



ART NOUVEAU CARDIGAN

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The Art Nouveau cardigan is a jacket worked bottom up with a filigree colourwork in the lower part. The drop-shouldered sleeves allow the width to be adjusted individually. The front edge is adorned with an I-cord and all other edges are decorated with a picot hem.

SIZES

1, 2, 3 (4, 5, 6) 7, 8, 9

Finished bust circumference: 36.2, 39.3, 42.5 (45.6, 48.8, 51.9) 55.1, 58.2, 61.4'' / 92, 100, 108 (116, 124, 132) 140, 148, 156 cm,

Gauge

26 sts x 34 rnds with 3,5mm needles = 4x4'' / 10 x 10 cm in one-colour stockinette and in fair isle pattern, after wet blocking.

MATERIAL

Yarn

Merino Single yarn, 366 m/100gr:

MC (grey in chart): ca. 995, 1075, 1150 (1235, 1325, 1410) 1500, 1585, 1680 yard / 910, 980, 1050 (1130, 1210, 1290) 1360, 1440, 1540 m

CC (pink in chart): ca.250, 273, 303 (317, 340, 360) 382, 405, 426 yard / 230, 250, 270 (290, 310, 330) 350, 370, 390 m

Needles

3.0mm and 3.5mm 40cm (or a set of 3.0 and 3.5mm double-pointed needles) and 80cm-long circular needles

2 stitch markers, 1 tapestry needle

5 buttons

Optional: ribbon for the steek edge

ABBREVIATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

st/sts	stitch(es)
edge st	slip the edge stitch purlwise
k	knit
p	purl
rnd/rnds	round(s)
RS	right side of the work
WS	wrong side of the work
BoR	beginning of the round
ndl	needle(s)
M / sM	stitch marker / slip marker (M1, M2: first marker, second marker...)
MC	main colour
CC	contrasting colour
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together
skp	slip 1 st knitwise, knit 1 st, pass slipped st over knit st
yo	yarn over
* ____ *	repeat the instructions between the asterisks to the end of the round.

GENERALITIES

Fair isle pattern

The motif is knit using the fair isle stranded colourwork technique with two colours. The yarn not in use must be carried loosely across the back of the work and caught by twisting it with the working yarn every 5 sts maximum. On the following round, make sure to twist the yarns in a different place to avoid little bumps showing on the right side.

Steek

The front and back of the cardigan are knit in colourwork pattern in the round. As a consequence, after the bottom ribbing a 7-stitch wide steek must be cast on; it will be cut later.

As an alternative you can knit the colourwork pattern flat (back and forth) and thus omit the steek and casting on additional stitches.

INSTRUCTIONS

Back and front

With the MC and longer 3.0mm ndl, cast on 241, 261, 281 (301, 321, 341) 361, 381, 401 sts; do not join in the round.

Work 9 rows in stockinette st, beginning with a WS row.

Row 10: edge st, *k2tog, yo* to 2 sts before the end, k2 (this row will become the picot edge)

Row 11: purl through (purling the yarn-overs as well).

Rows 12 – 19: knit in stockinette st, beginning with a RS row.

Row 20: purl all the sts, then cast on 7 additional sts for the steek and join in the round. Place M1 (BoR). Be careful not to twist the hem band.

Switch to 3.5mm ndl-

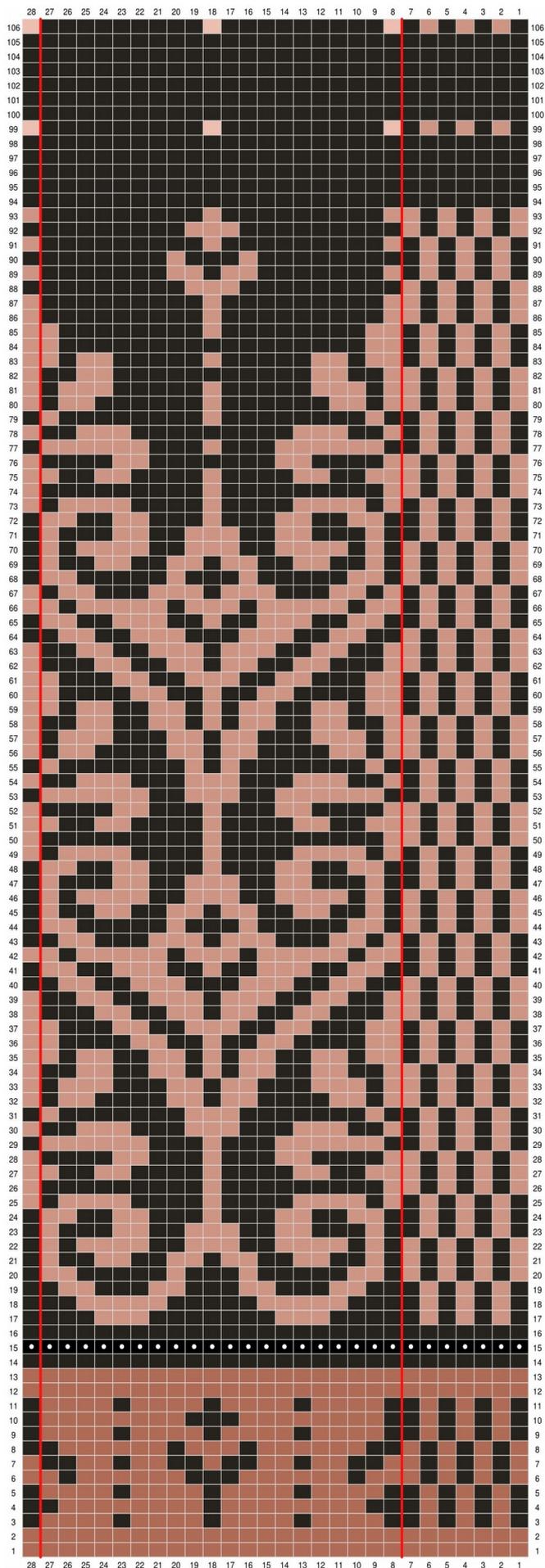
Now join the CC yarn and knit the chart.

Begin with st 8 and repeat the pattern between the red lines 12, 13, 14 (15, 16, 17) 18, 19, 20 times, then knit st 28. Place M2 and work 7 sts in steek pattern (sts 1 to 7 in the chart).

After row 106 the chart pattern is finished. Break CC yarn.

The cardigan is now 12.9'' / 33 cm long from the underarm to the picot row. If you want to add more length, continue to knit in stockinette st in the round, until you reach the desired length.

CHART



LEGEND



Now separate the back and the front and continue knitting each part back and forth:

Front

Row 1: k60, 65, 70 (75, 80, 85) 90, 95, 100 (place the following 121, 131, 141 (151, 161, 171) 181, 191, 201 sts on hold), cast on 3 new sts, turn.

Row 2: p to BoR, slM1, p to M2, slM2, p60, 65, 70 (75, 80, 85) 90, 95, 100, cast on 3 new sts, turn.

Row 3: k to end of the row, cast on 2 new sts, turn.

Row 4: p to end of the row, cast on 2 new sts, turn.

There are now 137, 147, 157 (167, 177, 187) 197, 207, 217 sts for the front on the ndl.

Knit a further 3.1, 3.5, 3.9 (4.3, 4.7, 5.1) 5.4, 5.7, 6.1'' / 8, 9, 10 (11, 12, 13) 14, 15, 16 cm in stockinette st back and forth, ending with a WS row.

Right front

The steek sts will now be bound off and the front will be finished in two separate parts. The round shaping for the neckline is thus worked as follows:

Row 1 (RS):
k65, 70, 75 (80, 85, 90) 95, 100, 105, remove M2, bind off the 7 steek sts, remove M1, bind off 7 sts, k to end 14 decreases).

Row 2 and all WS rows: p to end.

Row 3: bind off 5 sts, k to end.

Row 5: bind off 3 sts, k to end.

Rows 7 and 9: bind off 2 sts, k to end.

Rows 11. to 19: bind off 1 st, k to end.

Continue knitting in stockinette st back and forth, until this part measures 5.9, 6.2, 6.6 (7.0, 7.4, 7.8) 8.2, 8.6, 9'' / (15, 16, 17 (18, 19, 20) 21, 22, 23 cm measured from the sleeve edge.
Then bind off by loosely knitting all the sts.

Left front

Work the previous instructions (right front) in the opposite direction.

Back

Row 1 (RS): k121, 131, 141 (151, 161, 171) 181, 191, 201, cast on 3 new sts, turn

Row 2: p to end of row, cast on 3 new sts, turn.

Row 3: k to end of row, cast on 2 new sts, turn.

Row 4: p to end of row, cast on 2 new sts, turn.

There are now 131, 141, 151 (161, 171, 181) 191, 201, 221 sts for the back on the ndl.

Knit a further 5.2, 5.4, 5.9 (6.2, 6.6, 7.0) 7.4, 7.8, 8.2'' / 13, 14, 15 (16, 17, 18) 19, 20, 21 cm back and forth in stockinette st, ending with a WS row.

The middle sts will now be bound off and the back finished in two separate parts. The round shaping for the back neckline is thus worked as follows:

Left back

Row 1 (RS): k45, 50, 55 (60, 65, 70) 75, 80, 85, bind off 41 sts, k to end of row.

Row 2 and all WS rows: purl.

Row 3: bind off 2 sts, k to end.

Rows 5 and 7: bind off 31 sts, k to end.

Row 9: loosely bind off all the sts.

Right back

Work the previous instructions (for the left back) in the opposite direction.

Join the shoulder edges from the front and back together using mattress stitch.

Sew the slits under the arms together.

Sleeves

From the back and front sleeve edges, pick up and knit 78, 84, 88 (92, 98, 104) 110, 116, 122 sts with the shorter 3.5mm ndl and join in the round, place M (BoR).

Knit 3cm in stockinette st, then begin the decreases for the sleeve shaping:

Decrease rnd: k1, skp, k to 3 sts before BoR, k2tog, k1, BoR.

Repeat this decrease rnd:

Size 1: 11 times every 10th rnd

Size 2: 13 times every 8th rnd

Size 3: 14 times every 8th rnd

Size 4: 15 times every 8th rnd

Size 5: 17 times every 7th rnd

Size 6: 19 times every 6th rnd

Size 7: 21 times every 6th rnd

Size 8: 22 times every 5th rnd

Size 9: 24 times every 5th rnd

There are now 54, 56, 58 (60, 62, 64) 66, 70, 72 sts on the ndl. Continue knitting in stockinette st until the sleeve measures 46 cm, or the desired length.

Cuffs

Switch to 3.0 mm ndl.

Knit 7 rnds in stockinette st.

Rnd 8: *k2tog, yo* to BoR (this row will become the picot edge).

Rnds 9 to 15: knit.

Bind off all the stitches.

Fold the cuff inwards along the picot rnd and sew it.

FINISHING

Steek / front edge / I-Cord

Right and left of the middle steek st, sew a zigzag line or crochet a column of slip stitches with a crochet hook.

Then cut the steek along the middle stitch column and fold toward the inside.

Fold the hem band inwards along the picot row and sew it.

From the right front edge (including the hem band) and using the 3.0mm ndl, pick up and knit 87, 89, 91 (93, 95, 97) 99, 101, 103 sts (or more if the jacket has been lengthened).

Purl the next row (WS), working regularly spaced buttonholes by binding off two sts.

Form my cardigan (size 2) I made 5 buttonholes spaced 17 sts apart.

For the I-cord, cast on 5 sts, then bind off the front edge sts with an I-cord bind-off. When you reach the buttonholes, just knit the I-cord freely twice. At the end of the front edge, bind off the 5 I-cord sts. Work the left front edge in the same way, this time without buttonholes.

Neckline

From the neckline edge with longer 3.0mm ndl, pick up and knit 132 sts (2 sts from each i-cord, 39 sts from each front part and 50 sts from the back).

Knit 5 rows in stockinette st, beginning with a WS row.

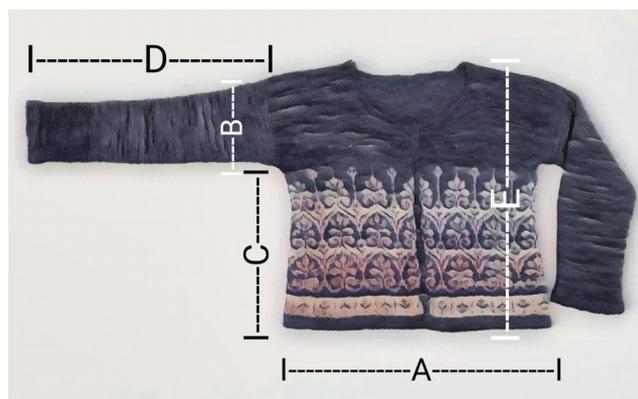
Row 6: *k2tog, yo* to the BoR (this row will become the picot edge).

Rows 7 to 12: knit in stockinette st
Then bind off all the sts.

Fold the band inwards along the picot row and sew it.

Carefully weave all yarn ends. Wash and block your cardigan.

Measurements



A: Bust circumference (across)

18.1, 19.6, 21.2 (22.8, 24.4, 26.7) 27.5, 29.1, 30.7" / 46, 50, 54 (58, 62, 66) 70, 74, 78 cm

B: Upper arm width

11.8, 12.5, 13.3 (14.1, 14.9, 15.7) 16.5, 17.3, 18.1" / 30, 32, 34 (36, 38, 40) 42, 44, 46 cm

C: Length from underarm

13.4" / 33 cm

D: Sleeve length

ca. 18.9" / 48 cm

E: Total length

ca. 20, 20.4, 20.8 (21.2, 21.6, 22) 22.4, 22.8, 23.2" / 51, 52, 53 (54, 55, 56) 57, 58, 59 cm

Enjoy knitting and wearing your cardigan!

I will be very happy to see photos of your cardigan on Instagram using hashtag #artnouveauacardigan

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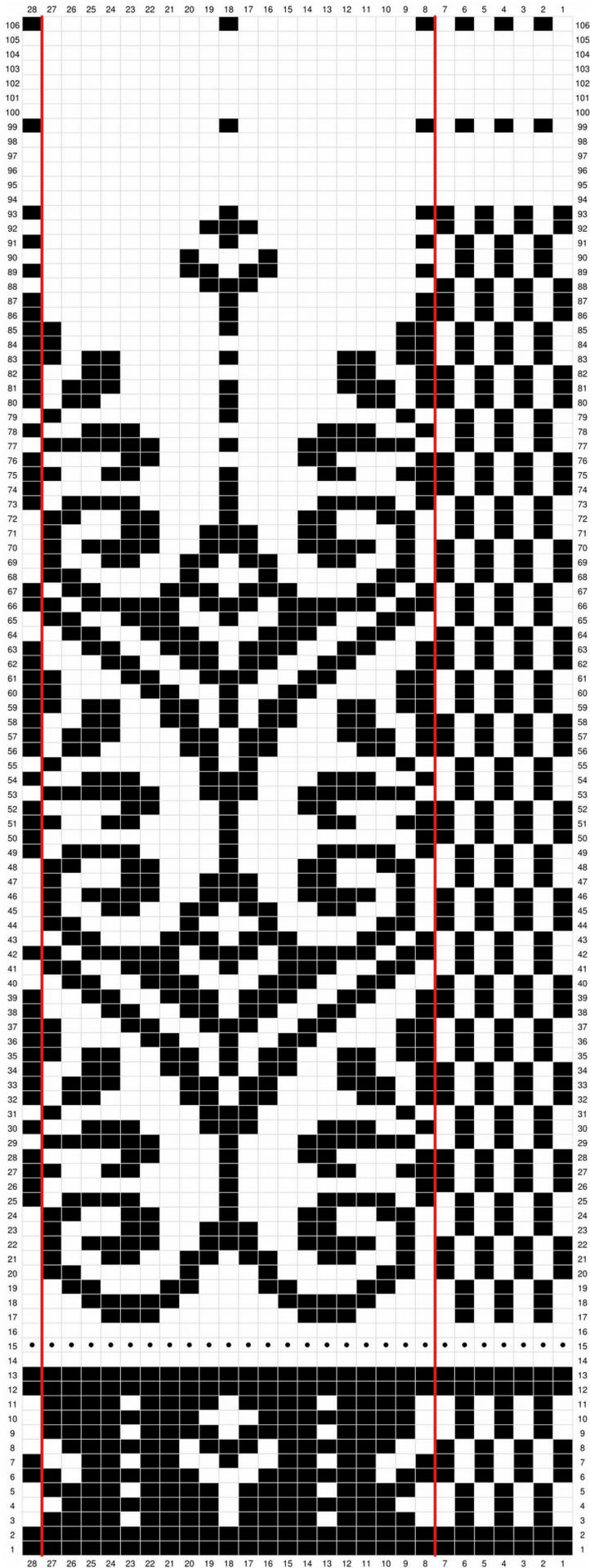


Chart in reversed contrast

