Soft Chains - Time for Comfort

A cozy Cardigan for cold days, featuring a warming shawl collar and "unchained" chains.
Knit from the top down without seams and without the need of a cable needle for the mock braids.
A perfectly fitting shoulder and sleeve caps for a true allrounder on cold days.

Sizes

XS – S – M – L – XL – 2XL – 3XL – 4XL – 5XL
32" – 60" / 82-152cm
Find detailed measurements and draft on page 2.

Materials

Any yarn matching the gauge,
DK weight (100-110m/110-120yds per 50g)
Estimated consumption in meters and yards: see page 2.
Differences in gauge and yarn choice will affect the amount of yardage used.

Circulars 4-4.5mm/US 6-7, or size needed for gauge; 80-100cm/32-40" and optional double pointed needles of same size, stitch markers, waste yarn, crochet hook, tapestry needle, 5 buttons (2-2.5cm/0.75-1" diameter)
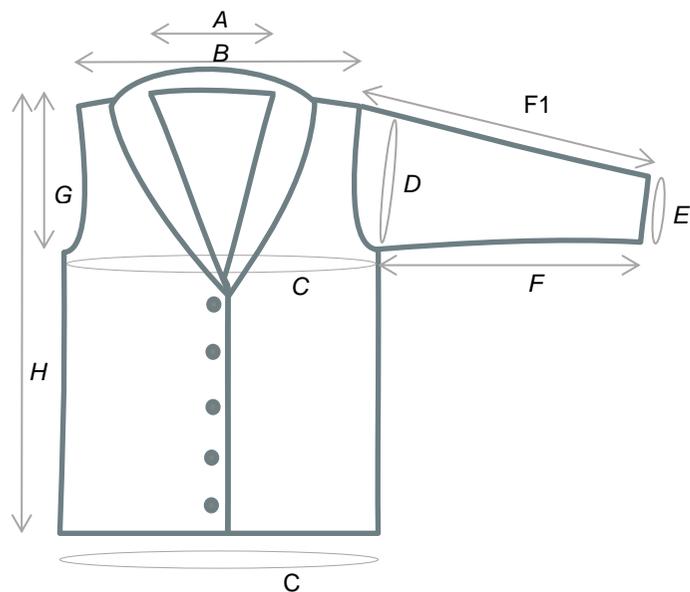
Gauge

In stockinette stitch: 10 cm / 4" = 20 stitches and 28 rows

Please consider that you will spend many hours knitting this cardigan,
but only a few minutes to make a gauge swatch … it is worth the time!
Try different needle sizes to obtain gauge and wash and dry your swatch before measuring.

Pattern directions that differ among sizes are specified as XS – S – M – L – XL – 2XL – 3XL – 4XL – 5XL.
Sizes L – XL – 2XL are highlighted for the ease of reading. Where only one number is given, it pertains to all sizes. To understand the construction, please read the entire pattern before you start and mark the numbers for your size. Find abbreviations and techniques on page 3.

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Measurements of the finished cardigan (with buttoned fronts) (gauge 20x28)

Please compare with a well-fitting garment. Measurements are given for the finished cardigan at given gauge

cm	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	"	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
A	15	16	16	17	18	18	18	18	19	A	6.00	6.25	6.25	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.50
B	33	34	38	39	40	42	42	42	43	B	13.00	13.50	15.00	15.25	15.75	16.50	16.50	16.50	17.00
C	**82**	**88**	**96**	**104**	**112**	**120**	**128**	**140**	**152**	**C**	**32.25**	**34.75**	**37.75**	**41.00**	**44.00**	**47.25**	**50.50**	**55.00**	**59.75**
D	30	32	34	36	39	41	45	47	52	D	11.75	12.50	13.50	14.25	15.25	16.25	17.75	18.50	20.50
E	22	22	24	24	26	28	32	34	36	E	8.75	8.75	9.50	9.50	10.25	11.00	12.50	13.50	14.25
F	41	44	44	46	46	46	46	46	49	F	16.00	17.50	17.50	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	19.00
F1	56	59	59	61	62	62	64	64	66	F1	22.00	23.25	23.25	24.00	24.50	24.50	25.00	25.00	26.25
G	24	25	25	26	28	28	29	29	31	G	9.25	9.75	9.75	10.50	11.00	11.00	11.50	11.50	12.00
H	63	64	64	66	67	67	69	69	70	H	24.75	25.25	25.25	25.75	26.50	26.50	27.00	27.00	27.50
										Estimates in meters / yards									
Meter	1280	1375	1500	1625	1750	1875	2000	2190	2380	yds	1410	1515	1650	1790	1925	2065	2200	2410	2620

If you use 2 yarns held together, count the given quantity for each thread.

This pattern has been carefully reviewed, tech edited and tested by experienced knitters in an attempt to ensure accuracy. Should you find any errors, please send me a personal message on **ravelry**.

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Dear Knitter

Thank you for purchasing a pattern from Hinterm Stein.
I am happy that you like my design and wish you joyful knitting hours!

Use yarn in heavy DK or light worsted weight or use two thinner threads held together for a special color effect as shown. Or use two yarns of the same color but differing texture. – Everything is possible!

This cardigan is knit from the top down without any seams. Basic knitting techniques and an unusual, but easy way to knit "braids" without twisting stitches make it outstanding. The shawl collar makes it the perfect companion for cold days. The instructions are very detailed and clearly outline all the steps for a relaxing knitting experience!

The Cardigan is knit seamlessly from the top down, starting at the back shoulder. Then stitches are picked up from the shoulder slants to knit the fronts, armholes and the whole upper body in one piece. For a perfect fit, you can add bust darts with short rows.

After separating the sleeves, the body is worked down to the pattern section.

Resume the sleeve stitches and work them down, again with a long, patterned cuff.

To finish, the front band is worked with buttonholes and short rows to shape the shawl collar.

Enjoy your new project!
All the Best from Hinterm Stein
Jutta

Find help, support and motivation in my Ravelry-group (click here).

Abbreviations and Techniques

[…] *Where instructions are in [brackets], repeat as often as indicated after bracket.*
bef: *before*
crochet cast on: *slip first stitch from knitting needle to crochet hook, and hook the yarn around the knitting needle and pull it through the loop on the crochet hook, creating a stitch on the knitting needle. Continue until desired stitch count, then slip the loop from crochet hook back to knitting needle (click for Tutorial)*

DS: *double stitch (German short rows … quick and easy) Turn, bring yarn forward, slip first stitch as if to purl and pull the yarn firmly over the top towards the back (this creates a double stitch with 2 legs = DS). Work the following stitch firmly to avoid holes and tighten carefully. In the next row knit/purl (according to pattern) the DS as one stitch (click for Tutorial)*

k: *knit*
k2tog: *knit 2 together (1 st decreased)*
m: *marker (where not mentioned, slip markers as you come to them)*
m1R/m1Rp: *(make one right - right leaning increase): Insert the left needle from back to front into the horizontal strand between two stitches and knit/purl through the front loop*
m1L/m1Lp: *(make one left - left leaning increase): Insert the left needle from front to back into the horizontal strand between two stitches and knit/purl through the back loop*
p: *purl*
pm: *place marker*
R: *row / round*
rm: *remove marker*
RS: *right side of work*
slip1: *slip 1 stitch with yarn in back, inserting the needle from right, as if to purl*
slip1wyf: *slip 1 stitch with yarn in front*
sm: *slip marker*
ssk: *slip, slip, knit: slip 2 stitches knitwise to twist them (1 at a time), return to left needle and knit these 2 stitches together through back loops (1 st decreased)*
ssp: *slip, slip, purl: slip 2 stitches knitwise (1 at a time), return them to left needle and purl them together through back loops (1 st decreased)*
st/sts: *stitch/stitches*
WS: *wrong side of work*
Wrap 6: *[slip 6 sts with yarn in back, bring yarn to front, slip 6 back to left needle] 2 times, slip1 with yarn in back, k5*

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1. Upper Back

R1 RS   cast on **26-28-28-30-32-32-32-32-34 sts**

R2 WS   p all sts

Increase for the **trapezoid shoulder shaping** in RS and WS rows as follows:

R3 RS   k3, **m1L**, k8, **m1L**, k4-6-6-8-10-10-10-10-12, **m1R**, k8, **m1R**, k3
          (4 sts increased)

R4 WS   p3, **m1Rp**, p to 3 bef end, **m1Lp**, p3 *(2 sts increased)*

R5 RS   k3, **m1L**, k10, **m1L**, k6-8-8-10-12-12-12-12-14, **m1R**, k10, **m1R**,
          k3 *(4 sts increased)*

R6 WS   p3, **m1Rp**, p to 3 bef end, **m1Lp**, p3 *(2 sts increased)*

R7 RS   k3, **m1L**, k to 3 bef end, **m1R**, k3 *(2 sts increased)*

Repeat R 6-7 another 7-7-9-9-9-10-10-10-10 times, do not turn after final
row. Place all sts on hold *(spare needle or scrap yarn)*, do <u>not</u> cut yarn.

= 68-70-78-80-82-86-86-86-88 sts

2. Right Front Shoulder

Work the **right shoulder with shaping** on both sides as follows:

R1 RS   *Rotate your work clockwise and (with same
          working yarn)* pick up and knit 20-20-24-24-
          24-26-26-26-26 sts along the right shoulder
          slant *(1 st per R)*

R2 WS   p all sts through the back loops

R3 RS   k

R4 WS   p

R5 RS   k2, **k2tog**, k to 3 bef end, **m1R**, k3 *(1 st decreased, 1 st increased)*

R6 WS   p
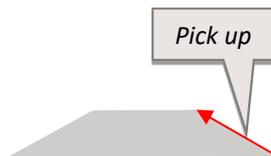
R7-14   *repeat R 3-6 another 2 times*

R15 RS   k

R16 WS   p

R17 RS   k to 3 bef end, **m1R**, k3 *(1 st increased at neck)*

R18 WS   p

Repeat R 15-18 another 1-2-2-3-3-3-3-3-4 times
Cut yarn. Place sts on hold.

= 22-23-27-28-28-30-30-30-31 sts

3. Left Front Shoulder

Work the **left shoulder with shaping** on both sides as follows:

R1 RS   pick up and knit 20-20-24-24-24-26-26-26-26 sts *(1st per R)* along
          the left shoulder slant and work the shoulder as follows:

R2 WS   p all sts through the back loops

R3 RS   k

R4 WS   p

R5 RS   k3, **m1L**, k to 4 bef end, **ssk**, k2
          (1 st increased, 1 st decreased)

R6 WS   p

R7-14   *repeat R 3-6 another 2 times*

R15 RS   k

R16 WS   p

R17 RS   k3, **m1L**, k to end *(1 st increased at neck)*

R18 WS   p
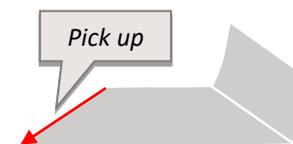
Repeat R 15-18 another 1-2-2-3-3-3-3-3-4 times
Do not cut yarn.

= 22-23-27-28-28-30-30-30-31 sts

4. Pick up stitches for sleeves

From now on, the whole upper body is worked in one row *(front-sleeve-back-sleeve-front)* as follows:
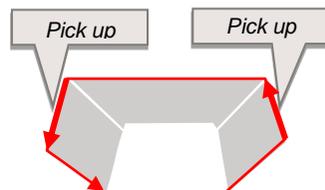
R1	RS	with ongoing yarn:
Left Front		k to 1 bef end, slip1, **pm**,
Sleeve		rotate by 90°, pick up and knit **16-20-20-22-22-22-22-22-26 sts** along left shoulder edge *(about 3 sts per 4 R)*, **pm,**
Back		rotate by 90° and work sts from hold as follows: slip1, k to 1 bef end, slip1, **pm,**
Sleeve		rotate by 90°, pick up and knit **16-20-20-22-22-22-22-22-26 sts** along left shoulder edge, **pm,**
R Front		rotate by 90° and work sts from hold as follows: slip1, k to end

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R2 WS	Right Front	p to 2 bef m, **p2tog**, sm,
	Sleeve	p through back loops to m, sm,
	Back	**ssp**, p to 2 bef m, **p2tog**, sm,
	Sleeve	p through back loops to m, sm,
	Left Front	**ssp**, p to end *(4 sts decreased: 1 each front, 2 at back)*

= 21-22-26-27-27-29-29-29-30 sts each front
= 16-20-20-22-22-22-22-22-26 sts each sleeve
= 66-68-76-78-80-84-84-84-86 sts at back

5. Work the V-neck shaping and increase for sleeves

Increase for the V-neck every 4R as before and
increase for the sleeves every 2R as follows:

R1	RS	Left Front	k3, **m1L**, k to m, sm,
		Sleeve	**m1L**, k to m, **m1R**, sm,
		Back	k to m, sm,
		Sleeve	**m1L**, k to m, **m1R**, sm,
		Right Front	k to 3 bef end, **m1R**, k3 *(1 st increased each front, 2 each sleeve)*
R2	WS		p
R3	RS	Left Front	k to m, sm,
		Sleeve	**m1L**, k to m, **m1R**, sm,
		Back	k to m, sm,
		Sleeve	**m1L**, k to m, **m1R**, sm,
		Right Front	k to end *(2 sts increased each sleeve)*
R4	WS		p

Repeat R1-4 another 6-5-6-5-5-5-5-3-2 times

= 28-28-33-33-33-35-35-33-33 sts each front
= 44-44-48-46-46-46-46-38-38 sts each sleeve
= 66-68-76-78-80-84-84-84-86 sts at back

6. Armholes

Continue the **front-increases** every 4R and
increase for sleeves and armholes every 4R as follows *(to elongate the armhole for more comfort)*:

R1	RS	Left Front	k3, **m1L**, k to 1 bef m **m1R**, k1, sm,
		Sleeve	**m1L**, k to m, **m1R**, sm,
		Back	k1, **m1L**, k to 1 bef m **m1R**, k1, sm,
		Sleeve	**m1L**, k to m, **m1R**, sm,
		Right Front	k1, **m1L**, k to 3 bef end, **m1R**, k3 *(10 sts increased: 2 each front, 2 each sleeve, 2 at back)*
R2	WS		p
R3	RS		k
R4	WS		p

Repeat R1-4 another 1-1-0-0-0-0-0-0-0 times

Continue the **front-increases** every 4R and

increase for sleeves and armholes every 2R as follows:

R5	RS	same as R1	*(10 sts increased: 2 each front, 2 each sleeve, 2 at back)*
R6	WS	p	
R7	RS	Left Front	k to 1 bef m, **m1R**, k1, sm,
		Sleeve	**m1L**, k to m, **m1R**, sm,
		Back	k1, **m1L**, k to 1 bef m, **m1R**, k1, sm,
		Sleeve	**m1L**, k to m, **m1R**, sm,
		Right Front	k1, **m1L**, k to end
			(8 sts increased: 1 each front, 2 each sleeve, 2 at back)
R8	WS	p	

Repeat R5-8 another 0-1-1-2-3-3-3-5-6 times

= 35-38-41-44-47-49-49-53-56 sts each front
= 52-56-58-60-64-64-64-64-68 sts each sleeve
= 74-80-86-92-98-102-102-110-116 sts at back

Continue the **front-increases** every 4R and

increase for sleeves and armholes in every R (on RS and WS) as follows:

R9	RS	same as R1: *(10 sts increased: 2 each front, 2 each sleeve, 2 at back)*
		When repeating for sizes 3XL, 4XL and 5XL: work as for R7 or as for R1 to continue the front-increases every 4R
R10	WS	[p to 1 bef m, **m1Lp**, p1, sm, **m1Rp**, p sleeve to m, **m1Lp**, sm, p1, **m1Rp**] 2 times, p to end
		(8 sts increased: 2 each sleeve, 1 each front, 2 at back)

Repeat R9-10 another 0-0-0-0-0-0-2-2-2 times, continuing the front increases every 4th row. Place a removable marker at both fronts to mark the **end of the V-neck**.

= 38-41-44-47-50-52-57-61-64 sts each front
= 56-60-62-64-68-68-76-76-80 sts each sleeve
= 78-84-90-96-102-106-114-122-128 sts at back

7. Separate sleeves and work the body

Sleeve stitches are placed on hold and underarm stitches are cast on to **knit front-back-front** in one row. Work as follows:

R1	RS	Left Front	k to m, rm, cast on 2-2-3-4-5-7-7-9-12 sts,
		Sleeve	place sleeve-sts on hold,
		Back	sm, cast on 2-2-3-4-5-7-7-9-12 sts, k to m, rm, cast on 2-2-3-4-5-7-7-9-12 sts,
		Sleeve	place sleeve-sts on hold,
		Right Front	sm, cast on 2-2-3-4-5-7-7-9-12 sts, k to end
R2	WS	p	

= 40-43-47-51-55-59-64-70-76 sts each front
= 82-88-96-104-112-120-128-140-152 sts at back

R3-6		work in stockinette stitch, slipping markers

8. Bust Darts

For an optimized fit, work **bust darts with short rows** as follows:
You may skip this step and work 2R in stockinette stitch instead, depending on your bust size and body shape.

R1.1	RS	k to m *(side)*, turn
R1.2	WS	DS, p to end
R1.3	RS	k to 5 bef DS, turn
R1.4	WS	DS, p to end

Repeat R1.3-1.4 another 1-1-2-2-3-3-3-4-4 times
(Depending on your body shape, you may repeat 1-2 times more or less)

R2   RS   k to end *(k all DS when you come to them)*

R3.1 WS   p to m *(side), turn*

R3.2 RS   DS, k to end

R3.3 WS   p to 5 bef DS, turn

R3.4 RS   DS, k to end

Repeat R3.3-3.4 another 1-1-2-2-3-3-3-4-4 times *(repeat as often as for R1.3-1.4)*

R4   WS   p to end *(p all DS when you come to them)*

9.   Body

Work in stockinette stitch to a **total of 67 rows** (25cm/10"), counted at the front edge from marker at V-neck onwards, ending with a RS row
(Try on and adapt the length if necessary. 15cm/6" will be added from here on.)

R68 for Sizes XS, 3X, 4X, 5X: (WS) p to end, removing markers
R68 for Sizes S, M, L, XL. 2XL: (WS) [p to m, rm, **m1Rp**] 2 times, p to end

= 162-176-192-208-224-240-256-280-304 sts

Work the **bottom band** in pattern as follows: The chain pattern is worked in blocks at front and back, the sides and back center are worked in rib pattern. See the chart on last pages. *I recommend placing markers – If you don't have enough markers, use yarn loops.*

R1   RS   **Setup-row with increases** *(12-12-12-12-12-12-16-16-16 sts)* **to achieve enough width for the pattern.**
          Front: k2-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3, [p2, k2, p2, **pm**, k3, **m1R**, k2] 3-3-3-3-3-3-4-4-4-times,
          Side: [p2, k2] 2-3-5-7-9-11-7-9-11 times,

Back: [p2, k2, p2, **pm**, k3, **m1R**, k2] 3-3-3-3-3-3-4-4-4 times,
p2, [k2, p2] 2-3-3-3-3-3-4-6-6-times,
[**pm**, k3, **m1R**, k2, p2, k2, p2] 3-3-3-3-3-3-4-4-4 times,
Side: [k2, p2] 2-3-5-7-9-11-7-9-11 times,
Front: [**pm**, k3, **m1R**, k2, p2, k2, p2] 3-3-3-3-3-3-4-4-4 times, k2-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3

R2   and all WS-rows: p0-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1, [p2, k2] to 2-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3 bef end, p2-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3, slipping markers

R3   RS Front: k2-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3, [p2, k2, p2, sm, k6] 3-3-3-3-3-3-4-4-4-times,
     Side: [p2, k2] 2-3-5-7-9-11-7-9-11 times
     Back: [p2, k2, p2, sm, k6] 3-3-3-3-3-3-4-4-4 times,
          p2, [k2, p2] 2-3-3-3-3-3-4-6-6-times,
          [sm, k6, p2, k2, p2] 3-3-3-3-3-3-4-4-4 times,
     Side: [k2, p2] 2-3-5-7-9-11-7-9-11 times,
     Front: [sm, k6, p2, k2, p2] 3-3-3-3-3-3-4-4-4 times, k2-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3
          (R3 in text corresponds with R3 in the chart)

R5   RS   as for R3

R7   RS Front: k2-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3, [p2, k2, p2, sm, wrap6] 3-3-3-3-3-3-4-4-4-times,
     Side: [p2, k2] 2-3-5-7-9-11-7-9-11 times,
     Back: [p2, k2, p2, sm, wrap6] 3-3-3-3-3-3-4-4-4 times,
          p2, [k2, p2] 2-3-3-3-3-3-4-6-6-times,
          [sm, wrap6, p2, k2, p2] 3-3-3-3-3-3-4-4-4 times,
     Side: [k2, p2] 2-3-5-7-9-11-7-9-11 times,
     Front: [sm, wrap6, p2, k2, p2] 3-3-3-3-3-3-4-4-4 times, k2-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3

Symbols:	k on RS, p on WS
-	p on WS, k on RS
	Marker

Wrap 6: *[slip 6 sts with yarn in back, bring yarn to front, slip 6 to right needle] 2 times, slip1 with yarn in back, k5*

R8-20	*13 rows, RS as for R3, WS as for R2*
R21	*Wrap-row as for R7*
R22-34	*13 rows, RS as for R3, WS as for R2*
R35 RS	*Wrap-row as for R7*
R36-42	*7 rows, RS as for R3, WS as for R2*

After a **total of 42 rows** *(3 times 14R chart)*, bind off in pattern

10. Sleeves

Work in the round with circulars (and magic loop) or double pointed needles.

Start at centre underarm: **pm**, pick up and knit 2-2-3-4-5-7-7-9-12 sts from underarm cast on, pick up and knit sleeve-sts from hold, pick up and knit 2-2-3-4-5-7-7-9-12 sts from underarm cast on.
  = 60-64-68-72-78-82-90-94-104 sts

Knit 10-6-6-6-6-6-6-6-4 rounds. Work **decrease-round** (see below) in next round and repeat

another 0-1-1-7-11-11-11-11-3 times every 10-6-6-6-6-6-6-6-4 R and then

another 7-8-8-4-1-1-1-1-12 times every 8-8-8-8-8-8-8-8-6 R.

Decrease-round: *sm, k2, **k2tog**, k to 4 bef m, **ssk**, k2 (2 sts decreased)*

Knit all other rounds. After last decrease-round, work 1 R or to desired length, allowing 17cm/6,75" for the cuff.

= 44-44-48-48-52-56-64-68-72 sts

Work the **Cuff in pattern** as follows:

R1 *Setup round / place markers: sm, k7-7-3-3-5-7-5-7-3,* **pm**, *k6, [p2, k2, p2,* **pm**, *k6] 2-2-3-3-3-3-4-4-5 times, k7-7-3-3-5-7-5-7-3 to m*

R2 and all **even rounds**:
  Sizes XS, S, M, L, 2X, 4X, 5X:
    sm, k1, p2, [k2, p2] to 1 bef m, k1 (slipping markers)
  Sizes XL, 3X:
    sm, *p1, k2, [p2, k2] to 1 bef m, p1 (slipping markers)*

R3 and all **odd rounds**:
    sm, rib pattern (all sts as they appear) to m, sm, k6, [p2, k2, p2, sm, k6] 2-2-3-3-3-3-4-4-5 times, rib pattern (all sts as they appear) to m (this round corresponds with R3 in the Chart; when repeating, work the pattern according to chart)

Continue as established in R2 and R3 *(according to chart)* to a **total of 48 rows** *(3 times 16R chart =48R)*, then bind off in pattern.

OPTION: if you like shorter sleeves, work the pattern repeat as for the body (14Rx3=42R)

Chart:

Row									
16	-	-		-	-		-	-	
15									
14	-	-		-	-		-	-	
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Symbols:
  (blank) k on RS, p on WS
  - p on WS, k on RS
  | Marker

11.   Front Band and Collar

The **front bands and collar** are worked in one go, in rib pattern,
the **collar** part with **short row shaping and pattern** as follows:
Pick up and knit stitches on RS as follows:

Right front: 82 sts* from bottom upwards to V-neck marker (about 3 sts per 4 rows), **pm,**

Collar: 56-61-61-66-65-65-71-71-76sts along the V-neck (about 6 sts per 7 rows), **pm,**

26-28-28-30-32-32-32-32-34 sts from neck (1 stitch per stitch), pm, 56-61-61-66-65-65-71-71-76sts along the V-neck (about 6 sts per 7 rows), **pm,**

Left Front: 82* sts from bottom upwards to V-neck marker (about 3 sts per 4 rows)

If you adapted the length, make sure you pick up a multiple of 4 plus 2sts

As the collar is folded, the **right side of the collar-pattern is knit on WS** of the cardigan. In the following, the RS rows are **collar-RS-rows** *(WS on the cardi)*

R1   RS (Collar-RS= WS on the cardigan)

Left Front: k2, [p2, k2] to m, sm

Collar: p2, k2, p2, [**pm**, k6, p2, k2, p2] to m, sm,

This row **corresponds with pattern row 7-5-5-3-1-1-13-13-13 in the chart** *(= k6 in all sizes)* —*mark the row so that you can count correctly. I recommend placing markers for each pattern repeat (different color to neck markers!)*

Right front: k2, [p2, k2] to end

Work **short rows for the collar shaping** as follows:

R2   WS   k2, [k2, p2] rib as established to 3rd marker *(right front, sm, V-neck, sm, across neckline to left shoulder)*, **rm,** turn

R3   RS   DS, work pattern according to chart across neck to m, **rm,** turn

R4   WS   DS, work rib pattern as established to DS, work DS in pattern, work 4 sts in pattern, turn,

R5   RS   DS, work pattern according to chart to DS, work DS in pattern, work 4 sts in pattern, turn,

Repeat R4-5 another 9-10-10-11-12-12-12-12-12 times, continuing the pattern according to chart – new stitches are worked in pattern, make sure you work the wrap-row in the correct place.

R6   WS   DS, work rib pattern as established to DS, work DS in pattern, work **6 sts** in pattern, turn,

R7   RS   DS, work pattern according to chart to DS, work DS in pattern, work **6 sts** in pattern, turn,

Repeat R6-7 another 2-2-2-2-2-2-3-3-3 times

R8   WS   DS, work rib pattern to DS, work DS in pattern, work rib as established to 2 bef end, k2

R9   RS   Left Front: k2, [p2, k2] to m,
Collar: work pattern according to chart to m (pattern row 7 = wraps)
Right front: k2, p1, *4-sts-buttonhole *(see next page)*, p1, k2, [p2, k2] 2 times*-, repeat from * to* another 4 times, work pattern to end as established

Chart (rows 1–14):

14	-	-		-	-		-	-		
	-	-		-	-		-	-		13
12	-	-		-	-		-	-		
	-	-		-	-		-	-		11
10	-	-		-	-		-	-		
	-	-		-	-		-	-		9
8	-	-		-	-		-	-		
	-	-		-	wrap6					7
6	-	-		-	-		-	-		
	-	-		-	-		-	-		5
4	-	-		-	-		-	-		
	-	-		-	-		-	-		3
2	-	-		-	-		-	-		
	-	-		-	-		-	-		1

Symbols:	k on RS, p on WS
-	p on WS, k on RS
	Marker

Buttonhole *(click here for a photo tutorial):*

1… bind off 4 sts without knitting them: slip2, pass first st over 2nd, [slip1, pass 1st st over new st] 3 times, slip last st to left needle

2… insert crochet hook into first bound-off st and get a yarn loop

3… turn, crochet cast on 4 sts onto right needle, then turn again

4… slip last loop from crochet hook to left needle and knit/purl (according to pattern) together with the following stitch (work tightly)

R10-16	work as established
R17	bind off in pattern

P. S.: I would love to see your project on Ravelry and Instagram! And don't forget to tag with @hintermstein so that I can find it and other knitters can admire it!

12.   Finishing

I hope you enjoyed knitting this Design von Hinterm Stein!

Sew on the buttons to match the buttonholes.

For a perfect look and uniform knit fabric, wash and dry flat or steam iron carefully. Don't skip this finishing touch – it is worth the effort!

Weave in ends and …

… enjoy your new cardigan!
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Chart for bottom pattern *– read from right side (front edge) to left side (back center) and mirror reverse for the second side!*
The text corresponds with the instructions on page 7 – read in sequences [brackets]

XS
continue mirror reversed<<
spiegelverkehrt fortsetzen<<

p2 [p2, k2] [p2, k2]   [p2, k2, p2, pm, k3, m1R, k2] x 3   [p2, k2] [p2, k2]   [p2, k2, p2, pm, k3, m1R, k2] x 3   k2

S
continue mirror reversed<<
spiegelverkehrt fortsetzen<<

p2 [p2, k2] [p2, k2] [p2, k2]   [p2, k2, p2, pm, k3, m1R, k2] x 3   [p2, k2] x 3   [p2, k2, p2, pm, k3, m1R, k2] x 3   k3

M
continue
mirror reversed<<
spiegelverkehrt
fortsetzen<<

p2 [p2, k2] [p2, k2] [p2, k2]   [p2, k2, p2, pm, k3, m1R, k2] x 3   [p2, k2] x 5   [p2, k2, p2, pm, k3, m1R, k2] x 3   k3

The page is a full-page knitting chart for "Soft Chains" patterns in sizes L, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X, and 5X, showing stitch grids with back center (Rückenmitte / back center) markers and row labels R1–R4 (RS/WS).

Size L — back center (Rückenmitte / back center); rows R4 WS, R3 RS, R2 WS, R1 RS
- continue mirror reversed<<
- spiegelverkehrt fortsetzen<<
- p2 [p2, k2] [p2, k2] [p2, k2] [p2, k2, p2, pm, k3, m1R, k2] x 3 [p2, k2] x 7 [p2, k2, p2, pm, k3, m1R, k2] x 3 k3 R1 RS

Size XL — back center
- continue mirror reversed<<
- spiegelverkehrt fortsetzen<<
- p2 [p2, k2] [p2, k2] [p2, k2] [p2, k2, p2, pm, k3, m1R, k2] x 3 [p2, k2] x 9 [p2, k2, p2, pm, k3, m1R, k2] x 3 k3 R1 RS

Size 2X — back center
- continue
- mirror reversed<<
- spiegelverkehrt
- fortsetzen<<
- p2 [p2, k2] [p2, k2] [p2, k2] [p2, k2, p2, pm, k3, m1R, k2] x 3 [p2, k2] x 11 [p2, k2, p2, pm, k3, m1R, k2] x 3 k3 R1 RS

Size 3X — back center
- continue
- mirror reversed<<
- spiegelverkehrt
- fortsetzen<<
- p2 [p2, k2] [p2, k2] [p2, k2] [p2, k2] [p2, k2, p2, pm, k3, m1R, k2] x 4 [p2, k2] x 7 [p2, k2, p2, pm, k3, m1R, k2] x 4 k3 R1 RS

Size 4X — back center
- p2 [p2, k2] [p2, k2] [p2, k2] [p2, k2] [p2, k2] [p2, k2, p2, pm, k3, m1R, k2] x 4 [p2, k2] x 9 [p2, k2, p2, pm, k3, m1R, k2] x 4 k3 R1 RS

Size 5X
- back center as for size 4X
- Rückenmitte iwe für Größe 4X
- [p2, k2, p2, pm, k3, m1R, k2] x 4 [p2, k2] x 11 [p2, k2, p2, pm, k3, m1R, k2] x 4 [p2, k2] k3 R1 RS