

CARDIGAN NO. 8 #CARDIGANNO8



ABOUT CARDIGAN NO. 8

Cardigan No. 8 is an oversize, v-neck cardigan with pockets. The boxy silhouette and extra long sleeves create the right boyfriend fit, whilst the deep v-neck adds a feminine touch.

SIZES

XS (S) M (L) XL (XXL)

MEASUREMENTS

Length (measured at the center back): 58 (59) 60 (62) 64 (65) cm [22.75 (23.25) 23.5 (24.5) 25.25 (25.5) inches]

Circumference: 118 (125) 131 (133) 139 (144) cm [46.5 (49.25) 51.5 (52.5) 54.75 (56.75) inches]

SUGGESTED NEEDLES

5.5 mm [US 9] circular needles (80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 inches])

4 mm [US 6] circular needles (80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 inches])

GAUGE

In stocking stitch using 5.5 mm [US 9] needles.

15 sts / 23 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches].

In double knitting using 4 mm [US 6] needles.

15 sts / 23 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches].

MATERIALS

600 (700) 700 (700) 800 (800) gr. Isager, Aran Tweed, 100 gr. / 160 m.

or...

500 (550) 550 (600) 600 (600) gr. Önling 5, Önling, 50 gr. / 100 m.

held together with...

150 (150) 150 (150) 150 (150) gr. Alpaca 1, Isager 50 gr. / 400 m.

or...

125 (125) 125 (150) 150 (150) gr. Isager, Silk Mohair, 25 gr. / 212 m.

Work the cardigan holding the two strands of yarn together as one.

4 buttons, Ø = 22-24 mm [approx. 1 inch].

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Remember to work a tension swatch to ensure that you obtain the given gauge using the suggested needles, and size up or down if necessary. If your gauge is different, this will result in wrong proportions on your cardigan.

Size guide

Cardigan No. 8 has an oversize fit. Calculate a positive ease of approx. 35 cm [13.75 inches] in relation to your body circumference.

Sizes XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL) are equivalent to the European standard sizes: 34 (36) 38 (40) 42 (44) and suit a body circumference of approx. 80-85 (85-90) 90-95 (95-100) 100-110 (110-120) cm [31.5-33.5 (33.5-35.5) 35.5-37.5 (37.5-39.5) 39.5-43.25 (43.25-47.25) inches].

For example: You measure 89 cm [35 inches] at your widest + 35 cm [13.75 inches] = 124 cm [48.75 inches]. Meaning that you would choose a size S with a finished circumference of 125 cm [49.25 inches].

Introduction to the work flow

The cardigan is worked from the top down.

First, work the back neck section. The back is shaped by increasing, which slants the shoulders and adds shape. Then pick up and knit stitches along the shoulders and work the two front sections separately.

Join the front and back sections to work the body back and forth in one piece using circular needles, which is then finished with a ribbed edge.

Afterwards, work the double knitted button(hole) bands.

To finish off, work two pockets and attach to the fronts.

Rib

All ribbed edges are worked in 1x1 rib. I.e.: *k1, p1*.

Decreases (dec)

The decreases are worked to lean either towards the right (k2tog) or left (k2tog tbl).

k2tog: Knit 2 sts together.

k2tog tbl: 2 sts knitted together through the back loop, using the 'SSK improved' method.

Slip 1 knitwise, slip 1 purlwise, knit the two stitches together through the back loop.

Have a look here for how to k2tog tbl/ work the improved SSK:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MKL5xol22bs&t=15s>

Increases

The increases are worked to lean either towards the right (M1R / M1Rp) or left (M1L / M1Lp).

M1R: With your left needle, pick up the bar (between the sts on the right and left needles) from *back to front* and *knit*.

M1Rp: With your left needle, pick up the bar from *back to front* and *purl*.

M1L: With your left needle, pick up the bar from *front to back* and *knit through the back loop*.

M1Lp: With your left needle, pick up the bar from *front to back* and *purl through the back loop*.

Have a look here for how to work the purl increases:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQ5HEwA6uwE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFPNbyq2XSc>

BEGIN WORKING THE CARDIGAN HERE

BACK

Cast on 29 (31) 31 (33) 33 (35) sts using 5.5 mm [US 9] circular needles.

Purl 1 row. Next row is a RS row.

Now shape the shoulders. Increase on *all* rows (ie. both RS and WS rows) as follows:

1st row (RS): K5, M1L, k to 5 sts remaining, M1R, k5.

2nd row (WS): P5, M1Rp, p to 5 sts remaining, M1Lp, p5.

Work **1st and 2nd row** a total of 15 (16) 17 (17) 18 (18) times.

You have now worked 30 (32) 34 (34) 36 (36) increase rows and increased by 60 (64) 68 (68) 72 (72) sts.

You now have 89 (95) 99 (101) 105 (107) sts on your needles.

Your work now measures approx. 13 (14) 15 (15) 16 (16) cm [5 (5.5) 6 (6) 6.25 (6.25) inches] measured from the cast on edge.

Now work back and forth in stocking stitch until the back - again measured from the cast on at the center back - measures 28 (29) 30 (30) 32 (32) cm [11 (11.5) 11.75 (11.75) 12.5 (12.5) inches].

Break the yarn and leave the sts on hold using a helping needle or waste yarn while working the shoulders and front sections.

RIGHT FRONT

Pick up and knit 30 (32) 34 (34) 36 (36) sts along the right shoulder (right when wearing the cardigan).

Work back and forth in stocking stitch (k on RS rows and p on WS rows) until you have worked a total of 5 (7) 7 (7) 9 (9) 9 rows (equivalent to 2.5 (3.5) 3.5 (3.5) 4.5 (4.5) 4.5 cm [1 (1.25) 1.25 (1.25) 1.75 (1.75) 1.75 inches]). First and last row are WS rows.

Next row is a RS row.

Now shape the neckline by increasing. Repeat the following 4 rows a total of 13 (14) 14 (15) 15 (16) times.

1st row: K to 5 sts remaining, M1R, k5.

2nd row: P all sts.

3rd row: K all sts.

4th row: P all sts.

You now have 43 (46) 48 (49) 51 (52) sts on your needles.

TIP! Note that your outer edge (that will become the front armhole) will be approx. twice the length of the back armhole.

Break the yarn and leave the front sts on hold.

LEFT FRONT

Pick up and knit 30 (32) 34 (34) 36 (36) sts along the left shoulder (left when wearing the sweater).

Work back and forth in stocking stitch (k on RS rows and p on WS rows) until you have worked a total of 5 (7) 7 (7) 9 (9) 9 p (equivalent to 2.5 (3.5) 3.5 (3.5) 4.5 (4.5) 4.5 cm [1 (1.25) 1.25 (1.25) 1.75 (1.75) 1.75 inches]). First and last row are WS rows.

Next row is a RS row.

Now shape the neckline by increasing. Repeat the following 4 rows a total of 13 (14) 14 (15) 15 (16) times.

1st row: K5, M1L, k to end of row.

2nd row: P all sts.

3rd row: K all sts.

4th row: P all sts.

You now have 43 (46) 48 (49) 51 (52) sts on your needles.

BODY

On the following row, join the front and back sections to be worked in one piece. Continue working back and forth using circular needles.

Begin with the left front.

Knit over the left front stitches, cast on 2 (2) 2 (2) 2 (4) new sts in extension using the knit cast on method, then knit over the back 89 (95) 99 (101) 105 (107) stitches, cast on 2 (2) 2 (2) 2 (4) new sts in extension of the back using the knit cast on method, finally, knit over the right front stitches.

You have now joined the work for the body and have 179 (191) 199 (203) 211 (219) sts on your needles.

Knit back and forth in stocking stitch until work measures 50 (51) 52 (54) 56 (57) cm [19.75 (20) 20.5 (21.25) 22 (22.5) inches] measured from the cast on edge at the center back.

TIP! It can be an advantage to try on the cardigan to ensure that the length suits you before beginning your rib. If you have a longer torso, you can add a couple of extra cm [inches] before beginning the rib.

Now work the rib. Continue to use 5.5 mm [US 9] needles.

1st row (RS): K1, *k1, p1* to 2 sts remaining, k2.

2nd row (WS): P1, *p1, k1* to 2 sts remaining, p2.

Continue repeating **1st and 2nd row** until the rib measures 8 cm [3 inches]. Finish with a WS row.

Bind off using the Italian/tubular bind off method.

TIP! Have a look here for help in how to work the Italian/tubular bind off:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UY0xEX7A6RQ&t=2s>

SLEEVES

Now work the sleeves. The sleeve stitches are picked up and knitted around the armholes using 5.5 mm [US 9] circular needles. You can either use 40 cm [32 inches] or 80 cm [40 inches] long circular needles and use the magic loop technique if necessary.

Pick up and knit 66 (68) 68 (72) 72 (72) sts around the armhole. The frequency is equivalent to picking up sts in *approx.* 2 out of 3 sts (ie.: pick up and knit in 2 sts, skip 1 st and repeat).

Join to work in the round. Place a marker at the center underneath the armhole to mark the beginning of round.

Work stocking stitch in the round *and at the same time* decrease as described. The decreases are firstly worked on every 9th rnd and afterwards every 4th rnd. Each decrease rnd reduces the total number of sts by 2.

Work as follows:

1st – 8th rnd: K all sts.

9th rnd: K2, **k2tog**, k to 4 sts remaining, **k2tog tbl**, k2.

Work **1st – 9th rnd** a total of 6 times.

You now have 54 (56) 56 (60) 60 (60) sts on your needles.

Now work decreases every 4th rnd.

Work as follows:

1st – 3rd rnd: K all sts.

4th rnd: K2, **k2tog**, k to 4 sts remaining, **k2tog tbl**, k2.

Work **1st – 4th rnd** a total of 8 times.

You now have 38 (40) 40 (44) 44 (44) sts on your needles.

Work 3 cm [1.25 inches] in stocking stitch in the rnd.

The sleeve now measures approx. 40 cm [15.75 inches].

Now work the rib in the rnd. Continue to use 5.5 mm [US 9] needles.

k1, p1 to the end of rnd and repeat until the rib measures 8 cm [3 inches].

Bind off using the Italian/tubular bind off method.

Work the opposite sleeve identically.

BUTTON BAND

The double knitted button(hole) band is worked back and forth using 4mm [US 6] circular needles.

TIP! Search for 'double knitted button band' on YouTube, if you need further help with the instructions in this section.

Work buttonholes on the right-hand side of the cardigan as you knit the band. Find instructions on how in the '**Buttonholes**' section.

Try on your cardigan before you begin and place 4 markers along the right front where you want your buttonholes. Place the top buttonhole approx. 1 cm [0.25-0.5 inches] down from the last increase at the v-neck. The bottom one is placed in the middle of the bottom rib.

Make sure you have an equal number of stitches between each buttonhole.

To attach the double knitted band to the cardigan, work 1 st from the button band together with 1 of the picked up st along the front edge. First, work along the right side of the opening, then proceed across the back neck and down the left side.

Begin at the bottom, front edge on your right front.

Pick up and knit 1 st in each st along the right edge, back neck and left edge using 4 mm [US 6] circular needles. In the following section, this part of the band is referred to as the *pick up row*.

Break the yarn.

Join in the yarn and cast on 11 sts using the Italian/tubular cast on method on the part of the needle at the cardigan's right hand side (when wearing the cardigan).

TIP! The first loop when casting on is considered a purl st, so the following st in the cast on should be a knit st.

Now begin your double knitting. Use a double pointed needle to ease the process.

Always work back and forth across the 11 newly cast on sts. On each RS row, incorporate 1 st from the pick up row. In this way, the double knitted band will be attached at the front edge of the cardigan where you picked up stitches.

Work as follows:

1st row (RS): *K1, slip 1 purlwise with the yarn in front* repeat from * - * to last st, k2tog tbl (the last of your newly cast on sts and 1 st from the pick up row).

2nd row (WS): *slip 1 purlwise with the yarn in front, k1* repeat from * - * to last st, slip 1 purlwise with the yarn in front.

Repeat **1st** and **2nd row**, until you have worked your way around the front edge of the cardigan and have 1 st remaining of the pick up row.

Finish with a WS row.

On the following RS row, bind off using the Italian/tubular bind off method.

Buttonholes

The buttonholes are made by separating the double knitted edge into two separate knitted pieces, which are then joined again.

First, work the outside part (6 sts) and then proceed to work the inside (5 sts)

Work as follows across the first 6 sts on your needles:

1st row (RS): *K1, slip 1 purlwise with the yarn in front* repeat from * - * 3 times. Turn.

2nd row (WS): *K1, slip 1 purlwise with the yarn in front* repeat from * - * 3 times. Turn.

Work **1. og 2. p** a total of two times. You have now worked 4 rows in total.

Repeat **1st row** once more to finish in the center of the buttonhole band. Break the yarn and leave a tail long enough to weave in at the end.

Now proceed with the inside of the buttonhole. Join in the yarn.

Work as follows across the remaining 5 sts:

1st row (RS): *K1, slip 1 purlwise with the yarn in front* repeat from * - * 2 times, k2tog tbl (the last of your newly cast on sts and 1 st from the pick up row). Turn.

2nd row (WS): *slip 1 purlwise with the yarn in front, k1* repeat from * - * 2 times, slip the last of the 5 sts purlwise with the yarn in front. Turn.

Work **1st** and **2nd row** a total of two times.

You have now worked 4 rows in total.

Repeat **1st row** once more.

Next row is a WS row and the two parts of the buttonhole are now joined again.

slip 1 purlwise with the yarn in front, k1 repeat from * - * to the last st on your needle, slip the last of the 11 sts purlwise with the yarn in front. Turn.

When you have worked all the buttonholes, weave in the two ends at each hole. With a darning needle, lead the yarn ends through the two layers of double knitting and weave in at the joint between the double knitting and cardigan.

POCKETS

Cast on 29 sts using 5.5 mm [US 9] needles.

Work 11 (11) 11 (12) 12 (12) cm [4.25 (4.25) 4.25 (4.75) 4.75 (4.75) inches] in stocking stitch (ie. knit on RS rows and purl on WS rows). Finish with a WS row.

Now work 3 cm [1.25 inches] of 1x1 rib using 4 mm [US 6] needles.

1st row (RS): K1, *k1, p1* to 2 sts remaining, k2.

2nd row (WS): P1, *p1, k1* to 2 sts remaining, p2.

The pocket is now approx. 19 cm [7.5 inches] wide and 14 (14) 14 (15) 15 (15) cm [5.5 (5.5) 5.5 (6) 6 (6) inches] tall.

Bind off using the Italian/tubular bind off method.

Repeat for the second pocket.

Now sew the pockets on to the cardigan. Use the mattress stitch.

Place the pocket 9 cm [3.5 inches] in from the front edge, (incl. the button band) and 1 row above your ribbed edge.

Pin the pocket in place and sew attached using the mattress stitch.

Have a look here for how to attach the pocket:

<https://www.garnstudio.com/video.php?id=748&lang=dk>

FINISHING

Weave in all loose ends. Wash and block the sweater before use for an even better result.

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