



Pioni

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*A relaxed cardigan with a romantic vibe.
The cardigan has fun construction with chunky cables to keep things
interesting and an A-line body worked in brioche.*



Where we once knitted

Size

XXS-XS-S [M1-M2-L1] L2-XL-XXL

This cardigan is meant to be worn with positive ease. Choose a size with approx. 4"/10 cm positive ease at bust circumference.

Yarn

Little Grey Sheep Stein Fine Wool 4ply (100 % wool, 330 m/100 g), or other sport weight yarn.

4-4-5 [5-5-5] 6-6-6 skeins. Shown in color 10 seconds and counting.

Yardage

1320-1400-1480 [1530-1640-1685] 1780-1920-2085 yards / 1210-1285-1355 [1400-1500-1540] 1645-1755-1910 m.

Needles

US 6 (4.0 mm) and US 7 (4.5 mm) circular needles, 24"/60 cm long, and dpns if you prefer to work the sleeves with them, or needles that give you the right gauge.

Gauge

26 sts x 29 rows = 4x4" / 10x10 cm in (k2, p1) broken ribbing, worked in the round with smaller needles (after blocking).

15 sts x 21 rows = 4x4" / 10x10 cm in brioche, worked flat with larger needles (after blocking).

Other

6 stitch markers, 2 removable stitch marker, cable needle, tapestry needle, 4 buttons (1.5"/4 cm diameter).

Measurements

A, upper arm circumference: 11.25-11.75-12.5 [13-13.75-14] 15-15.75-17" / 28-29.5-31 [32.5-34-35] 37.5-39.5-42.5 cm

B, upper back depth: 8.25-8.75-9.5 [9.5-10-10.25] 10.5-11.5-12.75" / 20.5-22-23.5 [23.5-25-26] 26.5-29-32 cm

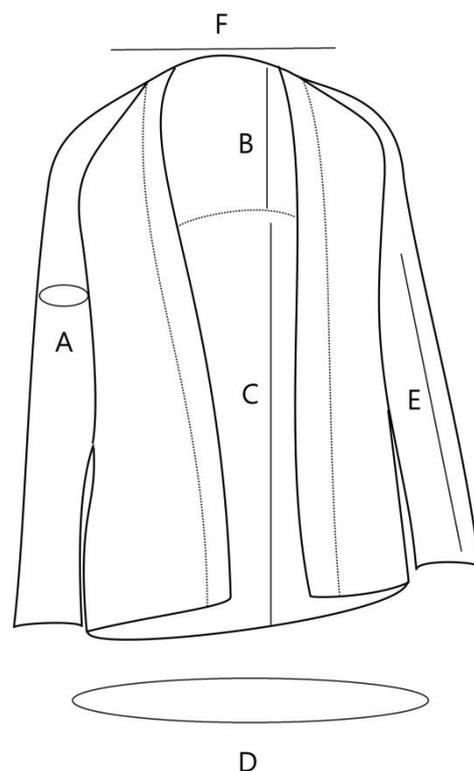
C, body length from underarm: 19.75" / 50 cm

D, bust circumference: 34.5-36.5-38.75 [40.75-43-45] 47.25-50.5-55.75" / 86-91.5-96.5 [102-107.5-112.5] 118-126-139.5 cm

E, hip circumference: 41.25-43.5-45.5 [46.75-50-51] 54.25-57.25-61.5" / 103.5-108.5-114 [116.5-124.5-127.5] 135.5-143.5-154 cm

F, sleeve length: 20.25-20.5-20.5 [20.5-21-21] 21.25-21.25-21.25" / 50.5-51-51 [51-52.5-52.5] 53-53-53 cm

G, upper back length: 17.5-17.5-18.25 [19-19.25-19.75] 20.5-21.25-22.25" / 43.5-44-45.5 [47.5-48.5-49.5] 51-53-56 cm



Abbreviations

9/9 LC = place the next 9 sts on a cable needle and hold in front, on RS rnds: k9, k9 from cable needle, on WS rows: p9, p9 from cable needle.

brk = brioche knit. Knit the st together with its yarn over.

brkyobr = brioche knit, yarn over, brioche knit into one st. Work brk, leaving the st on the needle, yo, brk into the same st. 2 sts increased. On the next row, when you come to these 3 sts, work them sl1yo, k1, sl1yo.

BO = bind off.

CO = cast on.

dpns = double pointed needles.

k = knit.

k2tog = knit 2 sts together.

m1l = make 1 left. Pick up the yarn between sts from front to back and knit/purl it through the backloop.

m1r = make 1 right. Pick up the yarn between sts from back to front and knit/purl it.

p = purl.

pm = place marker.

rm = remove marker.

RS = right side.

sl1yo = slip 1 yarn over. With yarn in the front, slip 1 st, make yarn over by bringing the yarn over the needle from front to back.

sm = slip marker.

ssk = slip, slip, knit. Slip 1 st knitwise, slip 1 st knitwise, move the sts back onto the left needle and knit together through the back loop.

st = stitch.

WS = wrong side.

Instructions

Pioni is a cardigan with a fun construction. First the sleeves and upper back are worked from one wrist to the other – kind of like a bolero. The sleeves and back feature a cushy cable pattern in the middle while the rest is worked in broken ribbing. Once the sleeves are finished, you will pick up stitches around the bolero for the body which is worked in brioche. The body of the cardigan is A-line with a few increases worked evenly around the cardigan. Finally, you will pick up stitches from the fronts to work a button band in garter stitch. The button band is finished off with i-cord bind off. Pioni has big button holes so this is a cardigan where you can show off a few big and beautiful buttons.

First sleeve

Using US 6 (4.0 mm) needles and the long tail cast on, CO 58-60-62 [62-64-66] 66-70-72 sts, pm and join in the round.

1st rnd (RS): k1-2-3 [3-1-2] 2-1-2, (p1, k2) x 6-6-6 [6-7-7] 7-8-8, pm, p3, k2, p1, k2, p4, k2, p1, k2, p3, pm, (k2, p1) x 6-6-6 [6-7-7] 7-8-8, k1-2-3 [3-1-2] 2-1-2.

2nd rnd: k to marker, sm, p1, k to 1 st before marker, p1, sm, k to end.

3rd rnd: k1-2-3 [3-1-2] 2-1-2, (p1, k2) to marker, sm, p3, k2, p1, k2, p4, k2, p1, k2, p3, sm, (k2, p1) x 6-6-6 [6-7-7] 7-8-8, k1-2-3 [3-1-2] 2-1-2.

4th rnd: as 2nd rnd.

Repeat rounds 3-4 for 0-2-3 [4-1-2] 4-5-1 more times.

Next, you will start working the Cable pattern between the markers and to make increases at the beginning and end of round. Start with row 2 of Cable pattern and then, repeat rows 1-24.

1st inc rnd: k1, m1l, k0-1-2 [2-0-1] 1-0-1, (p1, k2) to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, (k2, p1) to last 1-2-3 [3-1-2] 2-1-2 sts, k0-1-2 [2-0-1] 1-0-1, m1r, k1.

Next rnd: k to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, k to end.

Next rnd: k2-3-1 [1-2-3] 3-2-3, (p1, k2) to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, (k2, p1) to last 2-3-1 [1-2-3] 3-2-3 sts, k to end.

Next rnd: k to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, k to end.

Repeat the last two rounds 4-3-3 [2-2-2] 1-1-1 more times.

2nd inc rnd: k1, m1l, k1-2-0 [0-1-2] 2-1-2, (p1, k2) to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, (k2, p1) to last 2-3-1 [1-2-3] 3-2-2 sts, k1-2-0 [0-1-2] 2-1-2, m1r, k1.

Next rnd: k to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, k to end.



Next rnd: k3-1-2 [2-3-1] 1-3-1, (p1, k2) to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, (k2, p1) to last 3-1-2 [2-3-1] 1-3-1 sts, k to end.

Next rnd: k to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, k to end.

Repeat the last two rounds 4-3-3 [2-2-2] 1-1-1 more times.

3rd inc rnd: k1, m1l, k2-0-1 [1-2-0] 0-2-0, (p1, k2) to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, (k2, p1) to last 3-1-2 [2-3-1] 1-3-3 sts, k2-0-1 [1-2-0] 0-2-0, m1r, k1.

Next rnd: k to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, k to end.

Next rnd: k1-2-3 [3-1-2] 2-1-2, (p1, k2) to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, (k2, p1) to last 1-2-3 [3-1-2] 2-1-2 sts, k to end.

Next rnd: k to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, k to end.

Repeat the last two rounds 4-3-3 [2-2-2] 1-1-1 more times.

Repeat from the 1st increase round 2-2-3 [3-4-4] 5-5-6 more times. (76-78-86 [86-94-96] 102-106-114 sts)

Size XXS [] XL-XXL

Repeat from the 1st increase round once more, ending just after working the 2nd increase round.

Size XS [M1]

Repeat from the 1st increase round once more, ending just after working the 3rd increase round.

Size S [M2-L1] L2

Repeat the 1st increase round once more.

All sizes

You have now worked a total 11-12-13 [15-16-16] 19-20-23 increases. (80-84-88 [92-96-98] 104-110-118 sts)

Next rnd: k to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, k to end.

Next rnd: k3-2-1 [3-2-3] 3-3-1, (p1, k2) to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, (k2, p1) to last 3-2-1 [3-2-3] 3-3-1 sts, k to end.

Repeat the last two rounds until you have worked the Cable pattern a total 5-5-5 [5-6-5] 5-5-6 times. Then, continue as established and work the first 20-18-16 [16-2-22] 20-18-2 rows of the Cable pattern once more. Please note that in sizes XXS-S [L1], the 5 pattern repeats have already just been completed.

Upper back

Next, you will bind off stitches for the underarm and continue to work the upper back flat. Note that while working flat, the cables are twisted on WS rows. This just means twisting the sts and purling them.

Setup row (RS): k to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, k to last 4-4-4 [5-5-5] 6-6-6 sts, BO 8-8-8 [10-10-10] 12-12-12, removing marker.

1st row (RS): BO 2-2-2 [3-3-3] 3-3-3, k0-2-1 [1-0-1] 0-0-1, (p1, k2) to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, (k2, p1) to last 2-1-0 [1-0-1] 0-0-1 sts, k to end.

2nd row (WS): BO 2-2-2 [3-3-3] 3-3-3, p to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, p to end.

3rd row: BO 2-2-2 [2-2-2] 3-3-3, k1-0-2 [2-1-2] 0-0-1, (p1, k2) to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, (k2, p1) to last 0-2-1 [1-0-1] 0-0-1 sts, k to end.

4th row: BO 2-2-2 [2-2-2] 3-3-3, p to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, p to end.

5th row: BO 1, k0-2-1 [1-0-1] 2-2-0, (p1, k2) to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, (k2, p1) to last 1-0-2 [2-1-2] 0-0-1 sts, k to end.

6th row: BO 1, p to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, p to end.

7th row: BO 1, k2-1-0 [0-2-0] 1-1-2, (p1, k2) to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, (k2, p1) to last 0-2-1 [1-0-1] 2-2-0 sts, k to end.

8th row: as 6th row.

The upper back has now 60-64-68 [68-72-74] 76-82-90 sts.

Continue straight as established for 19-21-23 [23-13-17] 19-21-13 more rows to finish the Cable pattern repeat. Place a removable marker on this row.

Work 3-3-3 [4-4-4] 4-4-5 more Cable pattern repeats from the removable marker. Then, continue as established and work the first 19-21-23 [3-13-17] 19-21-13 rows of the Cable pattern once more.

Next, you will cast on stitches for the underarm and then, join to work in the round again.

1st row (RS): k2-1-0 [0-2-0] 1-1-2, (p1, k2) to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, (k2, p1) to last 2-1-0 [0-2-0] 1-1-2 sts, k to end, CO 1 st using backwards loop method.

2nd row (WS): p to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, p to end, CO 1 st using backwards loop method.

3rd row: k0-2-1 [1-0-1] 2-2-0, (p1, k2) to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, (k2, p1) to last 0-2-1 [1-0-1] 2-2-0 sts, k to end, CO 1 st using backwards loop method.

4th row: as 2nd row.

5th row: k1-0-2 [2-1-2] 0-0-1, (p1, k2) to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, (k2, p1) to last 1-0-2 [2-1-2] 0-0-1 sts, k to end, CO 2-2-2 [2-2-2] 3-3-3 sts using backwards loop method.

6th row: p to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, p to end, CO 2-2-2 [2-2-2] 3-3-3 sts using backwards loop method.

7th row: k0-2-1 [1-0-1] 0-0-1, (p1, k2) to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, (k2, p1) to last 0-2-1 [1-0-1] 0-0-1 sts, k to end, CO 2-2-2 [3-3-3] 3-3-3 sts using backwards loop method.

8th row: p to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, p to end, CO 2-2-2 [3-3-3] 3-3-3 sts using backwards loop method.

9th row & 10th rnd: k2-1-0 [1-0-1] 0-0-1, (p1, k2) to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, (k2, p1) to last 2-1-0 [1-0-1] 0-0-1 sts, k to end, CO 4-4-4 [5-5-5] 6-6-6 sts using backwards loop method, pm, CO 4-4-4 [5-5-5] 6-6-6 sts using backwards loop method, join in the round, k to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, k to marker. This is now the beginning of the round marker. (80-84-88 [92-96-98] 104-110-118 sts)



Second sleeve

Next rnd (RS): k3-2-1 [3-2-3] 3-3-1, (p1, k2) to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, (k2, p1) to last 3-2-1 [3-2-3] 3-3-1 sts, k to end.

Next rnd: k to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, k to end.

Repeat the last 2 rounds 9-13-7 [11-11-10] 15-11-6 more times. Then, start making decreases at the beginning and end of round while continuing to work the Cable pattern between the markers.

1st dec rnd: ssk, k1-0-2 [1-0-1] 1-1-2, (p1, k2) to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, (k2, p1) to last 3-2-4 [3-2-3] 3-3-4 sts, k1-0-2 [1-0-1] 1-1-2, k2tog.

Next rnd: k to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, k to end.

Next rnd: k2-1-3 [2-1-2] 2-2-3, (p1, k2) to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, (k2, p1) to last 2-1-3 [2-1-2] 2-2-3 sts, k to end.

Next rnd: k to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, k to end.

Repeat the last two rounds 4-3-3 [2-2-2] 1-1-1 more times.

2nd dec rnd: ssk, k0-2-1 [0-2-0] 0-0-1, (p1, k2) to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, (k2, p1) to last 2-4-3 [2-4-2] 2-2-3 sts, k0-2-1 [0-2-0] 0-0-1, k2tog.

Next rnd: k to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, k to end.

Next rnd: k1-3-2 [1-3-1] 1-1-2, (p1, k2) to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, (k2, p1) to last 1-3-2 [1-3-1] 1-1-2 sts, k to end.

Next rnd: k to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, k to end.

Repeat the last two rounds 4-3-3 [2-2-2] 1-1-1 more times.

3rd dec rnd: ssk, k2-1-0 [2-1-2] 2-2-0, (p1, k2) to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, (k2, p1) to last 4-3-2 [4-3-4] 4-4-2 sts, k2-1-0 [2-1-2] 2-2-0, k2tog.

Next rnd: k to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, k to end.

Next rnd: k3-2-1 [3-2-3] 3-3-1, (p1, k2) to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, (k2, p1) to last 3-2-1 [3-2-3] 3-3-1 sts, k to end.

Next rnd: k to marker, sm, work Cable pattern, sm, k to end.

Repeat the last two rounds 4-3-3 [2-2-2] 1-1-1 more times.

Repeat from the 1st decrease round 2-2-3 [3-4-4] 5-5-6 more times. (62-66-64 [68-66-68] 68-74-76 sts)

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Repeat from the 1st decrease round once more, ending just after working the 2nd decrease round.

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Size S [M2-L1] L2

Repeat the 1st decrease round once more.

All sizes

You have now worked a total 11-12-13 [15-16-16] 19-20-23 decreases. (58-60-62 [62-64-66] 66-70-72 sts)

Next rnd: k to marker, sm, p1, k to 1 st before marker, p1, sm, k to end.

Next rnd: k1-2-3 [3-1-2] 2-1-2, (p1, k2) to marker, sm, p3, k2, p1, k2, p4, k2, p1, k2, p3, sm, (k2, p1) x 6-6-6 [6-7-7] 7-8-8, k1-2-3 [3-1-2] 2-1-2.

Next rnd: k to marker, sm, p1, k to 1 st before marker, p1, sm, k to end.

Repeat the last two rounds for 1-3-4 [5-2-3] 5-6-2 more times. Bind off.

Body

Next, you will pick up stitches for the body around the upper back. First, with RS facing, measure 7.25-7.25-7.5 [7.5-7.75-7.75] 7.75-8-8.5" / 18.5-18.5-19 [19-19.5-19.5] 19.5-20-22 cm at the center of the top edge. Place two removable stitch markers to mark this.

Setup row (RS): using US 6 (4.0 mm) needles, starting at the left marker, pick up and knit 129-137-145 [153-161-169] 177-189-209 sts along the top edge, underarm, bottom edge, underarm, and top edge before the right marker. Pick up approx. 2 sts per 3 rows elsewhere and 1 st per 1 st from the underarms.

Setup row (WS): change to US 7 (4.5 mm) needles, (sl1yo, k1) to last st, sl1yo.

Next row: (brk, sl1yo) to last st, brk.

Next row: (sl1yo, brk) to last st, sl1yo.



Continue as established, repeating the last two rows until the body measures 6.25" / 16 cm from the underarm, ending on WS row.

Inc row (RS): (brk, sl1yo) x 10-12-11 [14-13-14] 14-15-18, *brkyobrk, pm, sl1yo, (brk, sl1yo) x 8-8-9 [11-10-13] 11-12-16*, repeat *-* 4-4-4 [3-4-3] 4-4-3 more times, brkyobrk, pm, (sl1yo, brk) to end. (141-149-157 [163-173-179] 189-201-219 sts)

Next row (WS): *(sl1yo, brk) to marker, rm, sl1yo, k1*, repeat *-*5-5-5 [4-5-4] 5-5-4 more times, (sl1yo, brk) to last st, sl1yo.

Continue as established, working brioche until the body measures 12.5" / 32 cm from the underarm, ending on WS row.

Inc row (RS): (brk, sl1yo) x 5-6-5 [7-6-7] 7-7-9, *brkyobrk, pm, sl1yo, (brk, sl1yo) x 9-9-10 [12-11-14] 12-13-17*, repeat *-* 5-5-5 [4-5-4] 5-5-4 more times, brkyobrk, pm, (sl1yo, brk) to end. (155-163-171 [175-187-191] 203-215-231 sts)

Next row (WS): *(sl1yo, brk) to marker, rm, sl1yo, k1*, repeat *-* 6-6-6 [5-6-5] 6-6-5 more times, (sl1yo, brk) to last st, sl1yo.

Continue as established, working brioche until the body measures 19.75" / 50 cm from the underarm, ending on WS row.

Bind off using stretchy bind off.

Buttonband

Setup row (RS): using US 6 (4.0 mm) needles, with RS facing and starting from the bottom of the right front, pick up and knit 106 sts along the right front, pick up and knit 38-38-40 [40-41-41] 41-42-45 sts along the top edge of the upper back, pick up and knit 106 sts along the left front. (250-250-252 [252-253-253] 253-254-257 sts)

1st row (WS): sl1 purlwise, k to end

2nd row: as 1st row.

3rd row: as 1st row.

4th row: sl1 purlwise, k4, (BO 4, k18) x 4, k to end.

5th row: sl1 purlwise, k174-174-176 [176-177-177] 177-178-181, (CO 4 using cable cast on method, k18) x 3, CO 4 using cable cast on method, k to end.

6th-11th row: as 1st row.

Bind off using i-cord bind off.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Place the cardigan in lukewarm water and let soak thoroughly. Gently squeeze out the

excess water and place the cardigan on a towel. Roll in to remove further moisture.

Lay flat, pin to measurements and let dry. Sew the buttons onto the button band.

Techniques

Stretchy bind-off:

Knit the first 2 sts on the left needle, slip the sts back onto the left needle and k2tog through the back loop. Repeat (k1, slip the 2 sts back onto the left needle and k2tog through the back loop) until you have one loop left on the right needle. Knot the loop as you would in a standard knitted bind-off.

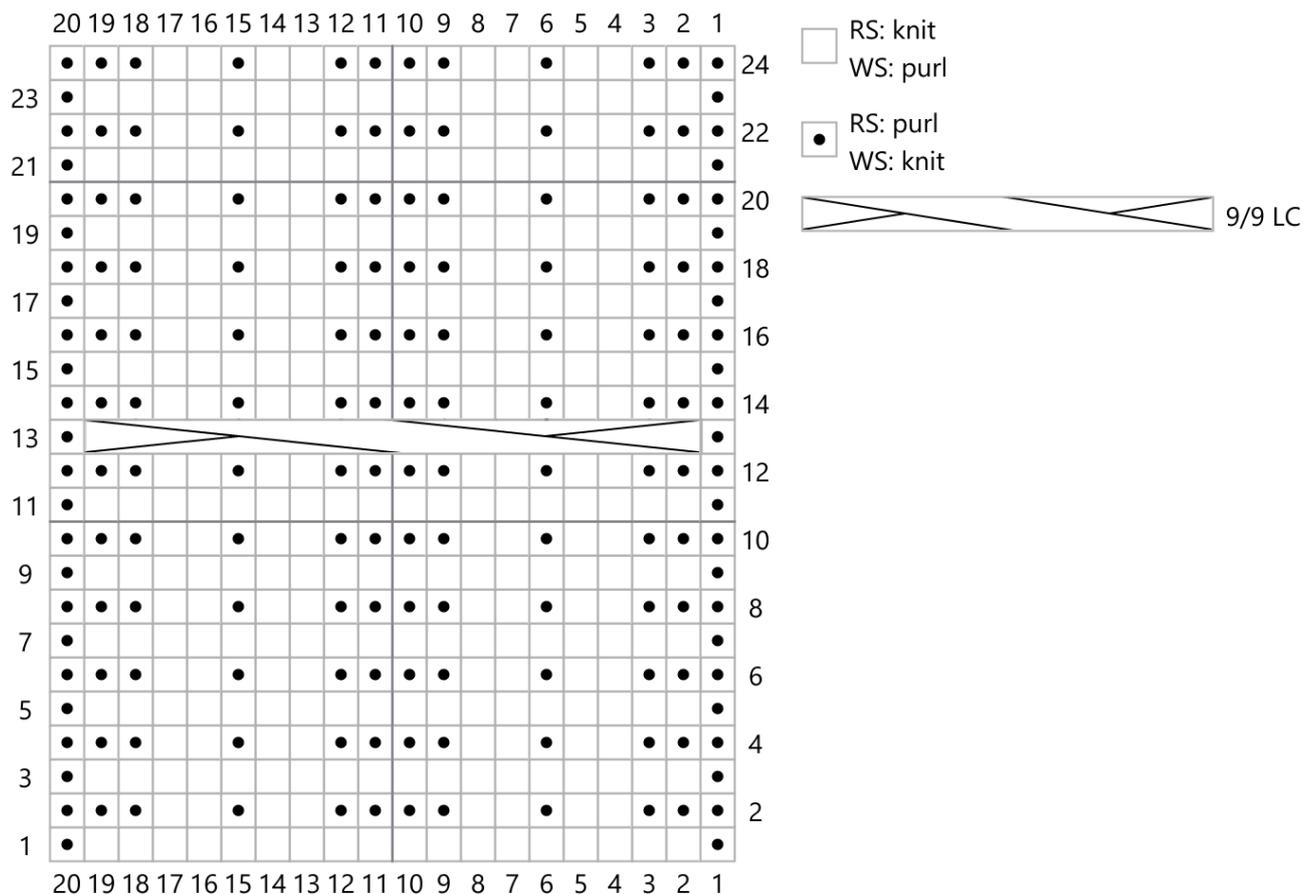
I-cord bind-off:

CO 3 sts using cable cast on method. Repeat (k2, k2tog through the back loop, slip the 3 sts back onto the left needle) until you have just the 3 sts remaining on the left needle, k3tog, cut the yarn and pull through the remaining loop.



Cable pattern

Key



The chart is read from bottom to top. When working in the round, it is always read from right to left. When working flat, RS rows are read from right to left and WS rows from left to right. Repeat rows 1-24 of the Cable pattern.

Cable pattern in the round

- Rnd 1 (RS):** p1, k18, p1. (20 sts)
- Rnd 2 and all even rnds:** p3, k2, p1, k2, p4, k2, p1, k2, p3.
- Rnd 3:** as rnd 1.
- Rnd 5:** as rnd 1.
- Rnd 7:** as rnd 1.
- Rnd 9:** as rnd 1.
- Rnd 11:** as rnd 1.
- Rnd 13:** p1, 9/9 LC, p1.
- Rnd 15:** as rnd 1.
- Rnd 17:** as rnd 1.
- Rnd 19:** as rnd 1.
- Rnd 21:** as rnd 1.
- Rnd 23:** as rnd 1.

Cable pattern worked flat

- Row 1 (WS):** k1, p18, k1. (20 sts)
- Row 2 and all RS rows:** p3, k2, p1, k2, p4, k2, p1, k2, p3.
- Row 3:** as row 1.
- Row 5:** as row 1.
- Row 7:** as row 1.
- Row 9:** as row 1.
- Row 11:** as row 1.
- Row 13:** k1, 9/9 LC (purl), k1.
- Row 15:** as row 1.
- Row 17:** as row 1.
- Row 19:** as row 1.
- Row 21:** as row 1.
- Row 23:** as row 1.