

# PetiteKnit

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## NO FRILLS CARDIGAN

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<b>Sizes:</b>	XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL) 3XL (4XL) 5XL
<b>Bust circumference:</b>	107 (110) 114 (120) 128 (137) 145 (150) 158 cm [42¼ (43¼) 45 (47¼) 50½ (54) 57 (59) 62¼ inches]
<b>Length:</b>	115 (115) 115 (115) 115 (115) 115 (115) 115 cm [45¼ (45¼) 45¼ (45¼) 45¼ (45¼) 45¼ (45¼) 45¼ inches] (measured mid back)
<b>Gauge:</b>	21 sts x 28 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches] in stockinette stitch on 4 mm [US6]
<b>Needles:</b>	Circular needles: 4 mm [US6] / 80 and/or 100 cm [32 and/or 40 inches], 3.5 mm [US4] / 80 and/or 100 cm [32 and/or 40 inches]; Double-pointed needles: 4 mm [US6] and 3.5 mm [US4]
<b>Materials:</b>	450 (500) 550 (600) 650 (700) 700-750 (750) 800 g Tynn Peer Gynt by Sandnes Garn (50 g = 205 m [187 yds]) (here shown in color 2641) <b>held together with</b> 225 (250) 275 (300) 325 (350) 350-375 (375) 400 g Tynn Silk Mohair by Sandnes Garn (25 g = 212 m [232 yds]) (here shown in color 1012)
<b>About materials:</b>	The yarn amounts given above are for a length of 115 cm [45¼ inches], which fits an approx. 170 cm [5.6 feet] tall person.

## PATTERN

The No Frills Cardigan is a long cardigan that is worked from the top down with raglan increases. The cardigan is worked in stockinette stitch, while the neck edge is worked in rib which is continued down along the front edges. At the end, the afterthought pockets are worked from stitches that are picked up along the fronts of the cardigan.

### Size guide

The No Frills Cardigan is designed to have approx. 20 cm [8 inches] of positive ease, meaning it is designed to be approx. 20 cm [8 inches] larger in circumference than your bust measurement. The sizes XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL) 3XL (4XL) 5XL are designed to fit a bust circumference of 80-85 (85-90) 90-95 (95-100) 100-110 (110-120) 120-130 (130-140) 140-150 cm [30½-33½ (33½-35½) 35½-37½ (37½-39½) 39½-43¼ (43¼-47¼) 47¼-51¼ (51¼-55) 55-59 inches].

The measurements for the finished garment are given on the first page of the pattern. Before beginning your project, measure yourself to determine which size will fit you the best. For example, if you measure 90 cm [35½ inches] around your bust (or around the widest part on your upper body) you should knit a size S. A size S cardigan has a bust circumference of 110 cm [43¼ inches] which in the given example would give you 18 cm [7¾ inches] of positive ease.

### About raglan increases

The raglan increases are worked on both sides of a central raglan stitch. The raglan increases on the right side of the raglan stitch slant right (M1R), while the increases on the left side of the raglan stitch slant left (M1L). The increases are worked as follows (see video on [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)):

**M1R:** Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from back to front, then knit this strand.

**M1L:** Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from front to back, then knit this strand through the back loop (twisted).

### Yoke

Begin by working a neck edge/band in rib, starting with *Judy's Magic Cast On* technique. You will work the neck band towards both sides. After that, stitches will be picked up and knitted along one side of the rib edge or neck band (i.e. across the row end), from which the yoke will be formed by working back and forth across all of the stitches. Both sides of the rib edge will continue to grow downwards to create the built-in front bands, while the stitches picked up on the side will become the body of the cardigan.

### Neck edge

Cast on 26 sts using *Judy's Magic Cast On* technique on two sets of 4 mm [US6] / 80 cm [32 inches] circular needles, so there are 13 sts on each circular needle set. The sts along the cast on edge are "open", so they can be worked later on, and will remain on hold on one needle set. The first and last stitch of every row is worked **extra tightly** all the way through the yoke and body, so the front edges look neat and do not flare.

Work back and forth in rib across the 13 sts on one circular needle set as follows:

Row 1 (RS): \* K1, p1 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last stitch on the needle, k1.

Row 2 (WS): P1, \* k1, p1 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the end of row.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until the rib edge measures 16 (16) 16 (17.5) 17.5 (17.5) 19 (19) 19 cm [6¼ (6¼) 6¼ (7) 7 (7) 7½ (7½) 7½ inches]. End on a RS row, so the next row is a WS row. Do not break the yarn, as the work will continue from here later.

Now work the 13 resting cast-on sts on the second circular needles. Join new yarn, so the first row can be worked from the RS and work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K1, \* p1, k1 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the end of row.

Row 2 (WS): P1, \* k1, p1 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the end of row.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until the entire rib edge measures 32 (32) 32 (35) 35 (35) 38 (38) 38 cm [12½ (12½) 12½ (13¾) 13¾ (13¾) 15 (15) 15 inches]. End on a WS row, so the next row is a RS row. Cut the working yarn on this side.

## Raglan

Now pick up and knit sts along one side of the rib edge (the side where the working yarn is), then work back and forth across all of the stitches to form the yoke.

Work as follows:

Place the 13 resting sts (i.e. the end of the rib edge that was worked at the beginning) on a long circular needle, and pick up and knit 70 (70) 70 (76) 76 (76) 82 (82) 82 sts in extension of the rib sts (this is the approximate equivalent to picking up 3 sts for every 4 rows). After the picked up sts, work in rib as the sts appear across the 13 sts of the other end of the rib edge.

There are now a total of 96 (96) 96 (102) 102 (102) 108 (108) 108 sts on the needles and the yoke is now worked back and forth across all of these sts.

Divide the sts for the raglan increases by placing a stitch marker on both sides of each raglan stitch (a total of 8 stitch markers). Divide as follows:

12 sts (rib edge), 1 stitch (left front), 2 sts (raglan sts), 14 (14) 14 (16) 16 (16) 18 (18) 18 sts (left sleeve), 2 sts (raglan sts), 34 (34) 34 (36) 36 (36) 38 (38) 38 sts (back), 2 sts (raglan sts), 14 (14) 14 (16) 16 (16) 18 (18) 18 sts (right sleeve), 2 sts (raglan sts), 1 stitch (right front), 12 sts (rib edge).

Now work back and forth across all of the sts, while working raglan increases **on RS rows** and increases for the V-neck along the front edges **every 10th row**.



A total of (counting all the way from the beginning) 6 (7) 7 (8) 8 (9) 10 (10) 11 V-neck increases have now been worked along each front edge and *the sts are distributed as follows:*

12 sts (rib edge), 40 (43) 46 (49) 52 (57) 61 (63) 67 sts (left front), 2 sts (raglan sts), 74 (74) 84 (86) 86 (86) 88 (88) 88 sts (left sleeve), 2 sts (raglan sts), 100 (104) 110 (116) 122 (130) 138 (142) 148 sts (back), 2 sts (raglan sts), 74 (74) 84 (86) 86 (86) 88 (88) 88 sts (right sleeve), 2 sts (raglan stitch), 40 (43) 46 (49) 52 (57) 61 (63) 67 sts (right front), 12 sts (rib edge).

Work 1 WS row in established pattern, so the next row is a RS row. Do not break the yarn as the next step follows from here.

## **Body**

The body is worked back and forth in stockinette stitch on a 4 mm [US6] / 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 inches] circular needle and is finished with a rib edge at the hem.

Divide the sts for body and sleeve, while casting on new sts at the underarms. Work from the RS as follows: Work 12 sts in rib as they appear, knit 40 (43) 46 (49) 52 (57) 61 (63) 66 sts (left front), k2 (raglan sts), place the next 74 (74) 84 (86) 86 (86) 88 (88) 88 sts on a stitch holder (left sleeve), cast on 10 (10) 8 (8) 10 (12) 12 (14) 18 new sts for the left underarm using the backward loop method, k2 (raglan sts), knit 100 (104) 110 (116) 122 (130) 138 (142) 148 sts (back), k2 (raglan sts), place the next 74 (74) 84 (86) 86 (86) 88 (88) 88 sts on a stitch holder (right sleeve), cast on 10 (10) 8 (8) 10 (12) 12 (14) 18 new sts for the right underarm using the backward loop method, k2 (raglan sts), knit 40 (43) 46 (49) 52 (57) 61 (63) 66 sts (right front), work 12 sts in rib as they appear.

There are now 232 (242) 250 (262) 278 (300) 316 (328) 350 sts on the needle for the body. The next row is a WS row.

Work back and forth as follows:

Row 1 (WS): Work 12 sts in rib as they appear, purl to the last 12 sts on the needle, work 12 sts in rib as they appear

Row 2 (RS): Work 12 sts in rib as they appear, knit to the last 12 sts on the needle, work 12 sts in rib as they appear

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until the cardigan measures 104 (104) 104 (104) 104 (104) 104 cm [41 (41) 41 (41) 41 (41) 41 inches] measured mid back from the neck edge down.

End on a WS row and work a k2tog decrease a random place on this WS row before the rib edge, so the total number of sts becomes an odd number. There are now a total of 231 (241) 249 (261) 277 (299) 315 (327) 349 sts on the needle.

The next row is a RS row.

Work 8 cm [3¼ inches] in rib (k1, p1) on a 3.5 mm [US4] / 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 inches] circular needle as follows:

Row 1 (RS): \* K1, p1 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last stitch on the needle, k1.

Row 2 (WS): \* P1, k1 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last stitch on the needle, p1.

Work 2 rows in double knitting before binding off using the Italian bind off technique. Work double knitting as follows:

Row 1 (RS): \* K1, slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front of the work \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last stitch on the needle, k1.

Row 2 (WS): \* Slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front of the work, k1 \*, repeat from \* to \* to the last stitch on the needle, slip last stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front of the work.

Bind off using the Italian bind off technique (see video at [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)).

## Sleeves

The sleeves are worked in the round on 4 mm [US6] double-pointed needles or on a circular needle using the Magic Loop technique.

Place the sts for one sleeve back on the needles and pick up and knit 10 (10) 8 (8) 10 (12) 12 (14) 18 sts along the sts that were cast on at the underarm on the body. There are now a total of 84 (84) 92 (94) 96 (98) 100 (102) 106 sts on the needles for one sleeve (see video at [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)). Place a marker for the beginning of the round in the middle of the newly picked up and knitted sts.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch until the sleeve measures 36 cm [14¼ inches], **while at the same time** working decreases every 8th (8th) 6th (6th) 6th (5th) 5th (5th) 5th round a total of 12 (12) 15 (16) 16 (17) 18 (18) 20 times by working a decrease round as follows: K1, k2tog, knit to the last 3 sts of the round, k2tog tbl, k1. There are now a total of 60 (60) 62 (62) 64 (64) 64 (66) 66 sts on the needles.

Work 8 cm [3¼ inches] in the round in rib (k1, p1) on a 3.5 mm [US4] / 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 inches] needle.

Work 2 rounds in double knitting before binding off using the Italian bind off technique (see video at [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)):

Round 1: \* K1, slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front of the work \*, repeat from \* to \* to end of round.

Round 2: \* Slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in behind the work, p1 \*, repeat from \* to \* to end of round.

Bind off using the Italian bind off technique.

Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

## Pockets

The afterthought pockets are knitted at the end. See video at [www.petitekmit.com](http://www.petitekmit.com).

Begin by marking the placement of the pockets on each front. A good starting point for the placement is approx. 16 cm [6¼ inches] below armhole – but try on your cardigan to determine the best pocket placement for you. Take care not to place the pockets too low, as they will pull down 1-2 cm [½-¾ inch] with wear (take this into account when determining the placement of your pockets).

Place a marker where you want the pocket opening to be. The width of the pocket opening is 30 sts. Now mark the end points for the pocket by placing two markers. The back edge of the pocket should align approx. with the front of the armhole. Count 30 sts towards the rib edge and place the second marker here.

Now the placement of the pockets is set and stitches must be picked up and knitted for the pockets as follows:

RS facing, pick up 30 sts with a 4 mm [US6] / 60 or 80 cm [24 or 32 inches] circular needle along the front of the cardigan, from the first to the second marker (being careful to pick up all sts from the same row).

Now pick up 30 more sts from the RS with the same 4 mm [US6] 60 or 80 cm [24 or 32 inches] circular needle **2 rows above** where the first 30 sts were picked up.

30 sts have now been picked up above and below a single row of sts. This row of sts in the middle is where the pocket opening will be. Using a pair of scissors, carefully cut **a single stitch** in the middle of this row. Unpick the stitches of this row in both directions to the edges of the pocket (where the markers are placed). Weave in the ends after completing the pocket.

You now have a pocket opening with 60 sts on a needle all the way around.

Work the pockets as follows:

Join new yarn and work in the round in stockinette stitch on 4 mm [US6] double-pointed needles or on a circular needle using the Magic Loop technique from the RS until the pocket is approx. 15 cm [6 inches] deep. Sew the bottom of the pocket close with Kitchener stitch, making sure you align top and bottom correctly (you can place markers at the joints of the top and bottom sts when you begin to work the pocket in the round).

Fold the pocket to the inside and sew it to the WS of the cardigan with a few sts at each corner, so it doesn't flop around.

Work the other pocket identically.

## Finishing

Weave in all ends.

## Abbreviations

k	knit
k2tog	decrease; knit two stitches together (right slanting)
k2tog tbl	decrease; knit two stitches together through the back loops (left slanting)
M1L	increase, left slanting; make one left (see About raglan increases)
M1R	increase, right slanting; make one right (see About raglan increases)
p	purl
RS	right side of your work
st(s)	stitch(es)
tbl	through the back loop(s)
WS	wrong side of your work



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