



THELMA

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WHAT YOU SEEK IS SEEKING YOU

Thelma is the cardigan companion to *Louise*, forming a modern twin set that's anything but traditional. With an open front and fluid drape, Thelma brings a relaxed elegance to any look. Its modified drop shoulder adds ease, while the seamlessly integrated collar and front bands keep things polished.

What begins as clean, directional lines in the upper body transforms into a rich, floral motif that blooms across the lower half - an unexpected shift that catches the eye without shouting. The result is a cardigan that's as easygoing as it is refined, just as lovely thrown over jeans as it is layered over a dress or the matching top.



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

CONSTRUCTION

Thelma is worked seamlessly from the top down, beginning with the back of the collar. Stitches are then picked up to work the back, shaping the shoulders with short rows. Next, stitches are picked up from the back shoulders to work the fronts, which are joined with the back at the underarm to continue the body in one piece.

The pattern includes detailed instructions for the Loopy Flower pattern, with additional guidance available in the Moonstruck Knits video tutorial.

After completing the body, stitches for the sleeves are picked up, and the sleeve caps are shaped with short rows. The cardigan is then turned inside out to work the sleeves in the round, minimizing purling.

The pattern includes instructions for horizontal bust darts. The darts are optional; instructions for a cardigan with and without darts are given. To determine if the fit of your cardigan will benefit from adding horizontal bust darts, I recommend this article [Five easy steps to great-fitting knits : Knitty Deep Fall 2011](#)

Adding the darts will lengthen the front of the cardigan by approximately 3.5 [4, 4, 5.5] {5.5, 5.5, 6.5, 6.5} cm / 1.15 [1.5, 1.5, 2.25] {2.25, 2.25, 2.75, 2.75}"

SIZES

1 [2, 3, 4] {5, 6, 7, 8}

Finished bust measurements (with the front bands overlapping) 94.5 [106.5, 112.5, 125.5] {131.5, 145.5, 157.5, 169.5} cm / 37.75 [42.5, 45, 50.25] {52.5, 58.25, 63, 67.75}"

The cardigan is designed to have a roomy fit, with approx 15 - 20 cm / 6 - 8" of positive ease around the bust.

Sample is shown in size 2 with bust darts, and has 17.5 cm / 7" of positive ease around the bust.

YARN

Sample shown in Mominoki Ramie Silk, 60% wool, 20% silk and 20% ramie, 425 meters / 465 yards per 100 gr, **held together** with Mominoki Silk Mohair, 75% Mohair and 25% Silk, 210 m / 230 yards per 25 gr.

Approx 1075 [1150, 1250, 1325] {1450, 1575, 1700, 1850} m / 1175 [1260, 1370, 1450] {1585, 1720, 1860, 2025} yards of both yarns.

Colorway used for the sample (both the Ramie Silk and the Silk Mohair): Schwarzwald.

NEEDLES

Needle A (for the body and sleeves)

One 100 cm / 40" circular needle and a (set of) needle(s) for working small circumferences in the round, in size needed to obtain gauge listed.

Suggested needle size: 4 mm / US #6.

Needle B (for the first section of the Loopy Flower pattern)

One 100 cm / 40" circular needle

Suggested needle size: 3.75 mm / US #5

Needle C (for the last section of the Loopy Flower pattern and the sleeve ribbing)

One 100 cm / 40" circular needle and a (set of) needle(s) for working small circumferences in the round.

Suggested needle size: 3.5 mm / US #4.

GAUGE

Measured after blocking.

Vertical Line Pattern on Needle A: 20 sts x 30 rows = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4".

Loopy Flowers Pattern on Needle B: 19 sts x 30 rows = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4".



NOTIONS

Stitch markers, waste yarn or stitch holders, tapestry needle, measuring tape, blocking tools.

STITCH PATTERNS

The stitch patterns described below are for swatching purposes only. When working on the cardigan, follow the directions given for the various sections.

Vertical Line Pattern

(worked flat over a multiple of 6 sts)

Row 1 (RS): (p5, k1) to end.

Row 2 (WS): (p1, k5) to end.

(worked in the round over a multiple of 6 sts)

All rounds: (p5, k1) to end.

Loopy Flower Pattern

For a demonstration of the Loopy Flower Pattern, refer to this Moonstruck Knits video starting at the 22 minute mark.

[Moonstruck Knits | Sylphe shawl | Tutorial loopy leaves & loopy flowers](#)

For your swatch, CO 27 sts (25 sts for the Chart and 1 st for both edges) with Needle B. Start and end every row with 1 knit st. Those 2 edge sts are not charted.

Work the pattern as follows.

Work Row 1-10 of the Chart.

Work Row 11 of the Chart to the orange dot (= 6 sts). Now, you are going to pull loops through the eyelets of the previous rows.

Step 1: insert your RH needle from front to back through eyelet 1a. Wrap the yarn kwise, and pull a loop. Place the loop on your LH needle and knit it. Repeat for eyelets 1b, 1c and 1d.

Step 2: knit 1 st, you have now arrived at the second orange dot.

Step 3: repeat the instructions of Step 1 for eyelets 2a, 2b, 2c and 2d.

Step 4: work the Chart to the next orange dot.

Repeat Step 1-4 according to the Chart.

Step 5: work Row 12 (WS) of the Chart until the blue square.

Step 6: at the blue square  purl 9 sts together.

Step 7: turn your work so the RS is facing you, and knit the first st on your LH needle through the back loop.

Step 8: turn your work again, and slip the first st on your LH needle to your RH needle.

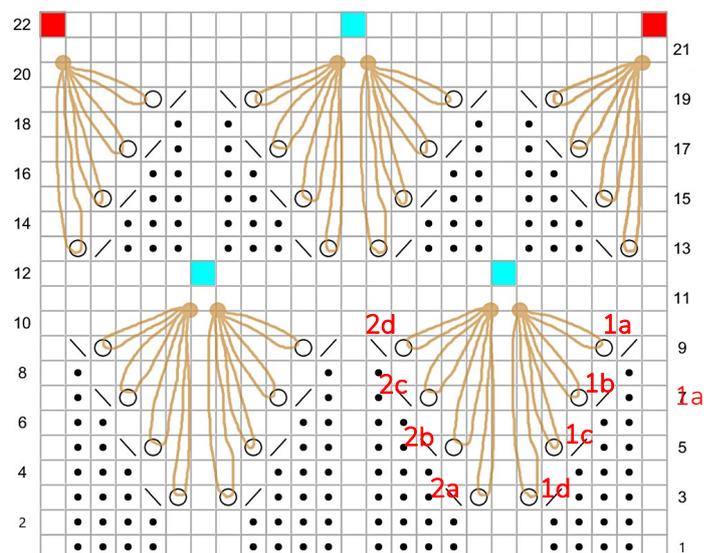
Work Step 5-8 until the end of the row.

Next, work Row 13-20 of the Chart.

For the half flower on the right side of the Chart pull the loops through eyelets 2a, 2b, 2c and 2d. For the half flower on the left side of the Chart pull the loops through eyelets 1a, 1b, 1c and 1d.

On **Row 22**, at the red square,  purl 5 sts together and work the resulting stitch as described in Step 7 & 8.

Loopy Flowers Swatch Chart



	RS: knit WS: purl		yo		pull a loop (see Step 1)
	RS: purl WS: knit		k2tog		see instructions (Step 6 - 8)
	ssk				see instructions (Row 22)



TECHNIQUES

German Short Rows

The shoulders, sleeve caps and the (optional) bust darts are shaped using German short rows. German short rows are worked as follows.

Work the given number of stitches. Turn your work. With the yarn in front, slip the first stitch purlwise. Bring the yarn over the needle to the back of your work and pull; this creates a double stitch (ds). Work the next st in pattern.

When working over the ds on the next row / round, work the two legs of the ds as one stitch.

Pick Up in Pattern

For the fronts, the stitches are picked up in pattern from the back shoulders. To pick up a stitch purlwise, bring the yarn to the front, pick up the stitch through both legs from the back to the front, and purl the stitch.

This Moonstruck Knits video demonstrates this technique: [Moonstruck Knits | Thelma cardigan | Tutorial pick-up in pattern](#)

For pattern support and possible errata, please go to the Thelma thread in my group on Ravelry

[Ravelry: Moonstruck Knits by Natasja Hornby discussion topic - PATTERN SUPPORT | THELMA](#)

DIRECTIONS

COLLAR

Wearer's Right Side

With Needle A, CO 23 [23, 23, 25] {25, 29, 29, 29} sts using your preferred provisional CO.

Row 1 (RS): k1, (k1, p1) to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1.

Row 2 (WS): sl1 wyib, (p1, k1) to end.

Mark the right side with a removable marker or waste yarn, to keep track of your right and wrong side.

Work Row 1&2 2 [2, 2, 4] {4, 4, 4, 5} times more.

Shape the Collar

Next, you are going to work a series of German short rows to shape the collar. When you are instructed to work in pattern, work the sts as they appear (= knit the knit sts, and purl the purl sts).

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Short row 1 (RS): k1, (k1, p1) to last 4 sts, turn.

Short row 2 (WS): ds, (p1, k1) to end.

Next row (RS): k1, patt to ds, p ds, k1, p1, sl1 wyib, p1.

Next row (WS): sl1 wyib, (p1, k1) to end.

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Short row 3 (RS): k1, (k1, p1) to last 8 sts, turn.

Short row 4 (WS): ds, (p1, k1) to end.

Next row (RS): k1, patt to ds, p ds, work in patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1.

Next row (WS): sl1 wyib, (p1, k1) to end.

Work the instructions between * and ** once more.

Transfer all sts to waste yarn or st holder and break yarn.

Collar Wearer's Left Side

Pick up 23 [23, 23, 25] {25, 27, 27, 29} sts from the provisional CO. Re-join yarn and start with RS side facing.

Row 1 (RS): sl1 wyib, k1, (p1, k1) to last st, k1.

Row 2 (WS): k1, (p1, k1) to last 2 sts, sl wyif, p1.

Work Row 1&2 2 [2, 2, 4] {4, 4, 4, 5} times more.

Work Row 1 once more.

Shape the Collar

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Short row 1 (WS): k1, (p1, k1) to last 4 sts, turn.

Short row 2 (RS): ds, k1, (p1, k1) to last st, k1.

Next row (WS): k1, patt to ds, k ds, p1, k1, sl1 wyif, p1.

Next row (RS): sl1 wyib, k1, (p1, k1) to last st, k1.

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Short row 3 (WS): k1, (p1, k1) to last 8 sts, turn.

Short row 4 (RS): ds, k1, (p1, k1) to last st, k1.

Next row (WS): k1, patt to ds, k ds, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1.

Next row (RS): sl1 wyib, k1, (p1, k1) to last st, k1.

Work the instructions between * and ** once more.

Transfer all sts to waste yarn or st holder. Do not break yarn.

Next, you are going to pick up and knit stitches from the collar, and cast on stitches for the right shoulder. Work as follows.

Pick-up row (RS): with working yarn, PU and k 12 [12, 12, 15] {15, 18, 18, 18} sts to the center of the collar, PU and k 1 st in the center, PU and k 12 [12, 12, 15] {15, 18, 18, 18} sts to the other edge of the collar; 25 [25, 25, 31] {31, 37, 37, 37} sts.

Cast on row (WS): CO 33 [39, 39, 42] {42, 45, 45, 51} sts using the cable CO method. Continue working on the WS, (k1, p1) twice, (k5, p1) to last 0 [0, 0, 3] {3, 0, 0, 0} sts, k to end (if applicable); 58 [64, 64, 73] {73, 82, 82, 88} sts.

Shape the Shoulders

Next, you are going to work Short rows to shape the shoulders. For Short row 1, you are first casting on sts for the left shoulder.

Short row 1 (RS): CO 33 [39, 39, 42] {42, 45, 45, 51} sts using the cable CO method. Continue working on the RS, k2, p1, (k1, p5) 8 [9, 9, 11] {11, 12, 12, 13} times (=51 [57, 57, 69] {69, 75, 75, 81} sts on your RH needle), k1, p2, turn; 91 [103, 103, 115] {115, 127, 127, 139} sts.

Short row 2 (WS): ds, k1, (p1, k5) 2 [2, 2, 4] {4, 4, 4, 4} times, p1, k2, turn.

When you are instructed to work in pattern ('patt') you will work the sts as they appear.

Short row 3 (RS): ds, patt to ds, p ds, p3, k1, p2, turn.

Short row 4 (WS): ds, patt to ds, k ds, k3, p1, k2, turn.

Work Short row 3&4 4 [5, 5, 5] {5, 6, 6, 7} times more (there are 7 unworked sts on your LH needle).

Last short row (RS): ds, patt to ds, p ds, p3, k1, p1, k2.

Next row (WS): k1, p1, k1, patt to ds, k ds, k3, (p1, k1) twice.

Back yoke

Row 1 (RS): k2, p1, k1, (p5, k1) to last 3 sts, p1, k2.

Row 2 (WS): (k1, p1) twice, (k5, p1) to last 3 sts, k1, p1, k1.

Work Row 1 & 2 until the armhole edges of the back yoke measure 16.5 [17.5, 16.5, 17.5] {18, 18, 17.5, 18.5} cm / 6.5 [7, 6.5, 7] {7.25, 7.25, 7, 7.5}" . End with Row 2.

Shape the armholes

Next, you are going to shape the armholes using increases.

Row 1 (RS) – increase row: k2, M1pL, p1, patt to last 3 sts, p1, M1pR, k2; 93 [105, 105, 117] {117, 129, 129, 141} sts.

Row 2 (WS): k1, p1, k2, patt to last 4 sts, k2, p1, k1.

Sizes 1 & 2 proceed to Right Front.

Sizes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 continue below.

Row 3 – increase row: k2, M1pL, p2, patt to last 4 sts, p2, M1pR, k2; 93 [105, 107, 119] {119, 131, 131, 143} sts.

Row 4: k1, p1, k3, patt to last 5 sts, k3, p1, k1.

Row 5 – increase row: k2, M1pL, p3, patt to last 5 sts, p3, M1pR, k2; 93 [105, 109, 121] {121, 133, 133, 145} sts.

Row 6: k1, p1, k4, patt to last 6 sts, k4, p1, k1.

Row 7 – increase row: k2, M1pL, p4, patt to last 6 sts, p4, M1pR, k2; 93 [105, 111, 123] {123, 135, 135, 147} sts.

Row 8: k1, p1, k5, patt to last 7 sts, k5, p1, k1.

Size 3 & 4 proceed to Right Front.

Sizes 5, 6, 7 & 8 continue below.

Size 5 only

Next row (RS) – increase row: kfbf, patt to last st, kfbf; 127 sts.

Next row (WS): k3, patt to last 3 sts, k3.

Proceed to Right Front.

Sizes 6, 7 & 8 only

Row 9 (RS) – increase row: kfb, patt to last st, kfb; - [-, -, -] {-, 137, 137, 149} sts.

Row 10 (WS): k2, patt to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 11 (RS) – increase row: work as Row 9; - [-, -, -] {-, 139, 139, 151} sts.

Row 12 (WS): k3, patt to last 3 sts, k3.

Size 6 only

Next row (RS) – increase row: kfbf, patt to last st, kfbf; 143 sts.

Next row (WS): k5, patt to last 5 sts, k5;

Proceed to Right Front.

Sizes 7 & 8 only

Row 13 (RS) – increase row: kfb, patt to last st, kfb; - [-, -, -] {-, -, 141, 153} sts.

Row 14 (WS): k4, patt to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 15 – increase row: kfbf, patt to last st, kfbf; - [-, -, -] {-, -, 145, 157} sts.

Row 16: k6, patt to last 6 sts, k6.

Row 17 – increase row: work as Row 15; - [-, -, -] {-, -, 149, 161} sts.

Row 18: k2, p1, patt to last 3 sts, p1, k2.

Row 19 – increase row: work as Row 15; - [-, -, -] {-, -, 153, 165} sts.

Row 20: k4, patt to last 4 sts, k4.

RIGHT FRONT

Break yarn. Place the back sts on waste yarn and the stitches from the right half of the collar on a spare needle.

With the RS facing, **Pick Up and Work in Pattern** (see TECHNIQUES) 33 [39, 39, 42] {42, 45, 45, 51} sts from the right shoulder (= 1 st in every CO st), starting at the armhole edge, pm, continue with the collar sts – k2tog, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1; 55 [61, 61, 66] {66, 73, 73, 79} sts.

Shape the Right Front Shoulder**Sizes 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 & 8 only**

Short row 1 (WS): sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, k2, turn.

Short row 2 (RS): ds, p1, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1.

Short row 3: sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, k1, k ds, k3, p1, k2, turn.

Short row 4: ds, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1.

Short row 5: sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, patt to ds, k ds, work 6 sts in patt, turn.

Short row 6: ds, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1.

Work Short row 5&6 2 [3, 3, -] {-, 4, 4, 5} times more (there are 7 unworked sts on your LH needle).

Next row (WS): sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, patt to ds, k ds, k3, (p1, k1) twice.

Proceed to All Sizes.

Sizes 4 & 5 only

Shape the front with increases while working the short rows.

Short row 1 (WS): sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, k2, turn.

Short row 2 (RS) – increase row: ds, p1, M1pR, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1; 67 sts.

Short row 3: sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, k2, k ds, p1, k2, turn.

Short row 4 – increase row: ds, patt to m, M1pR, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1; 68 sts.

Short row 5: sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, patt to ds, k ds, work 6 sts in patt, turn.

Short row 6 – increase row: ds, patt to m, M1pR, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1; 69 sts.

Short row 7: sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, patt to ds, k ds, work 6 sts in patt, turn.

Short row 8: ds, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1.

Work Short row 7 & 8 three times more (there are 7 unworked sts on your LH needle).

Next row (WS): sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, patt to ds, k ds, k3, (p1, k1) twice.

All sizes

Row 1 (RS): k2, p1, k1, (p5, k1) to 5 sts bef m, p5, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1.

Row 2 (WS): sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, patt to last 4 sts, (p1, k1) twice.

Work Row 1 & 2 until the armhole edge of the right front measures 16.5 [17.5, 16.5, 17.5] {18, 18, 17.5, 18.5} cm / 6.5 [7, 6.5, 7] {7.25, 7.25, 7, 7.5}" , measured from the PU row. End with Row 2.

Shape the Right Front Armhole

Next, you are going to shape the armhole using increases.

Row 1 (RS) – increase row: k2, M1pL, p1, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1; 56 [62, 62, 70] {70, 74, 74, 80} sts.

Row 2 (WS): sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, patt to last 4 sts, k2, p1, k1.

Sizes 1 & 2 proceed to Left Front.

Sizes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 continue below.

Row 3 – increase row: k2, M1pL, p2, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1; 56 [62, 63, 71] {71, 75, 75, 81} sts.

Row 4: sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, patt to last 5 sts, k3, p1, k1.

Row 5 – increase row: k2, M1pL, p3, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1; 56 [62, 64, 72] {72, 76, 76, 82} sts.

Row 6: sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, patt to last 6 sts, k4, p1, k1.

Row 7 – increase row: k2, M1pL, p4, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1; 56 [62, 65, 73] {73, 77, 77, 83} sts.

Row 8: sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, patt to last 7 sts, k5, p1, k1.

Sizes 3 & 4 proceed to Left Front.

Sizes 5, 6, 7 & 8 continue below.

Size 5 only

Next row (RS) – increase row: kfbf, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1; 75 sts.

Next row (WS): sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, patt to last 3 sts, k3.

Proceed to Left Front.

Sizes 6, 7 & 8 only

Row 9 (RS) – increase row: kfb, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1; - [-, -, -] {-, 78, 78, 84} sts.

Row 10 (WS): sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 11 – increase row: work as Row 9; - [-, -, -] {-, 79, 79, 85} sts.

Row 12: sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, patt to last 3 sts, k3.

Size 6 only

Next row (RS) – increase row: kfbf, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1; 81 sts.

Next row (WS): sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, patt to last 5 sts, k5.

Proceed to Left Front.

Sizes 7 & 8 only

Row 13 (RS) – increase row: kfb, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1; - [-, -, -] {-, -, 80, 86} sts.

Row 14 (WS): sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, patt to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 15 – increase row: kfbf, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1; - [-, -, -] {-, -, 82, 88} sts.

Row 16: sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, patt to last 6 sts, k6.

Row 17 – increase row: work as Row 15; - [-, -, -] {-, -, 84, 90} sts.

Row 18: sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, p1, patt to last 3 sts, p1, k2.

Row 19 – increase row: work as Row 15; - [-, - , -] {-, -, 86, 92} sts.

Row 20 : sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, patt to last 4 sts, k4.

LEFT FRONT

Break yarn and place the right front sts on waste yarn. Place the sts from the left half of the collar on Needle A. Place marker and continue picking up sts from the left shoulder.

With the needle with the collar sts and the RS facing, **Pick Up and Work in Pattern** (see TECHNIQUES) 33 [39, 39, 42] {42, 45, 45, 51} sts from the left shoulder (= 1 st in every CO st), starting at the neck-side corner of the shoulder.

First row (WS): (k1, p1) twice, (k5, p1) 4 [5, 5, 6] {6, 6, 6, 7} times, k to m, slm, ssp, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1; 55 [61, 61, 66] {66, 73, 73, 79} sts.

Shape the Left Front Shoulder

Sizes 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 & 8 only

Short row 1 (RS): sl1 wyib, k1, patt to m, slm, p2, turn.

Short row 2 (WS): ds, k1, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1.

Short row 3: sl1 wyib, k1, patt to m, slm, p1, p ds, p3, k1, p2, turn.

Short row 4: ds, k1, p1, k5, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1.

Short row 5: sl1 wyib, k1, patt to m, slm, patt to ds, p ds, work 6 sts in patt, turn.

Short row 6: ds, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1.

Work Short row 5&6 2 [3, 3, -] {-, 4, 4, 5} times more (there are 7 unworked sts on your LH needle).

Proceed to All Sizes.

Sizes 4 & 5 only

Shape the front with increases while working the short rows.

Short row 1 (RS) – increase row: sl1 wyib, k1, patt to m, slm, M1pL, p1, turn; 67 sts.

Short row 2 (WS): ds, k1, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1.

Short row 3 – increase row: sl1 wyib, k1, patt to m, slm, M1pL, p1, p ds, p1, k1, p2, turn; 68 sts.

Short row 4: ds, k1, p1, k4, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1

Short row 5 – increase row: sl1 wyib, k1, patt to m, slm, M1pL, p4, k1, p1, p ds, work 6 sts in patt, turn; 69 sts.

Short row 6: ds, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1.

Short row 7: sl1 wyib, k1, patt to m, slm, patt to ds, p ds, work 6 sts in patt, turn.

Short row 8: ds, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1.

Work Short row 7 & 8 three times more (there are 7 unworked sts on your LH needle).

All sizes

Row 1 (RS): sl1 wyib, k1, patt to m, slm, patt to ds, p ds, p3, k1, p1, k2.

Row 2 (WS): (k1, p1) twice, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1.

Row 3: sl1 wyib, k1, patt to m, slm, patt to last 4 sts, k1, p1, k2.

Row 4: work as Row 2.

Work Row 3 & 4 until the armhole edge of the left front measures 16.5 [17.5, 16.5, 17.5] {18, 18, 17.5, 18.5} cm / 6.5 [7, 6.5, 7] {7.25, 7.25, 7, 7.5}”, measured from the PU row. End with Row 4.



Shape the Left Front Armhole

Next, you are going to shape the armhole using increases.

Row 1 (RS) – increase row: sl1 wyib, k1, patt to m, slm, patt to last 3 sts, p1, M1pR, k2; 56 [62, 62, 70] {70, 74, 74, 80} sts.

Row 2 (WS): k1, p1, k2, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1.

Sizes 1 & 2 proceed to Join Fronts and Back.

Sizes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 continue below.

Row 3 – increase row: sl1 wyib, k1, patt to m, slm, patt to last 4 sts, p2, M1pR, k2; 56 [62, 63, 71] {71, 75, 75, 81} sts.

Row 4: k1, p1, k3, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1.

Row 5 – increase row: sl1 wyib, k1, patt to m, slm, patt to last 5 sts, p3, M1pR, k2; 56 [62, 64, 72] {72, 76, 76, 82} sts.

Row 6: k1, p1, k4, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1.

Row 7 – increase row: sl1 wyib, k1, patt to m, slm, patt to last 6 sts p4, M1pR, k2; 56 [62, 65, 73] {73, 77, 77, 83} sts.

Row 8: k1, p1, k5, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1.

Sizes 3 & 4 proceed to Join Fronts and Back.

Sizes 5, 6, 7 & 8 continue below.

Size 5 only

Next row (RS) – increase row: sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, patt to end, kfbf; 75 sts.

Next row (WS): k3, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1.

Proceed to Join Fronts and Back.

Sizes 6, 7 & 8 only

Row 9 (RS) – increase row: sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, patt to end, kfb; - [-, -, -] {-, 78, 78, 84} sts.

Row 10 (WS): k2, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1.

Row 11 – increase row: work as Row 9; - [-, -, -] {-, 79, 79, 85} sts.

Row 12: k3, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1.

Size 6 only

Next row (RS) – increase row: sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, patt to end, kfbf; 81 sts.

Next row (WS): k5, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1.

Proceed to Join Fronts and Back.

Sizes 7 & 8 only

Row 13 (RS) – increase row: sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, patt to end, kfb; - [-, -, -] {-, -, 80, 86} sts.

Row 14 (WS): k4, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1.

Row 15 – increase row: sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, patt to end, kfbf; - [-, -, -] {-, -, 82, 88} sts.

Row 16: k6, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1.

Row 17 – increase row: work as Row 15; - [-, -, -] {-, -, 84, 90} sts.

Row 18: k2, p1, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1.

Row 19 – increase row: work as Row 15; - [-, -, -] {-, -, 86, 92} sts.

Row 20 : k4, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1.

JOIN FRONTS AND BACK

In the next row, join the fronts and back by casting on stitches for the underarm.

Place the stitches of the back and the right front on a spare needle.

Joining row (RS): sl1 wyib, k1, patt to m, slm, patt to last 4 [4, 1, 1] {3, 5, 4, 4} st(s), p to end, CO 3 [3, 3, 3] {5, 7, 9, 9} sts using the Backward Loop method. Continue with the back: p 4 [4, 1, 1] {3, 5, 4, 4} st(s), patt to last 4 [4, 1, 1] {3, 5, 4, 4} st(s), p to end, CO 3 [3, 3, 3] {5, 7, 9, 9} sts. Continue with the right front, p 4 [4, 1, 1] {3, 5, 4, 4} st(s), patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1; 211 [235, 247, 275] {287, 319, 343, 367} sts.

Next Row (WS): sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, k5, (p1, k5) to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1.

BODY

Body row 1 (RS): sl1 wyib, k1, patt to m, slm, p5, (k1, p5) to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1.

Body row 2 (WS): sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, k5, (p1, k5) to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1.

For a cardigan with bust darts, proceed to Horizontal Bust Darts.

For a cardigan without bust darts, work Body Round 1 & 2 until the body measures 8 cm / 3.25" measured from the underarm cast-on, or to desired length minus 19.5 cm / 7.75". End with Body Round 2. Then, proceed to Loopy Flowers.

Horizontal Bust Darts

Work Body Round 1 & 2 until the body measures 4.5 cm / 1.75" measured from the underarm cast-on. End with Body Round 2.

You are now going to work short rows to shape the horizontal bust darts. Make sure to maintain the Vertical Line pattern throughout.

Set 1

Short row 1 (RS): sl1 wyib, k1, patt to m, slm, work 18 [20, 23, 28] {31, 27, 34, 31} sts in patt, turn.

Short row 2 (WS): ds, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1.

Short row 3: sl1 wyib, k1, patt to m, slm, patt to ds, work ds in patt, work 4 [4, 4, 3] {3, 4, 3, 4} sts in patt, turn.

Short row 4: ds, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1.

Work Short row 3&4 3 [4, 4, 6] {6, 6, 8, 8} times more.

Next row (RS): sl1 wyib, k1, patt to m, slm, patt to ds, work ds in patt, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1.

Set 2

Short row 1 (WS): sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, work 18 [20, 23, 28] {31, 27, 34, 31} sts in patt, turn.

Short row 2 (RS): ds, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1.

Short row 3: sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, patt to ds, work ds in patt, work 4 [4, 4, 3] {3, 4, 3, 4} sts in patt, turn.

Short row 4: ds, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1.

Work Short row 3&4 3 [4, 4, 6] {6, 6, 8, 8} times more.

Next row (WS): sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, patt to ds, work ds in patt, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1.

Next, work Body Round 1 & 2 until the body measures 8 cm / 3.25" measured from the underarm cast-on, or to desired length minus 19.5 cm / 7.75". End with Body Round 2.

LOOPY FLOWERS

Next, replace the markers to set-up for the Loopy Flower Chart. Work as follows.

Set-up row 1 (RS): sl1 wyib, k1, patt to 1 st bef m, place m, k1, rem m, patt to m, rem m, k1, place m, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1.

Set-up row 2 (WS): sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, patt to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1.

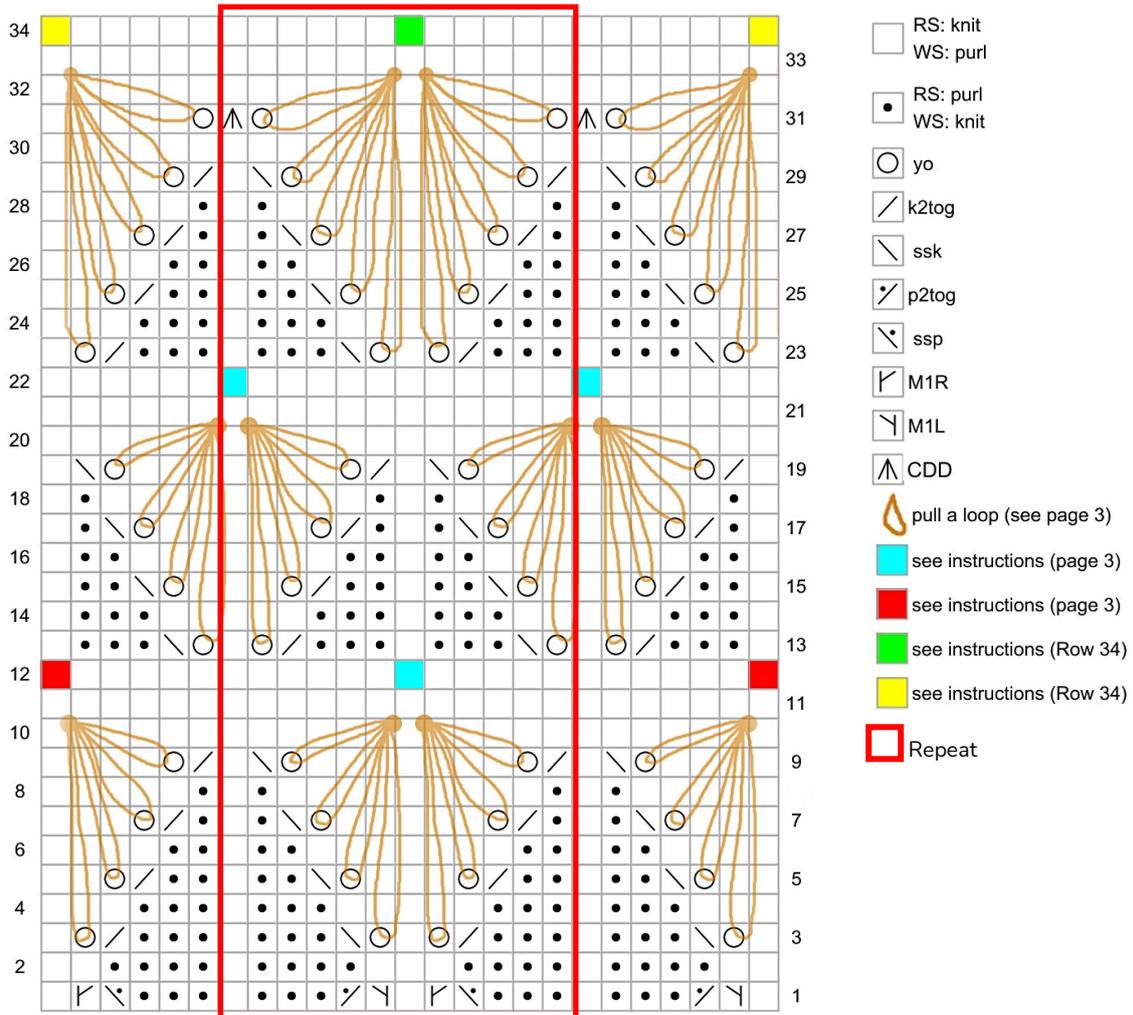


Loopy Flowers Chart

Change to Needle B.

Next, work the Loopy Flowers according to the Loopy Flower Chart. On page 3 you'll find an explanation on working the stitch pattern.

Loopy Flowers Chart



Work Row 1 – 22 of the Chart as follows.

RS rows: sl1 wyib, k1, patt to m, slm, work the Chart to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1.

WS rows: sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, work Chart to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1.

Work Row 3-22 of the Chart once more.

Change to Needle C.

Next, work Row 23-34 of the Chart. Note that in this final tier of flowers, each flower has 5 eyelets instead of 4. Pull 10 loops for each complete flower and 5 loops for half flowers.

On Row 34:

- At the green square, ■ purl 11 stitches together.
- At the yellow square, ■ purl 6 stitches together.
- Continue with Step 7 & 8 on page 3.

Edge

Row 1 (RS): sl1 wyib, k1, patt to m, slm, k1, p5, k1, (p11, k1) to 6 sts bef m, p5, k1 slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyib, p1.

Row 2 (WS): sl1 wyib, p1, patt to m, slm, p to m, slm, patt to last 2 sts, sl1 wyif, p1.

Work Row 1 & 2 three times more.

Bind-Off

Next, bind off your sts using the 2-stitch l-cord bind off method. Work as follows.

Bind off row (RS): ssk, k1, (slip both sts on the RH needle to the left hand needle, k1, ssk) to end.

SLEEVES

Sizes 1, 2, and 5 feature a knit column at the center of the underarm, running down the side of the body. Sizes 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8 have a 5-stitch purl column along the side. To maintain the Vertical Line Pattern at the underarm, the sleeve set-up instructions vary between these size groups.

Sizes 1, 2 & 5 only

With Needle A, starting at the center (knit) underarm stitch PU and k 33 [36, -, -] {42, -, -, -} sts to the shoulder seam, PU and k 33 [36, -, -] {42, -, -, -} to the center underarm st, place BOR m; 66 [72, -, -] {84, -, -, -} sts.

Proceed to Shape the Sleeve Cap.

Sizes 3, 4, 6, 7 & 8 only

With Needle A, starting at the center underarm stitch PU and k 3 sts to the first column of k sts, PU and k 1 st in the knit st column, PU and k 0 [0, 32, 35] {0, 41, 44, 50} sts to the shoulder seam, PU and k 0 [0, 33, 36] {0, 42, 45, 51} to the last column of knit sts bef the center underarm st, PU and k 1 st in the knit st column, PU and k 2 sts to the center underarm, place BOR m; 66 [72, 72, 78] {84, 90, 96, 108} sts.

Shape the Sleeve Cap

Next, shape the sleeve cap by working short rows in Vertical Line Pattern.

Short row 1 (RS): purl 0 [0, 3, 3] {0, 3, 3, 3} sts, (k1, p5) 7 [8, 8, 9] {9, 10, 10, 12} times, turn.

Short row 2 (WS): ds, k4, (p1, k5) 2 [3, 4, 5] {3, 5, 4, 6} times, turn.

Short row 3: ds, patt to ds, p ds, k1, p2, turn.

Short row 4: ds, patt to ds, k ds, p1, k2, turn.

Short row 5: ds, patt to ds, p ds, p3, turn.

Short row 6: ds, patt to ds, k ds, k3, turn.

Work Short row 3-6 2 [2, 2, 2] {3, 4, 5, 5} times more.

Last short row (RS): ds, patt to ds, p ds, patt to BOR, sl BOR m.

Sizes 1, 2 & 5 only

Next round: (k1, p5) to BOR, purling the ds as you pass it, sl BOR m.

Sizes 3, 4, 6, 7 & 8 only

Next round: p3, k1, (p5, k1) purling the ds as you pass it, to 2 sts bef BOR, p2, sl BOR m.

Turn Sleeve Inside Out

To minimize purling, turn the sleeve inside out working a short row first.

Short row (RS): work in patt to BOR, turn the cardigan inside out in order to work the sleeve on the WS.

Next round: ds, patt to BOR, sl BOR m.

Next round: k ds, patt to BOR, sl BOR m.

Work in patt until the sleeve measures 3 cm / 1.25" from underarm.

Shape the Sleeve

Next, shape the sleeve with decreases.
Proceed to instructions for your size.

Sizes 1, 2 & 5 only

The sleeve is shaped using purled central double decreases (CDDp). To set-up for decreasing, remove the BOR m, and place a removable st marker in the column of purl sts formed by the first st on your RH needle. In the instructions this st is referred to as the 'marked st'. Move the marker up the stitch column every few rows to keep track.

Decrease Sequence

Decrease round: patt to 1 st bef marked st, CDDp; 64 [70, -, -] {82, -, -, -} sts.

Work 11 [11, -, -] {8, -, -, -} rounds in patt.

Work the Decrease Sequence 7 [7, -, -] {10, -, -, -} times more; 50 [56, -, -] {62, -, -, -} sts.

Work the Decrease round once more; 48 [54, -, -] {60, -, -, -} sts.

Proceed to All Sizes.

Sizes 3, 4, 6, 7 & 8 only

Decrease Sequence 1

Decrease round 1: k1, ssp, patt to 4 sts bef BOR, p2tog, k2, sl BOR m; 48 [54, 70, 76] {60, 88, 94, 106} sts.

Work 0 [0, 11, 11] {0, 6, 6, 4} rounds in patt.

Decrease round 2: ssp, patt to 3 sts bef BOR, p2tog, k1, sl BOR m; 48 [54, 68, 74] {60, 86, 92, 104} sts.

Work 0 [0, 11, 11] {0, 6, 6, 4} rounds in patt.

Decrease Sequence 2

Further shaping is done using purled central double decreases (CDDp). To set-up for this, remove the BOR m, and place a removable st marker in the column of knit sts formed by the first st on your RH needle. In the instructions this st is referred to as the 'marked st'. Move the marker up the stitch column every few rows to keep track.

Decrease round: patt to 1 st bef marked st, CDDp; 48 [54, 66, 72] {60, 88, 90, 102} sts.

Work 0 [0, 11, 11] {0, 6, 6, 4} rounds in patt (purling the marked st).

Work the Decrease Sequence 0 [0, 5, 5] {0, 11, 11, 17} times more; 48 [54, 56, 62] {60, 62, 68, 68} sts.

Work the Decrease round once more; 48 [54, 54, 60] {60, 60, 66, 66} sts.

All sizes

Remove the marker from the fabric and place it on your needle. This is now the BOR m.

Work in patt until the sleeve measures 43 cm / 17" from underarm, or to desired length minus 4 cm / 1.5".

Ribbing

Next round: with Needle C, (k1, p1) to BOR, sl BOR m.

Work the last round until the ribbing measures 4 cm / 1.5".

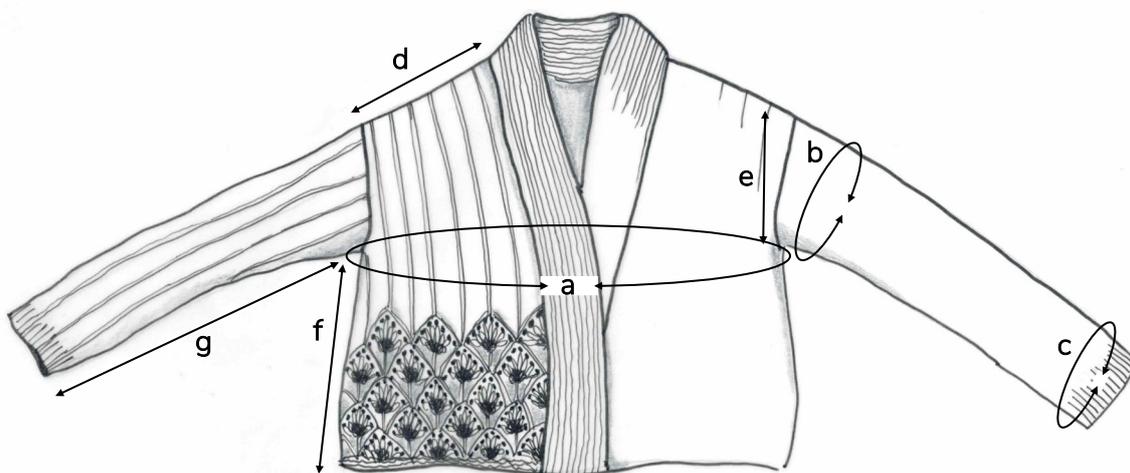
Last round: BO all sts pwise.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Wet block your cardigan to measurements given in the SCHEMATIC.



SCHEMATIC



- a** (with the front bands overlapping) 94.5 [106.5, 112.5, 125.5] {131.5, 145.5, 157.5, 169.5} cm / 37.75 [42.5, 45, 50.25] {52.5, 58.25, 63, 67.75}"
- b** 33 [36, 36, 39] {42, 45, 48, 54} cm / 13.25 [14.5, 14.5, 15.5] {16.75, 18, 19.25, 21.5}"
- c** 24 [27, 27, 30] {30, 30, 33, 33} cm / 9.5 [10.75, 10.75, 12] {12, 12, 13.25, 13.25}"
- d** 16.5 [19.5, 19.5, 21] {21, 22.5, 22.5, 25.5} cm / 6.5 [7.75, 7.75, 8.5] {8.5, 9, 9, 10.25}"
- e** 17 [18, 19, 20] {21.5, 22.5, 24, 25} cm / 6.75 [7.25, 7.5, 8] {8.5, 9, 9.75, 10.25}"
- f** 27.5 cm / 11"
- g** 47 cm / 18.5"

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ABBREVIATIONS

(x, y) = the brackets represent a repeat. Directions within the bracket should be repeated as instructed.

approx = approximately

bef = before

BO = bind off

BOR = beginning of the round

CDD = central double decrease; slip 2 stitches together as if to knit to your right-hand needle. Knit the next st. Pass the slipped stitches over the knitted stitch.

CDDp = central double decrease purl; slip 2 stitches knitwise, one at the time. Insert the LH needle into the slipped stitches from right to left and return them to the LH needle. Purl the 3 stitches together.

CO = cast on

dec = decrease

DPN = double pointed needle

ds = double stitch

est = established

inc('d) = increase(d)

k = knit

k2tog / p2tog = knit / purl 2 sts together (right leaning decrease).

kfb / pfb = knit / purl into the front and the back of the stitch (1 st increased).

kfbf / pfbf = knit / purl into the front, the back and the front of the stitch (2 sts increased).

kwise = knitwise

LH = left hand

m = marker

M1L / M1pL = make 1 (purl) left (left leaning increase); insert left needle, from front to back, under the strand of yarn which runs between the next stitch on the left needle and last stitch on the right needle; knit (purl) this stitch through the back loop.

M1R / M1pR = make 1 (purl) right (right leaning increase); insert left needle, from back to front, under the strand of yarn which runs between the next stitch on the left needle and the last stitch on the right needle; knit (purl) this stitch through the front loop.

p = purl

patt = (work in) pattern

pm = place marker

pwise = purlwise

PU = pick up

rem = remove

RH = right hand

RS = right side

sl = slip (purlwise with yarn in back on RS and yarn in front on WS, unless otherwise stated).

slm = slip marker

ssk / ssp = slip, slip, knit / purl (left leaning decrease); slip 2 sts as if to k, one at a time, slip the sts back to the LH needle, knit / purl through back loop.

st(s) = stitch(es)

tbl = through the back loop

WS = wrong side

wyib = with yarn in back

wyif = with yarn in front

yo = yarn over