

## Cassis by *BabyCocktails*

A cozy cardigan that's easy to customize as you like. A reversible collar can be folded back or draped inward and looks great either way. The casual shape can be pinned closed or worn open, and the length is easy to adjust. Simple lace on the front and back makes a flattering line and adds a little interest. Knit from the top down with minimal shaping and no seams, Cassis is a cardigan that's easy to knit AND wear. This pattern contains instructions for both Worsted and Aran weight yarn, short or long sleeves, and options for hip or long length.

**Yarn: Basic Worsted:** The Plucky Knitter Primo Worsted, shown in Essie, 1100(1200,1300,1400, 1500)(1600, 1700,1800,1900,2000)yds as pictured. Add 200(200,225,250,250)(275,275,275,275, 300)yds for long sleeves. Subtract 225(250,275,275,275)(300,300,300,300,325)yds for shorter length.

**Yarn: Primo Aran:** The Plucky Knitter Primo Aran, shown in Oatmeal with long sleeves short length: 900(1000,1100,1200,1300)(1400,1500,1600,1700,1800) yds. Subtract 150(175,200,200,200) (225,225,225,225,250) yds for short sleeves. Add 175(225,225,225,225)(250,250,250,250,275) yds for longer length.

**Yarn: Basic Aran:** In long sleeve/short length 900(1000,1100,1200,1300)(1400,1500,1600,1700,1800) yds. Subtract 150(175,200,200,200) (225,225,225,225,250) yds for short sleeves. Add 175(225,225,225,225)(250,250,250,250,275) yds for longer length. You will have a little yarn leftover, but my sample was not knit at this gauge, and I wanted to play it safe.

**Needles:** US #7/4.5mm & US #8/5mm. US #8/5mm & US#9/5.5mm US #8/5mm & US#9/5.5mm Long circs for body/collar, short circs or DPNs on the sleeves.

**Notions:** Darning needle, stitch markers, waste yarn or stitch holders for the sleeves.

**Sizing:** Sized to fit, based on bust size: 32(34,36,38,40)(42,44,46,48,50) Actual measurements are listed on p.4.

**Gauge:** 5 sts, 7 rows per 1" on #7s. 5 sts, 7 rows per 1" on #8s. 4 sts, 6 rows per 1" on #8s. Gauge based on blocked stockinette swatch.

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**Notes/Commentary:** This pattern gives instructions for Basic Worsted, Basic Aran, and Primo Aran yarns. Note that Primo Aran numbers are in 5st/7rows per 1" gauge. I found this particular yarn to behave more like a heavy worsted, and this is the gauge that I got, and the fabric that I liked, so I have broken it out separately, since it is designated as an aran but knit as a worsted. Based on your swatch, you can work your sweater at either 5/7 or 4/6 gauge and use the instructions that you like. Basic Worsted directions are purple. Primo Aran directions are light gray. Basic Aran directions are orange. Anything in black pertains to all/all others not broken out separately in a specific direction.



If you want a different fit, you can easily adjust the amount of increases along the seams or add shaping once you have separated the sleeves. The back is designed to fall straight down, without hugging the body. The fronts are very generous so that they will drape and the collar can fall in or fold back, depending on how you're wearing the cardigan -- open, pinned closed anywhere along the front, or belted. The collar is totally reversible and will fold back above where you fasten it. The shoulders and arms are supposed to fit without being snug. All measurements are on the last page of the pattern. The Basic Aran version has just a bit less ease in front, with heavier fabric, a little less is good.

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**Collar:** Using your US#8 US#9 US #9 needles, cast on 113(121,129,129,137) (137,145,145, 153,153) 113(121,129,129,137) (137,145,145, 153,153) 97(97,101,101,109) (113,117,117, 117,117) stitches. I suggest a cable cast on for a nice edge. Switch to US#7 US#8 US#8 needles on your next row, and work with this smaller needle for the remainder of the sweater. The larger cast on just helps the collar lie nice and loose.



**Row 1, RS:** Knit first stitch TBL, P1, (K1, P1) 7 7 5 times. Purl 1, (K3,P1) 20(22,24,24,26) (26,28,28, 30,30) 20(22,24,24,26) (26,28,28, 30,30) 18(18,19,19,21)(22,23,23,23,23) times. (P1, K1) 7 7 5 times, purl 1, knit last stitch TBL.

**Row 2, WS:** Slip first stitch purlwise, K1, (P1, K1) 7 7 5 times. (K1, P3) 20(22,24,24,26) (26,28,28, 30,30) 20(22,24,24,26) (26,28,28, 30,30) 18(18,19,19,21)(22,23,23,23,23) times, knit 1. (K1, P1) 7 7 5 times, knit 1, slip last stitch purlwise.

Repeat Rows 1&2 until your collar measures 7" deep. (49 49 42 rows) End after a WS row.

**Divide for Fronts, Back, Body:** Note: *The collar will fold back when worn, so the side with the K1, P3 ribbing is the WS while knitting, but will show when folded. The 15 stitches within the [] brackets are the lace stitches that will run down the open fronts*

**Setup Row, RS:** Knit first stitch TBL, P1, (K1, P1) 7 7 5 times. [P2,K1,P2,K5,P2,K1,P2], knit 0(0,4,3,5) (6,7,11,14,14) 0(0,4,3,5) (6,7,11,14,14) 1(1,2,2,4)(6,7,7,6,6) sts, place marker. Knit 6(10,10,10,10)(10,10,8,8,8) 6(10,10,10,10)(10,10,8,8,8) 6 sts, place marker, knit 39(39,39,41,45)(43,49,45,47,47) 39(39,39,41,45)(43,49,45,47,47) 29(29,31,31,35)(35,37,37,39,39) sts, place marker. Knit 6(10,10,10,10)(10,10,8,8,8) 6(10,10,10,10)(10,10,8,8,8) 6 sts, place marker. Knit 0(0,4,3,5) (6,7,11,14,14) 0(0,4,3,5) (6,7,11,14,14) 1(1,2,2,4)(6,7,7,6,6) sts, [P2,K1,P2,K5,P2,K1,P2], (P1, K1) 7 7 5 times. P1, K1TBL.

**Setup Row, WS:** Slip first stitch purlwise, K1, (P1, K1) 7 7 5 times. [K2,P1,K2, P5,K2,P1,K2], purl 0(0,4,3,5) (6,7,11,14,14) 0(0,4,3,5) (6,7,11,14,14) 1(1,2,2,4)(6,7,7,6,6) sts, slip marker. Purl 6(10,10,10,10)(10,10,8,8,8) 6(10,10,10,10)(10,10,8,8,8) 6 sts, slip marker, purl 39(39,39,41,45)(43,49,45,47,47) 39(39,39,41,45)(43,49,45,47,47) 29(29,31,31,35)(35,37,37,39,39) sts, slip marker. Purl 6(10,10,10,10)(10,10,8,8,8) 6(10,10,10,10)(10,10,8,8,8) 6 sts, slip marker. Purl 0(0,4,3,5) (6,7,11,14,14) 0(0,4,3,5)(6,7,11,14,14) 1(1,2,2,4)(6,7,7,6,6) sts, [K2,P1,K2,P5,K2,P1,K2], (K1, P1) 7 7 5 times. K1, slip last stitch purlwise.

### **Begin Sleeve Seam Shaping and Front Lace Detail:**

#### **Lace pattern/Front detail**

Worked over 15 stitches and repeated as you work down the body of the sweater.

**Row 1 (RS):** P2, K1, P2, K5, P2, K1, P2.

**Row 2 (WS):** K2, P1, K2, P5, K2, P1, K2.

**Row 3 (RS):** P2, K1, P2, (K1, YO, Slip 1, K2tog, PSSO over the K2tog, YO, K1), P2, K1, P2.

**Row 4 (WS):** Repeat row 2.

Repeat Rows 1-4.



**Size 32/34 in Worsted, Primo Aran:** Your 1<sup>st</sup> increase falls at the end of the lace pattern. P1 instead of K1 before your 1st M1.

**Increase Row, RS:** Knit first stitch TBL, P1, (K1, P1) 7 7 5 times. Work lace repeat (above) over next 15 sts, knit to one stitch before marker. M1R, K1, Slip Marker, K1, M1L. Knit across sleeve to one stitch before next marker. M1R, K1, SM, K1, M1L again. Knit across back to one stitch before next marker. M1R, K1, SM, K1, M1L. Knit to one stitch before last marker. M1R, K1, SM, K1, M1L. Knit all stitches before the lace panel. Work lace repeat over next 15 sts. (P1, K1) 7 7 5 times, P1, K1TBL.

**Non Increase Row, WS:** Slip first stitch purlwise, K1. (P1, K1) 7 7 5 times. Work lace chart stitches as established, and all other body stitches in stockinette. Once you get to the last 16 16 12 stitches, (K1, P1) 7 7 5 times, K1, slip last stitch purlwise.

Repeat Rows 1-2 above as you work down the top of the cardigan, increasing along the seams on every RS row until you have increased 24(26,28,31,31)(35,35,38,38,41) 24(26,28,31,31)(35,35,38,38,41) 18(20,22,25,25)(28,28,31,32,33) times.

**Sleeves, Size 48 and 50:** Stop increasing on the arms when you have 86 86 70 sts on each sleeve. This means you will work your last shaping row(s) without sleeve increases. If you prefer more room, you can add them, but check your fit before doing so.

*Basic Aran Sleeves, all sizes: check the width of your sleeves as you near your final increases and if you like the fit, feel free to stop increasing on the arm side of the seam a few rows before you stop increasing on the rest of the body. These are not meant to be snug, but some of you may want a little narrower fit at the "shoulder". If you end with fewer sts, work fewer decreases on the arm.*

**Size 50, final increase Basic Worsted, Primo Aran:** Work a RS without increasing, a WS, one RS with an increase, and a final WS. Work the non-increase RS row in pattern as established, continuing the lace in each panel and knitting all stitches across the arms and back.

Once finished with the seams, you have 55(57,63,65,67)(72,73,80,83,87) 55(57,63,65,67)(72,73,80,83,87) 46(48,51,54,56)(61,62,65,65,66) sts on each front, 54(62,66,72,72)(80,80,84,84,86) 54(62,66,72,72)(80,80,84,84,86) 42(46,50,56,56)(62,62,68,70,70) sts on each arm, and 87(91,95,103,107) (113,119,121,123,131) 87(91,95,103,107) (113,119,121,123,131) 65(69,75,81,85)(91,93,99,103,105) sts across the back. 305(329,353,377,385)(417,425,449,457,477) 305(329,353,377,385)(417,425,449,457,477) 241(257,277,301,309)(337,341,365,373,377) sts total.

**Separate Arms:** You will separate when the raglan seam measures just about 7(7.5,8,9,9)(10,10,11,11,12.25/12)" down from the beginning of the increases. Try it on and make sure this is comfortable for you. Note that the sizing on the fronts here is generous, and the back is meant to fit with just a little ease, so it's not tight, but falls straight down. Your armholes should be comfortable and not too loose. You can see the schematic in back to check your measurements. If your numbers are off in order to get a fit you prefer, that's fine and will NOT affect the design. I always leave just a bit of room under the final increase if you want to adjust. If not, work down to the desired seam length. Stop after a WS row, and you will separate sleeves on next RS as follows:

Work as established to first set of seam markers. Put the sleeve stitches between the markers on a holder or waste yarn, and cast on 4 stitches under arm. Repeat at other set of markers, and work the remainder of the row as established.

#### **Body:**

Work one WS Row as established. Next RS row, place markers around 37 back center sts. Since this is top down and there's no exact seam on the sides, I find it easiest to spread the sweater out and find my center stitch just below the rear neckline, between the sleeve seams. Follow it down, count 18 out on each side, and you have your center 37.

Work one more WS row as established.

Next RS Row, begin lace panel on back, between the markers. Continue to work the fronts as you have been.

#### **Lace Pattern/Back Detail:**

Row 1: (RS) P2, K2, P2, K5, P2, K1, P2, K5, P2, K1, P2, K5, P2, K2, P2.

Row 2: (WS) K2, P2, K2, P5, K2, P1, K2, P5, K2, P1, K2, P5, K2, P2, K2.

Row 3: (RS) P2, K2, P2, (K1, YO, Slip 1, K2tog, Pass the slipped stitch over the K2tog, YO, K1), P2, K1, P2, (K1, YO, Slip 1, K2tog, Pass the slipped stitch over the K2tog, YO, K1), P2, K1, P2, (K1, YO, Slip 1, K2tog, Pass the slipped stitch over the K2tog, YO, K1), P2, K2, P2.



Row 4: (WS) Repeat Row 2.

Repeat Rows 1-4.

**Long Version** Work straight down until the length from the arm separation until you are about 2" above the middle of your thigh. I estimate this will be about 16(17,17,17,17.5)(17.5,17.5,17.5,18,18)" down from the arm separation, but this will vary according to your height, and the length you like on your legs. (I stopped at 15", but I'm only five feet tall.) Check and look in the mirror. I think the length works best if, with the 2" of ribbing added, the cardigan will end BELOW the widest part of your thigh, but still well above your knee.



**Short Version:** Work straight down until the length from the arm separation until you are just below your waist. I estimate this will be about 10(10,10,11,11)(11,11,12,12,12)" down from the arm separation, but this will vary according to your height, and the length you like on your body. Check and look in the mirror. I think the length works best if, with the 2" of ribbing added, the cardigan will end just at the hip, where the pocket on a pair of jeans would fall.

**Bottom Ribbing:** I suggest beginning the ribbing after you work Row 2 of the lace, so the last set of eyelets are away from the ribs. On your next RS row, work the first 16 16 12 stitches in ribbing as you have been. Continue all the way around to the other side in this K1, P1 ribbing. You may need to do an M1 before hitting the ribbing at the other side to make the pattern line up. Count ahead as you approach the other side, and add a stitch if you need to do so. Work in ribbing for 2" and bind off in pattern.

### **Sleeves**

Pick up the 54(62,66,72,72)(80,80,84,84,86) 54(62,66,72,72)(80,80,84,84,86) 42(46,50,56,56)(62,62, 68,70,70) sts on each holder, plus the 4 stitches you cast on below. You now have 58(66,70,76,76)(84,84,88,88,90) 58(66,70,76,76)(84,84,88,88,90) 46(50,54,60,60)(66,66,72,74,74) sts on each sleeve. Place a marker in the center of the 4 cast on stitches. You are working in the round, either on DPNs or magic loop, on your smaller needles.

### **Short Sleeves:**

You will work 3 rounds in stockinette.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of these 3 rounds, decrease as follows: [K1, K2tog, knit to 3 sts before marker, SSK, K1] to bring things in a tad.

On 4<sup>th</sup> round, decrease as follows: [K1, K2tog, knit to 3 sts before marker, SSK, K1].

Work 4 more rounds, and repeat decrease on 5<sup>th</sup> round. Repeat these 5 rounds twice **once** more, for a total of 19 14 rounds and 4 decreases.

Work until you have 3" of sleeve from the separation. On your next round, switch to K1, P1 ribbing. Work ribbing for 1.5" and bind off in pattern.

**Long Sleeves:** Work one round in stockinette. Next round, decrease as follows: K1, K2tog, knit to 3 sts before marker, SSK, K1.

Repeat decrease every 10(6,6,5,5)(5,5,4,4,4)<sup>th</sup> 10(6,6,5,5)(5,5,4,4,4)<sup>th</sup> 13(10,8,6,6)(6,6,5,4,4)<sup>th</sup> round, 8(12,14,17,17)  
(19,19,21,21,22) 8(12,14,17,17)(19,19,21,21,22) 5(7,9,12,12)(13,13,16,17,17) more times. 40(40,40,40,40)(44,44,44, 44,44)  
40(40,40,40,40)(44,44,44, 44,44) 34(34,34,34,34)(38,38,38,38,38) sts remain.

Work until you have 13(13,14,14,14) (15,15,15,15,15)" of sleeve from the arm separation – or whatever length you prefer before adding 3" of ribbing. On your next round, switch to K1, P1 ribbing. Work ribbing for 3". Bind off in pattern.

**Finishing:** Block lightly, and weave in all ends.

**Schematic measurements:** Both Basic Worsted and Primo Aran versions have same dimensions and are shown in black.

Collar width: 22.5(24.25, 25.75, 25.75, 27.5)(27.5, 29, 29, 30.5, 30.5)" 24(24,25,25,27)(28,29,29,29,29)"

Collar depth: 7"

Sleeve Seam, shoulder to arm separation: 7(7.5, 8, 9, 9)(10, 10, 11, 11, 12.25/12)"

Back width: 17.5(18,19,20.5,21.5)(22.5,23,24,24,26)" 17.25(18.25,19.75,21.25,22.25)(23.25,24.25,25.75,26.25,27)"

Front width (ea side): 11.5(11.5,12,13,14)(14,14,16,16,17)" 10(10.25,11.75,12.5,13)(14.25,14.25,15.5,15.5,16.75)"

Sleeve width, after picking up sts: 11.5(12.5,13.5,14.5,14.5)(16.5,16.5,17.5,17.5,17.5)" 11.5(12.5,13.5,15,15)(16.5,16.5,18,18.5,18.5)"

Short Sleeve length: 3" cap + 1.5" ribbing.

Long Sleeve length: 13(13,14,14,14)(15,15,15,15,15)", plus 3" of ribbing.

Long Version: Length from arm separation to bottom edge (mid thigh): 18(19,19,19,19.5)  
(19.5,19.5,19.5,20,20)"

Short Version: Length from arm separation to bottom edge (hip): 12(12,12,13,13)(13,13,14,14,14)"



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