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Brioche Rib Cardigan

BROOKLYN TWEED

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Overview



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SKILL LEVEL



Intermediate

PATTERN VERSION

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Spec Sheet**MATERIALS****Brooklyn Tweed *Shelter* — 100% American Targhee-Columbia Wool (140 yards/50 grams)**

12 (13, 14, 15, 16, 17) skeins

1610 (1690, 1850, 2005, 2160, 2310) total yards of worsted weight wool yarn

Photographed in color *Hayloft***GAUGE**

16½ stitches & 26 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch with Size A needle(s), after blocking

16 stitches & 52 rows = 4" in Brioche Stitch with Size B needle(s), after blocking

Note that for Brioche Stitch, each elongated stitch in a column of knit stitches represents two rows; when you count these it will appear that 26 rows = 4"**NEEDLES****Size A (for Main Fabric)**

One 32" circular needle and one set of double-pointed needles (DPNs)* in size needed to obtain stockinette stitch gauge listed

Suggested Size: 5½ mm (US 9)

Size B (for Brioche Stitch)

One 47" circular needle and one set of DPNs* in size needed to obtain Brioche Stitch gauge listed

Suggested Size: 4½ mm (US 7)

32" circular needle can be used instead of DPNs if using the Magic Loop method for working small circumferences in the round (e.g., Sleeves).*DIMENSIONS**

40½ (42½, 44¼, 50¼, 54, 57)" [103 (108, 112.5, 127.5, 137, 145) cm] circumference below armholes

Intended Ease: + 6–8" [15–20.5 cm]

Sample shown is size 42½" [108 cm] with 8½" [21.5 cm] ease on model

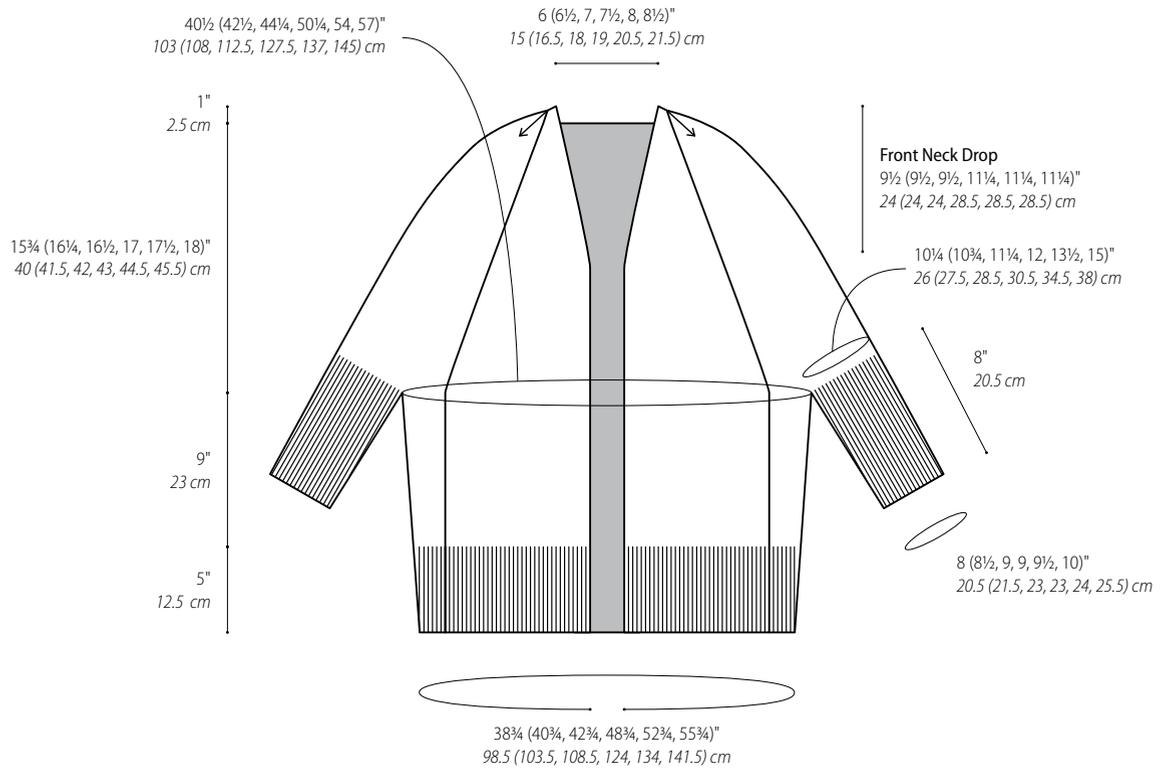
**TOOLS**

Stitch markers, locking markers or coilless safety pins, stitch holders or waste yarn, T-pins (optional), blunt tapestry needle

**SKILL LEVEL****Intermediate**

Required Techniques: Long-Tail Cast On, Backward Loop Cast On, increasing and decreasing, Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind Off, Short Rows, Brioche knitting

Schematic





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This open-front drop-yoke cardigan is the height of snuggly fashion. The brioche shawl collar sweeps back to form pockets at the hem, and the sleeves begin below the elbows to create a cape-like silhouette. Tiny gutters of purl stitches trace a flattering A-line from hem to neckline within the volume of the coat. Woolen-spun Shelter keeps Ronan light and airy despite the generous ease and long length.

CONSTRUCTION NOTES

- This sweater is worked flat in one piece from the top down. Stitches for the sleeves are placed on hold at the end of the yoke, then the body is continued to the hem edge. The sleeves are worked circularly from the top down. Stitches are picked up for the collar around the front and back neck edges. Work continues over some of the collar stitches at each side of the bottom edge of the collar to form the pockets, which are folded back and sewn in place.
- The collar is shaped using a very simple method of working short rows; the piece is simply turned after each short row without wrapping or slipping a stitch—the dense row gauge of the Brioche Stitch does not show a hole at the turn point.

STITCH PATTERN

Brioche Stitch

Odd number of stitches; 2-row repeat

Setup Row 1 (RS): Knit 1, *Yf-Sl1-YO, knit 1; repeat from * to end.

Setup Row 2 (WS): Knit 1, *BRK, Yf-Sl1-YO; repeat from * to last 2 stitches, BRK, knit 1.

Row 1 (RS): Knit 1, *Yf-Sl1-YO, BRK; repeat from * to last 2 stitches, Yf-Sl1-YO, knit 1.

Row 2 (WS): Knit 1, *BRK, Yf-Sl1-YO; repeat from * to last 2 stitches, BRK, knit 1.

Repeat Rows 1 & 2 for pattern.

YOKE

With Size A 32" circular needle (suggested size: 5½ mm/US 9) and using the Long-Tail Cast On, cast on 55 (57, 59, 61, 63, 65) stitches. Do not join; work back and forth in rows.

Setup Row (WS): Purl 1, place marker, purl 1, knit 1, purl 1, place marker, purl 8, place marker, purl 1, knit 1, purl 1, place marker, purl 25 (27, 29, 31, 33, 35), place marker, purl 1, knit 1, purl 1, place marker, purl 8, place marker, purl 1, knit 1, purl 1, place marker, purl 1.

SHAPE RAGLANS AND FRONT NECK

Note: Raglan shaping and front neck shaping are worked at the same time. Raglan shaping will begin first and will continue after neck shaping is complete. Please read the following section through to the end before proceeding.

Raglan Increase Row (RS): *Knit to marker, M1R, slip marker, knit 1, purl 1, knit 1, slip marker, M1L; repeat from * 3 more times, knit to end. (8 stitches increased)

Repeat the Raglan Increase Row every RS row 5 (6, 7, 9, 10, 19) more times, then every 4th row 7 (7, 7, 15, 17, 11) times, then every 6th row 7 (7, 7, 0, 0, 0) times and, AT THE SAME TIME, beginning on the 6th (6th, 4th, 4th, 4th, 4th) row after the first Raglan Increase Row, increase 1 stitch at each neck edge on every 6th (6th, 4th, 4th, 4th, 4th) row 5 (9, 3, 1, 4, 7) time(s), then every 8th (0, 6th, 6th, 6th, 6th) row 3 (0, 7, 10, 8, 6) times as follows: Knit 2, M1L, work as established to last 2 stitches, M1R, knit 2. (1 stitch increased at each neck edge)



Place locking markers or coilless safety pins at the beginning and end of the final neck increase row to mark the beginning of the V-neck. These markers are reference points; leave them in place until the front band is picked up.

Upon completion of this section, you will have worked the Raglan Increase Row a total of 20 (21, 22, 25, 28, 31) times and increased 8 (9, 10, 11, 12, 13) stitches at each neck edge; you now have 231 (243, 255, 283, 311, 339) stitches on your needle [29 (31, 33, 37, 41, 45) stitches for each front, 48 (50, 52, 58, 64, 70) stitches for each sleeve, 65 (69, 73, 81, 89, 97) stitches for back, and 3 stitches for each raglan].

Sizes 50¼, 54, & 57" Only:

Work – (–, –, 5, 3, 3) rows even in established pattern.

Body Increase Row (RS): *Knit to marker, M1R, slip marker, knit 1, purl 1, knit 1, slip marker, knit to marker, slip marker, knit 1, purl 1, knit 1, slip marker, M1L; repeat from * once more, knit to end. (4 stitches increased)

Repeat the Body Increase Row every – (–, –, 6th, 4th, 4th) row – (–, –, 2, 2, 1) more time(s).

Upon completion of this section, you will have worked the Body Increase Row a total of – (–, –, 3, 3, 2) times; you now have – (–, –, 295, 323, 347) stitches on your needle: – (–, –, 40, 44, 47) stitches for each front, – (–, –, 58, 64, 70) stitches for each sleeve, – (–, –, 87, 95, 101) stitches for back, and 3 stitches for each raglan.

All Sizes Resume:

Work even in established pattern for 21 (21, 21, 13, 11, 25) more rows, ending with a WS row. Piece measures approximately 15¾ (16¼, 16½, 17, 17½, 18)" from cast-on edge.

DIVIDE FOR BODY AND SLEEVES

Division Row (RS): Knit 29 (31, 33, 40, 44, 47), slip marker, knit 1, purl 1, knit 1, slip marker, knit 6, *transfer next 36 (38, 40, 46, 52, 58) stitches to stitch holder or waste yarn for sleeve, using the Backward Loop Cast On (see *Special Techniques*) cast on 4 (4, 4, 2, 2, 2) stitches for underarm*, knit 6, slip marker, knit 1, purl 1, knit 1, slip marker, knit 65 (69, 73, 87, 95, 101), slip marker, knit 1, purl 1, knit 1, slip marker, knit 6, repeat from * to * for second sleeve, knit 6, slip marker, knit 1, purl 1, knit 1, slip marker, knit 29 (31, 33, 40, 44, 47). [167 (175, 183, 207, 223, 235) stitches remain for body]



BODY

Work even in established pattern until piece measures 9" from Division Row, ending with a RS row.

Decrease Row (WS): P2tog, [purl to 2 stitches before marker, p2tog-tbl, remove marker, purl 1, p2tog, remove marker] twice, purl 20 (22, 23, 28, 30, 32), p2tog-tbl, purl 20 (22, 23, 28, 30, 32), p2tog, purl 21 (21, 23, 27, 31, 33), remove marker, p2tog-tbl, purl 1, remove marker, p2tog, purl to 2 stitches before marker, p2tog-tbl, remove marker, purl 1, p2tog, remove marker, purl to last 2 stitches, p2tog-tbl. [155 (163, 171, 195, 211, 223) stitches remain]

HEM

Switch to Size B 47" circular needle (suggested size 4½ mm/ US 7).

Begin Brioche Stitch (see *Stitch Pattern*); work Setup Rows 1 & 2 once, then repeat Rows 1 & 2 until hem measures approximately 5", ending with a WS row.

Bind off all stitches in rib using Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind Off (see *Special Techniques*).

SLEEVES (MAKE 2)

Return held sleeve stitches to Size A needle(s) in preferred style for small-circumference circular knitting.

Beginning at center of underarm, rejoin yarn and pick up and knit 3 (3, 3, 2, 2, 2) stitches, knit 36 (38, 40, 46, 52, 58) sleeve stitches, pick up and knit 3 (3, 3, 2, 2, 2) stitches from other side of underarm. Place marker for BOR and join for working in the round. [42 (44, 46, 50, 56, 62) stitches now on needle(s)]

Decrease Round: Knit 2, k2tog, knit to last 4 stitches, SSK, knit 2. [40 (42, 44, 48, 54, 60) stitches remain]

WORK CUFF

Switch to Size B needle(s) in preferred style for small-circumference circular knitting.

Setup Round 1: *Yf-SI1-YO, knit 1; repeat from * to end.

Setup Round 2: *BRP, Yf-SI1-YOF; repeat from * to end.

Round 1: *Yf-SI1-YO, BRK; repeat from * to end.

Round 2: *BRP, Yf-SI1-YOF; repeat from * to end.

Repeat Rounds 1 & 2 until cuff measures 2", ending with Round 2 of pattern.

Sleeve Decrease Round: Yf-SI1-YO, BRK-R-SI-Dec, work as established to last 5 stitches, BRK-L-SI-Dec, Yf-SI1-YO, BRK. (4 stitches decreased)

Repeat the Sleeve Decrease Round every 32nd (32nd, 32nd, 24th, 16th, 12th) round 1 (1, 1, 2, 3, 4) more time(s), taking care to only work the decrease round on Round 1 of pattern.

Upon completion of this section, you will have worked the Sleeve Decrease Round a total of 2 (2, 2, 3, 4, 5) times; you now have 32 (34, 36, 36, 38, 40) stitches on your needle.

Work even until sleeve measures 8" from underarm, ending with Round 2 of pattern.

Bind off all stitches in rib using Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind Off.

Repeat instructions for second sleeve.

FINISHING

Wet-block piece to schematic measurements (see *Special Techniques*), leaving locking markers or coilless safety pins in place.

COLLAR AND FRONT EDGING

With Size B 47" circular needle, RS facing, and beginning at bottom of right front, pick up and knit 88 stitches up right front to locking marker or coilless safety pin, place marker A, 38 (38, 38, 44, 44, 44) stitches up right front neck edge, 11 stitches evenly along top of sleeve (including raglan "seams"), place marker B, 27 (29, 31, 33, 35, 37) stitches evenly along back neck, place marker C, 11 stitches evenly along top of sleeve (including raglan "seams"), 38 (38, 38, 44, 44, 44) stitches down left front neck edge to locking marker, place marker D, and 88 stitches down left front. Do not join; work back and forth in rows. [301 (303, 305, 319, 321, 323) stitches now on needle]

Remove locking markers or coilless safety pins.



SHAPE COLLAR

Note: Please read the Construction Note concerning short rows before proceeding. Take care when working a Yf-Sl1-YO at the beginning of a row, so that you do not accidentally drop the YO when you return to it on the following row.

Setup Row (WS): Knit 2, *Yf-Sl1-YO, knit 1; repeat from * to last stitch, knit 1.

Short Row 1 (RS): Knit 2, *BRK, Yf-Sl1-YO; repeat from * to marker C, remove marker, BRK, replace marker, turn;

Short Row 2 (WS): *Yf-Sl1-YO, BRK; repeat from * to marker B, remove marker, Yf-Sl1-YO, BRK, replace marker, turn;

Short Row 3: *Yf-Sl1-YO, BRK; repeat from * to marker C, remove marker, Yf-Sl1-YO, BRK, replace marker, turn;

Repeat the last 2 short rows 22 (22, 22, 25, 25, 25) more times, then work Short Row 2 once more.

Next Row (RS): *Yf-Sl1-YO, BRK; repeat from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2.

WORK BAND

Next Row (WS): Knit 2, *Yf-Sl1-YO, BRK; repeat from * to last 3 stitches, Yf-Sl1-YO, knit 2.

Next Row (RS): Knit 2, *BRK, Yf-Sl1-YO; repeat from * to last 3 stitches, BRK, knit 2.

Work even in established pattern until band measures 3½" from pick-up row at narrowest section, ending with a WS row.

Next Row (RS): Work as established over 46 stitches then transfer these stitches to stitch holder or waste yarn for right pocket, bind off the next 209 (211, 213, 227, 229, 231) using Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind Off, work as established to end. [46 stitches remain for left pocket]

LEFT POCKET

Note: Take care when working a Yf-Sl1-YO at the beginning of a row, so that you do not accidentally drop the YO when you return to it on the following row.

Pocket Decrease Row (WS): Knit 2, *Yf-Sl1-YO, BRK; repeat from * to last 4 stitches, Yf-Sl1-YO, BRK-R-Sl-Dec. (2 stitches decreased)

Next Row (RS): *Yf-Sl1-YO, BRK; repeat from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2.

Repeat the Pocket Decrease Row every WS row 6 more times, then every 4th row 3 times, then every 6th row 2 times.

Upon completion of this section, you will have worked the Pocket Decrease Row a total of 12 times; you now have 22 stitches on your needle.

Work even in established pattern until piece measures 7 (7½, 8, 9¾, 10¾, 11½)" from pick-up row, ending with a RS row. Bind off all stitches in rib using Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind Off. Leave a yarn tail approximately 52" long for sewing side and bottom of pocket to front.

RIGHT POCKET

Note: Take care when working a Yf-Sl1-YO at the end of a row, so that you do not accidentally drop the YO when you return to it on the following row.

Return 46 held right pocket stitches to Size B 32" circular needle and rejoin yarn ready to work a WS row.

Pocket Decrease Row (WS): BRK-L-Sl-Dec, Yf-Sl1-YO, *BRK, Yf-Sl1-YO; repeat from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2. (2 stitches decreased)

Next Row (RS): Knit 2, *BRK, Yf-Sl1-YO; repeat from * to end.

Complete as for left pocket.

Fold pockets and collar back over fronts. Sew pockets to fronts along bottom and side edges, matching bound-off edge of pocket to faux-seam detail on front and adding more twist into the yarn as you go to increase its tensile strength.

Weave in all remaining ends invisibly on the WS of work.

Gently steam seams and collar, or wet-block entire garment again.

Special Techniques

Backward Loop Cast On

Make a slip knot on R needle to begin, now holding the needle with the slip knot in your right hand, *use the working yarn to make a loop around your left thumb, then place this loop onto the R needle; repeat from * until you have the required number of stitches on your needle.

If using this method to cast on stitches to a piece in progress, omit slip knot and begin at *.

Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind Off

Jeny Staiman's clever method adds yarn wraps to the classic simple bind off for great elasticity. To bind off in rib, work Steps 1 & 2 as required for knit or purl stitches and then repeat Steps 3–5:

For knit stitches:

Step 1: Yarn over in reverse, bringing the working yarn over the needle from the back to the front and then returning it to the back.

Step 2: Knit (or BRK) 1 stitch.

For purl stitches:

Step 1: Yarn over, bringing the working yarn over the needle from the front to the back and then returning it to the front.

Step 2: Purl 1 stitch.

For all stitches:

Step 3: Pass the YO over the new stitch and off the needle.

Step 4: Repeat Steps 1–3 for the next stitch.

Step 5: Pass the first stitch over the new stitch and off the needle.

Repeat Steps 4 & 5 to end.

Note that once you have processed the first stitch, on the next and all remaining stitches, you can pass the YO and the adjacent stitch over and off in one motion. Work loosely but evenly to maximize elasticity.

*Special Techniques (continued)***Wet Blocking**

Fill a sink or basin with warm water and a small amount of delicate dish soap or rinseless wool wash. Submerge fabric in water, gently squeezing out any air bubbles so that the piece can remain under water without being held there. Soak work for 30 minutes, allowing fabric to become completely saturated.

Drain the sink and remove work. If you have used dish soap (rather than rinseless wool wash), fill the sink again once or twice to rinse the soap from your fabric. Never place knitting directly under running water.

Squeeze out excess water from your work, taking care not to twist or wring fabric. Roll your fabric between two clean bath towels “burrito style” and firmly press towel roll. This will aid in removing moisture from the knitted piece. Remove piece from towels – your fabric should now feel damp but not saturated.

Pin piece in place on a blocking board or other appropriate surface, using instructed dimensions. Use as many T-pins as required to block piece into desired shape. Allow fabric to air dry completely before removing. Steam out any creases formed while piece was drying.

Abbreviations

BOR	Beginning of Round
BRK	Brioche Knit: Knit the next stitch together with its corresponding YO from the previous row.
BRK-L-SL-DEC	Brioche Knit Left Slipped Decrease (worked over 3 stitches): Slip the first stitch and its corresponding YO knitwise, BRK the next 2 stitches together (next purl stitch and following knit stitch and its corresponding YO), pass the slipped stitch over the stitch just made. (2 stitches decreased; leans left)
BRK-R-SL-DEC	Brioche Knit Right Slipped Decrease (worked over 3 stitches): Slip the first stitch and its corresponding YO knitwise, knit the second stitch, pass the first stitch over the second stitch. Transfer the second stitch back to the L needle then pass the third stitch and its corresponding YO over the second stitch. Transfer the completed stitch back to R needle. (2 stitches decreased; leans right)
BRP	Brioche Purl: Purl the next stitch together with its corresponding YO from the previous row.
DPN	Double-Pointed Needle
K2TOG	Knit 2 Together: Knit 2 stitches on L needle together. (1 stitch decreased; leans right)
L	Left: Used in technique instructions to indicate which of your two working needles is being used.
M1L	Make 1 Left: With L needle tip, pick up the running thread between stitch just worked and first stitch on L needle from front to back. Knit the running thread through the back loop. (1 stitch increased; leans left)
M1R	Make 1 Right: With L needle tip, pick up the running thread between stitch just worked and first stitch on L needle from back to front. Knit the running thread through the front loop. (1 stitch increased; leans right)
P2TOG	Purl 2 Together: Purl 2 stitches on L needle together. (1 stitch decreased; leans right)
P2TOG-TBL	Purl 2 Together through the back loops: Purl 2 stitches on L needle together through the back loops. (1 stitch decreased; leans left)
R	Right: Used in technique instructions to indicate which of your two working needles is being used.

Abbreviations (continued)

- RS** Right Side: The public side of the knitted fabric, i.e. the fabric that will be visible when garment is worn. In projects with reversible fabrics, RS will be assigned specifically at the beginning of the pattern.
- SSK** Slip, Slip, Knit (modified): Slip 1 stitch knitwise from L to R needle, replace stitch on L needle in new orientation then knit 2 stitches together through the back loops. (1 stitch decreased; leans left)
- WS** Wrong Side: The non-public side of the knitted fabric, i.e. the fabric that will not be visible when garment is worn. In projects with reversible fabrics, WS will be assigned specifically at the beginning of the pattern.
- YF-SL1-YO** Yarn Forward, Slip 1, Yarn Over: Bring the working yarn under the needle to the front of the work, slip the next stitch purlwise, then bring the yarn over the needle to the back (creating a YO on top of the slipped stitch), in position to knit the following stitch. This slipped stitch/yarn over pair is considered one stitch.
- YF-SL1-YOF** Yarn Forward, Slip 1, Yarn Over to Front: Bring the working yarn under the needle to the front of the work, slip the next stitch purlwise, then bring the yarn over the needle and back to the front (creating a YO on top of the slipped stitch), in position to purl the following stitch. This slipped stitch/yarn over pair is considered one stitch.

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