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# Basics

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I also write my hot tips and notes here to ease your work!

## ABOUT PATTERN

The Wabi Sabi Cardi is a modern and feminine take on the classic "grandpa cardigan". This design comes with a loose fit, dropped shoulders, cropped length, extra long sleeves, fitted mock neck collar and interesting lateral braid details. The cardigan is worked seamlessly, from top down, on circular needles. A few German short rows are worked at the bottom of the back.

Level of difficulty: Intermediate

## SIZES

1 (2) 3 (4) 5 (6) 7 (8) 9

## GARMENT MEASUREMENTS

Bust circumference: 126 (135) 144 (154) 166 (175) 185 (197) 206 cm [49.5 (53) 56.5 (60.5) 65.25] 67 (73) 77.5 (81) in]

Recommended ease: 50 cm [19.5 in] of positive ease

Schematic included in the last page of the pattern.

## SIZE GUIDE

This cardigan is designed to have an oversized fit. When choosing which size to knit, measure your bust circumference and add 50 cm [19.5 in] of positive ease to that number. Compare your result with the garment's bust circumference and choose the closest size. If you fall between sizes, size up or down according to your own preference.

The sizes 1 (2) 3 (4) 5 (6) 7 (8) 9 are equivalent to sizes XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL) 3XL (4XL) 5XL. They correspond to the body circumference (hip or bust) of approximately 75 (80-85) 90- 95 (100-105) 110-115 (120-125) 130-135 (140-145) 150-155 cm [30 (32-34) 36-38 (40-42) 44-46 (48-50) 52-54 (56-58) 60-62 in]

## SUGGESTED YARN

600 (650) 700 (750) 800 (850) 850 (900) 950 g  
Hamelton Tweed 2 by BC Garn, 60 m = 50 g  
5: Bulky // WPI: 7

## GAUGE

Stockinette stitch using 6 mm needles:  
13 sts x 18 rows = 10 x 10 [4 x 4 in]  
Worked flat and measured after blocking

## SUGGESTED NEEDLES

6 mm / 80 cm [US 10 / 32 in] or longer circular needles  
5 mm / 80 cm [US 8 / 32 in] or longer circular needles  
4 mm / 80 cm [US 6 / 32 in] or longer circular needles

## ADDITIONAL

- 5 x 22-30 mm [ $\frac{7}{8}$ -1.2 in] buttons
- Measuring tape
- Stitch markers (5)
- Tapestry needle
- 6 mm [US J-10] crochet hook for the crochet cast on

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## WORKFLOW

You will start by working the back in flat until the length reaches the bottom of the armholes.

From there, you will pick up and knit new stitches from the shoulders, and the fronts are worked one by one, in flat, until the length reaches the bottom of the armholes.

Next, the fronts and the back are joined, and the body is worked flat as one piece, finished with a ribbed hem.

New stitches will be picked up around the armholes, and the sleeves are worked one by one, in the round, and finished with ribbed cuffs.

Once the body and sleeves are finished, you will work the button band for both fronts, and finish with the neckband.

As the last step, weave in the ends and block your sweater with your preferred method

## INCREASES

The increases are worked on the right side, so they lean towards the left (M1L) or the right (M1R).

M1L: With your left needle, pick up the bar between two stitches from front to back and knit through the back loop

M1R: With your left needle, pick the bar between two stitches from back to front and knit

## HELPFUL LINKS

[Crochet cast on method](#)

[Knit cast on method](#)

[Backwards loop cast on](#)

[Lateral braid](#)

[SSK - Slip, slip, knit decrease](#)

[Tubular bind off](#)

[German short rows](#)

## ABBREVIATIONS

yo = yarn over

sl = slip

kw = knitwise

pw = purlwise

wyib = with yarn in back

wyif = with yarn in front

ssk = slip, slip, knit

M1L = make one left

M1R = make one right

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### BACK

Cast on 82 (88) 94 (100) 108 (114) 120 (128) 134 stitches on 6 mm / 80 cm [US 10 / 32 in] circular needles using the crochet cast on method. To indicate the back neck, place two lock-in stitch markers through the edge of the cast on as follows:

Without knitting, count 33 (36) 39 (41) 45 (48) 51 (54) 57 stitches from both ends of the needle and place markers, leaving 16 (16) 16 (18) 18 (18) 18 (20) 20 stitches in the middle.

Starting and ending with a WS purl row, work 39 (41) 45 (47) 49 (51) 53 (55) 57 rows in stockinette stitch.

Your back measures approximately 21.5 (22.5) 24 (25.5) 26.5 (28) 29 (30.5) 31.5 cm [8.5 (8.75) 9.5 (10) 10.5 (11) 11.5 (12) 12.5 in] measured from the cast on edge.

Break the yarn and leave the stitches resting while working the fronts.

### RIGHT FRONT

(Right when wearing the sweater)

With RS of the back facing, using 6 mm / 80 cm [US 10 / 32 in] circular needles and the short end of the yarn, pick up and knit 33 (36) 39 (41) 45 (48) 51 (54) 57 stitches from the first WS purl bump row directly below the back neck cast on, leaving the crochet cast on braid visible to the RS of the work. (Pick up direction from armhole to back neck marker). Start your first row from the RS.

Row 1 (RS): Knit all stitches

Row 2 (WS): Purl all stitches

Repeat rows 1-2 once more. 4 rows have been worked.

Work the neck increases during the next 12 rows as follows:

Row 5 (RS): Knit to 2 stitches remaining, M1R, knit 2

Row 6 (WS): Purl all stitches

Repeat rows 5-6 for a total of 6 times, so that 6 stitches are increased.

You are now done with the increases and have 39 (42) 45 (47) 51 (54) 57 (60) 63 stitches on your needles. A total of 16 rows have been worked for the right front.

Row 17 (RS): Knit to the end of the row and cast on 0 (0) 0 (1) 1 (1) 1 (2) 2 stitches for the bottom of the front neck using the knit cast-on method. Place a stitch marker through the last stitch of the needle. This marker will be useful later, when picking up stitches for the button plackets.

You now have 39 (42) 45 (48) 52 (55) 58 (62) 65 stitches on your needles.

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Work 25 (27) 31 (33) 35 (37) 39 (41) 43 rows in stockinette. Make sure to end with a WS row.

You have now worked a total of 42 (44) 48 (50) 52 (54) 56 (58) 60 rows for the right front and your work measures approximately 23.5 (24.5) 26.5 (27.5) 29 (30) 31 (32) 33.5 cm [9.25 (9.5) 10.5 (10.75) 11.5 (11.75) 12.25 (12.5) 13 in] measured from the shoulder seam.

Break the yarn and leave the stitches on hold while working the left front.

## LEFT FRONT

(Left when wearing the sweater)

With RS of the back facing, using 6 mm / 80 cm [US 10 / 32 in] circular needles and the **short end of the yarn**, pick up and knit 33 (36) 39 (41) 45 (48) 51 (54) 57 stitches from the first WS purl bump row directly below the back neck cast on, leaving the crochet cast on braid visible to the RS of the work. (Pick up direction from back neck marker to armhole). Start your first row from the RS.

Row 1 (RS): Knit all stitches

Row 2 (WS): Purl all stitches

Repeat rows 1-2 once more. 4 rows have been worked.

Work the neck increases during the next 12 rows as follows:

Row 5 (RS): Knit 2, M1L, knit to the end of row

Row 6 (WS): Purl all stitches

Repeat rows 5-6 for a total of 6 times, so that 6 stitches are increased.

You are now done with the increases and have 39 (42) 45 (47) 51 (54) 57 (60) 63 stitches on your needles. A total of 16 rows have been worked for the left front.

Row 17 (RS): Cast on 0 (0) 0 (1) 1 (1) 1 (2) 2 stitches for the bottom of the front neck using the backwards loop method, place a stitch marker through the first stitch of the needle, knit to the end of the row. This marker will be useful later, when picking up stitches for the button plackets.

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Do not break the yarn as your next step continues from here.

## BODY

Join the fronts and the back as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit all stitches of the left front, knit all stitches of the back, knit all stitches of the right front

You now have 160 (172) 184 (196) 212 (224) 236 (252) 264 stitches. All your stitches are on the same needle. Your next row is a WS row.

Change to 4 mm / 80 cm [US 6 / 32 in] circular needles.

Row 2 (WS): Purl all stitches

Your next row is a lateral braid row.

Row 3 (RS): Insert your right needle through between the 1st and 2nd stitches on your left needle, yo, pull the stitch through without dropping the 1st stitch off the needle, twist the stitch and place it on the left needle. \*Knit the 2nd stitch (your previous 1st stitch) tbl without dropping it off the needle, knit the 1st stitch normally, drop both stitches off the left needle, place the previously knitted stitch back to the left needle\*, repeat \*-\* until you have 1 stitch left on the left needle, knit the last stitch and pull the previous stitch over the last stitch as to work a bind-off.

From here, change back to working with 6 mm / 80 cm [US 10 / 32 in] circular needles and work the next 22 rows in stockinette stitch (same for all sizes).

Next, add German short row shaping before the lateral braid, to slightly drop the back of the cardigan. Work as follows:

Short row 1 (WS): Purl 121 (130) 139 (148) 160 (169) 178 (190) 199 stitches, turn.

Short row 2 (RS): Sl1pw wyif, pull the working yarn over the right needle to the back of the work and tighten to pull both "legs" of the stitch on the needle so it looks like double stitch, knit 81 (87) 93 (99) 107 (113) 119 (127) 133 stitches, turn.

Short row 3 (WS): Sl1pw wyif, pull the working yarn over the right needle to the back of the work and tighten to pull both "legs" of the stitch on the needle so it looks like 2 stitches, purl to the previous turn where you have a double stitch, purl both "legs" together and then purl 4 more, turn.

Short row 4 (RS): Sl1pw wyif, pull the working yarn over the right needle to the back of the work and tighten to pull both "legs" of the stitch on the needle so it looks like 2 stitches, knit to the previous turn where you have a double stitch, knit both "legs" together and then knit 4 more, turn.

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Short row 5 (WS): Work as row 3

Short row 6 (RS): Work as row 4

Short row 7 (WS): Work as row 3

Short row 8 (RS): Work as row 4

Short row 9 (WS): Sl1pw wyif, pull the working yarn over the right needle to the back of the work and tighten to pull both "legs" of the stitch on the needle so it looks like 2 stitches, purl to the previous turn where you have a double stitch, purl both together and then purl all stitches to the end of the row.

Short row 10 (RS): Knit to the previous turn where you have a double stitch, knit both together and then knit all stitches to the end of the row.

Your back measures approximately 42.5 (43.5) 45.5 (46.5) 48.5 (49.5) 49.5 (51.5) 52.5 cm [16.75 (17) 18 (18) 18.25 (19) 19.5 (20.25) 20.75 in] measured from the back neck down. Your next row is a WS row.

Change to 4 mm / 80 cm [US 6 / 32 in] circular needles and repeat rows 2-3 to work a lateral braid, with one exception: **Do not work a bind off at the end of the row.**

Change to 5 mm / 80 cm [US 8 / 32 in] circular needles to work the hem in 1:1 ribbing as follows:

Row 1 (WS): \*P1, k1\* to the last stitch, p1

Row 2 (RS): \*K1, p1\*, to the last stitch, k1

Repeat for 15 rows, until the ribbed hem measures approximately 7-8 cm [3 in].

Bind off on the RS using the tubular bind off method

## SLEEVES

The sleeves are worked in the round using 6 mm [US 10] circular needles (either 40 cm [16 in] or a long circular needle for the Magic Loop technique). Pay attention to your knitting tension when changing to working in the round, and adjust the needle size if needed to maintain the right gauge.

Start from the underarm. RS facing, pick up and knit 52 (54) 58 (62) 64 (68) 70 (74) 76 stitches around the armhole. This amount is equivalent to picking up and knitting approx. 2 out of every 3 stitches. Place a stitch marker between the first and the last stitch to mark the beginning of the round.

Work 28 (28) 26 (26) 20 (16) 16 (16) 16 rounds in stockinette.

Note: If you end up with a few stitches too many, you can knit 2 stitches together evenly distributed during the first round of the sleeve, until you have the right amount of stitches.

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Change to 4 mm / 80 cm [US 6 / 32 in] circular needles and knit across one round.

Your next round is a lateral braid round. Work as follows:

\*Knit the second stitch on your left needle tbl without dropping it off the needle, knit the first stitch normally, drop both stitches off the left needle, place the previously knitted stitch back to the left needle\*, repeat \*-\* to the end of the round, but do not place the very last stitch of the round back to the left needle just yet. To join the ends of the braid, insert your right needle through the first "lateral-V-stitch" of your braid, yo, pull the stitch through and place it on the needle. Now you can place the last stitch of the round back to the left needle and pass it over the newly created stitch to bind one off.

From here, change back to working with 6 mm / 80 cm [US 10 / 32 in] circular needles and work the next 28 (28) 26 (26) 20 (16) 16 (16) 16 rows in stockinette stitch.

Change to 4 mm / 80 cm [US 6 / 32 in] circular needles, knit across one round and then repeat the lateral braid round same way as you did for the sleeve before.

Your sleeve measures approximately 33 (33) 31 (31) 24.5 (20) 20 (20) 20 cm [13 (13) 12.25 (12.25) 9.75 (8) 8 (8) 8 in]

Change to 5 mm / 80 cm [US 8 / 32 in] circular needles and work 15 rounds in 1:1 ribbing (k1, p1) until your cuff measures approximately 7.5 cm [3 in].

Bind off on round 16 using the tubular bind off method.

Work the other sleeve identically.

## **LEFT BUTTON BAND**

The button bands are worked in 1:1 ribbing (k1, p1) using 5 mm / 80 cm [US 8 / 32 in] circular needles.

Start by picking up and knitting stitches for the nonbuttonhole side, which is the left side when wearing the cardigan.

With the RS facing, starting from the top of the left edge where you previously placed a stitch marker, pick up and knit 59 (59) 63 (65) 67 (69) 71 (71) 73 stitches. This amount is equivalent to picking up and knitting approximately 6 stitches for every 7 rows (6:7) for the stockinette edge and 3 stitches for every 4 rows (3:4) for the ribbed hem.

Starting with a WS row, work back and forth in ribbing for 7 rows as follows:

WS rows: Sl1pw wyif, k1, \*p1, k1\*, repeat \*-\* until 1 st left, p1

RS rows: "K1, p1", repeat \*-\* until 1 st left, k1

Bind off on the 8th row using the tubular bind off method

## RIGHT BUTTON BAND

With the RS facing, starting from the bottom of the right edge, pick up and knit 59 (59) 63 (65) 67 (69) 71 (71) 73 stitches up to the point where you previously placed a stitch marker. This amount is equivalent to picking up and knitting approximately 3 stitches for every 4 rows (3:4) for the ribbed hem and 6 stitches for every 7 rows (6:7) for the stockinette edge.

Starting with a WS row, work back and forth in ribbing for 3 rows as follows:

Row 1 (WS): \*P1, k1\*, repeat from \* to \* until 1 st left, p1

Row 2 (RS): Sl1kw wyib, p1, \*k1, p1\*, repeat from \* to \* until 1 st left, k1

Row 3 (WS): Work as row 1

During rows 4-5, work the button holes as follows:

Row 4 (RS): Maintaining the established 1:1 rib pattern (as row 2), work the button holes as follows: Work the first 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 stitches as normal, yo, \*work the next 16 (16) 16 (18) 18 (18) 18 (18) 20 stitches as normal, yo\*, repeat \*-\* 2 more times, finish the row.

Row 5 (WS): Maintaining the established 1:1 rib pattern, finish the buttonholes as follows: Work the first 5 (5) 9 (5) 7 (9) 11 (11) 7 stitches as normal, k the yo, p2tog, \*work 14 (14) 14 (16) 16 (16) 16 (16) 18 stitches as normal, k the yo, p2tog\*, repeat \*-\* 2 more times, finish the row.

Row 6 (RS): Work as row 2

Row 7 (WS): Work as row 1

Bind off on the 8th row using the tubular bind off method

## NECKBAND

The neckband is worked back and forth using 5 mm / 80 cm [US 8 / 32 in] circular needles or shorter cable if desired.

With RS facing, starting from the right corner (right when wearing the cardigan), pick up and knit 63 (63) 63 (65) 65 (65) 65 (67) 67 stitches around the neck opening. Pick up and knit as follows:

8 stitches for the right side rib edge (1:1) and 15 stitches for the right side stockinette edge (5:6). 17 (17) 17 (19) 19 (19) 19 (21) 21 stitches from the first WS purl bump row directly below the back neck cast on, to maintain the lateral braid detail visible to the RS. This equals picking up each stitch (1:1) + 1 extra stitch, to get an uneven number. 15 stitches for the left side stockinette edge (5:6) and 8 stitches for the left side rib edge.

Starting with a WS row, work back and forth in ribbing for 3 rows as follows:

Row 1 (WS): Sl1pw wyif, k1, \*p1, k1\*, repeat \*-\* until 1 stitch left, p1

Row 2 (RS): Sl1kw wyib, p1, \*k1, p1\*, repeat \*-\* until 1 stitch left, k1

Row 3 (WS): Work as row 1

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During rows 4-5 work the buttonhole as follows:

Row 4 (RS): Sl1kw wyib, p1, k1, p1, yo, \*k1, p1\*, repeat \*-\* until 1 stitch left, k1

Row 5 (WS): Sl1pw wyif, k1, p1, \*k1, p1\*, repeat \*-\* until 2 stitches before the yo, ssk, p the yo, k1, p1, k1, p1

Row 6 (RS): Work as row 2

Row 7 (WS): Work as row 1

Bind off in ribbing on the 8th row using the tubular bind-off method.

Weave in all ends and block your cardigan with your preferred method.

**SCHEMATIC**

Approximate finished measurements (after blocking):

A - Shoulder/Back width: 63 (67.5) 72 (77) 83 (87.5) 92.5 (98.5) 103 cm [24.75 (26.5) 28.25 (30.25) 32.5 (34.5) 36.5 (38.75) 40.5]

B - Bust circumference: 126 (135) 144 (154) 166 (175) 185 (197) 206 cm [49.5 (53) 56.5 (60.5) 65.25 (67) 73) 77.5 (81) in]

C - Sleeve length (including ribbed cuff): 41 (41) 39 (39) 32.5 (28) 28 (28) 28 cm [16 (16) 15.25 (15.25) 12.75 (11) 11 (11) 11 in]

D - Body length (from back neck before neckband): 50.5 (51.5) 53.5 (54.5) 56.5 (57.5) 57.5 (59.5) 60.5 cm [20 (20.25) 21 (21.5) 22.25 (22.5) 22.5 (23.5) 24 in]

