This is the right cardigan for these summer days starting with a chilly, dewy morning….
Light but providing the little comfort that we need when we get up early.
The modish dropped shoulders and graphic stripes are masterly balanced by a little eyelet pattern for a feminine touch.
Easy to knit and easy to wear.

Sizes

Sizes XS – S – M1 – M2 – L – XL – XXL
Bust width of the finished garment: 82-90-98-106-114-122-130cm / 33.25-36.5-39-42.25-45.5-48.75-51.75"
See page 2 for detailed measurements and schematic.

Material

Any yarn matching the gauge (fingering weight)
Sample was knit in Holst Coast
Colors Ice Sea (color 1/main color), Putty (color 2/contrasting color 1), Sapphire (color 3/contrasting color 2)
Estimated consumption: see page 2 for details
Differences in gauge and yarn choice may affect the amount of yardage used.
Circulars 80-100cm/32-40", size needed for gauge (approximately 3-3.5mm / US 3-4)
stitch markers, tapestry needle, crochet hook

Gauge 10x10 cm / 4x4" - 25 sts and 32 rows in stockinette stitch

Please consider that you will spend many hours knitting this cardigan,
*but **only a few minutes** to **make a gauge swatch** … **it is worth the time!***
Try different needle sizes to obtain gauge and wash and dry your swatch before measuring.

Pattern directions that differ among sizes are specified as XS – S – M1 – M2 – L – XL – XXL. Where only one number is given, it pertains to all sizes.
To understand the construction, please read the entire pattern before you start and mark the numbers for your size.
Find abbreviations and techniques on page 3.

Measurements of the finished cardigan, gauge 25x32

	XS	S	M1	M2	L	XL	XXL		XS	S	M1	M2	L	XL	XXL
A	14	16	18	18	18	18	21	A	5.75	6.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.25
B	46	51	53	56	59	62	66	B	18.50	20.50	21.00	22.50	23.75	25.00	26.25
C	83	91	98	106	114	122	130	C	33.25	36.50	39.00	42.25	45.50	48.75	51.75
D	98	105	110	118	127	136	142	D	39.00	42.00	43.75	47.25	51.00	54.50	56.75
E	29	31	32	34	35	38	40	E	11.50	12.50	12.75	13.50	14.00	15.25	16.00
F	19	22	22	24	26	27	29	F	7.75	9.00	9.00	9.50	10.25	11.00	11.50
G	21	23	24	25	27	29	30	G	8.50	9.25	9.50	10.00	10.75	11.75	12.00
H	60	63	64	66	69	73	74	H	24.25	25.25	25.75	26.50	27.50	29.00	29.50
I	43	43	44	44	44	44	44	I	17.25	17.25	17.75	17.75	17.75	17.50	17.50

Yarn Consumption in m | | | | | | | | *Yarn Consumption in yds*

	XS	S	M1	M2	L	XL	XXL		XS	S	M1	M2	L	XL	XXL
1	750	820	875	945	1015	1085	1155	1	825	900	965	1040	1115	1195	1270
2	45	50	50	55	60	65	70	2	50	55	55	60	65	70	75
3	255	275	280	295	310	340	355	3	280	305	310	325	340	375	390
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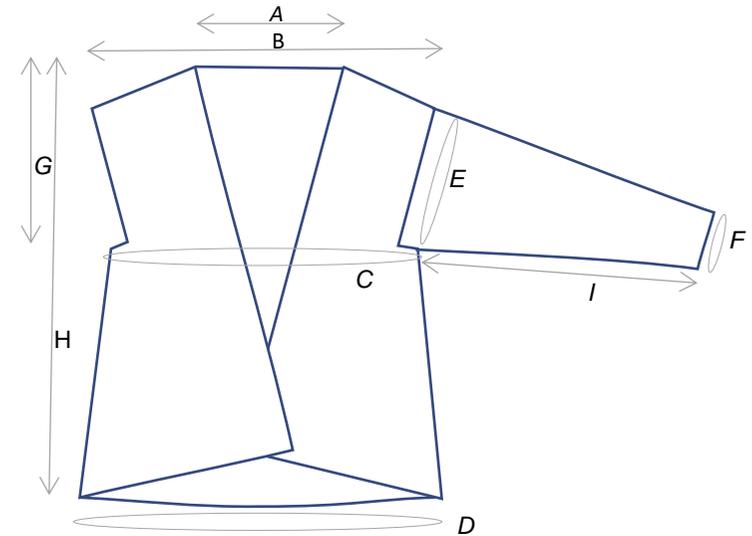
I suggest an ease of 5-7cm / 2-3" to your personal measurements.

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This pattern has been carefully reviewed, tech edited and tested by experienced knitters in an attempt to ensure accuracy. Should you find any errors, please send me a personal message on **ravelry**.

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Abbreviations and Techniques

[…] *Where instructions are in [brackets], repeat as often as indicated after the bracket.*

bef *before*

Crochet provisional cast on: *Make a slipknot with waste yarn of same thickness, insert crochet hook, and hook the yarn around the knitting needle and pull it through the loop on the crochet hook, creating a stitch on the needle. Repeat to desired stitch count, then bind off (click for tutorial).*

k *knit*

k2tog *knit 2 together*

m *marker*

m1R: *(make one right - right leaning increase): Insert the left needle from back to front into the horizontal strand between two stitches and knit through the front loop.*

m1L: *(make one left - left leaning increase): Insert the left needle from front to back into the horizontal strand between two stitches and knit through the back loop*

p *purl*

p2tog *purl 2 together*

pm *place marker*

Pick up and knit stitches from edge: *Insert the right-hand needle from front to back into the gap between first and second stitch from the edge, wrap the yarn around the needle and draw the yarn through.*

R *row / round*

rm *remove marker*

RS *right side of work*

Slip1 *slip 1 stitch with yarn in front*

sm *slip marker*

ssk *slip, slip, knit: [slip a stitch knitwise] twice, insert left needle from left to right into fronts of both stitches and knit together through back loops.*

st /sts *stitch / stitches*

WS *wrong side of work*

yo *yarn over*

Construction

This cardigan is knitted from the top down, starting with a provisional cast on for the back shoulders. The shoulder stripe ends in a little lace pattern hiding the short row turns which are worked to shape the shoulders.

After working down to armhole with lateral decreases, stitches are picked up from the provisional cast on and the fronts are worked down to armhole.

For the sleeves, stitches are picked up along the armhole and worked down to desired length.

Then the body is worked down to desired length with a slight A-line shaping and another color- and lace-stripe.

To finish, the front band is added, repeating the lace pattern.

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1. Upper Back

Using scrap yarn, work a provisional crochet cast on onto left needle as follows:
40-44-44-48-52-56-56 sts for the right shoulder, cut yarn,
36-40-44-44-44-44-52 sts for the neck, cut yarn,
40-44-44-48-52-56-56 M sts for the left shoulder, cut yarn

= 116-128-132-140-148-156-164 sts

In Contrasting color 1 (white):
Work 5 rows in stockinette stitch, starting with a purl-row on WS.
Cut yarn

In main color (light blue):
Work shortened rows for the shoulder shaping as follows:

To make sure the hole pattern is exactly at the color change, slip 40-44-44-48-52-56-56 sts (shoulder) and start with the neckline:

R1   (RS) pm, k4, [yo, k2tog, k2] 8-8-10-10-10-12 times, turn
R2   (WS) pm, slip1 with yarn in front, p to m *(purl the first stitch tightly)*, **turn**
R3   (RS) slip1 with yarn in back, k to 2 bef m *(knit the first stitch tightly)*, ssk, rm, yo, k4, pm, turn
R4   (WS) slip1 with yarn in front, p to 2 bef m *(purl the first stitch tightly)*, p2tog, rm, yo, p4, pm, turn

Repeat R3-4 until all sts are worked
(do not place markers at the last repeat.)
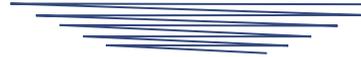
= 116-128-132-140-148-156-164 sts

Next Row: *Decrease-Row:*
   (RS) k2, **k2tog**, k to 4 bef end, **ssk**, k2 *(2sts decreased)*

Work in stockinette stitch while decreasing every 4 rows; of 12-13-13-14-15-16-17 times in total.
After last decrease, work another 3-3-5-3-3-5-3 rows; last row is a WS
Place sts on hold, cut yarn

= 92-102-106-112-118-124-130 sts
= 48-52-54-56-60-66-68 rows

2.   Right Front

Unravel the provisional cast on from right shoulder and transfer 40-44-44-48-52-56-56 sts to your knitting needle *(click for tutorial).*

In Contrasting color 2 *(dark blue)*
R1   (RS) k4, [yo, k2tog, k2] to end
R2   (WS) p to end
R3   (RS) k to end

Repeat R2-3 once more *(5 rows in Contrasting color 2)*, cut yarn

In main color *(light blue)*
(Pull the needle through to knit on RS of work)
R1   (RS) k4, [yo, k2tog, k2] to end

Work another 48-52-54-56-60-66-68 rows in stockinette stitch
Last row is a RS; place sts on hold, cut yarn

= 54-58-60-62-66-72-74 rows in total from beginning of step 2

3.   Left Front

Unravel the provisional cast on from left shoulder and transfer 40-44-44-48-52-56-56 sts to your knitting needle *(click for tutorial).*

In Contrasting color 2 *(dark blue)*
R1   (RS) [k2, ssk, yo] to 4 bef end, k4
R2   (WS) p to end
R3   (RS) k to end

Repeat R2-3 once more *(5 rows in Contrasting color 2)*, cut yarn

In main color *(light blue)*
(Pull the needle through to knit on RS of work)
R1   (RS) [k2, ssk, yo] to 4 bef end, k4

Work another 48-52-54-56-60-66-68 rows in stockinette stitch
Last row is a RS
Place sts on hold, do not cut yarn

= 54-58-60-62-66-72-74 rows in total from beginning of step 3

4. Sleeves

Rotate your work clockwise and, with ongoing yarn, pick up and knit 72-78-80-84-88-96-100 sts along the side edge *(2sts per 3 rows)* [(click for tutorial)](.).
OPTION: *for more width pick up 3sts per 4 rows (+4-5cm)*

Work 8-8-10-12-16-18-20 rows back and forth in stockinette stitch *(Note: some knitters work more tightly in the round, - adapt needle size if necessary, to avoid a too short/narrow sleeve)*
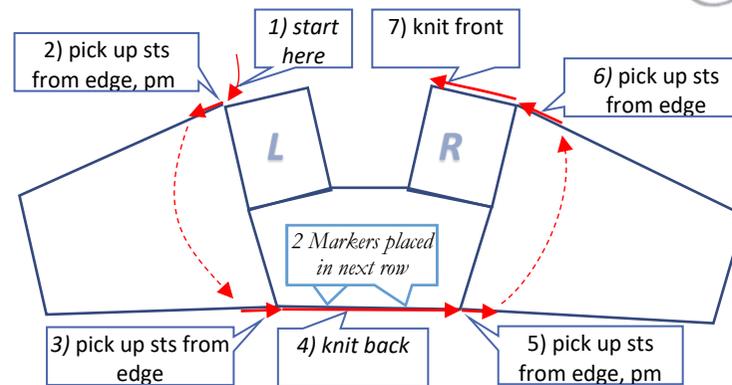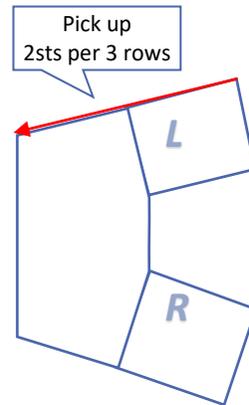
Then join in the round and place a marker at the beginning of the round.

Next Round – Decrease-round:
(RS) sm, k2, **k2tog**, k to 4 bef m, **ssk**, k2 *(2sts decreased)*

Work in the round in stockinette stitch while decreasing 12-11-12-12-12-14-14 times in total every 10-10-10-10-10-8-8R, then knit 10-20-14-14-14-20-20 rows *(lengthen here if desired, allowing 3cm for the cuff)*.

= 48-56-56-60-64-68-72 sts

Cuff:
R1 sm, [yo, k2tog, k2] to m
R2-7 sm, [p1, k3] to m
Bind off in purl stitch.

Work the second sleeve in the same way.

5. Join Fronts and Back

Don't worry, the instructions look much more complicated than it actually is.
You just have to pick up sts under the armhole to close the gaps.
The drawing shows the sleeves if they would have been flattened.

In main color *(light blue)* work on RS:

1. *Transfer sts for left front onto right knitting needle, do not knit them,*
2. *re-join yarn and pick up and knit 6-6-8-10-12-14-16 sts out of 8-8-10-12-16-18-20 rows (3sts per 4R) along the sleeve-edge at front side, **pm** (side),*
3. *move to back side of sleeve and pick up and knit 6-6-8-10-12-14-16 sts out of 8-8-10-12-16-18-20 rows below under arm (3sts per 4R),*
4. *transfer back-sts from hold to knitting needle and k to end,*
5. *pick up and knit 6-6-8-10-12-14-16 sts out of 8-8-10-12-16-18-20 rows (3sts per 4R) along the sleeve-edge at back side, **pm** (side),*
6. *pick up and knit 6-6-8-10-12-14-16 sts out of 8-8-10-12-16-18-20 rows (3sts per 4R) along the sleeve-edge at front side,*
7. *transfer sts for right front from hold to knitting needle and k to end*

= 46-50-52-58-64-70-72 sts each front
= 104-114-122-132-142-152-162 sts at back

6. Body

Work in stockinette stitch while increasing at the sides every 6 rows *(as described in increase-R B)* and work additional increases at the back every 24 rows *(as described in increase-R A)*; work as follows:

Next row: setup for the increases at the back
(WS) p front to m (side), sm, p34-37-40-43-47-50-54, pm, p36-40-42-46-48-52-54, pm, p34-37-40-43-47-50-54, sm, p front to end

Increase-Row A: *(every 24R)*:

in R1, 25, 49, 75* (*exception: distance 26 rows at the color stripe), 99

(RS)   k to m (side), **m1R**, sm, k to m, sm, **m1L**, k to m, **m1R**, sm, k to m, (side), sm, **m1L**, k to end *(4sts increased)*

Increase-Row B *(every 6R, if not a R24)*:

in R7, 13, 19, / 31, 37, 43, / 55, 61, 67/ 81, 87, 93, / 105, 111

(RS)   k to m (side), **m1R**, sm, [k to m, sm] 3 times, (side) **m1L**, k to end
       (2sts increased)

After the 12th increase, cut yarn *(=67 rows, last row is a RS)*

= 58-62-64-70-76-82-84 sts each front

= 110-120-128-138-148-158-168 sts at back

In Contrasting color 1 *(white)*

(Pull the needle through to knit on RS of work)

R1   (RS) k4, [yo, k2tog, k2] to end *(may not be a full repeat)*

R2   (WS) p to end

R3   (RS) k to end

Repeat R2-3 once more *(5 rows in contrasting color 1)*, cut yarn

In contrasting color 2 *(dark blue)*

(Pull the needle through to knit on RS of work)

R1   (RS) k3, [yo, k2tog, k2] to end *(may not be a full repeat)*

R2   (WS) p to end

R3   (RS) Increase-row A *(*this time the distance is 8 rows instead of 6 rows)*

Work 40 rows in stockinette stitch, continuing the increases at the sides and at the back as before.

(lengthen or shorten here if desired, allowing 3cm/1.75" for the bottom band)

Bottom Band:

R1   (RS) k3 [yo, k2tog, k2] to end *(if necessary, increase or decrease by 1 st for pattern match)*

R2   (WS) p3, [k1, p3] to end

R3   (RS) k3, [p1, k3] to end

R4   (WS) p3, [k1, p3] to end

Repeat R3-4 another 3 times, then bind off loosely on RS with purl stitch, do not cut yarn.

7. Frontband

In contrasting color 2 *(dark blue)*

Start at right bottom and work with ongoing yarn upwards until neck:

Pick up 3 sts out of 3 rows, yo, skip next 3 rows *(= 4sts per 6 rows)*

Unravel the provisional cast on at the neck and work as described below, then pick up sts from left edge as before for the right side.

Work sts from neck: (RS) [*yo, k2tog, k2*] to end of neck *(adapt the beginning for pattern consistency (3sts+1yo) by knitting 1-2 sts or k2tog before the yo.*

If desired, you may decrease by 2-3 sts on each side of the neck to obtain a narrower neckline)

Then work 7 rows in rib pattern and bind off as for the bottom band.

8. Finishing

I hope you had a relaxing time, knitting this Design von Hinterm Stein!

For a perfect look and uniform knit fabric, wash and dry flat or steam iron carefully. Don't skip this finishing touch - it's worth the effort!

Weave in ends …

… and **enjoy your Early Morning Cardi!** ☺

P. S.: I would love to see your project on Ravelry and Instagram!
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