



Pink
WILDFLOWERS
cropped cardigan

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The Pink Wildflowers Cropped Cardigan is a bottom up, drop shoulder cardigan with a statement collar that is a perfect addition to any outfit. Feel free to modify body length and armhole depth as desired. The body is knit in one piece, the fronts are then separated from the back, knit separately, and then shoulders are seamed together at the top. The collar is picked up and knit separately.

Size Guide + Finished Measurements

The cardigan is written in 8 sizes, 1 (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8), with a finished bust size of 38 (41, 44.5, 47.5, 51, 54, 57, 60.5) in/96.5 (104.5, 113, 121, 129, 137, 145.5, 153.5) cm. The cardigan is intended to have about 6-10 in/15-25.5 cm of positive ease so pick a size that will provide the intended ease or adjust to your desired ease. However, please note that the ease does need to be generous for the drop shoulder construction. For example, I have a 37 in/94 cm bust and knit a size 3 for about 7.5 in/19 cm of positive ease.

Yarn

Approximately 3 (3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4) skeins of Lion Brand Re-Spun Thick + Quick (223 yds/204 m per 12oz/340g skein) or another super bulky weight yarn that meets gauge. Color shown is Sepia Rose.

Needles

Size 8mm (US11) in the following lengths:

- 16 in/41 cm circular knitting needles or DPNs (sleeve cuff)
- 40 in/101.5 cm circular knitting needles (body ribbing + collar)

Size 9mm (US13) in the following lengths:

- 16 in/41 cm circular knitting needles or DPNs (sleeve)
- 40 in/101.5 cm circular knitting needles (body)

Or knitting needles required to obtain correct gauge.

Notions

1 stitch marker

Tapestry needle to weave in ends

Waste yarn

Scissors

Tape measure

Gauge

10 STS + 13 Rows = 4 in/10 cm on 9mm needles in stockinette stitch

Abbreviations

BO: bind off

BOR: beginning of round

CO: cast on

DPNs: double pointed needles

K: knit

K2TOG: knit two stitches together

M: marker

P: purl

P2TOG: purl two stitches together

PUK: pick up and knit

PM: place marker

RS: right side

SSK: slip, slip, knit

ST(S): stitch(es)

WS: wrong side

Instructions

Body Ribbing

With the 8mm (US 11) 40 in/101 cm circular needles, CO 95, (103, 111, 119, 127 135, 143, 151) STS using the long tail CO method.

Row 1 (WS): *K1, P1, repeat from * to last ST, K1

Row 2 (RS): *P1, K1, repeat from * to last ST, P1

Repeat Rows 1 + 2 until ribbing measures approximately 3 in/7.5 cm, ending after a WS row.

Switch to 9mm (US 13) 40 in/101 cm circular needles.

Work ST ST until work measures 11.5 (11.5, 12, 12, 12.5, 12.5, 13, 13) in/ 29 (29, 30.5, 30.5, 32, 32, 33, 33) cm from CO edge or until desired length from underarm, ending after a WS row.

Right Front

Row 1: K across 24 (26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38) STS and place remaining STS onto waste yarn. You will now be working back and forth across the right front.

Row 2 (WS): P to end

Row 3 (RS): K to end

Repeat Rows 2 + 3 until you've knit approximately 5, 5, 5.5, 5.5, 6, 6, 6.5, 6.5 in/12.5 (12.5, 14, 14, 15, 15, 16.5, 16.5) cm, ending after a WS row.

Shape Neckline

Row 1 (RS): BO 8 (8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8) STS, K to end [16 (18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30) STS remain]

Row 2 (WS): P to end

Row 3: K1, SSK, K to end

Row 4: P to end

For Sizes 1, 2, 3, 4

Repeat Rows 3 + 4, 2 more times so that 13 (15, 17, 19) STS remain

Next Row (RS): K1, SSK, K to end [(12, 14, 16, 18) STS remain]

Check armhole depth at this point before you begin BO. If you need additional armhole depth complete ST ST until desired length is added.

Next Row (WS): BO 6 (7, 8, 9) STS, P to end

Next Row (RS): K to end

Next Row (WS): BO remaining STS

For Sizes 5, 6, 7, 8

Repeat Rows 3 + 4, 3 more times so that 20 (22, 24, 26) STS remain

Next Row (RS): K to end

Next Row (WS): P to end

Next Row (RS): K to end

Check armhole depth at this point before you begin BO. If you need additional armhole depth, complete ST ST until desired length is added.

Next Row (WS): BO 10 (11, 12, 13) STS, P to end

Next Row (RS): K to end

Next Row (WS): BO remaining STS

Back

Transfer 47 (51, 55, 59, 63, 67, 71, 75) back STS onto 9mm 40 in/101 cm circular needles from waste yarn.

Join yarn on RS and complete ST ST until back measures just under the same length as the right front, ending after a RS row.

Next Row (RS): BO 6 (7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13) STS, K to end.

Next Row (WS): BO 6 (7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13) STS, P to end.

Next Row (RS): BO 6 (7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13) STS, K to end.

Next Row (WS): BO 6 (7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13) STS, P to end

Next Row (RS): BO remaining STS

Left Front

Transfer remaining 24 (26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38) STS for the left front back onto 9mm 40 in/101 cm circular needles. You will now be working back and forth for the left front.

Join yarn on RS at underarm

Row 1 (RS): K to end

Row 2 (WS): P to end

Repeat Rows 1 + 2 until you've knit approximately 5, 5, 5.5, 5.5, 6, 6, 6.5, 6.5 in/12.5 (12.5, 14, 14, 15, 15, 16.5, 16.5) cm, ending after a RS row.

Shape Neckline

Row 1 (WS): BO 8 (8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8) STS, P to end [16 (18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30) STS remain]

Row 2 (RS): K to end

Row 3: P1, P2TOG, P to end [15 (17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 28) STS remain]

Row 4: K to end

For Sizes 1, 2, 3, 4

Repeat Rows 3 + 4, 2 more times so that 13 (15, 17, 19) STS remain

Next Row (WS): P1, P2TOG, P to end [(12, 14, 16, 18) STS remain]

Check armhole depth at this point before you begin BO. If you need additional armhole depth complete ST ST until desired length is added.

Next Row (RS): BO 6 (7, 8, 9) STS, K to end

Next Row (WS): P to end

Next Row (RS): BO remaining STS

For Sizes 5, 6, 7, 8

Repeat Rows 3 + 4, 3 more times so that 20 (22, 24, 26) STS remain

Next Row (WS): P to end

Next Row (RS): K to end

Next Row (WS): P to end

Check armhole depth at this point before you begin BO. If you need additional armhole depth, complete ST ST until desired length is added.

Next Row (RS): BO 10 (11, 12, 13) STS, K to end

Next Row (WS): P to end

Next Row (RS): BO remaining STS

Seam Shoulders

Line up the back with the top of the left and right shoulders.

Using the same color yarn and a tapestry needle, seam top of the left shoulder and top of the right shoulder to the back.

Collar

Use the 8mm 40 in/101 cm circular knitting needle and start at beginning of right front neckline to PUK into each ST along BO collar, 3 STS for every 4 rows alongside of neckline, 1 ST for every ST along the back, 3 STS for every 4 rows along the side of the left front, and then into each ST along STS you bound off for left collar. Pick up a total of approximately 50 (50, 50, 50, 54, 54, 54, 54) STS for the collar.

Work ST ST until collar measures 9 in/23 cm from where you picked up STS. BO on the RS. Fold collar over and seam top of collar to base of collar with whip stitch or PUK STS from the CO edge, K2TOG, and BO as you go.

Sleeves

With 9mm 16 in/40 in circular needles or DPNs, start at the armhole and PUK, 3 STS for every 4 rows along the front and back of the work. Join in the round, placing a stitch marker to denote BOR. You should have 34 (34, 36, 36, 40, 40, 42, 42)

STS. Feel free to adjust the amount of STS you pick up for the sleeves based on the sleeve size you would like. Just be sure to keep that number consistent on both sleeves.

Round 1: K to end.

Repeat Round 1 (ST ST) for 2.5 in/6.5 cm from the underarm cast on.

Decrease Round: K1, K2TOG, K to 3 STS before end, SSK, K1.

Continue ST ST and knit a decrease round every 2.5 in/4 cm for a total of 5 decrease rounds. You should have 24 (24, 26, 26, 30, 30, 32, 32) STS remaining for the cuff. If you'd like to decrease even more for the cuff for some of the larger sizes, feel free to knit another decrease round evenly spacing decreases (K2TOG) throughout the round for your desired amount of STS.

Continue ST ST for another 1 (1, 1.5, 1.5, 2, 2, 2.5, 2.5) in/2.5 (2.5, 4, 4, 5, 5, 6.5, 6.5) cm or desired length (the ribbing will add approximately 4 in/10 cm).

Switch to 8mm 16 in/40 cm circular needles or DPNs.

Work in 1x1 rib for 4 in/10 cm.

BO loosely in 1x1 rib ST.

Applied i-Cord Edging

Begin the applied i-cord edging at the top of the collar on the left front so that the right side of the work is facing you. Using the 8mm (US 11) 16 in/40.5 needles or DPNs, CO 3 STS

Step 1: Insert the DPN into the top ST of both the front and back to PUK a ST (4 STS on needle)

Step 2: Slide the 4 STS to the other side of the needle, switch needles to left hand and K2, K2TOG through the back loop, slide STS to other side.

Repeat Steps 1 & 2, picking up and knitting 3 STS for every 4 rows along the left collar. After the collar, insert DPN into left front just as you would to PUK along the side. Repeat steps 1 & 2 of the i-cord knitting 3 STS for every 4 rows. When you get to the bottom of the left side, BO remaining 3 STS and weave in ends.

Repeat the applied i-cord for the right front, beginning at the bottom of the work and knit the i-cord towards the top collar.

Finishing

Weave in all loose ends with a tapestry needle and seam up any gaps as desired. Block to final measurements if desired. Feel free to seam in a zipper or add another closure of your choice.

[Watch my full step-by-step instructional video for this sweater on YouTube](#)

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