

Diane Cardigan

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Sizes (2XS) XS (S) M (**L**) XL (2XL) 3XL (4XL) 5XL

Bust circumference (92) 98 (102) 106 (**110**) 118 (126) 134 (142) 154cm [(36¹/₄) 38¹/₂ (40¹/₄) 41³/₄ (43¹/₄) 46¹/₂ (49¹/₂) 52³/₄ (56) 60³/₄"]

Length (46) 47 (48) 49 (**50**) 52 (54) 56 (58) 60cm [(18) 18¹/₂ (19) 19¹/₄ (19³/₄) 20¹/₂ (21¹/₄) 22 (22¹/₂) 22³/₄"] (center back incl. neck band)

Sleeve circumference (34) 35 (36) 37 (**39**) 41 (43) 44 (46) 48cm [(13¹/₂) 13³/₄ (14¹/₄) 14¹/₂ (15¹/₄) 16¹/₄ (16³/₄) 17 (18) 19"]

Sleeve length (46) 46 (46) 46 (**46**) 46 (45) 45 (45) 45cm [(18) 18 (18) 18 (18) 18 (17³/₄) 17³/₄ (17³/₄) 17³/₄"]

Gauge 10 x 10cm [4 x 4"] = 20 stitches x 28 rows with 4mm [US6] needle **and** 28 stitches x 40 rows with 3mm [US2¹/₂] needle, in stockinette stitch after blocking

Needles 4mm [US6]: 40 or 60cm [16 or 24"], 100 or 120cm [40 or 47"], DPNs or long circular needles for the magic loop method

3mm [US2¹/₂]: 100 or 120cm [40 or 47"], DPNs or long circular needles for the magic loop method, 2 pairs of 60 or 80cm [24 or 32"] or long circular needles for the magic loop method

Yarn & weight (150) 175 (175) 175 (200) 200-225 (225) 250 (250) 275g of Brushlight (1 strand) by Cardiff Cashmere (25g=138m [151 yds]) **or** (200) 200 (225) 225 (225-250) 250 (275) 300 (300) 325g of Soft Silk Mohair (2 strands held together) by Knitting for Olive (25g=225m [246 yds])

Others (5) 5 (5) 5 (5) 6 (7) 8 (8) 8 buttons (Ø=15mm), waste yarn to put stitches on hold and to cast on chain stitches, crochet hook to cast on chain stitches, tapestry needle, needle to sew buttons

The Diane Cardigan is a drop shoulder cardigan worked top down. First, the back yoke is worked with short rows to make the shoulder slope. Then, each shoulder is picked up from the back piece and worked

back and forth. When the front and the back yokes are done, the pieces are joined together and worked to the hem. The body is bound off with the decorative details. The sleeve stitches are picked up and worked in the round. The button bands are picked up from front and back and worked in double knit with sewn button holes. Finally, the neck band is worked in the same way as the button bands.

The Diane Cardigan requires the following techniques: knit and purl stitches, increases (M1L, M1R), decreases (k2tog, ssk), German short rows, and tubular bind off.

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1. Size guide

This pattern is designed to have 10-15cm [4-6"] of positive ease. The sizes (2XS) XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL) 3XL (4XL) 5XL are meant to fit to bust circumferences (75-80) 80-85 (85-90) 90-95 (95-100) 100-105 (105-110) 110-120 (120-130) 130-140cm [(29½-31½) 31½-33½ (33½-35½) 35½-37½ (37½-39¼) 39¼-41¼ (41¼-43¼) 43¼-47¼ (47¼-51¼) 51¼-55"]. For example, the model in the photos has a bust of 90cm [35½"], and wears a size S with 12cm [4¾"] of ease.

2. Abbreviations

BOR	beginning of round	CO	cast on	DS	double stitch in short row
k	knit	p	purl	rep **	repeat between * and *
RS	right side	st/sts	stitch/stitches	WS	wrong side

3. Skills

DS	after turn, slip 1 st purlwise and bring the working yarn over right needle
M1R	pick up the strand between two sts from back to front with left needle and knit
M1L	pick up the strand between two sts from front to back with left needle and knit through back loop
K2tog	Knit 2 sts together
Ssk	Slip 1 st knitwise, slip 1 st purlwise, slip 2 sts back to left needle purlwise, k2tog through back loop

Playlist for the Diane Cardigan: www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLA1zNnDsoxMbLL6mEsj69iAYMctdLgIb7

Back yoke

CO (76) 78 (82) 86 (90) 96 (100) 104 (108) 114 stitches using a preferred method with 4mm/100 or 120cm [US6/40 or 47"] circular needles. Then work short rows to shape shoulder slope as follows:

Row 1 (RS) knit (54) 55 (57) 59 (61) 64 (66) 68 (70) 73, turn

Row 2 (WS) DS, p31, turn

Row 3 DS, knit until DS (including DS), knit 3 more sts after DS, turn

Row 4 DS, purl until DS (including DS), purl 3 more sts after DS, turn

Work the four Rows above once and then repeat only Rows 3 & 4 (7) 8 (9) 10 (11) 12 (13) 14 (15) 16 more times, but instead of 3 stitches, work 2 more stitches after the DS. There are (5) 4 (4) 4 (4) 5 (5) 5 (5) 6 stitches remaining on the right needle after the last turn. Make a DS and knit to the end of the row. Purl the next row.

Work the back yoke back and forth for (22) 18 (20) 20 (22) 20 (18) 16 (16) 10 rows. The work measures (8) 6.5 (7) 7 (8) 7 (6.5) 5.5 (5.5) 3.5cm [(3) 2½ (2¾) 2¾ (3) 2¾ (2½) 2¼ (2¼) 1½"] along the edge (excluding the short row part in trapezoid shape). Now, begin to increase for the armholes as below:

Row 1 k3, M1L, knit to last 3 sts, M1R, k3

Row 2 purl to end

Work the two Rows above a total of (7) 9 (8) 8 (8) 9 (11) 12 (13) 16 times. The back yoke now has (90) 96 (98) 102 (106) 114 (122) 128 (134) 146 stitches and measures (13) 13 (13) 13 (13.5) 13.5 (14.5) 14.5 (15) 15cm [(5) 5 (5) 5 (5¼) 5¼ (5½) 5½ (6) 6"] along the edge (excluding the short row part in trapezoid shape). Cut the working yarn and put the stitches on hold.

Right shoulder

Turn the back yoke so the cast-on edge is at the top with the RS facing. With 4mm/40 or 60cm [US6/16 or 24"] needles, pick up (22) 23 (25) 27 (29) 32 (34) 36 (38) 41 stitches from the shoulder edge towards the center, one in every stitch along the right slope. Purl the next row and turn back to the RS.

Continue to work back and forth for (16) 16 (16) 16 (18) 18 (18) 18 (20) 20 rows. Then work increases to shape the neck line as follows:

Row 1 knit to last 3 sts, M1R, k3

Row 2 purl to end

Work the Rows above 7 times in total. There are (29) 30 (32) 34 (36) 39 (41) 43 (45) 48 stitches after the increases. Knit the next row and CO 8 stitches at the left edge using the backwards loop cast on method. There are now (37) 38 (40) 42 (44) 47 (49) 51 (53) 56 stitches. Purl the next row.

Continue to work flat for (6) 6 (8) 12 (12) 14 (12) 14 (12) 10 rows. The piece measures (14) 14 (14.5) 16 (17) 17.5 (17) 17.5 (17.5) 17cm [(5½) 5½ (5¾) 6¼ (6½) 7 (6½) 7 (7) 6½"] from the pick-up edge. Starting on the next row, increase for the armhole as follows:

Row 1 k3, M1L, knit to end

Row 2 purl to end

Work the two Rows above (7) 9 (8) 8 (8) 9 (11) 12 (13) 16 times in total. There are (44) 47 (48) 50 (52) 56 (60) 63 (66) 72 stitches on the needles and the piece measures (19) 20.5 (20.5) 22 (22.5) 24 (24.5) 26 (27) 28cm [(7½) 8 (8) 8½ (8¾) 9½ (9¾) 10¼ (10½) 11"] from the pick-up edge. Cut the working yarn and place the stitches on hold.

Left shoulder

The left shoulder is worked the same but mirrored. Pick up (22) 23 (25) 27 (29) 32 (34) 36 (38) 41 stitches, one in every stitch along the left slope of the back yoke, from the middle towards the shoulder edge with 4mm/100 or 120cm [US6/40 or 47"] needles. Purl the next row. Work flat for (16) 16 (16) 16 (18) 18 (18) 18 (20) 20 rows, and then begin to work increases to shape the neckline as follows:

Row 1 k3, M1L, knit to end

Row 2 purl to end

Work the Rows above a total of 7 times. There are now (29) 30 (32) 34 (36) 39 (41) 43 (45) 48 stitches. CO 8 stitches using the backwards loop cast on method at the beginning of the work and knit to end: there are (37) 38 (40) 42 (44) 47 (49) 51 (53) 56 stitches. Purl the next row.

Work evenly back and forth for (6) 6 (8) 12 (12) 14 (12) 14 (12) 10 rows. Now the work measures (14) 14 (14.5) 16 (17) 17.5 (17) 17.5 (17.5) 17cm [(5½) 5½ (5¾) 6¼ (6½) 7 (6½) 7 (7) 6½"] long from the pick-up edge. Begin to work the armhole increases as follows:

Row 1 knit to last 3 sts, M1R, knit to end

Row 2 purl to end

Work the two Rows above a total of (7) 9 (8) 8 (8) 9 (11) 12 (13) 16 times. After the increases there are (44) 47 (48) 50 (52) 56 (60) 63 (66) 72 stitches, and the left shoulder measures (19) 20.5 (20.5) 22 (22.5) 24 (24.5) 26 (27) 28cm [(7½) 8 (8) 8½ (8¾) 9½ (9¾) 10¼ (10½) 11"] from the pick-up edge. Do not cut the working yarn but continue to work the next section.

Body

Join the two shoulders and the back together using the backwards loop cast on method as follows:

Row 1 knit left shoulder to end, CO (2) 2 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) 6 (8) 8, knit back yoke to end, CO (2) 2 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) 6 (8) 8, knit right shoulder to end

Row 2 purl to end

The body has (182) 194 (202) 210 (218) 234 (250) 266 (282) 306 stitches. Work the body in stockinette stitch until the mid-back measures (44) 45 (46) 47 (48) 50 (52) 54 (56) 58cm [(17¼) 17¾ (18) 18½ (19) 19¾ (20½) 21¼ (22) 22¾"] from the cast-on edge or until the desired length. When the body is done, work the hem as follows:

Row 1 (RS) k1, purl to last 1 st, k1

Row 2 (WS) purl to end

Row 3 knit to end

Row 4 p1, place a row marker, knit to last 1 st, p1

Work the four Rows above once, and then change to 3mm/100 or 120cm [US2½/40 or 47"] needles. Work 6 more rows in stockinette stitch and turn so RS is facing. Bind off not too tightly as follows ([video #1](#)):

Pick up the corresponding st 6 rows below where you placed your marker (= the first stockinette row after Row 4 above) and knit that stitch together with the first stitch on the needle. Then rep *pick up the next st 6 row below, k2tog, pass the previous st over the st just worked (= bind off 1 st)* to end.

Sleeves

Pick up (66) 68 (68) 70 (74) 78 (82) 82 (86) 88 stitches with 4mm [US6] DPNs or long circular needles for the magic loop method. This is approximately 3 stitches every 4 rows along the armhole. Then, pick up (2) 2 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) 6 (8) 8 stitches from the underarm cast-on edge, placing a marker for the BOR in the middle. There are (68) 70 (72) 74 (78) 82 (86) 88 (94) 96 stitches for the sleeve.

Cut the working yarn, slip (34) 35 (36) 37 (39) 41 (43) 44 (47) 48 stitches from the BOR to reach the top of the sleeve. Join the working yarn and begin to work short rows as follows:

Row 1 (RS) knit (12) 13 (13) 14 (13) 15 (14) 11 (10) 11, turn

Row 2 (WS) DS, purl (23) 25 (25) 27 (25) 29 (27) 21 (19) 21, turn

Row 3 DS, knit until DS (including DS), knit 3 more sts after DS, turn

Row 4 DS, purl until DS (including DS), purl 3 more sts after DS, turn

Work the four Rows above once and repeat only Rows 3 & 4 (6) 6 (6) 6 (7) 7 (8) 9 (10) 10 more times. When the short rows are done, there are (1) 1 (2) 2 (2) 2 (2) 3 (4) 4 stitches on the right needle after the BOR marker. Facing RS, make a DS and knit (32) 33 (33) 34 (36) 38 (40) 40 (42) 43 stitches to go back to where the short rows began. Cut the working yarn and slip stitches until you are back to the BOR marker.

From now on, work the sleeve in the round **while at the same time** working a decrease row every (8) 8 (8) 7 (6) 6 (5) 5 (5) 5th row as follows:

K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, ssk, k1

Work a total of (13) 14 (14) 15 (17) 18 (20) 20 (22) 23 decrease rows. There are (42) 42 (44) 44 (44) 46 (46) 48 (50) 50 stitches remaining after the decreases. Knit for (8) 5 (5) 8 (8) 6 (8) 8 (5) 3cm [(3¼) 2 (2) 3¼ (3¼) 2¼ (3¼) 3¼ (2) 1¼"] or until the desired length. When the sleeve is done, work the hem as follows:

Row 1 purl to end

Row 2 knit to end

Row 3 knit to end

Row 4 p1, place a row marker, purl to end

Work the four Rows above, and change to 3mm [US2½] DPNs or long circular needles to knit 6 more rows. Finally, bind off in the same method as the body, paying attention to the tension, as follows:

Pick up the corresponding st 6 rows below where you placed your marker (= the first stockinette row after Row 4 above) and knit that stitch together with the first stitch on the needle. Then rep *pick up the next st 6 row below, k2tog, pass the previous st over the st just worked (= bind off 1 st)* to end.

Cut the working yarn and weave in ends.

Button bands

Prepare 2 pairs of 3mm/60 or 80cm [US2½/24 or 32"] needles or a pair of 3mm/100 or 120cm [US2½/40 or 47"] circular needles for the magic loop method.

Work the left button band first. With the RS facing, pick up one stitch from every row along the left edge of the garment with a set of 60 or 80cm [24 or 32"] needles or the 100 or 120cm [40 or 47"] needles. These stitches are the front panel of the band. Do not cut the working yarn.

Now, turn so the WS is facing and take the other pair of 60 or 80cm [24 or 32"] needles or prepare needles using the magic loop method with the 100 or 120cm [40 or 47"] needles. Bring the working yarn and pick up stitches for the back panel from the same holes which the front panel stitches have been picked up ([video #2](#)): skip picking up a stitch in the first row, resulting in 1 less stitch than the front panel.

The button band panels will be worked as in the round using one pair of the needles for each panel or using the magic loop method with the long needles ([video #2, continued](#)):

- Row 1** (front panel) bringing the working yarn from the back, purl to end with the front pair of needles (or with the long needles), turn
- Row 2** (back panel) bringing the working yarn from the front, knit to end with the back pair of needles (or with the long needles), turn
- Rows 3-14** bring the working yarn, knit to end, turn

Work the band front and back as above for 14 rows (=7 rows for each panel). Pull the working yarn

tight at the beginning of each row for a clean edge. When the band is done, leave a yarn end 5-6 times longer than then band width and cut the yarn. Then, RS facing, work the tubular bind off beginning from the front panel as follows ([video #3](#)):

Insert (tapestry needle) into the first front st purlwise, the first back st knitwise, *the first front st knitwise & take off knitting needle, the next front st purlwise, the first back st purlwise & take off knitting needle, the next back st knitwise* to end

Next, work the right band. Pick up stitches along the right edge the same as the left band. On the 7-10th row (4-5th row for each panel) make (5) 5 (5) 5 (5) 6 (7) 8 (8) 8 button holes as follows ([video #4](#)):

Rows 7 & 8 knit to button hole placement, k3, slip these 3 sts onto waste yarn, continue to knit

Rows 9 & 10 knit to button hole placement, pick up 3 sts from chain sts, continue to knit

Make sure that the button holes are placed with the same spacing on the front and the back panels. After making button holes, work 4 more rows (= 2 rows for each panel) and bind off using the Kitchener stitch.

Now, sew the stitches for button holes ([video #5](#)). First, with the RS facing, unravel the chain stitches and pick up 4 stitches from each panel. Turn the work upside down so the band bind-off edge is at the bottom. Work the tubular bind off beginning from the back panel as follows:

Insert (tapestry needle) into: rep *the first back st purlwise & take off knitting needle, the next back st knitwise, the first front st knitwise & take off knitting needle, the next front st purlwise* twice, the next back st purlsiwe & take off knitting needle, the last back st knitwise & take off knitting needle, the next front st knitwise & take off knitting needle, the last front st purlwise & take off knitting needle. Do not cut the yarn

Notes: 1) It is recommended to begin from the bottom buttonhole because the technique needs some practice and the upper buttonholes are more visible. 2) The first and last stitches on each panel are already half sewn, meaning they require only 1 sewing stitch instead of 2 ([video #5 0:12-4:40](#)). 3) The bind off begins from the back to compensate the difference of a half stitch of the tubular bind off the panels. 4) Do not cut the yarn but move it through the gap between the panels and take it out next to the first stitch to bind off the other side of the button hole. This will mean there are fewer yarn ends to weave in ([video #5 4:45-](#)).

Next, with the work right side up with band bind-off edge at the top, pick up each 3 stitches from the waste yarn. Work the tubular bind off from the front panel ([video #5, continued](#)) as follows:

Insert (tapestry needle) into: the first front st purlwise, the first back st knitwise, *the first front st knitwise & take off knitting needle, the next front st purlwise, the first back st purlwise & take off knitting needle, the next back st knitwise* to end.

Sew the last stitch to the panel and weave in ends.

Neck band

The neck band will be picked up and worked with the same technique as the button bands. With 3mm [US2½] needles and RS facing, pick up (87) 87 (87) 87 (91) 91 (91) 91 (95) 95 stitches along the neck edge, approximately 3 stitches in every 4 stitches / 2 stitches from every 3 rows: 11 stitches from each button band (from the first stitch of the front panel) and front cast-on edge, (21) 21 (21) 21 (23) 23 (23) 23 (25) 25 stitches from each side, and 23 stitches from the back neck. Do not cut the yarn.

This time, with WS facing, pick up stitches from the same holes which the front panel stitches have been picked up, but, like the button band, skip picking up from the first hole. Then, work as follows:

Row 1 (front panel) bringing the working yarn from the back, purl to end with the front pair of needles (or with the long needles), turn

Row 2 (back panel) bringing the working yarn from the front, knit to end with the back pair of needles (or with the long needles), turn

Rows 3-10 bring the working yarn, knit to end, turn

Work the neck band as above for 10 rows (= 5 rows for each panel). Pay attention to the tension at each edge. When the band is done, face the RS and work the tubular bind off as follows:

Insert (tapestry needle) into: the first front st purlwise, the first back st knitwise, *the first front st knitwise & take off knitting needle, the next front st purlwise, the first back st purlwise & take off knitting needle, the next back st knitwise* to end.

Finally, weave in ends.