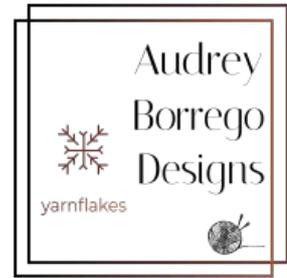


Maika



Notes

Maika is a textured drop shoulder cardigan knitted from the top down. The pattern features several options : knitting the texture monochrome or in stripes of 3 colours, regular length or long body, picked up horizontal neckband or a sewn vertical one. It can also be worn with a variety of positive ease.

With its intuitive motif in short repeats, it's a cosy warm garment that knits up quickly and can be as playful or as minimalist as desired.

Use the hashtag #maikacardigan to share your project.

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Yarn :

Regular length cardigan :

3 colours of Aran weight yarn in the following amount :

CA (light grey) : 680 (**750** / 825 / **885**), (940 / **1025** / 1085), (**1150** / 1190 / **1240**) meters
745 (**820** / 905 / **970**), (1030 / **1120** / 1190), (**1260** / 1300 / **1360**) yards

CB (green) : 210 (**230** / 250 / **270**), (290 / **315** / 335), (**350** / 365 / **380**) meters
230 (**250** / 275 / **295**), (320 / **345** / 370), (**385** / 400 / **415**) yards

CC (black) : 210 (**230** / 250 / **270**), (290 / **315** / 335), (**350** / 365 / **380**) meters
230 (**250** / 275 / **295**), (320 / **345** / 370), (**385** / 400 / **415**) yards

or

1100 (**1210** / 1325 / **1425**), (1520 / **1655** / 1755), (**1850** / 1920 / **2000**) meters
1205 (**1320** / 1455 / **1560**), (1670 / **1810** / 1930), (**2030** / 2100 / **2190**) yards
total of Aran weight yarn for a monochrome cardigan.

Long cardigan : add about 33% of yarn to each colour.

Long 3 colours sample knitted with Katia Concept Cotton Merino (105 m – 115 yds / 50 g)
in 106 (CA), 122 (CB) and 108 (CC).

Regular length monochrome sample knitted with De Rerum Natura Robinson (250 m –
273 yds / 100 g) in Sucre Glace.

Needles :

Main Fabric : 4.5 mm (US 7) circular needles with appropriate length to knit in the round.

Ribbing : 4 mm (US 6) circular needles with appropriate length to knit in the round.

or size required to get gauge

Gauge :

14 sts x 34 rows per 10 cm – 4" with larger needles in stitch pattern after blocking.

To swatch, cast-on 30 sts and work stitch pattern page 6 for a minimum of 40 rows.

Notions :

Stitch markers, tapestry needle and scissors

Scrap yarn to place sts on hold

Row counter recommended

Techniques used :

Top down drop shoulder open cardigan

Slight V neck increases on the fronts

All over texture motif with tuck stitches (video tutorial included)

Sleeves picked up and worked straight in the round, gathered at the cuff

Straight body

2 neckbands to choose from : picked up and worked horizontally or vertical band knitted
separately and sewn with mattress stitch

3/1 twisted rib hem, neckband and cuffs

Pattern includes charted and written instructions

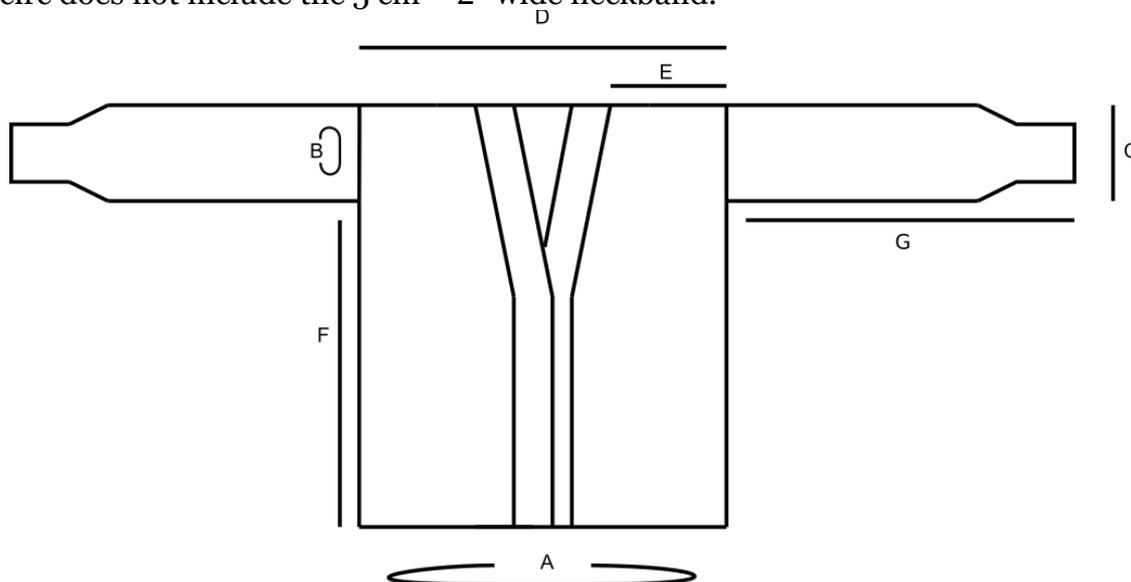
Sizes : 1 (2 / 3 / 4), (5 / 6 / 7), (8 / 9 / 10)

All measurements are those of the finished cardigan.

Choose a size with 10 to 35 cm – 4 to 13 3/4" positive ease at bust.

Shown on a 90 cm – 35 1/2" bust in size 2 (Regular length monochrome cardigan) and size 4 (Long 3 colours cardigan).

Bust circ does not include the 5 cm – 2" wide neckband.



Size	1	2	3	4	5
A Bust Circ	95 cm 37 1/2"	105 cm 41 1/4"	115 cm 45 1/4"	125 cm 49 1/4"	135 cm 53 1/4"
B Upper arm circ	34 cm 13 1/2"	38.5 cm 15 1/4"	43 cm 17"	47 cm 18 1/2"	47 cm 18 1/2"
C Armhole depth	16.5 cm 6 1/2"	17 cm 6 3/4"	18 cm 7"	19 cm 7 1/2"	20 cm 7 3/4"
D Back width	42 cm 16 1/2"	50 cm 19 3/4"	50 cm 19 3/4"	50 cm 19 3/4"	55 cm 21 3/4"
E Shoulder width	16 cm 6 1/4"	18 cm 7"	18 cm 7"	18 cm 7"	18.5 cm 7 1/4"
F Body length Regular (adjustable)	42 cm 16 1/2"	42 cm 16 1/2"	42 cm 16 1/2"	42 cm 16 1/2"	42 cm 16 1/2"
F Body length Long (adjustable)	68 cm 26 3/4"	68 cm 26 3/4"	68 cm 26 3/4"	68 cm 26 3/4"	68 cm 26 3/4"
G Sleeve length (adjustable)	42 cm 16 1/2"	42 cm 16 1/2"	42 cm 16 1/2"	42 cm 16 1/2"	42 cm 16 1/2"
Size	6	7	8	9	10
A Bust Circ	145 cm 57"	155 cm 61"	165 cm 65"	175 cm 69"	185 cm 72 3/4"
B Upper arm circ	51.5 cm 20 1/4"	51.5 cm 20 1/4"	56 cm 22"	60 cm 23 1/2"	62 cm 24 1/2"
C Armhole depth	22 cm 8 3/4"	23 cm 9"	25 cm 9 3/4"	26 cm 10 1/4"	27 cm 10 1/2"
D Back width	55 cm 21 3/4"	62 cm 24 1/2"	66 cm 26"	66 cm 26"	70 cm 27 1/2"
E Shoulder width	18.5 cm 7 1/4"	24 cm 9 1/2"	24 cm 9 1/2"	24 cm 9 1/2"	26.5 cm 10 1/2"
F Body length Regular (adjustable)	42 cm 16 1/2"	42 cm 16 1/2"	42 cm 16 1/2"	42 cm 16 1/2"	42 cm 16 1/2"
F Body length Long (adjustable)	68 cm 26 3/4"	68 cm 26 3/4"	68 cm 26 3/4"	68 cm 26 3/4"	68 cm 26 3/4"
G Sleeve length (adjustable)	42 cm 16 1/2"	42 cm 16 1/2"	42 cm 16 1/2"	42 cm 16 1/2"	42 cm 16 1/2"

Abbreviations :

- CA, CB, CC : colours A, B, C
- CO : cast-on
- RS : right side / WS : wrong side
- st(s) : stitch(es) / rnd(s) : round(s)
- BOR : beginning of round
- m : marker / pm : place marker
- inc : increase / dec : decrease
- k : knit stitch / p : purl stitch
- sl1yo : bring the yarn in front and slip the next st purlwise, adding a yo over it (this counts as 1 st)
- brk : brioche knit, knit the next st and its yarn overs
- m1L : make 1 left, lift the bar between the stitches onto the left needle from front to back, knit through the back loop (1 inc)
- m1R : make 1 right, lift the bar between the stitches onto the left needle from back to front, knit through the front loop (1 inc)
- ktbl : knit the st through its back loop
- ptbl : purl the st through its back loop
- k2tog : knit the next 2 sts together (1 dec)
- p2tog : purl the next 2 sts together (1 dec)
- k3togtbl : knit the next 3 sts together through their back loop (2 dec)
- *-* : repeat instructions between asterisks

Notes :

Left and Right parts refer to the cardigan when worn.

Reading Charts :

When knitting flat, read the Chart back and forth : RS rows from right to left and WS rows from left to right.

When knitting in the round, always read the Chart from right to left.

Stitch pattern :

Find the Chart and instructions on the next page.

See this [video tutorial](https://youtu.be/2qfYWZf3wew) for the stitch pattern. <https://youtu.be/2qfYWZf3wew>

You will be working in a ribbing like texture. It is a 3 sts repeat : 2 purl sts and 1 knit tuck st with multiple strands.

Once the stitch pattern is established, you will easily notice the columns of tucks knits and purls forming the ribbing.

Additionally if you choose to work in multiple colours, you will form stripes of 3 colours. Count the number of stitches in each colour from the WS or the number of yarn overs on the brioche knit st to keep track of the rows.

Carrying unused colours :

You do not need to cut yarns at every colour change. Instead carry them along the side of your work by loosely twisting the strands together after you have worked the edge stitch as follows :

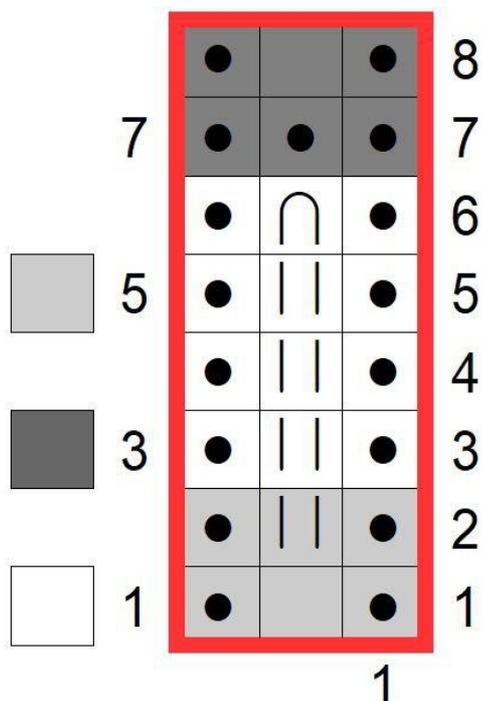
- Beginning of row 1 catch CA,
- Beginning of row 3 catch CC,
- Beginning of row 5 catch CB.

Notice the square to the left of the Chart and italic note on the written instructions : this tells you which colour to catch on the adjacent row.

On the sleeves, carry the yarns along the BOR the same way.

This stitch pattern starts on the WS : notice the row number 1 placed on the bottom left corner of the Chart.

CHART



WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS

Flat :

catch CA **CB row 1 (WS) :** *k1, p1, k1*
 CB row 2 (RS) : *p1, sl1yo, p1*
catch CC **CA row 3 :** *k1, sl1yo, k1*
 CA row 4 : *p1, sl1yo, p1*
catch CB **CA row 5 :** *k1, sl1yo, k1*
 CA row 6 : *p1, brk, p1*
 CC row 7 : knit all sts
 CC row 8 : *p1, k1, p1*

In the round :

catch CA **CB rnd 1 :** *p1, k1, p1*
 CB rnd 2 : *p1, sl1yo, p1*
catch CC **CA rnd 3 :** *p1, sl1yo, p1*
 CA rnd 4 : *p1, sl1yo, p1*
catch CB **CA rnd 5 :** *p1, sl1yo, p1*
 CA rnd 6 : *p1, brk, p1*
 CC rnd 7 : purl all sts
 CC rnd 8 : *p1, k1, p1*

Note : the following instructions will refer to the three colours cardigan and mention CA, CB and CC. When knitting a monochrome cardigan, simply ignore all information regarding the different colours.

Back Right Shoulder

With larger needles and CB, CO 22 (**25 / 25 / 25**), (28 / **28** / 34), (**34** / 34 / **37**) sts using the [German Twisted Cast-on](#).
(German Twisted Cast-on tutorial by Very Pink Knits)

Follow the stitch pattern page 6 continuously, starting with the WS row 1. As you shape the shoulders, you may not yet end rows with a full repeat. Work the stitch pattern as established to maintain the ribbing.

shoulder row 1 (WS) : p1, stitch pattern to last st, p1

shoulder row 2 (RS) : k1, stitch pattern to last st, k1

Work shoulder rows 1-2 one more time.

Continue following the stitch pattern as you increase, incorporating the new sts to maintain the established ribbing.

shoulder row 5 (WS) : p1, stitch pattern to last st, m1R, p1 (*1 inc*)

shoulder row 6 (RS) : k1, stitch pattern to last st, k1

Work shoulder row 5 one more time.

24 (**27 / 27 / 27**), (30 / **30** / 36), (**36** / 36 / **39**) sts

You should have just worked stitch pattern row 7 in CC.

Cut CC and put sts on hold. To avoid extra ends, leave CA and CB attached here and use different balls or skeins to work the Back Left Shoulder.

Back Left Shoulder

With larger needles and CB, CO 22 (**25 / 25 / 25**), (28 / **28** / 34), (**34** / 34 / **37**) sts using the [German Twisted Cast-on](#).

On the following row, start the stitch pattern with st number 2 (p1) of the repeat.

shoulder row 1 (WS) : p1, stitch pattern to last st, p1

shoulder row 2 (RS) : k1, stitch pattern to last st, k1

Work shoulder rows 1-2 one more time.

shoulder row 5 (WS) : p1, m1L, stitch pattern to last st, p1 (*1 inc*)

shoulder row 6 (RS) : k1, stitch pattern to last st, k1

Work shoulder row 5 one more time.

24 (**27 / 27 / 27**), (30 / **30** / 36), (**36** / 36 / **39**) sts

Cut CA and CB.

Joining back shoulders

You will join the back shoulders by casting on new sts at the center back neck. To do so, you can use the [backwards loop cast-on](#), (*Backwards Loop Cast-on tutorial by Very Pink Knits*)

Work the edge sts at the neck to maintain the established ribbing, incorporating them in the stitch pattern.

next row (RS) : k1, stitch pattern to end of back left shoulder sts, CO 11 (**14** / 14 / **14**), (17 / **17** / 14), (**20** / 20 / **20**) sts

Place the back right shoulder sts on the left needle with RS facing, joining them to the newly cast-on sts and work them as follows :

stitch pattern starting with st number 2 (k1) to last st, k1

59 (**68** / 68 / **68**), (77 / 77 / 86), (**92** / 92 / **98**) sts

Back

back row 1 (WS) : p1, stitch pattern to last st, p1

back row 2 (RS) : k1, stitch pattern to last st, k1

Work back rows 1-2 until the back measures 16.5 (**17 / 18 / 19**), (**20 / 22 / 23**), (**25 / 26 / 27**) cm – 6 ½ (**6 ¾ / 7 / 7 ½**), (**7 ¾ / 8 ¾ / 9**), (**9 ¾ / 10 ¼ / 10 ½**)" from cast-on, measuring along the armhole edge and ending after a RS row.

Note down on which row of the stitch pattern you stopped so you can match the fronts and resume it on the body later.

Cut yarns and put sts on hold.

Left Front

With larger needles and CB, looking at the RS and starting at the neck edge, pick up and knit 22 (**25 / 25 / 25**), (**28 / 28 / 34**), (**34 / 34 / 37**) sts from back left shoulder cast-on, making sure to pick up within the sts to keep the stitch pattern aligned.

front row 1 (WS) : p1, stitch pattern to last st, p1

front row 2 (RS) : k1, stitch pattern to last st, k1

front row 3 : p1, stitch pattern to last st, p1

front row 4 : k1, m1R, stitch pattern to last st, k1 (*1 inc*)

Work front rows 1 to 4 : 10 total times.

32 (**35 / 35 / 35**), (**38 / 38 / 44**), (**44 / 44 / 47**) sts

Sizes 4 to 10 ONLY :

front row 5 (WS) : p1, stitch pattern to last st, p1

front row 6 (RS) : k1, m1R, stitch pattern to last st, k1 (*1 inc*)

Work front rows 5-6 : - (- / - / **6**), (**9 / 12 / 12**), (**15 / 18 / 18**) total times.

- (- / - / **41**), (**47 / 50 / 56**), (**59 / 62 / 65**) sts

ALL SIZES RESUME

Work front rows 1-2 until the left front's length matches the back's, ending on the same stitch pattern row.

Cut yarns and put sts on hold.

Right Front

With larger needles and CB, looking at the RS and starting at the armhole edge, pick up and knit 22 (**25 / 25 / 25**), (**28 / 28 / 34**), (**34 / 34 / 37**) sts from back right shoulder cast-on.

On the following row, start the stitch pattern with st number 2 (p1) of the repeat.

front row 1 (WS) : p1, stitch pattern to last st, p1

front row 2 (RS) : k1, stitch pattern to last st, k1

front row 3 : p1, stitch pattern to last st, p1

front row 4 : k1, stitch pattern to last st, m1L, k1 (*1 inc*)

Work front rows 1 to 4 : 10 total times.

32 (**35 / 35 / 35**), (**38 / 38 / 44**), (**44 / 44 / 47**) sts

Sizes 4 to 10 ONLY :

front row 5 (WS) : p1, stitch pattern to last st, p1

front row 6 (RS) : k1, stitch pattern to last st, m1L, k1 (*1 inc*)

Work front rows 5-6 : - (- / - / **6**), (**9 / 12 / 12**), (**15 / 18 / 18**) total times.

- (- / - / **41**), (**47 / 50 / 56**), (**59 / 62 / 65**) sts

ALL SIZES RESUME

Work front rows 1-2 until the right front's length matches the back's, ending on the same stitch pattern row.

Joining Fronts and Back

You will now join the fronts and the back, casting on new sts at the underarm with a [backwards loop cast-on](#). Work the edge sts at the underarms to maintain the established ribbing, incorporating them in the stitch pattern.

next row (WS) : p1, stitch pattern to end of right front sts, CO 4 (4 / 13 / 13), (10 / 13 / 10), (10 / 13 / 16) sts,
place the back sts on the left needle with WS facing and work stitch pattern to end, CO 4 (4 / 13 / 13), (10 / 13 / 10), (10 / 13 / 16) sts,
place the left front sts on the left needle with WS facing and work stitch pattern to last st, p1

131 (146 / 164 / 176), (191 / 203 / 218), (230 / 242 / 260) sts

Body

Note : if your next row is stitch pattern row 6, k1 instead of brk on the new underarm sts.

body row 1 (RS) : k1, stitch pattern to last st, k1

body row 2 (WS) : p1, stitch pattern to last st, p1

Work body rows 1-2 until the body measures about 34 cm – 13 ½" (regular length cardigan); 60 cm – 23 ½" (long cardigan) or 8 cm – 3 ¼" less than desired length, ending after a stitch pattern row 6.
Cut CB and CC.

Hem

Switch to smaller needles.

Sizes 1, 5 and 6 ONLY :

set-up row 1 (WS) : p1, m1R, knit to last st, m1L, p1 (2 inc)

Sizes 2, 7, 8 and 9 ONLY :

set-up row 1 (WS) : p1, k2tog, knit to last st, p1 (1 dec)

Sizes 3, 4 and 10 ONLY :

set-up row 1 (WS) : p1, m1R, knit to last st, p1 (1 inc)

133 (145 / 165 / 177), (193 / 205 / 217), (229 / 241 / 261) sts

ALL SIZES

set-up row 2 (RS) : k1, purl to last st, k1

hem row 1 (WS) : p1, *p3tbl, k1* to last 4 sts, p3tbl, p1

hem row 2 (RS) : k1, *k3tbl, p1* to last 4 sts, k3tbl, k1

Work hem rows 1-2 until the hem measures about 8 cm – 3 ¼" or desired length, ending after a WS row.

Loosely bind-off all sts in pattern.

Neckband

You can choose between two neckbands : one is picked up from the cardigan's edges and worked perpendicularly, and the other is worked separately as a vertical band then sewn to the cardigan's edges.

Pickep up neckband :

As shown on the regular length monochrome sample.

With smaller needles and CA, starting at the bottom of the right front pick up and knit : about 1 out of 2 sts along the right front, and right back curve, every st from the back neck, and about 1 out of 2 sts along the left back curve and left front.

Make sure to pick up a multiple of 4 sts + 1.

neckband row 1 (WS) : *k1, p3tbl* to last st, k1

neckband row 2 (RS) : k1, *k3tbl, p1* to last 4 sts, k3tbl, k1

Work neckband rows 1-2 until the neckband measures about 5 cm – 2" or desired length, ending after a WS row.

Very loosely bind-off all sts in pattern, using a larger needle size if necessary.

Sewn neckband :

As shown on the long 3 colours sample.

The sewn neckband is ribbed with a 2 garter sts edging.

With smaller needles and CA, CO 15 sts using the [German Twisted Cast-on](#).

neckband row 1 (WS) : p1, *k1, p3tbl* to last 2 sts, k2

neckband row 2 (RS) : k2, *k3tbl, p1* to last st, k1

Work neckband rows 1-2 until the neckband's length matches the cardigan length, ending with a WS row. To check the total measurement : place the neckband all along the cardigan opening, stretching it slightly.

Note : You may also seam the neckband as you knit it. Work about 30 cm – 11 ¾" of the neckband, then put sts on hold and seam it to the cardigan, resume working the neckband for the next 30 cm – 11 ¾" etc...

Loosely bind-off all sts in pattern once the desired length is reached.

See this [video tutorial](#).

<https://youtu.be/CHFVeF70Uow>

To seam the neckband, start at the bottom of the right front. Position the neckband using pins, attaching the neckband while stretching it slightly to the entire edge of the cardigan until the bottom of the left front.

Seam the 2 stockinette edge sts together with CA using [mattress stitch](#).

(Mattress stitch tutorial by Very Pink Knits)

Sleeves

Note : Because of the particular stitch to row ratio of the stitch pattern, you will pick up what will seem like very few stitches around the armhole, between 1 out of 2 and 1 out of 3 sts.

With larger needles and CB, looking at the RS and starting to the right of the underarm cast-on sts :

pick up and knit 4 (4 / 13 / 13), (10 / 13 / 10), (10 / 13 / 16) sts from the underarm cast-on and 44 (50 / 47 / 53), (56 / 59 / 62), (68 / 71 / 71) sts evenly around the armhole.

Join to work in the round and PM for BOR.

48 (54 / 60 / 66), (66 / 72 / 72), (78 / 84 / 87) sts

Starting with rnd 1, work the stitch pattern in the round until the sleeve measures about 34 cm – 13 ½" from the underarm or 8 cm – 3 ¼" less than desired length, ending after a stitch pattern row 6.

Cut CB and CC.

Cuff :

Switch to smaller needles.

Size 1 ONLY :

dec rnd 1 : *p2tog, p1* to end

next rnd : purl to end

32 sts

Sizes 2 and 3 ONLY :

dec rnd 1 : *p2tog, p1* to end

- (36 / 40 / -), (- / - / -), (- / - / -) sts

dec rnd 2 : *p2tog, p- (7 / 3 / -), (- / - / -), (- / - / -) * to end

- (32 / 32 / -), (- / - / -), (- / - / -) sts

Sizes 4 to 10 ONLY :

dec rnd 1 : p- (- / - / 1), (1 / 2 / 2), (3 / 4 / 2), *p2tog, p1, p2tog* to end

- (- / - / 40), (40 / 44 / 44), (48 / 52 / 53) sts

dec rnd 2 : p- (- / - / 0), (0 / 4 / 4), (8 / 2 / 8), *p2tog, p3* to end

- (- / - / 32), (32 / 36 / 36), (40 / 42 / 44) sts

Size 9 ONLY : On the following rnd (first ribbing rnd), k3togtbl at the beginning instead of kitbl.

40 sts

ALL SIZES

cuff rnd : *k3tbl, p1* to end

Work the cuff rnd until the cuff measures 8 cm – 3 1/4" or desired length.

Loosely bind-off all sts in pattern.

Repeat for second sleeve.

Finishing

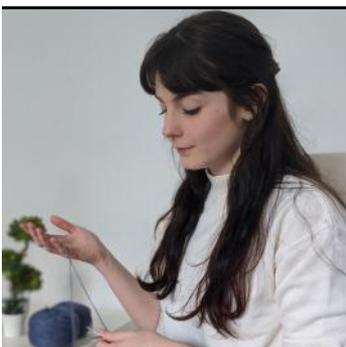
Weave in all ends and gently block the cardigan.

Thank you

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