

# Little Cotton Rabbits Coats and cardigans



*These coats and cardigans are knitted in 4ply/Fingering weight yarn using 2.75mm (US 2) straight needles.  
Here the yarns used are various shades of Camarose Okologisk Sommeruld yarn.*

## *Materials:*

- 4ply/fingering weight or 5ply/sport weight yarn
- Up to 4 buttons, 8-10mm diameter

## *Notions:*

- 2.75mm (US 2) Straight Knitting needles and two DPNS for grafting the hood
- Tapestry needle

## *Finished size:*

approx 7.5 cm (3 inches) from neck to hem (cardigans)  
10 cm (4 inches) for the coats (not including hoods)

## *Gauge:*



Gauge: 7 stitches x 10 rows to 1 inch

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<https://littlecottonrabbits.typepad.co.uk>*

In this pattern there are three main options for cardigans/coats and within those there are also options for the style of collar/hood. There are:

- a short jacket/cardigan with either a round neckline, a collar or a hood, Pages 3 - 4,
- a long coat with the option of functional pockets and a choice of collars or a hood, Pages 8 - 10
- a 'V' neck cardigan, Pages 11 - 12

All are worked from the bottom up and have the same style of sleeves which are picked up from the raglan shaped shoulders and knitted from the shoulder down to the cuff. The finished cardigans and coats are wide enough to fit over the top of one of my knitted dress patterns or the short sleeved top from the 'Trio of top down sweaters' pattern. Although you could fit them over a long sleeved sweater I have found that this makes the toy arms look very bulky, so I prefer to use a short sleeved sweater underneath, but I'll leave that up to you. I hope you enjoy using these patterns to create a wardrobe of coats, jackets and cardigans for your knitted animals.

### *Yarn suggestions:*

The coats and cardigans use 4 ply/fingering weight wool or cotton. To illustrate the pattern here I have used Camarose Okologisk Sommeruld which is an organic wool and cotton mixed yarn. DMC Natura Just Cotton, Drops Safran, BCGarn Alba, Krea Deluxe organic cotton and Scheepjes Catona or Cotton 8 are all 4ply cotton yarns that in knit up nicely and have a good range of colours. I also have some detailed yarn suggestions over on my blog:

[https://littlecottonrabbits.typepad.co.uk/my\\_weblog/2020/06/choosing-yarns-for-the-little-cotton-rabbit-animal-patterns-part-2.html](https://littlecottonrabbits.typepad.co.uk/my_weblog/2020/06/choosing-yarns-for-the-little-cotton-rabbit-animal-patterns-part-2.html)

Tip: Before you start, get to know your yarn. Does it break easily? If so you will need to consider using a different yarn to sew up with as seaming can cause weaker yarns to snap.

### *Abbreviations:*

These decrease methods are described in detail in the excellent knitting help website:

<https://www.knittinghelp.com/videos/decreases>

SSK (SLIP, SLIP, KNIT) : Slip a stitch (as if to knit it) to the right-hand needle, slip a second stitch in the same way, slip both stitches together back to the left-hand needle and knit together through the back loops.

K2TOG : Knit 2 stitches together

P2TOG : Purl 2 stitches together

P2TOG TBL: Purl 2 stitches together through the back loops

SL1P: SLIP 1 STITCH PURL-WISE. Slip 1 stitch from the left to the right needle as if to Purl but without working it.

These increase methods are described in detail in the excellent knitting help website:

<https://www.knittinghelp.com/videos/increases>

M1A: MAKE 1 STITCH AWAY. I use the thumb method (see link above) to make a backwards loop in the working yarn and place this loop onto the right needle, so the working yarn is pointing away from you.

M1T : MAKE 1 TOWARDS. Make a loop with the working yarn so the tail is pointing forwards/towards you. **Note:** In order to get a neat finish you will need to purl into the **back** loop of this stitch on the following row.

PF&B : PURL FRONT AND BACK. Purl into both the front and the back loops of the stitch to make an extra stitch.

YO: YARN OVER: Bring the yarn to the front of the work before working the next stitch, then work the next stitch, so making a loop over the needle which is worked into on the next row.

### *Extra tips:*

I hope you enjoy using this pattern. I have written up some extra tips about knitting and finishing, so please pop by for a visit and check out the knitting tips section on [Little Cotton Rabbits blog](#).

If you get stuck with any aspect of the pattern, please come and visit the Little cotton Rabbit group on Ravelry:

<https://www.ravelry.com/groups/little-cotton-rabbits>

Or the Little Cotton Rabbits Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/littlecottonrabbits>

Lots of knitters who've already used the patterns hang out there and one of us will do our best to help you. You'll also find lots of other projects made from these patterns, please come and share yours.

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## Short Jacket/Cardigan:



Round neckline



Collar



Hood

This pattern is for a waist length jacket/cardigan that can be knitted either with a round neckline, a little collar or a hood. The fronts and back are worked in 3 consecutive pieces from the bottom up and then joined at the neck and knitted in a single piece for the neckline/collar/hood. The sleeves are then picked up from the raglan shoulder shaping and worked from the top down, with short row shaping creating the top of the raglan sleeve.

**Please note:** It is very important that you work all of the pieces in the following order: First front, Back, Second front, this will ensure that they are all in the correct place when you get to **row 28** and work back across all of the stitches in order to connect the 3 sections at the neck. When casting on each piece, keep the needle holding the piece/s already worked in your right hand and the empty needle in your left.

### 1. First front:

The placket on the first front has 3 regularly spaced button holes, created on rows 4, 16 and 28.

Starting at the bottom edge and finishing at the neck, use 2.75mm (US 2) needles to cable cast on 17 stitches, leaving a long tail to seam with later.

- row 1: (wrong side) Knit
- row 2: Knit
- row 3: Knit
- row 4: K15, YO, K2tog
- row 5: K3, P14
- row 6: Knit
- rows 7-12: Repeat rows 5 & 6 three more times
- row 13: K3, P14
- row 14: K1, SSK, K14 (16 stitches)
- row 15: K3, P13
- row 16: K1, SSK, K11, YO, K2tog (15 stitches)
- row 17: K3, P12
- row 18: K1, SSK, K12 (14 stitches)
- row 19: K3, P11
- row 20: K1, SSK, K11 (13 stitches)
- row 21: K3, P10
- row 22: K1, SSK, K10 (12 stitches)
- row 23: K3, P9
- row 24: K1, SSK, K9 (11 stitches)
- row 25: K3, P8
- row 26: K1, SSK, K8 (10 stitches)
- row 27: K3, P7

Cut the work from the ball, leaving a short tail for weaving in later. Keeping the piece just worked on the **right** hand needle and with the empty needle in your left hand, cable cast on the back...

### 2. Back:

Starting at the bottom edge and finishing at the neck, use 2.75mm (US 2) needles to cable cast on 27 stitches, leaving a long tail to seam with later.

- row 1: (wrong side) Knit
- row 2: Knit
- row 3: Knit
- rows 4-13: Beginning with a Knit row and ending with a Purl, work 10 rows of stocking stitch
- row 14: K1, SSK, K21, K2tog, K1 (25 stitches)
- row 15: Purl
- row 16: K1, SSK, K19, K2tog, K1 (23 stitches)
- row 17: Purl
- row 18: K1, SSK, K17, K2tog, K1 (21 stitches)
- row 19: Purl
- row 20: K1, SSK, K15, K2tog, K1 (19 stitches)
- row 21: Purl
- row 22: K1, SSK, K13, K2tog, K1 (17 stitches)
- row 23: Purl
- row 24: K1, SSK, K11, K2tog, K1 (15 stitches)
- row 25: Purl
- row 26: K1, SSK, K9, K2tog, K1 (13 stitches)
- row 27: Purl

Cut the work from the ball, leaving a short tail for weaving in later.

Keeping the pieces already worked on the **right** hand needle and with the empty needle in your left hand, cable cast on the second front...

### 3. Second front:

Starting at the bottom edge and finishing at the neck, use 2.75mm (US 2) needles to cable cast on 17 stitches, leaving a long tail to seam with later.

- row 1: (wrong side) Knit
- row 2: Knit
- row 3: Knit
- row 4: Knit
- row 5: P14, K3
- rows 6-13 Repeat rows 4 & 5 four more times
- row 14: K14, K2tog, K1 (16 stitches)
- row 15: P13, K3
- row 16: K13, K2tog, K1 (15 stitches)
- row 17: P12, K3
- row 18: K12, K2tog, K1 (14 stitches)
- row 19: P11, K3

- row 20: K11, K2tog, K1 (13 stitches)
- row 21: P10, K3
- row 22: K10, K2tog, K1 (12 stitches)
- row 23: P9, K3
- row 24: K9, K2tog, K1 (11 stitches)
- row 25: P8, K3
- row 26: K8, K2tog, K1 (10 stitches)
- row 27: P7, K3

Don't cut the yarn from the work, instead turn so that the right side of the work is facing, ready to work across all 33 stitches now on the needle.

Now that all three separate pieces for both fronts and the back are together on the same needle (fig. 1), it's time to decide on what neckline you'd like to finish with. There's a choice of either a simple round neckline, a ribbed collar or a little hood, see Page 5.

After working the collar/hood, work the sleeves as detailed on Page 7.

### Finishing:

After the second sleeve is completed finish the cardigan by sewing the side seams on the body and both of the sleeves and weave in all tail ends on the wrong side of the work before trimming excess. Sew buttons on to the placket, positioning them opposite the buttonholes. Then your jacket/cardigan is complete.

### Illustrations for the short cardigan:



fig. 1

fig. 2

fig. 3



fig. 4

fig. 5

fig. 6

fig. 1 shows the first front, back and second front all completed and on the same needle ready to begin working the collar. fig. 2 shows the fronts and back pieces joined together by the finished collar. fig. 3 shows the stitches being picked up from the armhole in order to make the sleeves. fig. 4 shows the first sleeve completed. fig. 5 shows both sleeves completed and the cardigan ready to be seamed and finished. fig. 6 shows the finished cardigan with all ends woven in and the buttons attached.

## Options for necklines:

### 1. Plain round neckline:

This creates a simple round neck.

**row 28:** (right side) K9, K2tog, K11, K2tog, K7, YO, K2tog (31 stitches)

**row 29:** Knit

**row 30:** Knit

**row 31:** Cast off in Knit

Cut the work from the ball leaving a short tail and weave this in before trimming excess.



### 2. Little collar:

This creates a little ribbed and folded collar

**row 28:** (right side) K9, K2tog, K11, K2tog, K7, YO, K2tog (31 stitches)

**row 29:** K3, P25, K3

**row 30:** Cast off 2 Knit-wise, K28 (29 stitches)

**row 31:** Cast off 2 Knit-wise, (PF&B) 24 times, P2 (51 stitches)

**row 32:** P2, (K1, P1) 24 times, P1

**row 33:** K2, (P1, K1) 24 times, K1

**rows 34-35:** Repeat rows 32 & 33

**row 36:** Cast off keeping ribbing pattern correct.

Cut the work from the ball leaving a short tail and weave this in before trimming excess.



### 3. Hood:

**row 28:** (right side) K9, K2tog, K11, K2tog, K7, YO, K2tog (31 stitches)

**row 29:** K3, P25, K3

**row 30:** Cast off 2 Knit-wise, K28 (29 stitches)

**row 31:** Cast off 2 Knit-wise, K2, (PF&B, P1) 10 times, PF&B, K3 (38 stitches)

**row 32:** K12, M1A, K14, M1T, K12 (40 stitches)

**row 33:** K3, P34, K3

**row 34:** K12, M1A, K16, M1T, K12 (42 stitches)

**row 35:** K3, P36, K3

**row 36:** Knit

**rows 37-56:** Repeat rows 35-36 ten more times

**row 57:** K3, P12, P2tog, P8, P2togtbl, P12, K3 (40 stitches)

**row 58:** K15, SSK, K6, K2tog, K15 (38 stitches)

**row 59:** K3, P12, P2tog, P4, P2togtbl, P12, K3 (36 stitches)

**row 60:** K15, SSK, K2, K2tog, K15 (34 stitches)

**row 61:** K3, P12, P2tog, P2togtbl, P12, K3 (32 stitches)

To finish: Cut the work from the ball leaving a long tail to join the top edges of the hood together like so: Divide the stitches equally onto 2 double pointed needles (*fig. 8, Page 6*). Then use the long tail end from the top of the hood to graft/Kitchener stitch the two sides of the hood together.





fig. 7

fig. 8

fig. 9



fig. 10

fig. 11

fig. 12

fig. 7 shows the fronts and back pieces joined together by the hood. fig. 8 shows the last row of hood stitches divided and placed on 2 parallel DPNs ready to Kitchener stitch/graft the top seam of the hood. fig. 9 shows the finished hood from the front. fig. 10 shows the finished hood from the back, and the next stage will be creating the sleeves. figs. 11 & 12 show the finished cardigan with all ends woven in and the buttons attached.



Round neckline  
cardigan/jacket

Collar  
cardigan/jacket

Hood  
cardigan/jacket

V neck cardigan

Collar  
A line coat

Hood  
A line coat



Above are some pictures of the coats and cardigans being worn by a selection of my 9 inch (23cm) tall animals. I took these photos before deciding to shorten the sleeves slightly by 2 rows. These garments have the sleeves finishing on row 26 and the pattern instructions on Page 7 have the sleeves finishing on row 24. If you did want to make the sleeves 2 rows longer as pictured here please work the first garter stitch row on row 23 instead of row 21.

## Sleeves: (Make 2 the same)

The sleeves are worked in exactly the same way for all versions of the cardigans and the coats.

They are started by knitting into the stitches across the front and back armholes in order to pick up the stitches for the sleeve, and then are knitted flat from the shoulder down to the cuff. Short rows are used for the first 13 rows in order to create the triangular raglan shape at the top of the sleeve.

### A note on short row shaping:

When working short rows you work the specified number of stitches and then turn the work, and work back across those just knitted. Essentially you will be working in a zig-zag method back and forth across the rows, each time working 2 stitches more than on the previous row. Slip the first stitch Purl-wise after each change in direction in order to minimise the step between stitches. If preferred you can substitute the German short row method which gives a very slightly neater finish (see below).



*Sleeve knitted with SL1P (slip one Purl-wise)  
at the start of each short row*



*Sleeve knitted using German short rows technique*

With the right side of the work facing and using 2.75mm needles, Knit into the gap between the first and second edge stitches from the first front armhole. Begin in the gap above the first armhole shaping stitch (figs. 3, 15 & 24) and work up to the shoulder (14 stitches). Then pick up the 14 stitches from the back armhole, working from the shoulder to the underarm so that you have a total of 28 stitches on the needle.

- row 1:** (wrong side) P16, turn leaving 12 stitches un-worked
- row 2:** SL1P, K3, turn leaving 12 stitches un-worked
- row 3:** SL1P, P5, turn leaving 10 stitches un-worked
- row 4:** SL1P, K7, turn leaving 10 stitches un-worked
- row 5:** SL1P, P9, turn leaving 8 stitches un-worked
- row 6:** SL1P, K11, turn leaving 8 stitches un-worked
- row 7:** SL1P, P13, turn leaving 6 stitches un-worked
- row 8:** SL1P, K15, turn leaving 6 stitches un-worked
- row 9:** SL1P, P17, turn leaving 4 stitches un-worked
- row 10:** SL1P, K19, turn leaving 4 stitches un-worked
- row 11:** SL1P, P21, turn leaving 2 stitches un-worked
- row 12:** SL1P, K23, turn leaving 2 stitches un-worked
- row 13:** SL1P, P25 (to end of row)

- row 14:** Knit  
All 28 stitches are now on the same row and you're ready to work the rest of the sleeve in simple stocking stitch
  - row 15:** Purl
  - row 16:** K1, SSK, K22, K2tog, K1 (26 stitches)
  - rows 17-20:** Beginning with a Purl row and ending with a Knit, work 4 rows in stocking stitch
  - row 21:** Knit
  - row 22:** Knit
  - row 23:** Knit
  - row 24:** Cast off in Purl
- Cut the work from the ball, leaving a tail of 8 inches for seaming the sleeve with later.

That is the first sleeve done (figs. 4, 16 & 26). Make a second sleeve in the same way by picking up the stitches from the other armhole.

After both sleeves are completed, return to the finishing instructions for the cardigan/coat that you are making.

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## 'A' Line Coat:



Collar

Hood (back)

Hood (front)

Round neckline

This pattern is for a flared 'A' line coat that can be knitted either with a round neck, a little collar or a hood. The first front, back and second front are worked in 3 consecutive pieces from the bottom up and then joined at the neck and knitted in a single piece for the collar/hood. The sleeves are then picked up from the raglan shoulder shaping and worked from the top down, with short row shaping creating the top of the raglan sleeve.

**Please note:** It is very important that you work all of the pieces in the following order: First front, Back, Second front, this will ensure that they are all in the correct place when you get to **row 40** and Knit back across all of the stitches in order to connect the 3 sections at the neck. When casting on each piece, keep the needle holding the piece/s already worked in your right hand and the empty needle in your left.

### 1. First front:

The first front placket has 4 regularly spaced button holes, created on rows 4, 16, 28 and 40.

\* There are optional markers for placing the pockets on rows 8 and 18 – if you are not adding pockets then please ignore the purl marker stitches and instead just Knit all stitches on row 8 and row 18.

Starting at the bottom edge and finishing at the neck, use 2.75mm (US 2) needles to cable cast on 20 stitches, leaving a long tail to seam with later.

row 1: (wrong side) Knit  
 row 2: Knit  
 row 3: Knit  
 row 4: K18, YO, K2tog  
 row 5: K3, P17  
 row 6: Knit  
 row 7: K3, P17  
 row 8: \* K6, P7, K7  
 rows 9-14: Repeat rows 5 & 6 three more times  
 row 15: K3, P17  
 row 16: K3, SSK, K13, YO, K2tog (19 stitches)  
 row 17: K3, P16  
 row 18: \* K4, P1, K7, P1, K6  
 row 19: K3, P16  
 row 20: K3, SSK, K14 (18 stitches)  
 row 21: K3, P15  
 row 22: Knit  
 row 23: K3, P15  
 row 24: K3, SSK, K13 (17 stitches)  
 row 25: K3, P14

row 26: K1, SSK, K14 (16 stitches)  
 row 27: K3, P13  
 row 28: K1, SSK, K11, YO, K2tog (15 stitches)  
 row 29: K3, P12  
 row 30: K1, SSK, K12 (14 stitches)  
 row 31: K3, P11  
 row 32: K1, SSK, K11 (13 stitches)  
 row 33: K3, P10  
 row 34: K1, SSK, K10 (12 stitches)  
 row 35: K3, P9  
 row 36: K1, SSK, K9 (11 stitches)  
 row 37: K3, P8  
 row 38: K1, SSK, K8 (10 stitches)  
 row 39: K3, P7

Cut the work from the ball, leaving a short tail for weaving in later.

Next, keeping the piece just worked on the **right** hand needle and with the empty needle in your left hand, cable cast on the back...

Next we begin the shaping for the armhole – please note the change in the position of the decreases:

## 2. Back:

Starting at the bottom edge and finishing at the neck, use 2.75mm (US 2) needles to cable cast on 33 stitches, leaving a long tail to seam with later.

- row 1: (wrong side) Knit
- row 2: Knit
- row 3: Knit
- rows 4-15: Beginning with a Knit row and ending with a Purl, work 12 rows of stocking stitch
- row 16: K3, SSK, K23, K2tog, K3 (31 stitches)
- rows 17-19: Beginning and ending with Purl rows, work 3 rows of stocking stitch
- row 20: K3, SSK, K21, K2tog, K3 (29 stitches)
- rows 21-23: Beginning and ending with Purl rows, work 3 rows of stocking stitch
- row 24: K3, SSK, K19, K2tog, K3 (27 stitches)
- row 25: Purl

Next we begin the shaping for the armhole – please note the change in the position of the decreases:

- row 26: K1, SSK, K21, K2tog, K1 (25 stitches)
- row 27: Purl
- row 28: K1, SSK, K19, K2tog, K1 (23 stitches)
- row 29: Purl
- row 30: K1, SSK, K17, K2tog, K1 (21 stitches)
- row 31: Purl
- row 32: K1, SSK, K15, K2tog, K1 (19 stitches)
- row 33: Purl
- row 34: K1, SSK, K13, K2tog, K1 (17 stitches)
- row 35: Purl
- row 36: K1, SSK, K11, K2tog, K1 (15 stitches)
- row 37: Purl
- row 38: K1, SSK, K9, K2tog, K1 (13 stitches)
- row 39: Purl

Cut the work from the ball, leaving a short tail for weaving in later.

Keeping the pieces already worked on the **right** hand needle and with the empty needle in your left hand, cable cast on the second front...

## 3. Second front:

Starting at the bottom edge and finishing at the neck, use 2.75mm (US 2) needles to cable cast on 20 stitches, leaving a long tail to seam with later.

- row 1: (wrong side) Knit
- row 2: Knit
- row 3: Knit
- row 4: Knit
- row 5: P17, K3
- row 6: Knit
- row 7: P17, K3
- row 8: \* K7, P7, K6
- rows 9-14: Repeat rows 5 & 6 three more times
- row 15: P17, K3
- row 16: K15, K2tog, K3 (19 stitches)
- row 17: P16, K3
- row 18: \* K6, P1, K7, P1, K4
- row 19: P16, K3
- row 20: K14, K2tog, K3 (18 stitches)
- row 21: P15, K3
- row 22: Knit
- row 23: P15, K3
- row 24: K13, K2tog, K3 (17 stitches)
- row 25: P14, K3

Next we begin the shaping for the armhole – please note the change in the position of the decreases:

- row 26: K14, K2tog, K1 (16 stitches)
- row 27: P13, K3
- row 28: K13, K2tog, K1 (15 stitches)
- row 29: P12, K3
- row 30: K12, K2tog, K1 (14 stitches)
- row 31: P11, K3
- row 32: K11, K2tog, K1 (13 stitches)
- row 33: P10, K3
- row 34: K10, K2tog, K1 (12 stitches)
- row 35: P9, K3
- row 36: K9, K2tog, K1 (11 stitches)
- row 37: P8, K3
- row 38: K8, K2tog, K1 (10 stitches)
- row 39: P7, K3

Don't cut the yarn from the work, instead turn so that the right side of the work is facing, ready to work across all 33 stitches now on the needle (*fig. 13*).

Next you'll need to choose which neckline you are going to make. There are 3 options: a simple round neck, a little ribbed collar or a hood. The instructions to knit each can be found on Page 5.

After working the collar of your choice (*fig. 14, here I've worked the little ribbed collar*) you are ready to work the sleeves. Pick up and knit the stitches from the armhole (*fig. 15*) exactly as described on Page 7. Here is the coat with one arm completed (*fig. 16*). Once both sleeves are completed it's time to make the pockets (these are optional and if you have chosen not to make the pockets then please skip this section and jump to the finishing instructions at the bottom of Page 10).



fig. 13



fig. 14



fig. 15



fig. 16



fig. 17



fig. 18



fig. 19



fig. 20



fig. 21



fig. 22

### *Pockets:*

Start with the right side of the work facing you and the coat the right way up (fig. 17). Leaving a long tail behind to attach the side of the pocket with later, Knit into the **bottom** row of Purl bumps from the marker stitches on row 8 (fig. 18). Knitting into every lower bump will give you 8 new stitches on the needle. Then work as follows:

**row 1:** (wrong side) P1, PF&B, P3, PF&B, P2 (10 stitches)

**rows 2-8:** Beginning and ending with Knit rows, work 7 rows of stocking stitch

**row 9:** Knit

**row 10:** Cast off Purl-wise

Cut the work from the ball, leaving a long tail for attaching the other side of the pocket. Thread the tapestry needle with this tail end and beginning at the left-hand marker stitch from row 18, attach the left-hand side of the pocket using mattress stitch (figs. 19 & 20). When you reach the bottom of the pocket sew the tail end to the inside of the work. Repeat with the right-hand side of the pocket, joining the edge to the front of the coat in the same way and working up from the bottom of the pocket to the top, finishing at the right-hand side marker stitch on row 18 (fig. 21). Sew the tail end to the inside of the work.

### *Finishing:*

After the second sleeve and optional pockets are completed finish the coat by sewing the side seams on the body and both of the sleeves and weave in all tail ends on the wrong side of the work before trimming excess. Sew buttons on to the placket, positioning them opposite the buttonholes. Then your coat is complete (fig. 22).

## V neck cardigan:

This pattern is for a waist length 'V' neck cardigan. The fronts and back are worked in 3 separate pieces from the bottom up and then the sleeves are picked up from the raglan shoulder shaping and worked from the top down, with short row shaping creating the top of the raglan sleeve. And lastly the back of the neck is joined and sewn into place.

### Back:

Starting at the bottom edge and finishing at the neck, use 2.75mm (US 2) needles to cable cast on 27 stitches, leaving a long tail to seam with later.

- row 1: (wrong side) Knit  
row 2: Knit  
row 3: Knit  
rows 4-13: Beginning with a Knit row and ending with a Purl, work 10 rows of stocking stitch  
row 14: K1, SSK, K21, K2tog, K1 (25 stitches)  
row 15: Purl  
row 16: K1, SSK, K19, K2tog, K1 (23 stitches)  
row 17: Purl  
row 18: K1, SSK, K17, K2tog, K1 (21 stitches)  
row 19: Purl  
row 20: K1, SSK, K15, K2tog, K1 (19 stitches)  
row 21: Purl  
row 22: K1, SSK, K13, K2tog, K1 (17 stitches)  
row 23: Purl  
row 24: K1, SSK, K11, K2tog, K1 (15 stitches)  
row 25: Purl  
row 26: K1, SSK, K9, K2tog, K1 (13 stitches)  
row 27: Purl  
row 28: Cast off Purl-wise

Cut the work from the ball, leaving a long tail for seaming with later.

### First front:

The first front placket has two button holes, created on rows 4 and 14.

Starting at the bottom edge and finishing at the neck, use 2.75mm (US 2) needles to cable cast on 17 stitches, leaving a long tail to seam with later.

- row 1: (wrong side) Knit  
row 2: Knit  
row 3: Knit  
row 4: K15, YO, K2tog  
row 5: K3, P14  
row 6: Knit  
rows 7-12: Repeat rows 5 & 6 three more times  
row 13: K3, P14  
row 14: K1, SSK, K12, YO, K2tog (16 stitches)  
row 15: K3, P13  
row 16: K1, SSK, K13 (15 stitches)  
row 17: K3, P12  
row 18: K1, SSK, K12 (14 stitches)  
row 19: K3, P11

### First front (continued):

- row 20: K1, SSK, K6, K2tog, K3 (12 stitches)  
row 21: K3, P9  
row 22: K1, SSK, K4, K2tog, K3 (10 stitches)  
row 23: K3, P7  
row 24: K1, SSK, K2, K2tog, K3 (8 stitches)  
row 25: K3, P5  
row 26: K1, SSK, K1, SSK, K2 (6 stitches)  
row 27: K2, P1, P2togtbl, P1 (5 stitches)  
row 28: P1, K1, SSK, K1 (4 stitches)  
row 29: K1, K2togtbl, K1 (3 stitches)  
rows 30-39: Work 10 rows of garter stitch (ie. Knit every row)  
row 40: Cast off in Knit, cut the work from the ball, leaving a long tail for seaming with later.

### Second front:

Starting at the bottom edge and finishing at the neck, use 2.75mm (US 2) needles to cable cast on 17 stitches, leaving a long tail to seam with later.

- row 1: (wrong side) Knit  
row 2: Knit  
row 3: Knit  
row 4: Knit  
row 5: P14, K3  
rows 6-13: Repeat rows 4 & 5 four more times  
row 14: K14, K2tog, K1 (16 stitches)  
row 15: P13, K3  
row 16: K13, K2tog, K1 (15 stitches)  
row 17: P12, K3  
row 18: K12, K2tog, K1 (14 stitches)  
row 19: P11, K3  
row 20: K3, SSK, K6, K2tog, K1 (12 stitches)  
row 21: P9, K3  
row 22: K3, SSK, K4, K2tog, K1 (10 stitches)  
row 23: P7, K3  
row 24: K3, SSK, K2, K2tog, K1 (8 stitches)  
row 25: P5, K3  
row 26: K2, K2tog, K1, K2tog, K1 (6 stitches)  
row 27: P1, P2tog, P1, K2 (5 stitches)  
row 28: K1, K2tog, K1, P1 (4 stitches)  
row 29: K1, K2tog, K1 (3 stitches)  
rows 30-39: Work 10 rows of garter stitch (ie. Knit every row)  
row 40: Cast off in Knit  
Cut the work from the ball, leaving a long tail for seaming with later.



fig. 23



fig. 24



fig. 25

## Finishing:

Now that you have all three pieces of the body completed (fig. 23) it's time to work the sleeves. It is easier to work these before sewing the collar in place, so with the right side of the first front piece facing you, pick up 14 stitches from the armhole edge, working from the underarm up to the shoulder (fig. 24).

Then pick up 14 stitches from the back armhole edge, working from the shoulder down to the underarm (fig. 25). You will now have 28 stitches on the needle.



fig. 26



fig. 27



fig. 28

Work the sleeve as detailed on Page 7 (fig. 26). Next pick up the stitches from the edges of the other armhole in exactly the same way but beginning with the back facing you, and work the second sleeve. Once both sleeves are complete (fig. 27) you can sew the collar in place, like so:

Begin by sewing the edges of the placket/collar together at the back of the neck, working from the upper edge to the edge that will be sewn to the back (fig. 28). Tie both cast off tails from the back of the collar together and then use the longest of these to attach one side of the placket to the neckline of the back piece. First make sure that the seam at the back of the collar is centred and then attach the collar by sewing alternately through 1 Purl bump from the top of the back and one Purl bump from the edge of the collar (fig. 29).

Next the cardigan is ready to be finished, (fig. 30). Sew the side seams on the body and both of the sleeves and weave in all tail ends on the wrong side of the work before trimming excess. Sew buttons on to the placket, positioning them opposite the buttonholes. Then your cardigan is complete (fig. 31).



fig. 29



fig. 30



fig. 31