Tender Leaves Cardie

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SIZE: M
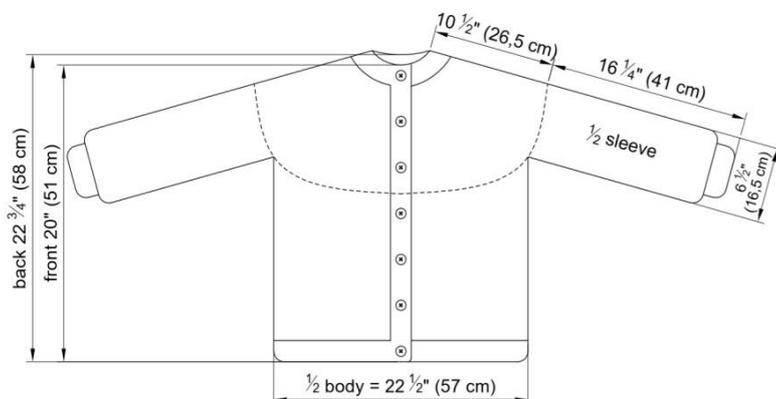
Height: 5'3$^3/_4$" – 5'6$^1/_4$" (162 – 168 cm)

Bust size: 37$^1/_2$ – 39$^1/2$" (95 – 100 cm)

Bust circumference: 45" (114 cm)

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

Sleeve at widest point: 13" (33 cm)

10 ½" (26,5 cm)   16 ¼" (41 cm)   ½ sleeve   6½" (16,5 cm)
back 22 ¾" (58 cm)   front 20" (51 cm)
½ body = 22 ½" (57 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 5'6$^1/_4$" (168 cm) is recommended to adjust the length of the body.

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 L you need **8 skeins**.

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
RS – right side	without any incs or decs)
WS – wrong side	**bb** - button band(s)

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
- 7 buttons d 16-20 mm

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

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 54 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]

{54} sts

PM to indicate the beg of a rnd.

Round 1: [sl1p turn through the back loop wyif, k1] – rep to end of rnd.

Round 2: [p1, sl1p 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, sl1p 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: [k6, M1LK] – rep to end of rnd.

{63} sts

Place marker every 21 sts (= leaf). The sleeve has 3 Horizontal Pattern Repeats (leaves in wide) and 4 Vertical Pattern Repeats (leaves in height). Colored cells in the charts indicate the middle of leaves.

Start working the first Vertical Pattern Repeat from the second row of Chart 1, because the first row has already been knitted.

So, knit sleeves this way:

1st Vert. Patt. Rep. (**rounds 16 – 34**) – Chart 1 (starting from the second row);

2nd Vert. Patt. Rep. (**rounds 35 – 54**) – Chart 2;

3rd Vert. Patt. Rep. (**rounds 55 – 74**) – Chart 1;

4th Vert. Patt. Rep. (**rounds 75 – 94**) – Chart 2.

If you want to make sleeves longer, start knitting with Chart 2 and work 5 Vertical Pattern Repeats. You can also make sleeves ¾ length: start knitting with Chart 2 (from the second row) and work 3 Vertical Pattern Repeats. One Vertical Pattern Repeat = 3½" (9 cm).
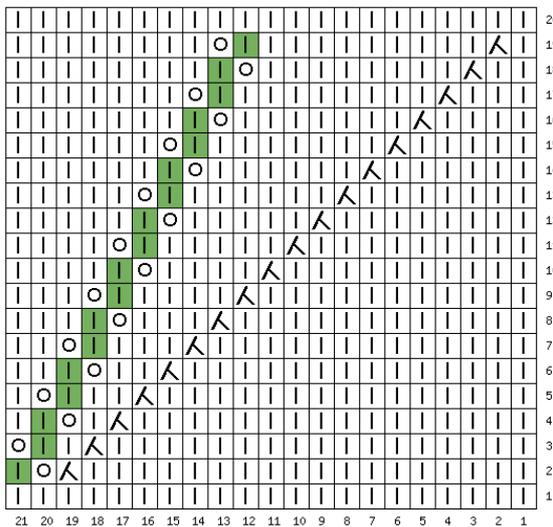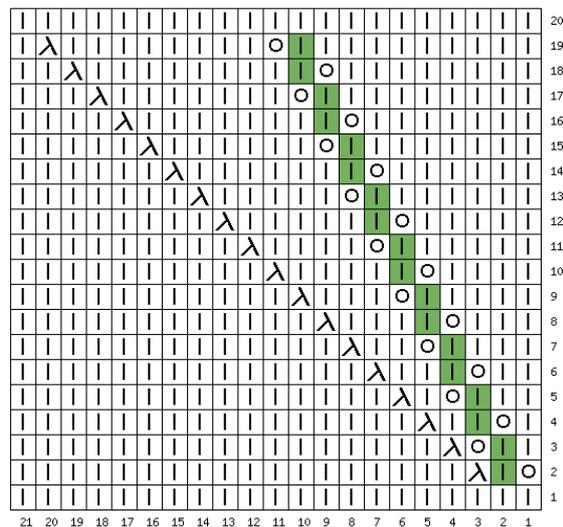

Chart 1

Chart 2

	- Knit stitch
O	- Yarn over (yo)
λ	- Slip, slip, knit (ssk)
⅄	- Knit two stitches together (K2tog)

After last row of Chart 2, knit 1 round (**95 round of sleeve**) according to 1st row Chart 1.

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 225 sts (cast on 1st st with German cast on, next 223 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): sll1p wyif, [k1tbl, sll1p wyif] – rep to end of row, don't work last 2 sts. k2.

Row 2 (WS): sll1p wyif, sll1p wyif, [k1, sll1p wyif] – rep to end of row, don't work last 1 st. k1.

Row 3 (RS): sll1p 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): sll1p wyif, sll1p wyif, [k1, yo, sll1p wyib] – rep to end of row, don't work last 3 sts, k1, sll1p, wyif, k1.

Row 5 (RS): sll1p 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:

sll1p 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): sll1p wyif, sll1p wyif, [k1, yo, sll1p wyib] – rep 2 times, k1, PM, ssp, p20, [PM, p21] – rep 9 times, PM, [k1, yo, sll1p wyib] – rep 2 times, k1, sll1p wyif, k1.

{224} sts: 7 sts of right bb, 210 sts (10 horizontal pattern repeat), 7 sts of left bb.

Work the main Pattern Stitch (Charts 3 and 4). 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 (bb):

RS	WS
Right bb (beg of row): sll1p wyif, k1, [p1, k1 with yo] – 2 times, p1.	**Left bb (beg of row):** sll1p wyif, sll1p wyif, [k1, yo, sll1p wyib] – 2 times, k1.
Left bb (end of row): [p1, k1 with yo] – 2 times, p1, k2.	**Right bb (end of row):** k1, [yo, sll1p wyib, k1] – 2 times, sll1p wyif, k1.

Continue as following:

1st Vert. patt. rep. (Rows 15 – 33): 7 sts of bb, Chart 3 (start from 2nd row) – 10 times, 7 sts of bb.
At **29th row** (RS) (16th row of Chart 3) work **buttonhole**.

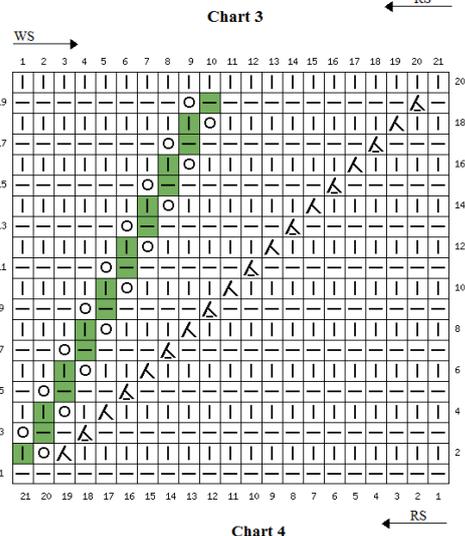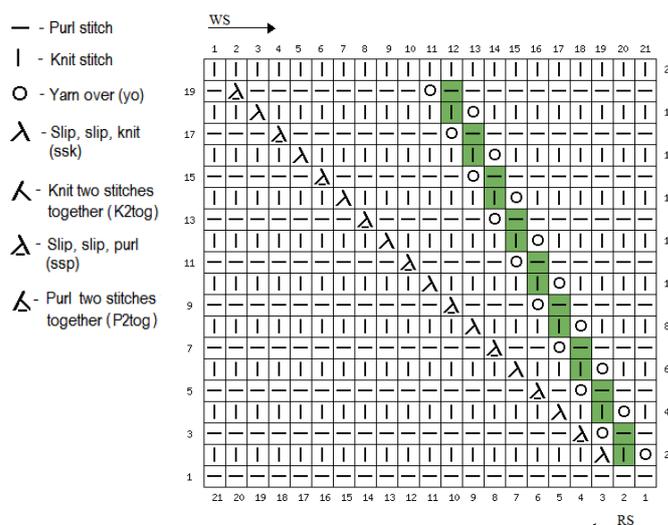**2nd Vert. patt. rep. (Rows 34 – 53):** 7 sts of bb, Chart 4 – 10 times, 7 sts of bb.
At **49th row** (RS) (16th row of Chart 4) work **buttonhole.**

3rd Vert. patt. rep. (Rows 54 – 73): 7 sts of bb, Chart 3 – 10 times, 7 sts of bb.
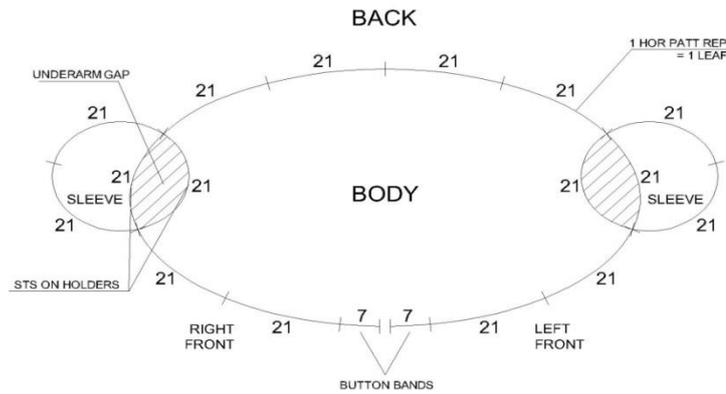At **69th row** (RS) (16th row of Chart 3) work **buttonhole.**

The body length can be increased or decreased by 3^1/$_2$" (9 cm) as follows: start knitting the body with the main Stitch Pattern from Chart 4 (from the 2nd RS row) and work 4 (for inc) or 2 (for dec) Vertical Pattern 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 - 20 rows.

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

— - Purl stitch

I - Knit stitch

O - Yarn over (yo)

λ - Slip, slip, knit (ssk)

人 - Knit two stitches together (K2tog)

ㅅ - Slip, slip, purl (ssp)

人 - Purl two stitches together (P2tog)

Chart 3

Chart 4

After last row of Chart 3 knit **74 row (WS)** as following: 7 sts of bb, [1st row of Chart 4] – 10 times, 7 sts of bb.

Joining **Row 75 (RS):** *(Work the main Pattern Stitch as established in 2nd row Chart 4 and continue working the button bands with half-fisherman rib)*

Patt 49 sts of Body (Right Front), slip next 21 sts on the holder. Join the first Sleeve by working 42 sts, with yarn from Body; slip next 21 sts on the holder.

Patt 84 sts Body, slip next 21 sts on the holder. Join another Sleeve working 42 sts, slip next 21 sts on the holder, patt 49 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.

{266} sts: 14 sts of the button bands and 252 sts of the main part (12 hor. patt. rep. = 12 leaves)

Rows 76 – 90: Work the body and sleeves back and forth according to 3rd – 17th rows of Chart 4. Continue working the button bands with half-fisherman rib.

At **89th row** (RS) (16th row of Chart 4) work **buttonhole.**

Rows 91-120: go to the Chart 5 and work 30 rows:

7 sts of bb, Chart 5 – 12 times, 7 sts of bb.

At **109th row** (RS) (19th row of Chart 5) work **buttonhole.**

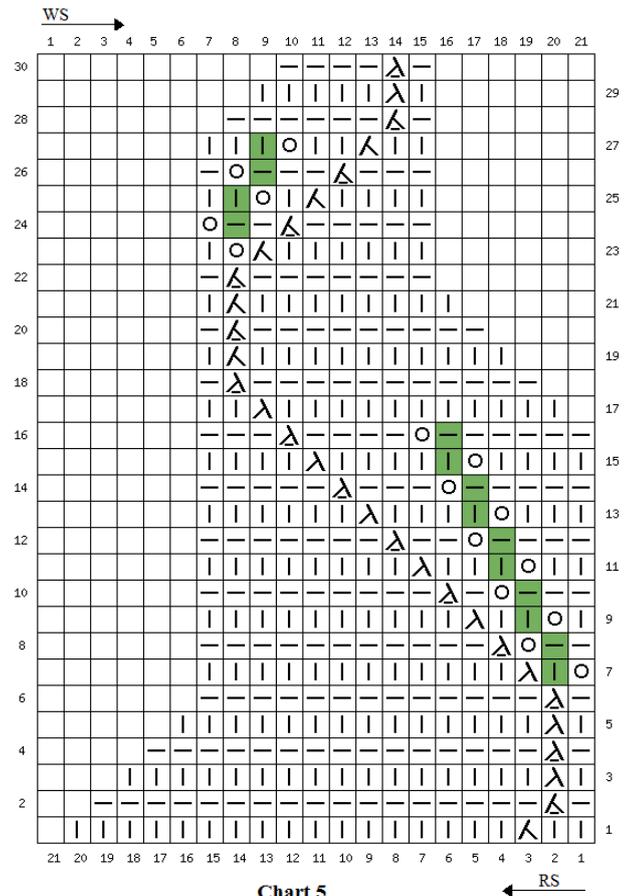After last 30 row of Chart 5:

{86} sts

Chart 5

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

Row 121 (RS): 7 sts of the bb, ssk, [p1, k1] – rep to the marker, 7 sts of the bb.

{85} sts

Remove remaining markers and work **rows 122-129** with half-fisherman rib on all sts.

At **129th row (RS)** (8th row of half-fisherman rib) work **buttonhole** on the right bb.

Change to smaller needles and work 2 short rows:

Row 130 (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 131 (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 132 (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 133 (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]

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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