Tender Leaves Cardie

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SIZE: 2XL

Height: 5'5$^1/_2$" – 5'8" (164 – 170 cm)
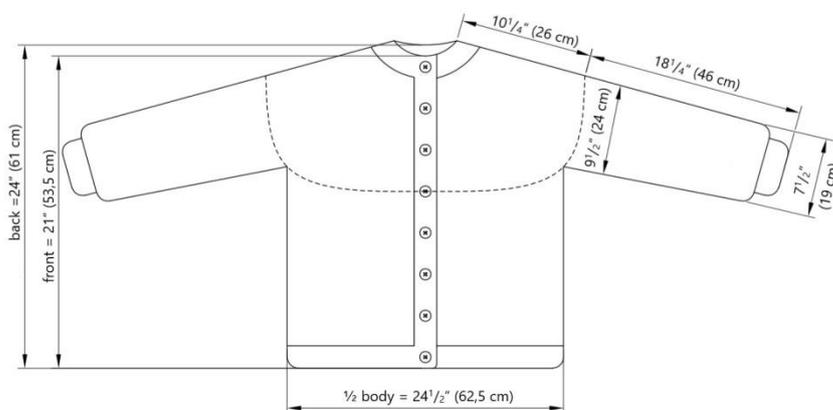
Bust size: 41$^3/_4$ – 41$^3/_4$" (106 – 111 cm)

Bust circumference: 49$^1/_4$" (125cm)

Positive Ease: 5$^1/_2$ – 7$^1/_2$" (14 –19 cm)

Sleeve at widest point: 19" (48 cm)

Sleeve after cuff: 14$^1/_2$" (38 m)

10$^1/_4$" (26 cm)
18$^1/_4$" (46 cm)
9$^1/_2$" (24 cm)
7$^1/_2$" (19 cm)
back =24" (61 cm)
front = 21" (53,5 cm)
½ body = 24$^1/_2$" (62,5 cm)

NOTES:

"Tender Leaves Cardie" is worked from the bottom up. The body and sleeves are worked separately to underarms, then joined to work the Yoke. The body is knitted back and forth, the sleeves are knitted in the round.

The button bands are worked in one piece together with the rest of the cardigan.

For height above 5'8" (170 cm) is recommended to adjust the length of the body.

ABBREVIATIONS:

beg – beginning   **st(s)** – stitch(es)
inc(s) – increase(s)   **dec(s)** – decrease(s)
pm – place marker   **rep** – repeat
rnd(s) – round(s)   **patt** – pattern (work in pattern without any incs or decs)
RS – right side
WS – wrong side   **bb(s)** - button band(s)

STITCH GLOSSARY:

{..} – total number of stitches

k – knit   **p** – purl

yo – yarn over

sl1p – slip 1 purlwise

ktbl – knit 1 through the back loop

wyif – with yarn in front   **wyib** – with yarn in back

ssk – slip slip knit: slip knitwise, slip knitwise, knit them together through the back loop

ssp – slip slip purl: slip knitwise, slip knitwise, purl them together through the back loop

M1LK – make one left knitwise: with the tip of LH needle, pick up the strand between two needles from front to back, knit into the back of this stitch

MATERIALS:

Yarn: Kid- mohair/silk 70%/30% with Weight/Yardage: 230 yards (210 m) in 0.9 oz (25 g).

For example: Drops Kid Silk, Lana Gatto Silk Mohair, Infinity Silk Mohair, BBB Soft Dream, Knitting for Olive Soft Silk Mohair, Mohair by Canard Brushed lace, Lana Grossa Silk Hair

The original pattern is worked **with 2 strands of yarn**.

For size 2XL you need **10 skeins**.

NEEDLES:

US 2,5(3mm) and US 8(5mm) circular needles 31$^1/_2$" (80 cm) length cable.

Always use a needle size that will result in the correct gauge after blocking

NOTIONS:

- stitch markers
- scissors
- tapestry needle
- 8 buttons d 16-20 mm

GAUGE:

17,5 stitches & 22 rows = 4" (10x10cm)
in Stockinette stitch on US 8 (5mm) size needles.
19 stitches & 22 rows = 4" (10x10cm)
in Lace stitch on US 8 (5mm) size needles.
19 stitches & 26 rows = 4" (10x10cm)
in Half fisherman rib stitch on US 8 (5mm) size needles.

With smaller size circular needles cast on 57 sts with Italian cast on beginning with purl st and 1 st to join in the round. Join for working in the round, being careful not to twist.

[Cast on and Half-Fisherman rib Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VYmEHYJSmI0]

{56} sts

PM to indicate the beg of a rnd.

Round 1: [sllp turn through the back loop wyif, k1] – rep to end of rnd.

Round 2: [p1, sllp wyib] – rep to end of rnd.

Round 3: [p1, k1] – rep to end of rnd.

Change to larger needles and work half-fisherman rib:

Round 4: [p1, yo, sllp wyib] – rep to end of rnd.

Round 5: [p1, k1 with yo] – rep to end of rnd.

Round 6-13: rep 4-5 rounds 4 times.

Round 14: [k1] – rep to end of rnd.

Work incs as following:

Round 15: [k4, M1LK, k3, M1LK, k4] – rep to end of rnd.

{72} sts

Place marker every 18 sts (= leaf). The sleeve has 4 Horizontal Pattern Repeats (leaves in wide) and 5 Vertical Pattern Repeats (leaves in height). Colored cells in the charts indicate the middle of leaves.
The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Vertical Pattern Repeat is knitted according to Chart 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 accordingly. In 1-4 Vertical Pattern Repeat you will work inc at last row of each Chart, and in 5 Vertical Pattern Repeat at penultimate row of Chart 5.
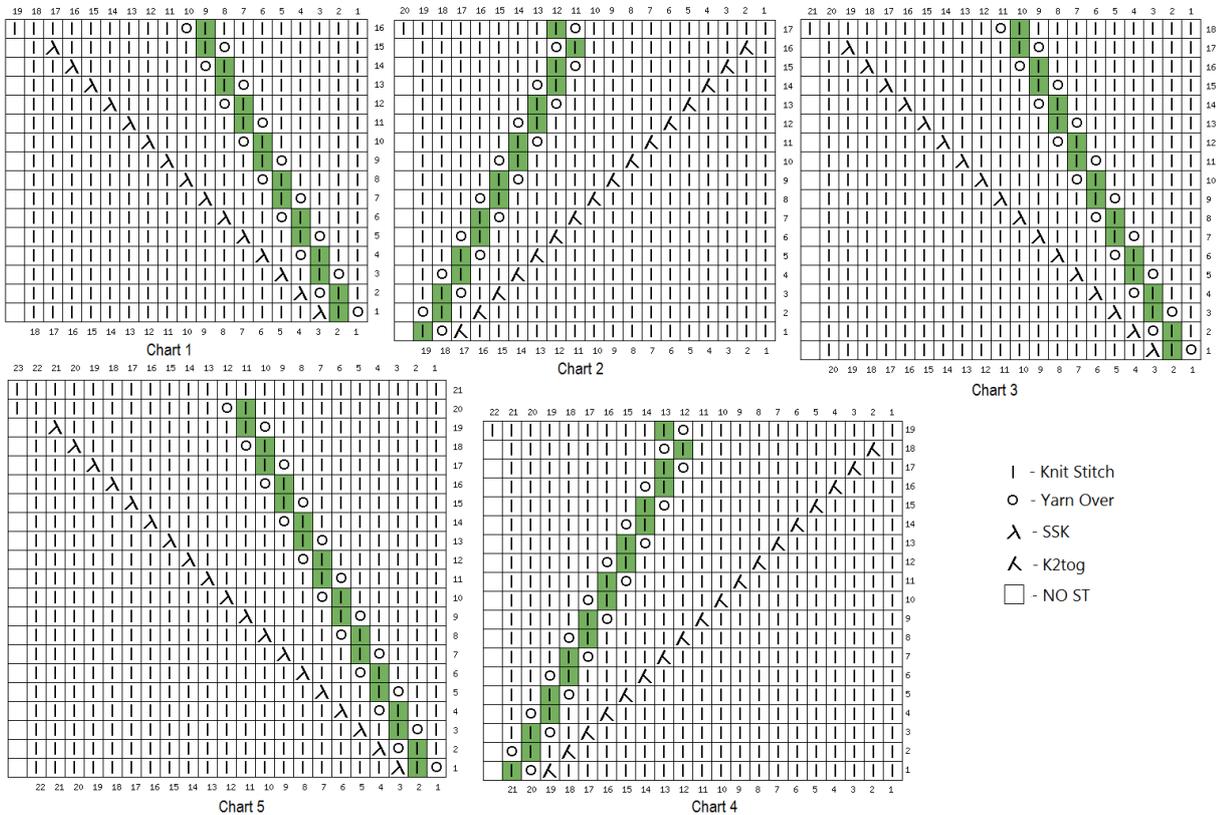
So, knit sleeves this way:

Rnds 16 - 31: 1st Vertical Patt. Rep. – Chart 1. {76} sts;

Rnds 32 - 48: 2nd Vertical Patt. Rep. – Chart 2. {80} sts;

Rnds 49 - 66: 3rd Vertical Patt. Rep. – Chart 3. {84} sts;

Rnds 67 - 85: 4th Vertical Patt. Rep. – Chart 4. {88} sts;

Rnds 86 -106: 5th Vertical Patt. Rep. – Chart 5. {92} sts.

Chart 1

Chart 2

Chart 3

Chart 5

Chart 4

I - Knit Stitch
O - Yarn Over
λ - SSK
⅄ - K2tog
☐ - NO ST

When sleeves are finished, don't cast off stitches. Place sts on a yarn holder or a waste yarn and cut the yarn leaving 16" (40cm) to close the underarm gaps by using Kitchener Stitch

With smaller size circular needles, cast on 245 sts (cast on 1ˢᵗ st with German cast on, next 243 sts with Italian cast on beginning with purl st, last st cast on with German cast on). [Video "Cast on": https://youtu.be/kWD8u2ofIUA]

Row 1 (RS): sl1p wyif, [k1tbl, sl1p wyif] – rep to end of row, don't work last 2 sts. k2.

Row 2 (WS): sl1p wyif, sl1p wyif, [k1, sl1p wyif] – rep to end of row, don't work last 1 st. k1.

Row 3 (RS): sl1p wyif, [k1, p1] – rep to end of row, don't work last 2 sts. k2.

Change to larger needles and work half-fisherman rib:

Row 4 (WS): sl1p wyif, sl1p wyif, [k1, yo, sl1p wyib] – rep to end of row, don't work last 3 sts, k1, sl1p, wyif, k1.

Row 5 (RS): sl1p wyif, k1, [p1, k1 with yo] – rep to end of row, don't work last 3 sts, p1, k2.

Rows 6-13: rep 4-5 rows 4 times.

At **9ᵗʰ row** (RS) work **buttonhole** on the right button band:

sl1p wyif, k1, p1, k1 with yo, **catch up this yo and purl together with next stitch**, k1 with yo, p1; patt.

Place marker on the left bb, then to sew a button there.

[Video "Buttonhole": https://youtu.be/kD1_3kIYNpw]

Row 14 (WS): sl1p wyif, sl1p wyif, [k1, yo, sl1p wyib] – rep 2 times, k1, PM, ssp, p22, [PM, p23] – rep 9 times, PM, [k1, yo, sl1p wyib] – rep 2 times, k1, sl1p wyif, k1.

{244} sts: 7 sts of right bb, 230 sts (10 horizontal pattern repeat), 7 sts of left bb.

Work the main Pattern Stitch (Charts 6 and 7). The body has 10 Horizontal Pattern Repeats (leaves in wide) and 3 Vertical Pattern Repeats (leaves in height). Colored cells in the charts indicate middle of leaves.

Work the half-fisherman rib on the bbs:

RS	WS
Right bb (beg of row): sl1p wyif, k1, [p1, k1 with yo] – 2 times, p1.	**Left bb (beg of row):** sl1p wyif, sl1p wyif, [k1, yo, sl1p wyib] – 2 times, k1.
Left bb (end of row): [p1, k1 with yo] – 2 times, p1, k2.	**Right bb (end of row):** k1, [yo, sl1p wyib, k1] – 2 times, sl1p wyif, k1.

Continue as following:

1ˢᵗ Vert. patt.rep. **(Rows 15 – 35):** 7 sts of bb, Chart 6 (start from 2ⁿᵈ row) – 10 times, 7 sts of bb.
At **27ᵗʰ row** (RS) (14ᵗʰ row of Chart 6) work **buttonhole**.

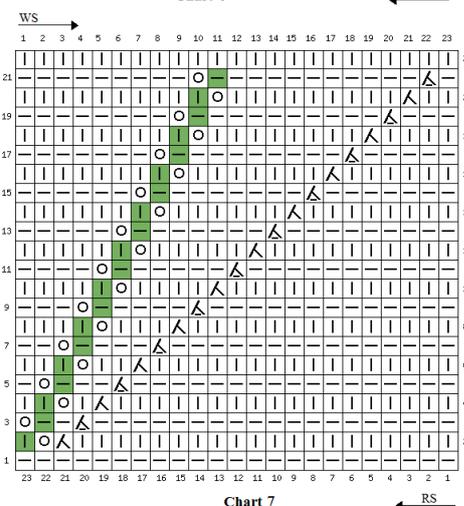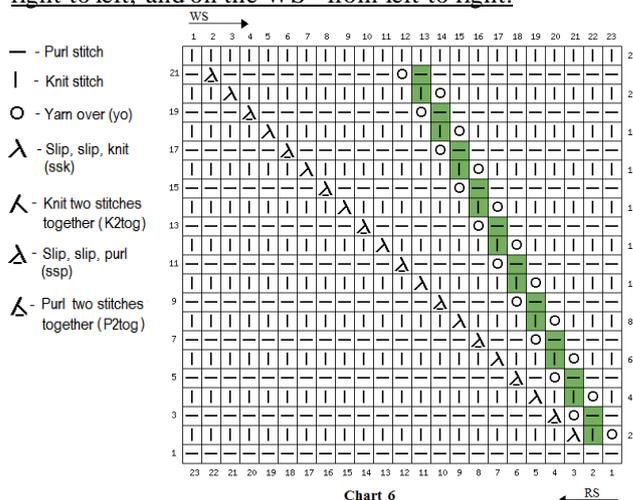2ⁿᵈ Vert. patt.rep. **(Rows 36 – 57):** 7 sts of bb, Chart 7 – 10 times, 7 sts of bb.
At **45ʰ row** (RS) (10ᵗʰ row of Chart 7) work **buttonhole**.

3ʳᵈ Vert. patt.rep. **(Rows 58 – 79):** 7 sts of bb, Chart 6 – 10 times, 7 sts of bb.
At **63ᵗʰ row** (RS) (6ᵗʰ row of Chart 6) work **buttonhole**.

The body length can be increased or decreased by 4"(10 cm) as follows: start knitting the body with the main Stitch Pattern from Chart 7 (from the 2ⁿᵈ row) and work 4 (for inc) or 2 (for dec) Vert. Patt.Repeats. In this case, the total number of rows will change and, accordingly, the number of buttonholes will change. The distance between them will remain the same - 18 rows.

Working on the RS, move according to the chart from right to left, and on the WS - from left to right.

Chart 6

Chart 7

After last row of Chart 6, knit 1 row (**80 row of body**) as following: 7 sts of bb, 1ˢᵗ row of Chart 7 – 10 times, 7 sts of bb.

Joining **Row 81 (RS):** *(Work the main Pattern Stitch as established in 2ⁿᵈ row Chart 7 and continue working the button bands with half-fisherman rib)*
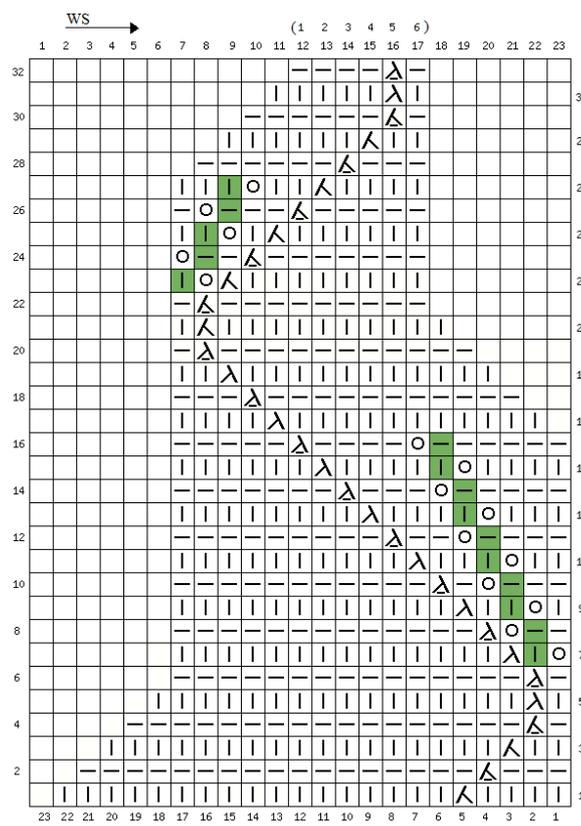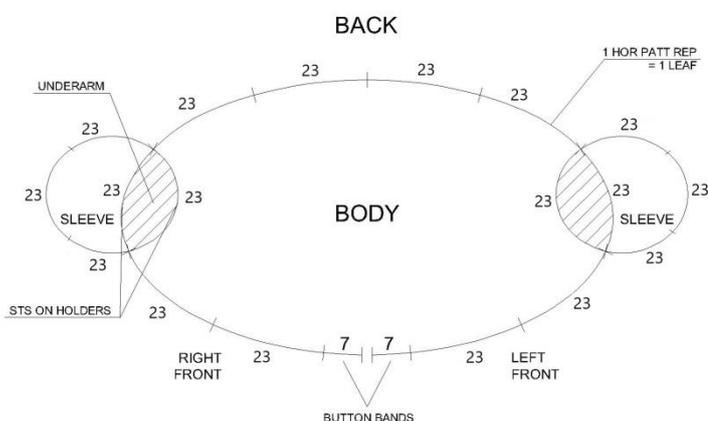

Patt 53 sts of Body (Right Front), slip next 23 sts on the holder. Join the first Sleeve by working 69 sts, with yarn from Body; slip next 23 sts on the holder.

Patt 92 sts Body, slip next 23 sts on the holder. Join another Sleeve working 69 sts, slip next 23 sts on the holder, patt 53 sts of Body (Left Front).

Leave the sts on the holder to the end. When cardigan will be ready, close underarm gaps with Kitchener Stitch.

Work **buttonhole** in this row.

{336} sts: 14 sts of the bb and 322 sts of the main part (14 hor. patt. rep. = 14 leaves)

Rows 82– 96: Work the body and sleeves back and forth according to 3ʳᵈ – 17ᵗʰ rows of Chart 7. Continue working the button bands with half-fisherman rib.

Rows 97 – 128: go to the Chart 8 and work 32 rows: 7 sts of bb, Chart 8 – 14 times, 7 sts of bb.

At **99ᵗʰ and 117 rows** (RS) (3ʳᵈ and 21ᵗʰ row of Chart 8) work **buttonholes**.

After last 32 row of Chart 8:

{98} sts

Chart 8

- – Purl stitch
| – Knit stitch
O – Yarn over (yo)
λ – Slip, slip, knit (ssk)
Λ – Knit two stitches together (K2tog)
λ – Slip, slip, purl (ssp)
Λ – Purl two stitches together (P2tog)
□ – No st

NECKLINE

Remove markers, except 2 markers separating the main part from the bbs.

Row 129 (RS): 7 sts of the bb, ssk, [p1, k1] – rep to the marker, 7 sts of the bb.

{97} sts

Remove remaining markers and work **rows 130-137** with half-fisherman rib on all sts.

At **135th row (RS)** (6th row of half-fisherman rib) work **buttonhole**.

Change to smaller needles and work 2 short rows:

Row 138 (WS): sl1p wyif, sl1p wyif, [k1, sl1p wyif] – 2 times, work half-fisherman rib to end of row, don't work last 6 sts.

Row 139 (RS): Turn your knit on the RS, make yo and work half-fisherman rib to end of row, don't work last 6 sts.

Row 140 (WS): Turn your knit on the WS, make yo and work:

[k1, sl1p wyif] – rep to end of row, don't work last 1 st. k1.

Yo and purl st following them slip purlwise wyif on the right needle.

Row 141 (RS): Turn your knit on the RS and work as follow:

sl1p wyif, [k1, sl1p wyif] – rep to end of row, don't work last 2 sts, k2.

Work st and followed by yo how ssk on the right buttonband.

On the left buttonband work yo and followed by st how k2tog.

Cast off sts with Italian cast off. [Video "Cast off": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGJq9h4npI4]

FINISHING

With a tapestry needle close the underarm gaps with a Kitchener stitch.

Sew the buttons on the left bb.

If you want to keep folds, you need to form them while cardigan is wet.

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