

PetiteKnit

SCARLET CARDIGAN



Sizes:	XXS (XS) S (M) L (XL) 2XL (3XL) 4XL (5XL)
Bust circumference:	105 (108) 115 (120) 125 (132) 143 (150) 157 (167) cm [41¼ (42½) 45¼ (47¼) 49¼ (52) 56¼ (59) 61¾ (65¾) inches]
Length:	50 (51) 53 (56) 58 (60) 62 (66) 68 (70) cm [19¾ (20) 20¾ (22) 22¾ (23½) 24½ (26) 26¾ (27½) inches] measured mid back excl. neck edge
Gauge:	23 sts x 36 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches] in stockinette stitch on a 3 mm [US2½] needle
Needles:	Circular needles: 3 mm [US2½] / 40, 60 and 80 and/or 100 cm [16, 24 and 32 and/or 40 inches] and 2.5 mm [US1½] / 40 and 80 cm [16 and 32 inches] Double-pointed needles: 2.5 mm [US1½] and 3 mm [US2½]
Materials:	600 (650) 700 (700) 750 (750) 800 (850) 900 (950) g Double Sunday by Sandnes Garn (50 g = 108 m [118 yds]), 4 buttons (Ø = 20 mm)

PATTERN

The Scarlet Cardigan is worked from the top down with a line of raised knit stitches down the middle of the back, and along both sides of the body, as well as down the underside of both sleeves. The first section of the back yoke is worked flat, back and forth, while the slope of the shoulders is shaped using short rows. After this, an i-cord edge is worked along the back yoke cast-on edge. The stitches for each of the shoulders are picked up and knitted along this i-cord, and the shoulders are worked separately flat, back and forth. The shoulders are worked with increases for the V-neck. The fronts and back yoke are joined to form the body, which is worked back and forth on a circular needle. The sleeves are worked from stitches that are picked up and knitted along the armholes. At the end, stitches are picked up and knitted along the front edges and a double knitted front pocket is worked.

Size guide

The Scarlet Cardigan is designed to have approx. 25 cm [9¾ inches] of positive ease for the smaller sizes and then gradually less for the larger sizes. The sizes XXS (XS) S (M) L (XL) 2XL (3XL) 4XL (5XL) are designed to fit a bust circumference of 75-80 (80-85) 85-90 (90-95) 95-100 (100-110) 110-120 (120-130) 130-140 (140-150) cm [29½-31½ (31½-33½) 33½-35½ (35½-37½) 37½-39½ (39½-43¼) 43¼-47¼ (47¼-51¼) 51¼-55 (55-59) inches].

The measurements for the finished cardigan can be found on the front page of the pattern. Please note: These measurements only apply if the correct gauge is achieved. Start by measuring yourself before beginning your project, 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 of your upper body) you should knit a size S. A cardigan in size S has a bust circumference of 115 cm [45¼ inches] which in the given example would give you 25 cm [9¾ inches] of positive ease.

About increases and decreases

Increases and decreases are worked so they either slant right (M1R and k2tog) or slant to the left (M1L and skp) (see video at www.petiteknit.com).

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

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

K2tog: Knit 2 stitches together.

Skp: Slip 1 stitch knit-wise, k1, pass the slipped stitch over the knitted stitch.

Back yoke

The back yoke is worked back and forth. Short rows are worked to shape the shoulders, and a line of raised knit sts is worked down the middle of the back. Use the technique named *German Short Rows* when working short rows, meaning when the pattern says “turn” (see video at www.petiteknit.com).

Work as follows:

Cast on 120 (124) 132 (138) 144 (152) 164 (172) 180 (192) sts on a 3 mm [US2½] / 80 cm [32 inches] circular needle.

Break the working yarn.

Slip the first 34 (36) 40 (42) 44 (48) 52 (56) 60 (66) sts from the left to the right needle (without knitting them).

Join new yarn and work as follows:

Row 1 (WS): Purl 27 (27) 27 (28) 29 (29) 31 (31) 31 (31) sts, place marker, purl 25 (25) 25 (26) 27 (27) 29 (29) 29 (29) sts until there are 34 (36) 40 (42) 44 (48) 52 (56) 60 (66) sts left on the needle, turn.

Row 2 (RS): Knit to marker, slip marker, slip 2 sts purl-wise with the yarn held in back, k1 tightly, knit until there are 32 (34) 38 (40) 42 (46) 50 (54) 58 (64) sts left on the needle, turn.

Row 3 (WS): Purl until there are 32 (34) 38 (40) 42 (46) 50 (54) 58 (64) sts left on the needle, turn.

Next row is a RS row.

Continue working short rows to shape the back yoke as follows (see video at www.petiteknit.com):

Row 1 (RS): Knit to marker, slip marker, slip 2 sts purl-wise with the yarn held in back, k1 tightly, knit to 2 sts after the last RS turn (meaning knit the turning stitch from the previous RS row, then knit 2 more sts), turn.

Row 2 (WS): Purl to 2 sts after the last WS turn (meaning purl the turning stitch from the previous WS row, then purl 2 more sts), turn.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 15 (16) 18 (19) 20 (22) 24 (26) 28 (31) times (on the last repeat there are 2 sts left on the needle). Next row is a RS row.

The back yoke is now shaped like a trapezoid, and the work measures approx. 9.5 (10.5) 11.5 (12) 12.5 (13.5) 14.5 (16) 17 (18.5) cm [3¾ (4¼) 4½ (4¾) 5 (5¼) 5¾ (6¼) 6¾ (7¼) inches] from the cast-on edge.

Now work back and forth across all sts in stockinette stitch (with no more short rows) and with raised knit sts down the middle of the back as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit to marker, slip marker, slip 2 sts purl-wise with the yarn held in back, k1 tightly, knit to end of row.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 until the work measures 25 (25.5) 25.5 (26.5) 27.5 (28) 30 (30) 30 (30.5) cm [9¾ (10) 10 (10½) 10¾ (11) 11¾ (11¾) 11¾ (12) inches] measured mid back. End on a WS row, so the next row is a RS row.

Break the working yarn and let the sts rest while the shoulders are being worked.

Right shoulder

RS facing, pick up and knit the sts furthest to the right along the back yoke cast-on edge with a 3 mm [US2½] / 60 or 80 cm [24 or 32 inches] circular needle **with the short end of the yarn**, so an i-cord edge can be worked from the RS. The sts for the shoulder are then picked up and knitted along this i-cord.

Work an i-cord edge as follows (see video at www.petiteknit.com):

Cast on 3 sts on a 3 mm [US2½] / 60 or 80 cm [24 or 32 inches] circular needle using the long-tail cast-on method, in extension of these sts pick up and knit 34 (36) 40 (42) 44 (48) 52 (56) 60 (66) sts **with the short end of the yarn** along the 34 (36) 40 (42) 44 (48) 52 (56) 60 (66) sts furthest to the right on the back yoke cast-on edge (the direction for picking up sts in from the arm to the neck). Push the sts to the opposite end of the circular needle so you are ready to knit with the proper end of the working yarn and work i-cord (not too tightly) from the RS as follows:

Row 1 (RS): * K2, k2tog through the back loops, slip sts back onto left needle *, repeat from * to * until there are 3 sts left on the left needle, pass the first stitch over the second stitch and pass the second stitch over the third stitch to bind them off, break the working yarn and pull the end of the yarn through the last stitch.

The i-cord edge has now been worked and will give the shoulder the same look as the lines along the body.

RS facing, pick up and knit 34 (36) 40 (42) 44 (48) 52 (56) 60 (66) sts along the i-cord with a 3 mm [US2½] / 60 or 80 cm [24 or 32 inches] circular needle (with the long end of the yarn, as you normally do). Pick up and knit under the V that forms the knit stitch that sits closest to the WS of the work, so there, after the sts have been picked up and knitted, are two visible knit sts on the RS (see video at www.petiteknit.com).

Purl across 1 row. Next row is a RS row.

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch with increases for the V-neck on every 4th row. Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit across.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Row 3 (RS): Knit to the last 2 sts on the needle, **M1R**, k2. (1 stitch has been increased)

Row 4 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1-4 a total of 23 (23) 23 (24) 25 (25) 27 (27) 27 (27) times. There are now a total of 57 (59) 63 (66) 69 (73) 79 (83) 87 (93) sts on the needles.

The work now measures approx. 25.5 (25.5) 25.5 (26.5) 27.5 (27.5) 30 (30) 30 (30) cm [10 (10) 10 (10½) 10¾ (10¾) 11¾ (11¾) 11¾ (11¾) inches] measured from where sts were picked up and knitted along the i-cord.

Break the working yarn and let the sts rest while the left shoulder is being worked.

Left shoulder

RS facing, pick up and knit the sts furthest to the left along the back yoke cast-on edge with a 3 mm [US2½] / 60 or 80 cm [24 or 32 inches] circular needle **with the short end of the yarn**, so an i-cord edge can be worked from the RS. The sts for the shoulder are then picked up and knitted along this i-cord.

Work an i-cord edge as follows (see video at www.petiteknit.com):

Cast on 3 sts on a 3 mm [US2½] / 60 or 80 cm [24 or 32 inches] circular needle using the long-tail cast-on method, in extension of these sts pick up and knit 34 (36) 40 (42) 44 (48) 52 (56) 60 (66) sts **with the short end of the yarn** along the 34 (36) 40 (42) 44 (48) 52 (56) 60 (66) sts furthest to the left on the back yoke cast-on edge (the direction for picking up sts is from the neck towards the arm). Push the sts to the opposite end of the circular needle so you are ready to knit with the proper end of the working yarn and work i-cord (not too tightly) from the RS as follows:

Row 1 (RS): * K2, k2tog through the back loops, slip sts back onto left needle *, repeat from * to * until there are 3 sts left on the left needle, pass the first stitch over the second stitch and pass the second stitch over the third stitch to bind them off, break the working yarn and pull the end of the yarn through the last stitch.

The i-cord edge has now been worked and will give the shoulder the same look as the lines along the body.

RS facing, pick up and knit 34 (36) 40 (42) 44 (48) 52 (56) 60 (66) sts along the i-cord with a 3 mm [US2½] / 60 or 80 cm [24 or 32 inches] circular needle (with the long end of the yarn, as you normally do). Pick up and knit under the V that forms the knit stitch that sits closest to the WS of the work, so that, after the sts have been picked up and knitted, there are two visible knit sts on the RS (see video at www.petiteknit.com).

Purl across 1 row. Next row is a RS row.

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch with increases for the V-neck on every 4th row. Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit across.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Row 3 (RS): K2, **M1L**, knit to end of row. (1 stitch has been increased)

Row 4 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1-4 a total of 23 (23) 23 (24) 25 (25) 27 (27) 27 (27) times. There are now a total of 57 (59) 63 (66) 69 (73) 79 (83) 87 (93) sts on the needles.

The work now measures approx. 25.5 (25.5) 25.5 (26.5) 27.5 (27.5) 30 (30) 30 (30) cm [10 (10) 10 (10½) 10¾ (10¾) 11¾ (11¾) 11¾ (11¾) inches] measured from where sts were picked up and knitted along the i-cord.

Do not break the working yarn as the next step follows from here.

Body

The body is worked back and forth in stockinette stitch on a 3 mm [US2½] / 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 inches] circular needle. Continue knitting the line of raised knit sts down along the mid back, and now also along both sides.

Work as follows from the RS, starting on the left shoulder:

Row 1 (RS): Knit across the left shoulder, place marker, cast on 2 new sts in extension of the sts using the backward loop method, continue across the back sts and knit to marker, slip marker, slip 2 sts purl-wise with the yarn held in back, k1 tightly, knit to end of row, place marker, cast on 2 new sts in extension of the sts using the backward loop method, knit across the right shoulder. There are now a total of 238 (246) 262 (274) 286 (302) 326 (342) 358 (382) sts on the needle.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Row 3 (RS): * Knit to marker, slip marker, slip 2 sts purl-wise with the yarn held in back, k1 tightly *, work from * to * 3 times, knit to end of row.

Row 4 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rounds 3 and 4 until the cardigan measures 43 (44) 46 (49) 51 (53) 55 (59) 61 (63) cm [17 (17¼) 18 (19¼) 20 (20¾) 21¾ (23¼) 24 (24¾) inches] from the cast-on edge at the back of the neck – or to the desired length. On the last WS row the number of stitches is reduced by working 2 sts together in a random place at the back of the cardigan. There are now a total of 237 (245) 261 (273) 287 (301) 325 (341) 357 (381) sts on the needles.

Change to a 2.5 mm [US1½] / 80 cm [32 inches] circular needle and work rib as follows:

Row 1 (RS): * P1, k1 *, repeat from * to * to the last stitch on the needle, p1.

Row 2 (WS): * K1, p1 *, repeat from * to * to the last stitch on the needle, k1.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until the ribbing measures 7 cm [2¾ inches]. The next row is a RS row.

Work double knitting before binding off using the Italian bind-off technique as follows (see video at www.petiteknit.com):

Row 1 (RS): Slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front, * K1, slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front *, repeat from * to * to end of row.

Row 2 (WS): K1, * slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front, k1 *, repeat from * to * to end of row.

Bind off using the Italian bind off technique (see video at www.petiteknit.com).

Sleeves

The sleeves are worked in the round on a 3 mm [US2½] / 40 cm [16 inches] circular needle with a line of raised knit sts along the underside of the sleeve.

RS facing, pick up and knit 96 (100) 100 (100) 104 (104) 106 (106) 106 (106) sts around the armhole with a 3 mm [US2½] / 40 cm [16 inches] circular needle. The rate for picking up and knitting sts is 2 sts for every 3 rows all the way around, and 1 stitch in each backward loop stitch at the underarm (see video at www.petiteknit.com).

Start and end right before the 2 backward loop sts that are cast on at the underarm (this way the raised knit sts on the sleeve will align with the line that runs down the side of the body). Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round.

Work in the round as follows:

Round 1: Slip beginning of round marker, slip 2 sts purl-wise with the yarn held in back, k1 tightly, knit to end of round.

Round 2: Knit across.

Work Rounds 1 and 2 until sleeve measures 35 (35) (34) 34 (33) 32 (31) 30 (29) 28 cm [13¾ (13¾) 13½ (13½) 13 (12½) 12¼ (11¾) 11½ (11) inches], while **at the same time** working decreases on every 18th (16th) 15th (15th) 13th (13th) 11th (11th) 11th (11th) round a total of 6 (7) 7 (7) 8 (8) 9 (9) 8 (8) times as follows: work 2 sts according to pattern, k1, **k2tog**, knit to the last 3 sts of the round, **skp**, k1. There are now a total of 84 (86) 86 (86) 88 (88) 88 (88) 90 (90) sts on the needle.

Change to 2.5 mm [US1½] double-pointed needles and work 12 cm [4¾ inches] in the round in 1 x 1 rib (k1, p1).

Work double knitting before binding off using the Italian bind-off technique as follows (see video at www.petiteknit.com):

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

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

Work the other sleeve identically.

Front placket

The front placket is worked in double knitting and is knitted onto the cardigan via stitches that are picked up and knitted. Stitches are picked up and knitted using a 2.5 mm [US1½] / 80 cm [32 inches] circular needle, and a 2.5 mm [US1½] double-pointed needle is used to work the placket itself. Buttonholes are worked on the right side along the way (see video on www.petiteknit.com).

Please note that it is important the stitch gauge is the same on both the cardigan and the placket, so the placket doesn't become either too short that pulls or too long that flares.

Begin by picking up and knitting sts as follows:

RS facing, using a 2.5 mm [US1½] / 80 cm [32 inches] circular needle, pick up and knit 1 stitch in each stitch all the way along the front edge of the cardigan. The exact number of sts depends on how long your cardigan is.

Break the yarn.

Before you continue, place 4 stitch markers on the needle with the picked up and knitted stitches to mark the placement of the 4 buttonholes along the right side of the cardigan. The stitch markers are placed at the bottom edge of each buttonhole. Place the bottom stitch marker 1.5 cm [1/2 inches] from the bottom edge of the cardigan, place the top stitch marker in line with the last V-neck increase on the yoke. The 2 middle markers are placed evenly spaced between the top and bottom marker, with the same number of sts between each. The method for working the buttonholes is described in the next section.

Start the double knitted front placket by casting on sts on the same 2.5 mm [US1½] / 80 cm [32 inches] circular needle that the picked up and knitted sts are sitting on. Work as follows:

Join new yarn and cast on 18 new sts at the right hem in extension of the picked up and knitted sts using the Italian cast-on technique and starting with casting on a purl stitch (as seen from the WS) (see video at www.petiteknit.com).

The placket is worked back and forth across these 18 new sts in double knitting. The placket is knitted onto the cardigan by knitting the last of the 18 sts (the one closest to the cardigan) together with one of the picked up and knitted sts on every RS row. Use a 2.5 mm [US1½] double-pointed needle to work all the RS rows.

Work as follows (please note that the German Short Row technique is **NOT** used for the turns here):

Row 1 (RS): * Slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front of the work, k1 *, work from * to * a total of 8 times, k2tog tbl (meaning knit the last of the 18 sts together with one of the picked up and knitted stitches through the back loops). Turn.

Row 2 (WS): * Slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front of the work, k1 *, repeat from * to * to end of row. Turn.

Repeat Row 1 and 2 all the way along the edge of the cardigan until there is only 1 of the picked up and knitted sts left (i.e. until there is a total of 19 sts left on the needle), while remembering to work the 4 buttonholes along the right side at the same time (see method described below).

Bind off from the RS using the Italian bind-off technique. When binding off the last 2 sts with the Italian bind-off technique, sew these two sts as one stitch (as if you had knitted them together through the back loops) (see video at www.petiteknit.com).

Buttonholes

The buttonholes are formed by dividing the double knitted edge in two and working them as two separate “columns”, which are joined again after the buttonhole has been completed (see video at www.petiteknit.com). The buttonhole is worked over 3 rows, and the yarn is not broken along the way. Start each buttonhole at each of the 4 stitch markers that you’ve placed on the needle.

Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): * Slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front of the work, k1 *, work from * to * a total of 5 times, turn.

Row 2 (WS): Work as Row 1.

Row 3 (RS): Work as Row 1.

Row 4 (WS): Work as Row 1.

Row 5 (RS): * Slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front of the work, k1 *, work from * to * 5 times, yarn over, work from * to * 3 times, slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front of the work, k2tog tbl, turn.

Row 6 (WS): * Slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front of the work, k1 *, work from * to * 3 times, slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front of the work, slip 1 stitch knit-wise with the yarn held behind the work, slip yarn over and stitch back onto the left needle and knit them together through the back loops (tbl), Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from front to back to form a new yarn over, turn.

Row 7 (RS): * Slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front of the work, k1 *, work from * to * 3 times, slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front of the work, k2tog tbl, turn.

Row 8 (WS): Work as Row 6.

Row 9 (RS): Work as Row 7.

Row 10 (WS): * Slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front of the work, k1 *, work from * to * 3 times, slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front of the work, slip 1 stitch knit-wise with the yarn held behind the work, slip yarn over and stitch back onto the left needle and knit them together tbl, work from * to * to end of row.

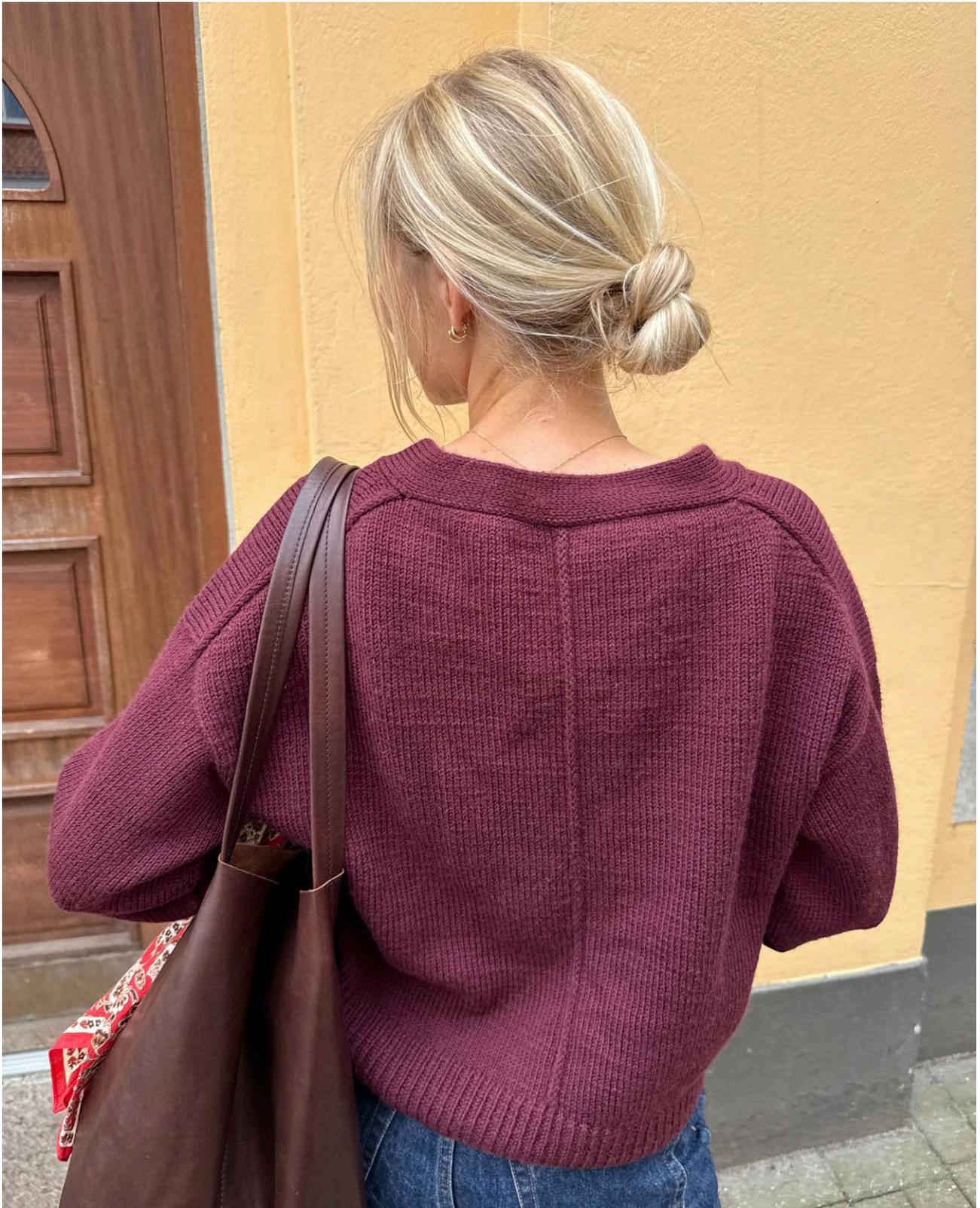
Finishing

Sew in 4 buttons along the left side of the placket across from the 4 buttonholes. Sew the buttons in so there's a little bit of space between the button and the placket – to make sure that the buttons will sit neatly on top of the double thickness of the placket when the cardigan is closed (see video at www.petiteknit.com).

Weave in all ends.

Abbreviations

k	knit
k2tog	decrease (right-leaning); knit two stitches together
M1L	make one left; insert the left needle under the strand between the stitches from front to back, then knit this strand through the back loop (twisted)
M1R	make one right; insert the left needle under the strand between the stitches from back to front, then knit this strand
p	purl
RS	right side of your work
skp	decrease (left-leaning); slip 1 stitch knit-wise, k1, pass the slipped stitch over the knitted stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	wrong side of your work



Mette Wendelboe Okkels ©COPYRIGHT 2025

www.petiteknit.com // Instagram: @petiteknit

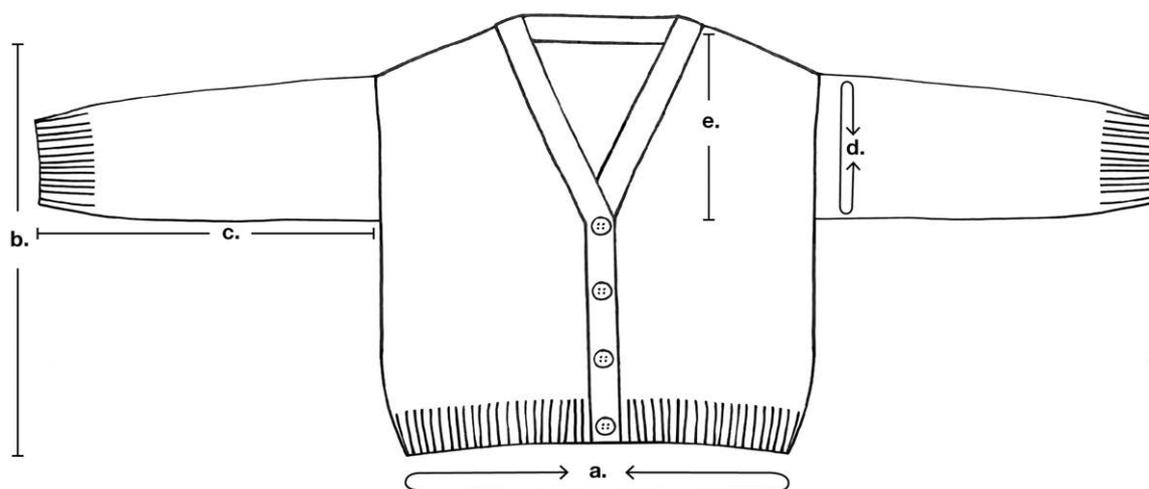
This pattern is for personal, non-commercial use only. The pattern may not be copied, resold or redistributed in any way. Nor may you sell any items produced using the directions in this pattern.

Share your version of the Scarlet Cardigan on Instagram with

#scarletcardigan #petiteknit

Happy knitting!

SCARLET CARDIGAN



Centimeter	XXS	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
a. Bust circumference	105	108	115	120	125	132	143	150	157	167
b. Length (measured mid back excl. neck edge)	50	51	53	56	58	60	62	66	68	70
c. Inner sleeve length	47	47	46	46	45	44	43	42	41	40
d. Upper arm circumference	42	43	43	43	45	45	46	46	46	46
e. Armhole depth	25	25.5	25.5	26.5	27.5	28	30	30	30	30.5

Inches	XXS	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
a. Bust circumference	41¼	42½	45¼	47¼	49¼	52	56¼	59	61¼	65¾
b. Length (measured mid back excl. neck edge)	19¾	20	20¾	22	22¾	23½	24½	26	26¾	27½
c. Inner sleeve length	18½	18½	18	18	17¾	17¼	17	16½	16¼	15¾
d. Upper arm circumference	16½	17	17	17	17¾	17¾	18	18	18	18
e. Armhole depth	9¾	10	10	10½	10¾	11	11¾	11¾	11¾	12

PetiteKnit