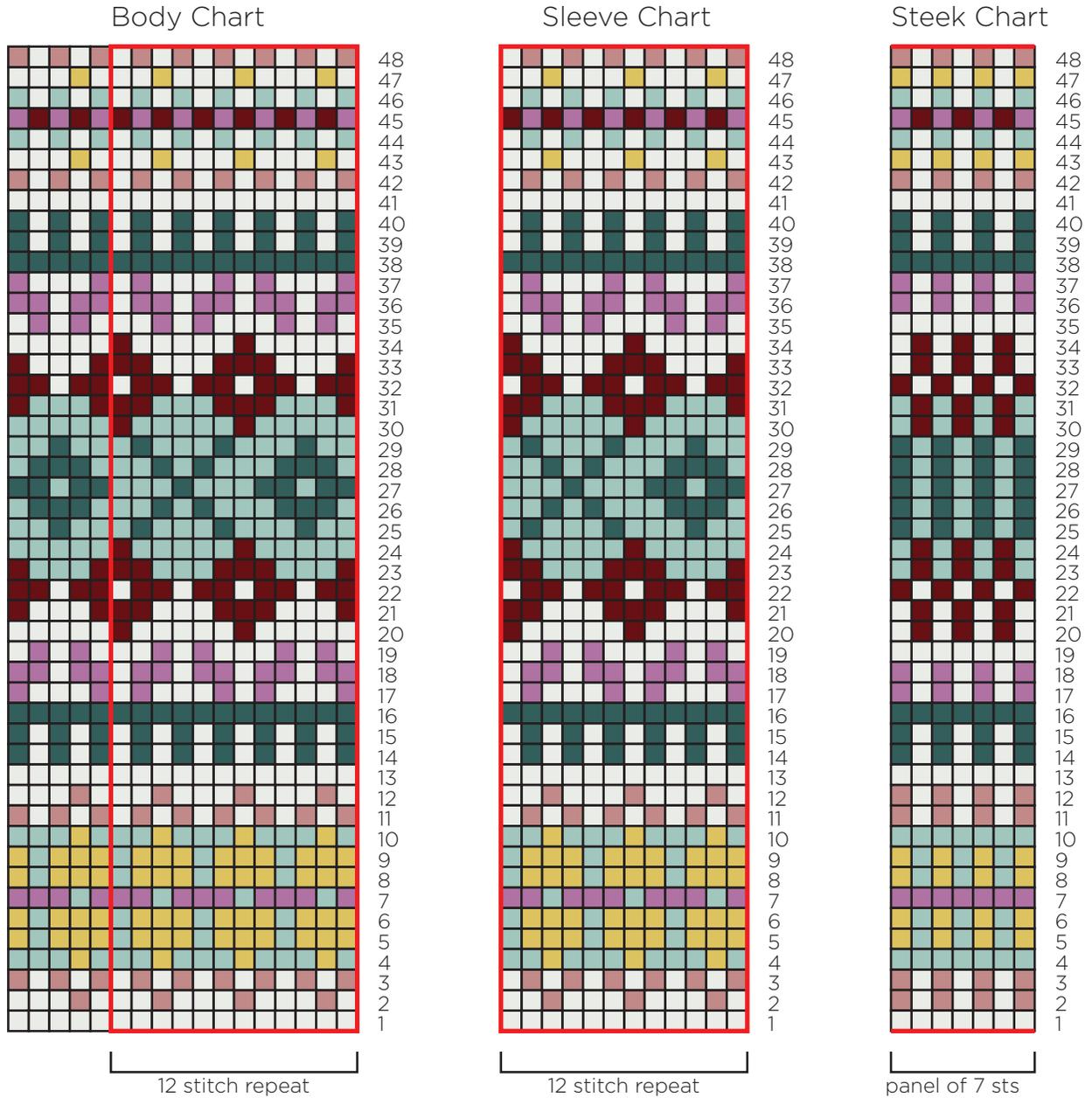
## FINISHING

Gently wash and block to finished measurements. Weave in ends.

Sew five ¾ - 1" buttons to left side of Button Band, opposite buttonholes.



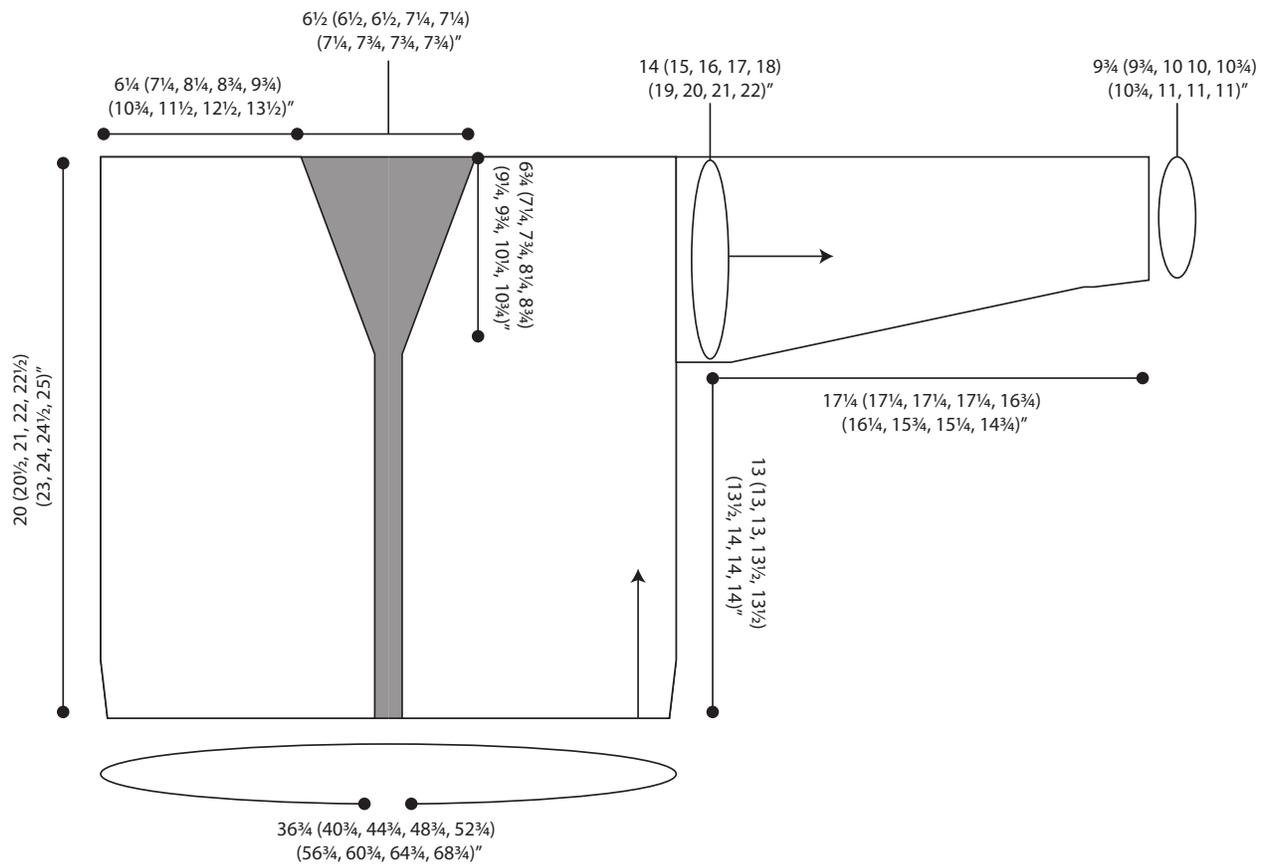
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### Key

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| pattern repeat     | with color B, knit | with color D, knit | with color F, knit |
| with color A, knit | with color C, knit | with color E, knit | with color G, knit |

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## Abbreviations

<b>*</b>	indicates a repeat section
<b>approx.</b>	approximately
<b>bef</b>	before
<b>beg</b>	begin(ning)
<b>bor</b>	beginning of round
<b>circ</b>	circular
<b>cont</b>	continue
<b>dec('d)</b>	decrease(d)
<b>dpn(s)</b>	double pointed needle(s)
<b>est'd</b>	established
<b>fol</b>	follow(ing)
<b>k</b>	knit
<b>k2tog</b>	knit 2 stitches together (1 st dec'd)
<b>m</b>	marker
<b>meas</b>	measures
<b>ndl</b>	needle
<b>p</b>	purl
<b>patt</b>	pattern
<b>pm</b>	place marker
<b>rem</b>	remain(ing)
<b>rep</b>	repeat
<b>rnd(s)</b>	round(s)
<b>RS</b>	right side
<b>sl</b>	slip

<b>ssk</b>	slip next 2 sts individually knitwise, slip them back to left needle in this position, knit them together through the back loops (1 st dec'd)
<b>ssp</b>	slip next 2 sts individually knitwise, slip them back to left needle in this position, purl them together through the back loops (1 st dec'd)
<b>st(s)</b>	stitch(es)
<b>WS</b>	wrong side

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Knit, Relax, Smile, Repeat!

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