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# Elysian

## Colorwork & Garter Rib Cardigan

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Skill Level:



INTERMEDIATE

### Size:

Small (Medium, Large, XL, 2XL, 3XL),  
to fit bust 32-34 (36-38, 40-42,  
44-46, 48-50, 52-54)"

### Finished Measurements:

Finished bust measurement,  
buttoned: 38 (42, 46, 50, 56, 60)"

Length, from shoulder: 26.5 (27,  
27.5, 28, 28.5, 29)"

Sleeve width at upper arm: 17 (18,  
19, 20, 21, 22)"

### Materials:

- Cascade Yarns® Elysian;  
60% Superwash Merino Wool /  
40% Acrylic; 100 g (3.5 oz) /  
219 yds (200 m)
- Main Color (MC): 5 (6, 7, 9, 11,  
12) skeins Color #73 (Hemp)
- Contrasting Color (CC): 1 (2, 2,  
3, 4, 4) skeins Color #69  
(Plum Heather)
- Size US 7 (4.5 mm) circular  
knitting needle, 24" long,  
or size to obtain gauge.
- Size US 8 (5 mm) circular knitting  
needle, 24" long, or size to  
obtain gauge.
- Extra circular needle for holder,  
size 6 or 7, 24" long.
- Yarn needle
- 5 buttons, 1.25" wide



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20 sts x 28 rows = 4" (10 cm), blocked, in Garter Rib Pattern using size 7 needle.

20 sts x 22 rows = 4" (10 cm), blocked, in Colorwork Chart using size 8 needle.

**Abbreviations:**

Beg	= Begin
BO	= Bind off
CO	= Cast on
Cont	= Continue
Dec	= Decrease
K	= Knit
K2tog	= Knit 2 stitches together
Make 1	= Lift strand and K1 into the back of the strand to make new st
Nec	= Necessary
P	= Purl
RS	= Right side
SSK	= One at a time, slip two stitches from the left needle to the right needle, then insert left-hand needle into the front loops of the stitches that you have just slipped and work them together from this position.
St(s)	= Stitch(es)
WS	= Wrong side
Est	= Established

**Suggested buttonhole:**

Here is a link that shows a one-row, reinforced buttonhole:

<https://www.10rowsaday.com/one-row-buttonhole>

**Patterns:**

**Garter Rib:** multiple of 8 sts plus 6.

Row 1 (RS): Knit.

Row 2 (WS): P6, \* K2, P6; rep from \*.

Rep rows 1-2.

**Notes:**

Body of cardigan is knitted back and forth on a circular needle, in one piece, to armhole; Fronts and Back are worked separately above armholes, back and forth on circular needle.

Sleeves are knitted back and forth, seamed, then sewn into the armholes.

**Sleeves: make 2.****Lower Ribbing:**

With size 7 needle and CC, CO 46 (54, 54, 54, 62, 62) sts.

Next row (WS): P2, \* K2, P2; rep from \*.

Change to MC.

Next row (RS): K2, \* P2, K2; rep from \*.

Next row (WS): P2, \* K2, P2; rep from \*.

Change to CC and rep the last 2 rows.

Change to MC and work until ribbing measures 2", end with a WS row.

**Main rib pat:**

Row 1 (RS): Knit.

Row 2 (WS): P6, \* K2, P6; rep from \*.

Repeat the last 2 rows once more, so end with a WS row.

**Beg shaping:**

Next row (RS): K2 (keep as edge sts: K RS, P WS), make 1, work in Main Rib pat as est to last 2 sts, make 1, end K2 (keep as edge sts: K RS, P WS).

Work even for 3 (3, 3, 3, 1, 1) more row(s).

**First 3 sizes:**

Keeping in pat between edge sts, working incs into Main rib pat, rep inc row on next row, then alternately every 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> rows for a total of 20 (19, 21, -, -, -) incs each side-- 86 ( 92, 96, -, -, -) sts.

**Last 3 sizes:**

Keeping in pat between edge sts, working incs into Main rib pat, rep inc row on next row, then every 4<sup>th</sup> row after for a total of -( -, -, 24, 22, 25) incs each side-- - ( -, -, 102, 106, 112) sts.

Work even if nec until sleeve measures 17.5 (17.5, 17, 17, 16.5, 16) ", or to desired length, end with a WS row, then BO.



**BODY****Lower ribbing:**

With size 7 circular needle and CC, CO 206 (226, 246, 266, 298, 318) sts.

Row 1 (WS): P2, \*, K2, P2; rep from \*.

Change to MC.

Next row (RS): K2, \*, P2, K2; rep from \*.

Next row (WS): P2, \*, K2, P2; rep from \*.

Change to CC and rep last 2 rows.

Change to MC and work until rib measures 2", end with WS row.

Next row, dec row (RS): K, and at same time dec 20 (20, 20, 20, 22, 22) sts evenly spaced— 186 (206, 226, 246, 276, 296) sts.

**Main Rib pat:**

Row 1 (WS): P 2 (0, 2, 0, 3, 1) sts, PM, \* P6, K2; rep from \*, end P6, PM, end P 2 (0, 2, 0, 3, 1) sts.

Row 2 (RS): K.

Rep last 2 rows until piece measures 3", end with RS row.

**Seed stitch stripe:**

Next row (WS): \* K1, P1; rep from \*.

Next row (RS): \* P1, K1; rep from \*.

Rep last 2 rows until there are 7 Seed stitch rows, end with WS row.

Change to size 8 circular needle.

**Color Chart section:**

Next row (RS): beg where indicated at right, work row 1 of Color Chart, repeating 12 st repeat, end where indicated on chart—186 (206, 226, 246, 276, 296) sts.

Cont in pat until row 25 of Color Chart is complete, so end with RS row-- section should measure approx 4.5". Cut CC.

Change to size 7 circular needle. With MC, P WS row.

**Seed stitch Stripe**

Next row (RS): \* P1, K1; rep from \*.

Next row (WS): \* K1, P1; rep from \*.

Rep last 2 rows until there are 7 Seed stitch rows, end with RS row.

Cut MC. Slide sts to end of circular needle. With RS facing attach MC at beg of RS row.

**Main Rib pat:**

Beg with K row, work Main Rib pat as est until section measures 4", end with RS row.

**Seed stitch stripe:**

Next row (WS): \* K1, P1; rep from \*.

Next row (RS): \* P1, K1; rep from \*.

Rep last 2 rows until there are 7 Seed stitch rows, end with a WS row.

Change to size 8 circular needle.

**Color Chart section:**

Next row (RS): beg where indicated at right, work row 1 of Color Chart, repeating 12 st repeat, end where indicated on chart.

Work even in Color Chart until piece measure 18", end with a WS row—186 (206, 226, 246, 276, 296) sts.

**Divide for armholes:**

Next row (RS): Work next Color Chart row as est over 45 (50, 55, 60, 68, 73) sts for Right Front; then slip then rem 141 (156, 171, 186, 208, 223) sts to another circular needle as holder = 96 (106, 116, 126, 140, 150) sts for Back; 45 (50, 55, 60, 68, 73) for Left Front.

Note: Mark this last RS row on Color Chart as first Armhole row. Then mark where Right Front sts end in Chart pattern. When the Right Front is done, begin the Back on the same row, on the following st.

Turn.

**Right Front:**

Cont as est in Color Chart over 45 (50, 55, 60, 68, 73) sts until row 25 is complete, so end with RS row.

Change to size 7 circular needle. With MC, P WS row.

**Seed stitch Stripe**

Work 7 Seed stitch rows, end with RS row.

Cut MC. Slide sts to end of circular needle, and with RS facing attach MC at beg of RS row.

**Main Rib pat:**

Beg with K row, work in Main Rib pat as est until armhole depth measures 5 (5.5, 6, 6.5, 7, 7.5)" (refer to end of Right Front rows if nec to see where to beg), end with a WS row-- 45 (50, 55, 60, 68, 73) sts.

**Right Front neck shaping:**

Next row (RS): keep in pat, BO 5 (5, 5, 7, 7, 7) sts, work as est to end— 40 (45, 50, 53, 61, 66) sts.

Work WS row as est.

Keep in pat, BO 3 sts at beg of next 2 RS rows, then BO 2 sts (all sizes) on the next RS row -- 32 (37, 42, 45, 53, 58) sts.



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Work WS row as est.

Next row (RS): SSK, work as est to end-- -- 31 (36, 41, 44, 52, 57) sts.

Work WS row as est.

Rep last 2 rows 4 (5, 7, 6, 7, 8) more times, end with RS row— 27 (31, 34, 38, 45, 49) sts.

Work even until armhole depth measures 8.5 (9, 9.5, 10, 10.5, 11)”, end with RS row.

**Right Front Shoulder shaping:**

Keep in pat, BO 9 (10, 11, 13, 15, 16) sts at beg of next 2 WS rows, then BO rem 9 (11, 12, 12, 15, 17) sts on last WS row.

**Back:**

With RS facing, slip next 96 (106, 116, 126, 140, 150) sts to working circular needle. Begin reading Color Chart for Back on row marked as first Armhole row; beg on next stitch after Right Front sts.

Next row (RS): Cont in Color Chart pat over Back 96 (106, 116, 126, 140, 150) sts. Mark end of Back section on Color Chart.

Work even until row 25 of Color Chart pat is complete, so end with RS row.

Change to size 7 circular needle. With MC, P WS row.

**Seed stitch Stripe**

Work 7 Seed stitch rows, end with RS row.

Cut MC. Slide sts to end of circular needle, and with RS facing attach MC at beg of RS row.

**Main Rib pat:**

Beg with K row, work in Main Rib pat as est (refer to end of Right Front rows to see where to beg) until armhole measures 8.5 (9, 9.5, 10, 10.5, 11)”, end with a WS row, one row less than for Right Front.

**Shoulder and Back neck shaping:**

Mark center 22 (24, 28, 30, 30, 32) sts.

Next row (RS): BO 9 (10, 11, 13, 15, 16) sts, work to center 22 (24, 28, 30, 30, 32) marked sts, join a second ball of MC and BO center 22 (24, 28, 30, 30, 32) sts, work to end.

Working both sides at same time with separate balls of yarn, BO 9 (10, 11, 13, 15, 16) sts at beg of next 3 Shoulder edges, then BO 9 (11, 12, 12, 15, 17) sts at beg of last 2 shoulder edges; and at the same time, BO 5 sts from each neck edge twice.

**Left Front:**

With RS facing, slip last 45 (50, 55, 60, 68, 73) sts to working circular needle. Beg reading Color Chart with row marked as first Armhole row; beg on next stitch after Back sts.

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Cont in Color Chart pat as est over 45 (50, 55, 60, 68, 73) sts until row 25 is complete, so end with RS row. Change to size 7 needle. With MC, P WS row.

**Seed stitch Stripe**

Work 7 Seed stitch rows, end with RS row.

Cut MC. Slide sts to end of circular needle, and with RS facing attach MC at beg of RS row.

**Main Rib pat:**

Beg with K row, work in Main Rib pat as est until armhole depth measures 5 (5.5, 6, 6.5, 7, 7.5)" (refer to end of Right Front rows if nec to see where to beg), end with RS row-- 45 ( 50, 55, 60, 68, 73) sts.

**Left Front neck shaping:**

Next row (WS): keep in pat, BO 5 (5, 5, 7, 7, 7) sts, work as est to end— 40 (45, 50, 53, 61, 66) sts.

Work RS row as est.

Keep in pat, BO 3 sts at beg of next 2 WS rows, then BO 2 sts (all sizes) on next WS row -- 32 (37, 42, 45, 53, 58) sts.

Next row (RS): SSK, work as est to end-- -- 31 (36, 41, 44, 52, 57).

Work WS row as est.

Rep last 2 rows 4 (5, 7, 6, 7, 8) more times, end with RS row— 27 (31, 34, 38, 45, 49) sts.

Work even until armhole depth measures 8.5 (9, 9.5, 10, 10.5, 11)", end with WS row, one row less than for Right Front.

**Left Front Shoulder shaping:**

Keep in pat, BO 9 (10, 11, 13, 15, 16) sts at beg of next 2 WS rows, then BO rem 9 (11, 12, 12, 15, 17) sts on the last WS row.

**FINISHING**

Weave in all ends. Block if desired. Sew sleeve seams: tie marker at center of sleeve BO row.

Sew Fronts to Back at shoulders. Sew sleeves into armholes, matching marker on sleeve to shoulder seam.

**Neckline ribbing:**

With RS facing, size 7 needle and MC, beg at Right Front, pick up 32 (34, 36, 38, 40, 42) sts along neck edge to shoulder, then pick up 46 (50, 54, 58, 62, 66) sts along back neck to shoulder, then 32 (34, 36, 38, 40, 42) sts along Left Front neck edge-- 110 (118, 126, 134, 142, 150) sts.

Next row, (WS): P2, \* K2, P2; rep from \*.

Next row, (RS): K2, \* P2, K2; rep from \*.

Rep last 2 rows 3 more times. Change to CC and rib 1 row, then BO in rib.

**Left Front Button Band:**

With RS facing, size 7 needle and MC, beg at Left Front neck edge, pick up 146 (150, 154, 158, 162, 166) sts along front to lower edge.

Note: divide your front into 6-8 sections with markers. Divide your sts by the number of sections; then pick up roughly an equal number of sts in each section. It is important to note that the ratio of sts to rows will be different in the Color Chart sections than in the other MC sections, because row gauges are not the same.

Next row, (WS): P2, \* K2, P2; rep from \*.

Next row, (RS): K2, \* P2, K2; rep from \*.

Rep last 2 rows 3 more times. Change to CC and rib 2 rows, then BO in rib.

**Right Front Buttonhole band:**

With RS facing, size 7 needle and MC, beg at Right Front lower edge, pick up 146 (150, 154, 158, 162, 166) sts along front to neckline edge.

Next row, (WS): P2, \* K2, P2; rep from \*.

Next row, (RS): K2, \* P2, K2; rep from \*.

Rep the WS row once more.

**Make buttonholes:**

Next row (RS): rib 4 (5, 9, 13, 9, 13) sts as est, make 4 st buttonhole; \* rib 30 (30, 30, 30, 32, 32) sts as est; make 4 st buttonhole; rep from \* until there are 5 buttonholes total, rib 4 (5, 5, 5, 5, 5) sts as est to end.

Complete rib as for Left Front.

Sew buttons on Left Front band, opposite buttonholes. Weave in ends.

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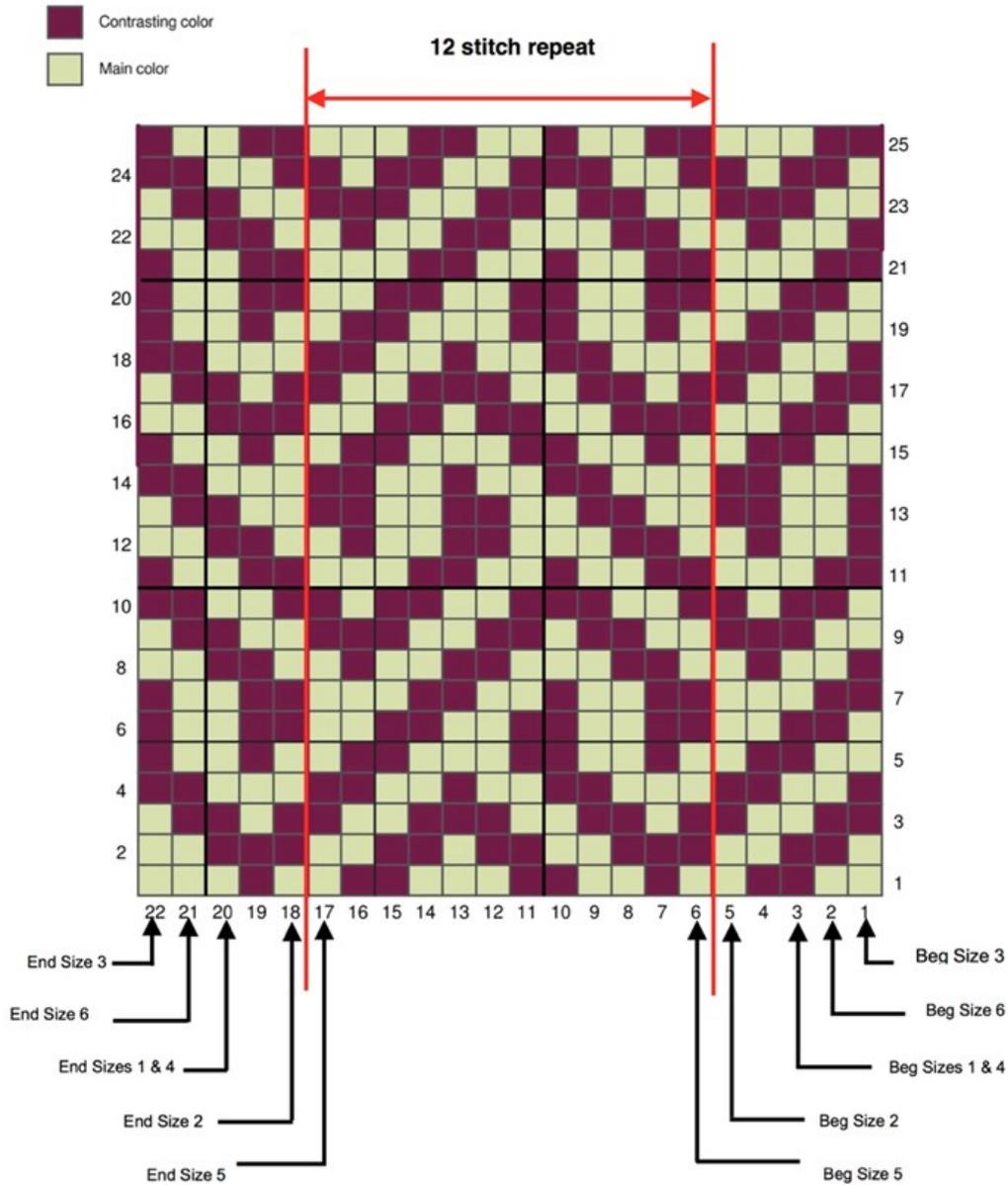
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Colorwork Chart

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Color Chart:

Beg and end Chart as indicated for your size. Read odd-numbered RS rows from right to left, and even-numbered WS rows from left to right.



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