



CARBETH CARDIGAN



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A cropped cardigan with simple lines and a structured, ribbed collar.

YARN

Kate Davies Designs Buachaille (100% Scottish Wool; 110m / 120yds per 50g skein) in shade Islay; 10 (11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17) x 50g skeins

Note: Yarn held double throughout. If adding length to the body or sleeves, then more yarn will be required.

If using bulky weight yarn as a substitute, you will require the following approximate quantities:

530 (595, 630, 725, 785, 845, 895) m / 580 (651, 690, 793, 859, 925, 980) yds

NEEDLES AND NOTIONS

Gauge-size and below gauge-size needle(s) of appropriate lengths for working body.

Gauge-size and below gauge-size needle(s) of your preferred type for working small circumferences for sleeves and neck.

Longer gauge-size needle for working yoke.

Gauge-size dpn for working i-cord buttonholes.

4 stitch markers.

Waste yarn and spare needles or needle cords for holding stitches.

Tapestry needle.

6 buttons (2.5 cm / 1 in diameter).

GAUGE

14 sts and 20 rows to 10cm / 4in over stockinette, with yarn held double, using gauge-size needle

Gauge was achieved with 6.5mm / US 10½ needle

SIZING

Finished measurement at bust (with overlapped front bands): 95 (104, 112.5, 124, 135, 143.5, 152.5) cm / 37½ (41, 44½, 49, 53½, 56½, 60) in

The table shows the actual finished dimensions of the garment. This cardigan is intended to be wide, cropped, and to hang bell-like from the shoulders. To fit as shown, it should be knitted with at least 10cm / 4in positive ease at the bust. Pick the size at least 10cm / 4in above your actual bust measurement, and if in doubt, select the next size up. Length can easily be added to the sweater to make it less cropped. Shown in the first size with 16.5cm / 6½in positive ease.

SIZING TABLE

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	
BUST CIRCUMFERENCE (WITH OVERLAPPED FRONT BANDS)							
95	104	112.5	124	135	143.5	152.5	cm
37½	41	44½	49	53½	56½	60	in
BODY LENGTH TO UNDERARM							
19	20.5	20.5	21.5	21.5	23	23	cm
7½	8	8	8½	8½	9	9	in
WRIST CIRCUMFERENCE							
23	23	23	26	26	26	26	cm
9	9	9	10	10	10	10	in
UPPER ARM CIRCUMFERENCE							
32	34.5	37	38	39.5	42	42	cm
12½	13½	14½	15	15½	16½	16½	in
SLEEVE LENGTH TO UNDERARM							
43	44.5	46	47	48	48	48	cm
17	17½	18	18½	19	19	19	in
YOKE DEPTH (TO NECK RIB)							
19	20.5	21.5	23.5	24.5	25.5	26.5	cm
7½	8	8½	9	9½	10	10½	in
YOKE DEPTH (INC. NECK RIB)							
26.5	28	29	31	32	33	34	cm
10½	11	11½	12	12½	13	13½	in
NECK CIRCUMFERENCE							
55	55	55	55	55	55	55	cm
21½	21½	21½	21½	21½	21½	21½	in

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

3 needle bind off; 2 stitch i-cord bind off; i-cord buttonholes; backward loop cast on

PATTERN NOTES

The cardigan is knitted from the bottom up, and begins with an inch of rib, after which it is worked straight to the underarms (length can be added here to make the cardigan less cropped, if required). Two sleeves are worked, then body and sleeves are joined together to be worked in one piece. The yoke is shaped by decreasing stitches at an even rate from the body only, and, when the correct depth is reached, the stitch count is reduced further for the neck. Button bands are worked, then the neck rib is picked up, folded over and joined to the inside of the garment. Finally, an i-cord bind off and i-cord buttonholes add a neat finish to the front edges. Where one number is given this applies to all sizes.

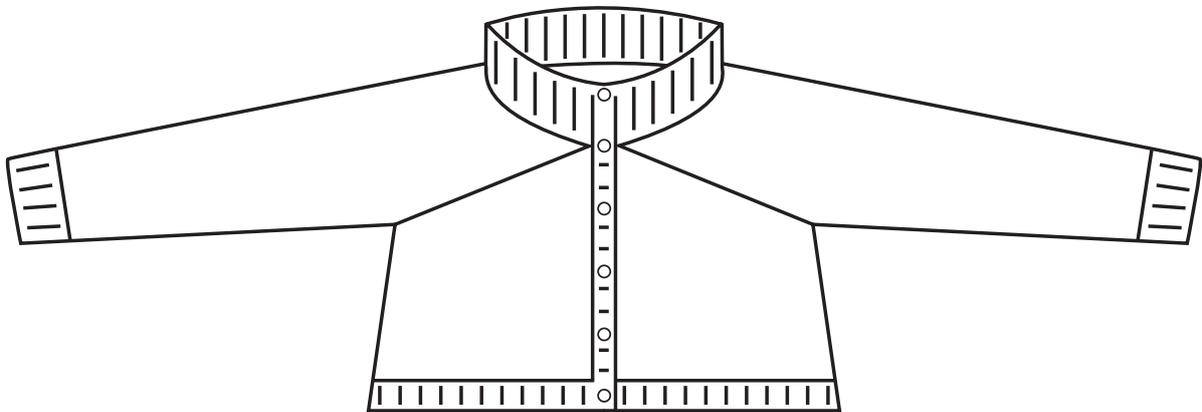
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ABBREVIATIONS

cm	centimetres
dec(s)	decrease(s)
est	established
foll	follows
in	inches
k	knit
k2tog	knit the next two stitches together
lh	left hand
lld	left leaning decrease (WS): slip 2 stitches knitwise and insert LH needle as if to ssk, remove RH needle and p these 2 sts together through the back loop.
m1	make 1 stitch: Bring the tip of the left-hand needle under the strand between stitches, from front to back. Knit through the back of this loop.
p	purl
p2tog	purl 2 stitches together (right leaning decrease, WS)
pu	pick up (without knitting)
puk	pick up and knit
pm	place marker
RS	right side
rem	remaining
rh	right hand
rm	remove marker
rep	repeat
sl	slip
slm	slip marker
ssk	slip two stitches knitwise consecutively, knit these two stitches together through the back loop
st(s)	stitch(es)
tbl	through the back loops
WS	wrong side



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INSTRUCTIONS

1

WORK BODY

With below gauge-size needle and yarn held double (if using Buachaille), cast on 130 (142, 154, 170, 186, 198, 210) sts, placing one marker after 33 (36, 39, 43, 47, 50, 53) sts and another marker after 97 (106, 115, 127, 139, 148, 157) sts, to separate fronts from back.

Row 1: (K2, p2) to 2 sts of end, k2.

Row 2: (P2, k2) to 2 sts of end, p2.

Last 2 rows set 2x2 rib.

Work in rib as est for a further 4 rows.

Change to gauge-size needle and work stockinette back and forth until piece measures 19 (20.5, 20.5, 21.5, 21.5, 23, 23)cm / 7½ (8, 8, 8½, 8½, 9, 9)in from cast-on edge, or *desired length to underarm*, ending with a WS row.

Moving sts around needle without knitting, and removing markers when you encounter them, sl 3 (3, 4, 4, 5, 6, 6) sts *each side of each marker* to waste yarn for underarms. 6 (6, 8, 8, 10, 12, 12) sts on hold for each underarm; 118 (130, 138, 154, 166, 174, 186) sts rem with 30 (33, 35, 39, 42, 44, 47) sts for each front and 58 (64, 68, 76, 82, 86, 92) sts for back.

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WORK SLEEVES

With below gauge-size needle(s) of your preferred type for working small circumferences, cast on 32 (32, 32, 36, 36, 36, 36) sts, pm, and join for working in the round.

Round 1: (K2, p2) to end.

Last round sets 2x2 rib.

Work in rib for a further 19 rounds.

Change to gauge-size needle(s) and k 2 rounds. Work shaping as foll:

Step A: K1, m1, k to 1 st before marker, m1, k1. 2 sts inc.

Step B: K 7 (5, 5, 6, 5, 4, 4) rounds.

Rep steps A and B a further 5 (7, 8, 7, 8, 10, 10) times. 12 (16, 18, 16, 18, 22, 22) sts inc; 44 (48, 50, 52, 54, 58, 58) sts.

Work stockinette in the round until sleeve measures 43 (44.5, 46, 47, 48, 48, 48) cm / 17 (17½, 18, 18½, 19, 19, 19) in from cast-on

edge, or *desired length to underarm*.

Moving sts around needle(s) without knitting, sl 3 (3, 4, 4, 5, 6, 6) sts each side of marker to waste yarn for underarms. 6 (6, 8, 8, 10, 12, 12) sts on hold; 38 (42, 42, 44, 44, 46, 46) sts rem.

3

JOIN BODY AND SLEEVES INTO YOKE

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to right front sts and with longer gauge-size needle join body and sleeves as foll:

K 30 (33, 35, 39, 42, 44, 47) right front sts, pm, k38 (42, 42, 44, 44, 46, 46) sleeve sts, pm, k58 (64, 68, 76, 82, 86, 92) back sts, pm, k38 (42, 42, 44, 44, 46, 46) sleeve sts, pm, k 30 (33, 35, 39, 42, 44, 47) left front sts. 194 (214, 222, 242, 254, 266, 278) sts.

Work 5 rows in stockinette, ending with a WS row.

Commence yoke shaping as foll:

Step C (RS): *K to 2 sts of marker, k2tog, slm, k to marker, slm, ssk* rep from * to * once more, k to end. 4 sts dec.

Step D (WS): *P to 2 sts of marker, lld, slm, p to marker, slm, p2tog* rep from * to * once more, p to end. 4 sts dec.

Rep steps C and D until 2 sts rem between markers at back, and 2 sts before and after markers at each front.

First, fifth, and sixth sizes end on WS row; Second, third, fourth and seventh sizes end on RS row.

Follow instructions for your size as foll:

Second, third, fourth and seventh sizes only:

Next row (WS): Lld, rm, p to marker, rm, p2tog, rm, p to marker, rm, p2tog. 3 sts dec.

Next row (RS): K decreasing - (17, 17, 21, -, -, 25) sts evenly (with k2togs) across row. 70 sts rem.

Next row: P.

First, fifth, and sixth sizes only:

Next row (RS): K2tog, rm, k to marker, rm, k2tog, rm, k to marker, ssk. 3 sts dec.

Next row (WS): P decreasing 9 (-, -, -, 21, 25, -) sts evenly (with p2togs) across row. 70 sts rem.

Break yarn. Slip 70 neck sts to spare needle or waste yarn.

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4

RIGHT FRONT BAND

With RS facing and below gauge-size needle, puk 55 (59, 59, 63, 63, 67, 71) sts up right front edge.

Row 1 (WS): P3, (k2, p2) to end.

Row 2 (RS): (K2, p2) to 3 sts of end, k3.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 once, then row 1 once more. 5 rib rows worked. Break yarn. Leave sts live on needle, or transfer to waste yarn.

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LEFT FRONT BAND

With RS facing and below gauge-size needle, puk 55 (59, 59, 63, 63, 67, 71) sts down left front edge.

Row 1 (WS): (P2, k2) to 3 sts of end, p3.

Row 2 (RS): K3, (p2, k2) to end.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 once, then row 1 once more. 5 rib rows worked. Break yarn. Leave sts live on needle, or transfer to waste yarn.

6

NECK RIB

Slip 70 sts held at neck to below gauge-size needle

With RS facing, puk 4 sts across top of right front band, k across 70 sts, puk 4 sts across top of left front band. 78 sts.

Row 1 (WS): (P2, k2) to 2 sts of end, p2.

Row 2 (RS): (K2, p2) to 2 sts of end, k2.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 30 times, then row 1 once more, ending with a WS row with yarn at right front edge. 33 rib rows worked. *Don't break yarn!*

7

JOIN NECK RIB TO INSIDE OF WORK

With WS facing and below gauge-size needle, working from left front edge, pu (without knitting) 78 sts in the purl bumps of the final row of stockinette before the rib begins (i.e. lift up loops onto needle without knitting along



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interior of neck band). Fold neck band to inside of work, place live sts and picked up sts parallel to one another and, with a spare below gauge-size needle, work 3 needle bind off across all sts.

8

LEFT FRONT I-CORD EDGING

With RS facing, and gauge-size needle pick up 8 sts along edge of neck rib (carefully picking up through both rib layers). Break yarn. Slip these sts onto gauge-size needle adjacent to sts held for left front band. Rejoining yarn to top neck from the RS, cast on 2 sts using backwards loop cast on.

Now work 2 st i-cord bind off across left front edge sts as foll:

k1, k2togtbl, return 2 sts from rh to lh needle repeating from * to * to last 2 sts, k2togtbl, and fasten off.

9

RIGHT FRONT I-CORD EDGING AND BUTTONHOLES

With safety pins or lockable stitch markers, measure out and mark positions of 6 evenly placed buttonholes along right front band. With RS facing, and gauge-size needle pick up 8 sts along edge of neck rib (carefully picking up through both rib layers). Break yarn. Slip these sts onto gauge-size needle adjacent to sts held for right front band.

Rejoining yarn to lower edge of band from the RS, cast on 2 sts using backwards loop cast on. Work 2 st i-cord bind off across sts (as for left front) inserting an i-cord buttonhole when marker is reached as foll:

Using **gauge-size dpn** as rh needle:

1. Work 3 rows of plain i-cord on the 2 sts on rh needle (i.e. *k2, slide sts to other end of needle, pull working yarn across back, k2* repeat from * to * twice).
2. Retaining 2 sts on rh needle, slip next 2 sts from lh needle to rh needle.
3. Pass the first st over the second (bind off 1st).
4. Slip next st from lh needle to rh needle.
5. Pass the first st over the second (bind off 1st).
6. Return remaining st plus the 2 i-cord sts from rh to lh needle.
7. Continue to work i-cord bind off as before to next marker.

Repeat steps 1-7 a further 5 times until all sts are

bound off.

10 FINISHING

Graft together 2 sets of 6 (6, 8, 8, 10, 12, 12) sts at underarms.

Weave in all ends to the back of the work.

Stitch 6 buttons into place on left front band, corresponding to buttonholes.

Soak cardigan in warm water and wool wash to allow the sts to relax and bloom. Press dry between towels. Button up cardigan, then pin out flat to dimensions given in sizing table, paying close attention to the lines of shaping across front and back (which should lie smooth), and to the neck rib (which should be neatly folded flat, and stretched to lie correctly). Allow to fully dry.

Enjoy your Carbeth Cardigan!





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