

# Tender Leaves Cardie

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SIZE: XS

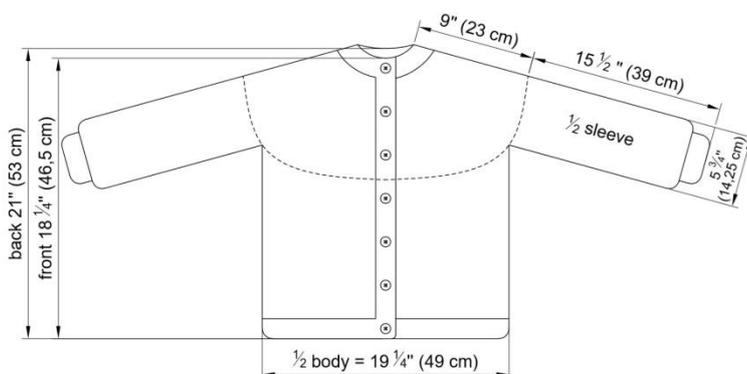
**Height:** 5'3" – 5'5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" (160 – 166 cm)

**Bust size:** 31<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> – 33" (80 – 84 cm)

**Bust circumference:** 38<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (98 cm)

**Positive Ease:** 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> – 7" (14 – 18 cm)

**Sleeve at widest point:** 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" (28,5 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 5'5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" (166 cm) is recommended to adjust the length of the body.

## ABBREVIATIONS:

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

## STITCH GLOSSARY:

{..} – total number of stitches  
**k** – knit                    **p** – purl  
**yo** – yarn over  
**sl1p** – slip 1 purlwise  
**k1bl** – 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 XS you need **7 skeins**.

## NEEDLES:

US 2,5(3 mm) and US 8(5mm) circular needles 31<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (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

## 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 42 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=VYmEHYJSml0>]

{42} 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:** [k3, M1LK, k4, M1LK] – rep to end of rnd.

{54} sts

Place marker every 18 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:

1<sup>st</sup> Vert. Patt. Rep. (**rnds 16 – 33**) – Chart 1 (starting from the second row);

2<sup>nd</sup> Vert. Patt. Rep. (**rnds 34 – 52**) – Chart 2;

3<sup>rd</sup> Vert. Patt. Rep. (**rnds 53 – 71**) – Chart 1;

4<sup>th</sup> Vert. Patt. Rep. (**rnds 72 – 90**) – Chart 2.

*If you want to make sleeves longer, start knitting with Chart 2 (from the second row) and work 5 Vert.Patt.Repeats. You can also make sleeves ¾ length: start knitting with Chart 2 (from the second row) and work 3 Vert.Patt. Repeat. One Vertical Pattern Repeat = 3¼" (8,5 cm).*

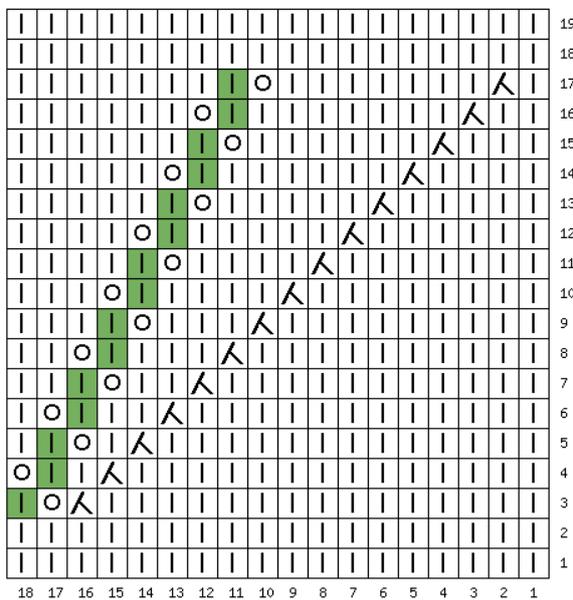


Chart 1

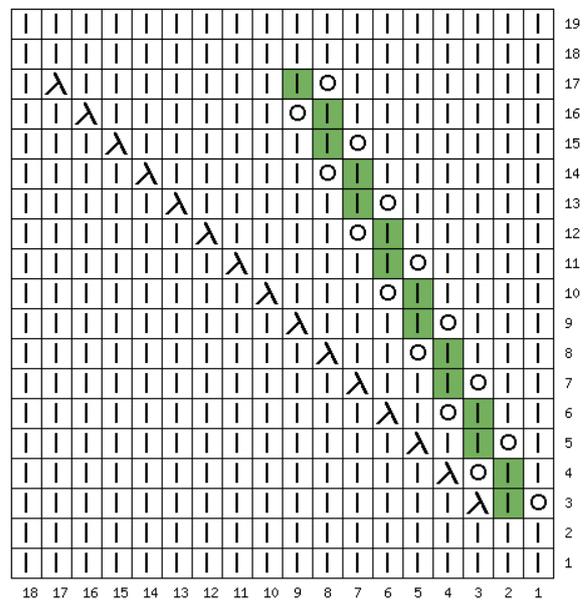


Chart 2

| - Knit Stitch      ㄥ - K2tog  
 ○ - Yarn Over      λ - SSK

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 195 sts (cast on 1<sup>st</sup> st with German cast on, next 193 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):** sllp wyif, [kltbl, 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 **9<sup>th</sup> row (RS)** work **buttonhole** on the right bb:

sllp 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](https://youtu.be/kD1_3kIYNpw) ]

**Row 14 (WS):** sllp wyif, sllp wyif, [k1, yo, sllp wyib] – rep 2 times, k1, PM, ssp, p17, [PM, p18] – rep 9 times, PM, [k1, yo, sllp wyib] – rep 2 times, k1, sllp wyif, k1.

{194} sts: 7 sts of right bb, 180 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:

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:

1<sup>st</sup> Vert.Patt. Rep. (**Rows 15 – 32**): 7 sts of bb, Chart 3 (starting from 2<sup>nd</sup> row) – 10 times, 7 sts of bb.

At **27<sup>th</sup> row (RS)** (14<sup>th</sup> row of Chart 3) work **buttonhole**.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vert.Patt. Rep. (**Rows 33 – 51**): 7 sts of bb, Chart 4 – 10 times, 7 sts of bb.

At **45<sup>th</sup> row (RS)** (13<sup>th</sup> row of Chart 4) work **buttonhole**.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vert.Patt. Rep. (**Rows 52 – 70**): 7 sts of bb, Chart 3 – 10 times, 7 sts of bb.

At **63<sup>th</sup> row (RS)** (12<sup>th</sup> 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 1st RS 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 this rows of Charts: 13<sup>th</sup> row of Chart 4, 12<sup>th</sup> row of Chart 3, 11<sup>th</sup> row of Chart 4 etc.*

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

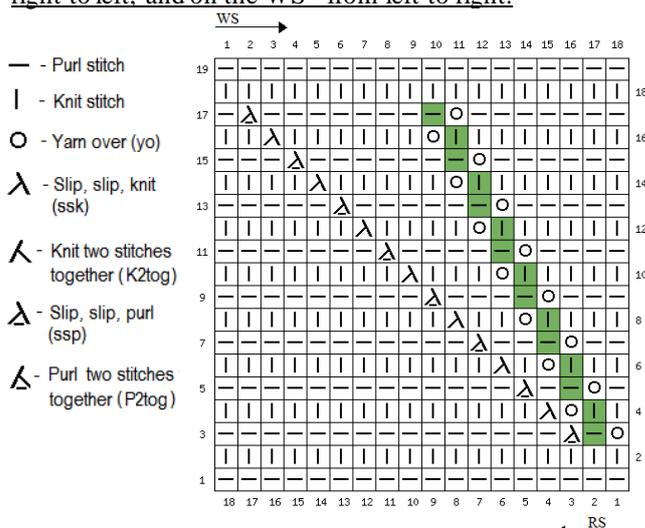


Chart 3

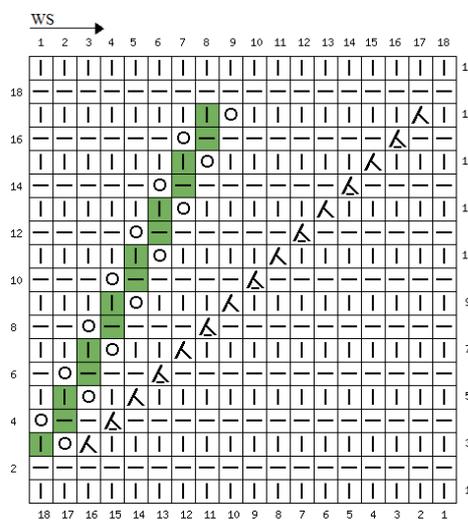
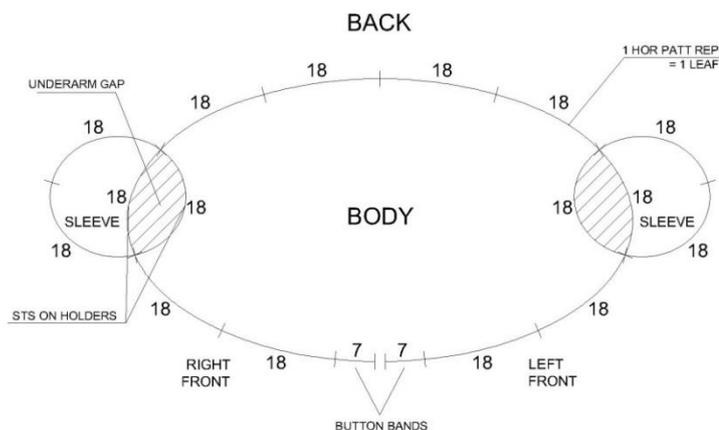


Chart 4

Joining **Row 71 (RS)**: (Work the main Pattern Stitch as established in 1<sup>st</sup> row Chart 4 and continue working the button bands with half-fisherman rib)



Patt 43 sts of Body (Right Front), slip next 18 sts on the holder. Join the first Sleeve by working 36 sts, with yarn from Body; slip next 18 sts on the holder.

Patt 72 sts Body (Back), slip next 18 sts on the holder. Join another Sleeve working 36 sts, slip next 18 sts on the holder, patt 43 sts of Body (Left Front).

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

**{230} sts**: 14 sts of the button bands and 216 sts of the main part (12 hor. patt.repeat = 12 leaves)

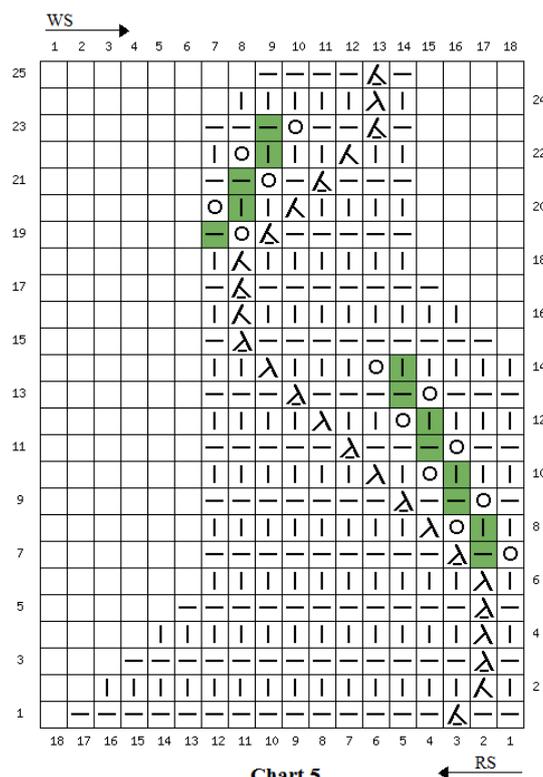
**Rows 72 – 85**: Work the body and sleeves back and forth according to 2<sup>nd</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> rows of Chart 4. Continue working the button bands with half-fisherman rib.

At **81<sup>th</sup> row (RS)** (11<sup>th</sup> row of Chart 4(a) work **buttonhole**.

**Rows 86-110**: go to Chart 5 and work 25 rows: 7 sts of bb, Chart 5 – 12 times, 7 sts of bb.

At **99<sup>th</sup> row (RS)** (14<sup>th</sup> row of Chart 5) work **buttonhole**.

After last 25 row of Chart 5: {86} sts



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

## NECKLINE

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

**Row 111 (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 112-119** with half-fisherman rib on all sts.

At **117<sup>th</sup> row (RS)** (6<sup>th</sup> row of half-fisherman rib) work **buttonhole**.

Change to smaller needles and work 2 short rows:

**Row 120 (WS):** sllp wyif, sllp wyif, [k1, sllp wyif] – 2 times, work half-fisherman rib to end of row, don't work last 6 sts.

**Row 121 (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 122 (WS):** Turn your knit on the WS, make yo and work:

[k1, sllp 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 123 (RS):** Turn your knit on the RS and work as follow:

sllp wyif, [k1, sllp 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=KGIq9h4npI4>]

## 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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