

Tender Leaves Cardie

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SIZE: XL

Height: 5'5½" – 5'8" (164 – 170 cm)

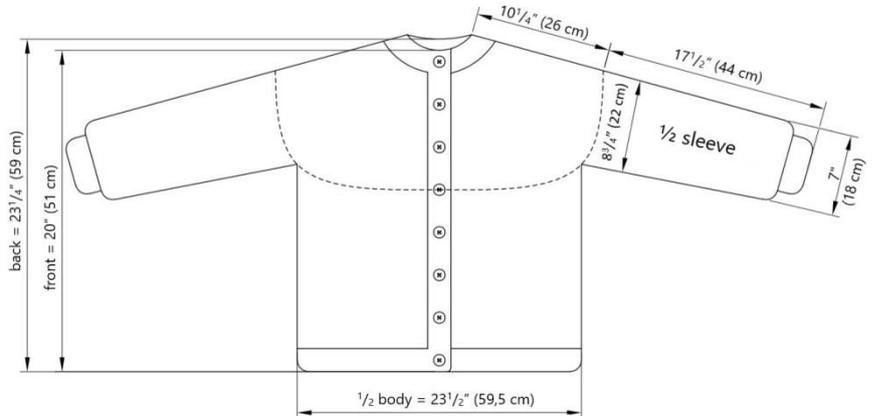
Bust size: 39¾" – 41¼" (101 – 105 cm)

Bust circumference: 47" (119 cm)

Positive Ease: 5½" – 7½" (14 – 19 cm)

Sleeve at widest point: 17½" (44 cm)

Sleeve after cuff: 14" (36 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	bb(s) – button band(s)
WS – wrong side	

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
MILK – 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 XL you need **9 skeins**.

NEEDLES:

US 2,5(3 mm) and US 8(5mm) circular needles 31½" (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.

SLEEVES (both alike)

With smaller size circular needles cast on 56 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: [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: [k4, M1LK, k6, M1LK, k4, M1LK] – rep to end of rnd.

{68} sts

Place marker every 17 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.

So, knit sleeves this way:

Rnds 16 - 30: 1st Vertical Patt. Rep. – Chart 1. {72} sts

Rnds 31 - 46: 2nd Vertical Patt. Rep. – Chart 2. {76} sts

Rnds 47 - 63: 3rd Vertical Patt. Rep. – Chart 3. {80} sts

Rnds 64 - 81: 4th Vertical Patt. Rep. – Chart 4. {84} sts

Rnds 82 - 101: 5th Vertical Patt. Rep. – Chart 5. {88} sts

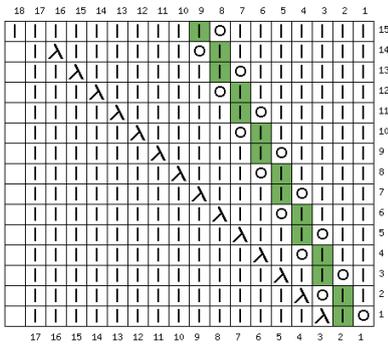


Chart 1

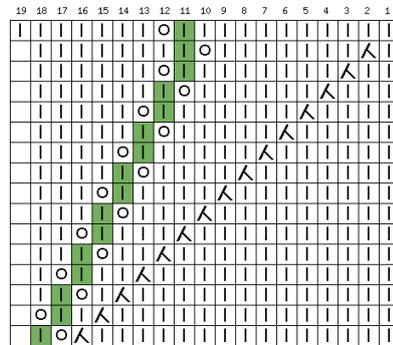


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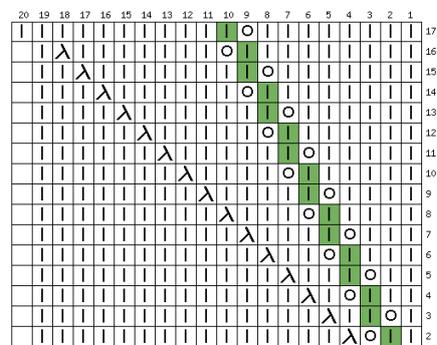


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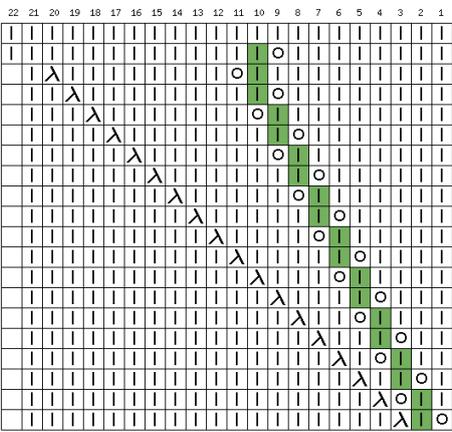


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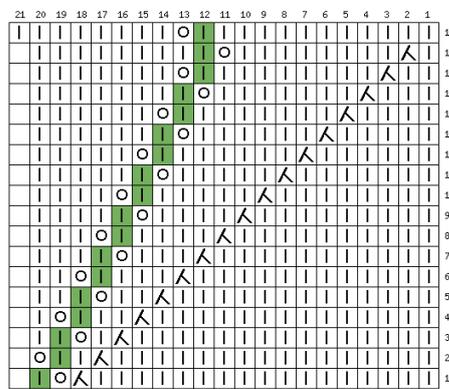


Chart 4

- I - Knit Stitch
- - Yarn Over
- λ - SSK
- Λ - 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

BODY

With smaller size circular needles, cast on 235 sts (cast on 1st st with German cast on, next 233 sts with Italian cast on beginning with purl st, last st cast on with German cast on). [Video “Cast on”: <https://youtu.be/kWD8u2oflUA>]

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

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

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

Row 5 (RS): sllp 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 7th row (RS) work **buttonhole** on the right button band:

sllp wyif, k1, p1, k1 with yo, **catch up this yo and purl together with next stitch**, k1 with yo, p1; work to the end of row according to the pattern.

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

[Video “Buttonhole”: https://youtu.be/kD1_3kIYNpw]

Row 14 (WS): sllp wyif, sllp wyif, [k1, yo, sllp wyib] – rep 2 times, k1, PM, ssp, p21, [PM, p22] – rep 9 times, PM, [k1, yo, sllp wyib] – rep 2 times, k1, sllp wyif, k1.

{234} sts: 7 sts of right bb, 220 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 button bands (bb):

RS

WS

Right bb (beg of row):

sllp wyif, k1, [p1, k1 with yo] – 2 times, p1.

Left bb (beg of row):

sllp wyif, sllp wyif, [k1, yo, sllp wyib] – 2 times, k1.

Left bb (end of row):

[p1, k1 with yo] – 2 times, p1, k2.

Right bb (end of row):

k1, [yo, sllp wyib, k1] – 2 times, sllp wyif, k1.

Continue as following:

1st Vert. patt. rep. (**Rows 15 – 34**): 7 sts of bb, Chart 6 (start from 2nd row) – 10 times, 7 sts of bb.

At **25th row (RS)** (12th row of Chart 6) work **buttonhole**.

2nd Vert. patt. rep. (**Rows 35 – 55**): 7 sts of bb Chart 7 – 10 times, 7 sts of bb.

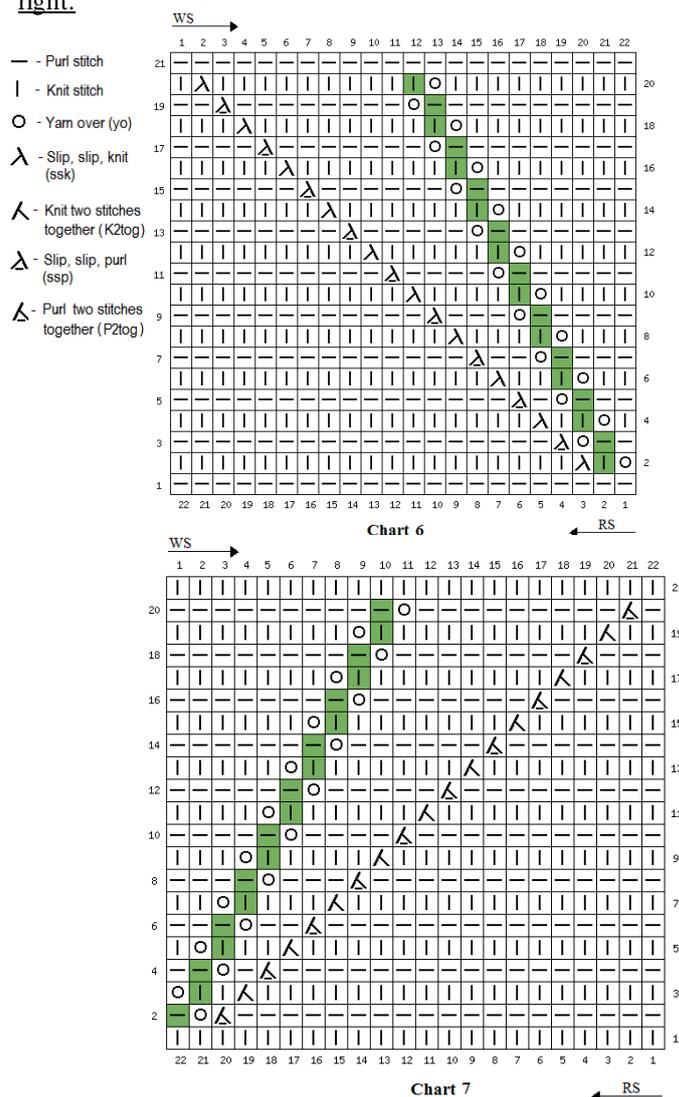
At **43th row (RS)** (9th row of Chart 7) work **buttonhole**.

3rd Vert. patt. rep. (**Rows 56 – 76**): 7 sts of bb, Chart 6 – 10 times, 7 sts of bb.

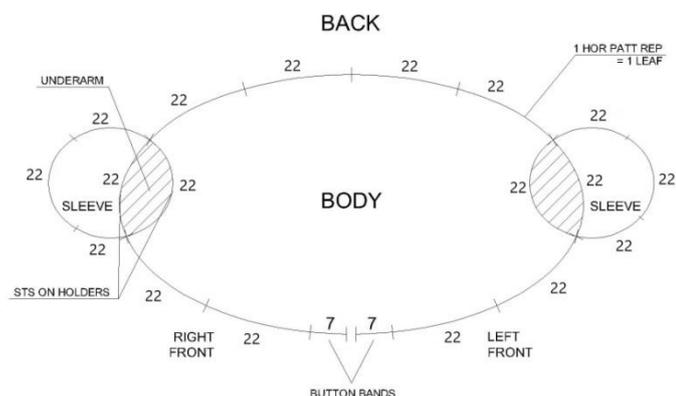
At **61th row (RS)** (6th row of Chart 6) work **buttonhole**.

The body length can be increased or decreased by 3¹/₂” (9 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. You will work buttonholes in these rows: 11th row of Chart 7, 8th row of Chart 6, 5th row of Chart 7 etc.

Working on the front side, move according to the chart from right to left, and on the wrong side - from left to right.



Joining **Row 77 (RS)**: (Work the main Pattern Stitch as established in first row Chart 7 and continue working the button bands with half-fisherman rib)



Patt 51 sts of Body (Right Front), slip next 22 sts on the holder. Join the first Sleeve by working 66 sts, with yarn from Body; slip next 22 sts on the holder.

Patt 88 sts Body, slip next 22 sts on the holder. Join another Sleeve working 66 sts, slip next 22 sts on the holder, patt 51 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.

{322} sts: 14 sts of the button bands and 308 sts of the main part (14 hor. patt.rep. = 14 leaves)

Rows 78 – 93: Work the body and sleeves back and forth according to 2nd – 17th rows of Chart 7. Continue working the button bands with half-fisherman rib.

At 79th row (RS) (3rd row of Chart 7) work buttonhole.

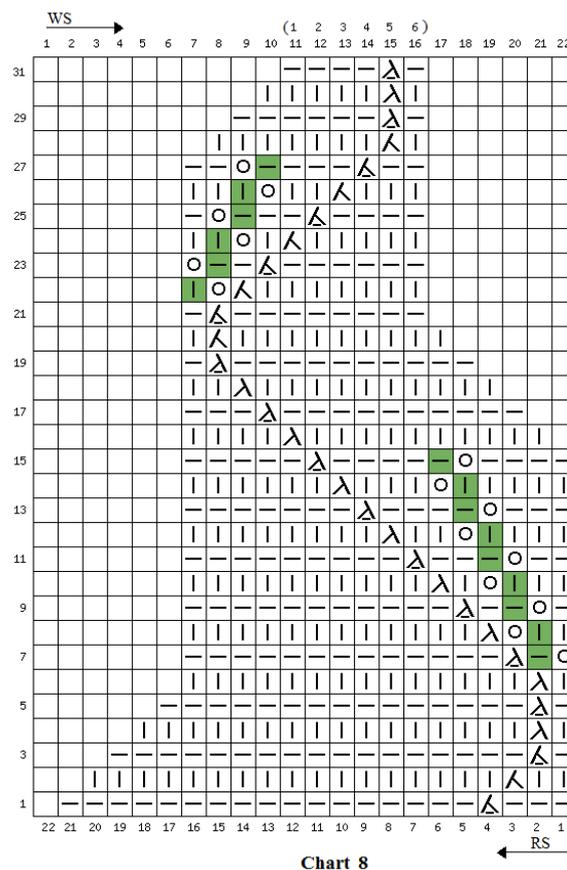
Rows 94 – 124: go to the Chart 8 and work 31 rows:

7 sts of bb, Chart 8 – 14 times, 7 sts of bb.

At **97th** and **115 rows** (RS) (4th and 22th row of Chart 8) work **buttonholes**.

After last 31 row of Chart 8:

{98} sts



- - Purl stitch
- | - Knit stitch
- - Yarn over (yo)
- △ (left) - Slip, slip, knit (ssk)
- △ (right) - Knit two stitches together (K2tog)
- △ (up) - Slip, slip, purl (ssp)
- △ (down) - Purl two stitches together (P2tog)
- - No st

NECKLINE

Remove markers, except 2 markers separating the main part from the button bands.

Row 125 (RS): 7 sts of the button band, ssk, [p1, k1] – rep to the marker, 7 sts of the button band.

{97} sts

Remove remaining markers and work **rows 126-133** with half-fisherman rib on all sts.

At **133th row (RS)** (8th row of half-fisherman rib) work **buttonhole**.

Change to smaller needles and work 2 short rows:

Row 134 (WS): s11p wyif, s11p wyif, [k1, s11p wyif] – 2 times, work half-fisherman rib to end of row, don't work last 6 sts.

Row 135 (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 136 (WS): Turn your knit on the WS, make yo and work:

s11p wyif, s11p wyif, [k1, s11p 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 137 (RS): Turn your knit on the RS and work as follow:

s11p wyif, [k1tbl, s11p 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 button band.

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

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