

PetiteKnit

ELLEN'S CARDIGAN



Sizes:	6-9 mo (9-12 mo) 12-18 mo (18-24 mo) 2-3 yrs (3-4 yrs) 4-5 yrs (5-6 yrs) 6-7 yrs (7-8 yrs) 8-9 yrs (9-10 yrs) 10-12 yrs
Chest circumference:	56 (60) 62 (64) 66 (68) 70 (72) 75 (77) 79 (81) 83 cm
Length:	29 (31) 32 (34) 37 (39) 41 (44) 46 (48) 50 (51) 52 cm
Gauge:	21 stitches x 28 rows = 10 x 10 cm in stockinette stitch on 4 mm needles
Suggested needles:	3 mm and 4 mm / 60 or 80 cm circular needles, 3 mm and 4 mm dpns
Materials:	50 (100) 100 (100) 100 (100) 100 (100) 150 (150) 150 (150) 150 g Alpaca 2 from Isager Yarn (50 g = 250 m) held together with 50 (50) 50 (50) 50 (75) 75 (75) 75 (100) 100 (100) 100 g Silk Mohair from Isager Yarn (25 g = 212 m)

PATTERN

Ellen's Cardigan is knit flat from the top down with raglan increases. The neckline is shaped with short rows. The cardigan is knit in stockinette stitch, with a vertical rib along the front edges for the button bands. The buttonholes are worked at the end (so you do not need to work them as you knit the button band together with the body of the cardigan). The sleeves are knit in the round in stockinette stitch either on double pointed needles (dpns) or on circular needles using the Magic Loop technique. As an extra detail, Ellen's Cardigan features inner pockets.

Increases

The raglan increases are worked on the right side (RS) on either side of a raglan-st (the raglan-st is worked like an ordinary stockinette stitch, i.e. as k1 on RS and as p1 on the wrong side (WS)). The raglan increases are slanted, so that they are either left leaning (M1L) or right leaning (M1R). They are worked as follows:

M1R: Using the left needle, pick up the loop between two sts from the back, k1.

M1L: Using the left needle, pick up the loop between two sts from the front, k1 tbl.

Yoke

Cast on 75 (77) 79 (79) 81 (85) 87 (87) 91 (95) 95 (97) 99 sts on a 3 mm / 60 or 80 cm circular needle.

Begin the neckband rib on the first row (WS) as follows:

P1, k1 repeat from * to * until 1 st remains, p1. This establishes the rib pattern.

Work another 5 (5) 5 (5) 7 (7) 7 (7) 7 (7) 7 (7) 7 rows back and forth in rib. End with a RS row. Note that the first and last stitch (the edge sts) are worked as k1 on RS and as p1 on WS.

Change to the 4 mm / 60 or 80 cm circular needle. Work the next row (WS) as follows:

Set up row (WS): Work 4 (4) 4 (4) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 sts in rib, p to the last 4 (4) 4 (4) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 sts, work 4 (4) 4 (4) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 sts in rib.

Next row is a RS row.

Work the rest of the yoke in stockinette stitch, **but** work the first and last 4 (4) 4 (4) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 sts in rib for the button bands.

Mark the raglan-sts as follows (you can mark them with a locking marker or flank each raglan-st with one marker to each side on the needles):

14 (15) 15 (15) 15 (16) 16 (16) 17 (18) 18 (19) 19 sts (left front), 1 raglan-st, 10 (9) 10 (10) 11 (11) 12 (12) 12 (12) 12 (11) 12 sts (left sleeve), 1 raglan-st, 23 (25) 25 (25) 25 (27) 27 (27) 29 (31) 31 (33) 33 sts (back),

1 raglan-st, 10 (9) 10 (10) 11 (11) 12 (12) 12 (12) 12 (11) 12 sts (right sleeve), 1 raglan-st, 14 (15) 15 (15) 15 (16) 16 (16) 17 (18) 18 (19) 19 sts (right front).

Now you will shape the neckline with short rows **while at the same time** working raglan increases on the RS rows on either side of the four raglan-sts (= 8 increases on every RS row). I recommend working short rows using the German Short Rows technique. Remember to continue working the first and last 4 (4) 4 (4) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 sts in rib for the button bands. Work as follows:

Short Row 1 (RS): Work to the last 13 (14) 14 (14) 14 (15) 15 (15) 16 (17) 17 (18) 18 sts, turn work.

Short Row 2 (WS): Work to the last 13 (14) 14 (14) 14 (15) 15 (15) 16 (17) 17 (18) 18 sts, turn work

Short Row 3 (RS): Work to the last 10 (10) 10 (10) 11 (11) 11 (11) 12 (13) 13 (13) 13 sts, turn work

Short Row 4 (WS): Work to the last 10 (10) 10 (10) 11 (11) 11 (11) 12 (13) 13 (13) 13 sts, turn work

Short Row 5 (RS): Work to the last 7 (7) 7 (7) 8 (8) 8 (8) 9 (9) 9 (9) 9 sts, turn work

Short Row 6 (WS): Work to the last 7 (7) 7 (7) 8 (8) 8 (8) 9 (9) 9 (9) 9 sts, turn work

Short Row 7 (RS): Work to the last 5 (5) 5 (5) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 sts, turn work

Short Row 8 (WS): Work to the last 5 (5) 5 (5) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 sts, turn work

Next row is a RS row. You have finished shaping the neckline and worked 4 RS rows with raglan increases (= 107 (109) 111 (111) 113 (117) 119 (119) 123 (127) 127 (129) 131 sts on the needle).

Continue working back and forth across all sts until you have worked **a total** of 16 (17) 18 (19) 20 (20) 21 (22) 23 (23) 24 (24) 25 rows with raglan increases (= 203 (213) 223 (231) 241 (245) 255 (263) 275 (279) 287 (289) 299 sts on the needle).

Body

Place the 42 (43) 46 (48) 51 (51) 54 (56) 58 (58) 60 (59) 62 sts for the sleeves on hold on either side on a piece of scrap yarn or a spare cable while you knit the body. The raglan-st become part of the sts for the body. Cast on 4 sts at each underarm (= 127 (135) 139 (143) 147 (151) 155 (159) 167 (171) 175 (179) 183 sts on the needle for the body).

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch (and rib on the first and last 4 (4) 4 (4) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 sts) until the work measures 15 (17) 18 (20) 22 (23) 24 (26) 28 (31) 34 (34) 35 cm at the middle back measured from the cast on edge. End with a WS row.

Work the inner pockets on the next row (RS) as follows:

Work 4 (4) 4 (4) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 sts in rib (button band), k 7 (8) 8 (9) 7 (8) 8 (8) 8 (9) 9 (9) 9. K the next 15 (15) 15 (15) 18 (18) 18 (18) 20 (20) 20 (22) 22 sts onto a 4 mm dpn, work back and forth over these 15 (15) 15 (15) 18 (18) 18 (18) 20 (20) 20 (22) 22 sts (leaving the rest of the sts on hold) in

stockinette stitch until the pocket measures 14 (14) 14 (16) 16 (16) 18 (18) 18 (18) 20 (20) 20 cm. End with a WS row, so you can continue working with the yarn over the sts for the body.

K to the last 26 (27) 27 (28) 31 (32) 32 (32) 34 (35) 35 (37) 37 sts, then work a pocket over the next 15 (15) 15 (15) 18 (18) 18 (18) 20 (20) 20 (22) 22 sts as described above. Work to the end of the row.

The pockets have now been worked. On the next row work across the sts on the dpns as “normal” body sts. The pockets' sides will be sewn together at the end.

Work in stockinette stitch and rib until the work measures 26 (28) 29 (31) 34 (35) 37 (40) 42 (44) 46 (47) 48 cm at the middle back measured from the cast on edge. Change to a 3 mm / 60 or 80 cm circular needle and work 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 cm in rib before binding off in rib from the RS.

Sleeves

Work the sleeves in the round on 4 mm dpns (or with the Magic Loop-technique). Pick up and knit 4 sts in the sts that were cast on at the underarm, and place a marker to indicate the beginning of the round in the middle of these 4 sts. Put the sts that were on hold for the sleeve on the needles as well (= 46 (47) 50 (52) 55 (55) 58 (60) 62 (62) 64 (63) 66 sts). Work in stockinette stitch in the round until the inner length of the sleeve is 14 (16) 18 (19) 20 (22) 24 (27) 29 (30) 31 (33) 37 cm measured from the underarm, **while at the same time** decreasing 2 sts on every 5th (6th) 5th (5th) 6th (6th) 6th (8th) 8th (9th) 9th (11th) 11th round as follows: work a k2tog after the first st of the round and a k2tog tbl before the last st of the round a total of 7 (7) 9 (9) 9 (9) 10 (9) 9 (9) 9 (8) 8 times (= 32 (33) 32 (34) 37 (37) 38 (42) 44 (44) 46 (47) 50 sts on the needle).

Change to 3 mm needles, adjust to an even stitch count if necessary and work 3 cm in rib (k1, p1). Bind off in rib.

Finishing and buttonholes

Sew the pockets' sides with mattress stitch. Sew from the stockinette side, i.e. the inside of the pocket. Then fix each corner to the inside of the cardigan with a tiny stitch to keep the pockets in place.

Work a total of 6 "afterthought" buttonholes in the right front edge as follows:

Place 6 stitch markers evenly spaced along the right front edge to mark the location of the buttonholes. The top and bottom buttonholes should be placed approx. 0.5-1 cm from the top and bottom edges, respectively.

Make the buttonhole in the 3rd stitch from the edge (i.e. a knit stitch).

Using your finger and a thick knitting needle widen the hole in the stitch to make it big enough that your button can pass through. Using two strands of silk mohair (the same colour you used for knitting) sew around the edge of the buttonhole with buttonhole stitches – make sure to sew into the surrounding stitches. As you sew, continue making the hole bigger with your help of your finger and ensure that the button can pass through.

Sew six buttons to the left front edge opposite to the buttonholes.

Abbreviations

cm	centimeters
dpns	double pointed needles
k	knit
k2tog	knit two stitches together, 1 stitch decreased
mo	months
p	purl
RS	right side of your work
st(s)	stitch(es)
tbl	through the back loop
WS	wrong side of your work
yrs	years

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