



Open-front cardigan  
Dress Up Doll Knitting PDF Pattern Series

## Materials & Tools

\*110 yds of same yarn used in creating doll, or one gauged exactly the same for best fit.

\*Set of DPNs (or circulars of your choice) one size larger than ones used in creating doll

\*24" waste yarn, cut in half

\*tapestry needle

\*Five stitch markers with *one* being a different color for the BOR

\*one 3/8" or 1/4" button

## Author's Notes

\*\*cardigan sleeves are knitted in the round for minimal sewing then attached to body, which is worked in rows.

\*\*Gauge is not important. If you size up one needle size using the same yarn as the doll (different color), the sweater will fit. You can choose to use an alternate yarn for the clothing. If you choose to do so, you will have to knit a swatch of the doll yarn in a size larger needle, gauge that, and choose yarn that matches that gauge. I highly recommend using the same yarn to avoid any issues if you are just beginning.

\*\*If you knitted a doll double-stranded with a lace-weight mohair, you will need to size up *two* needle sizes for the cardigan's best fit.

\*\*If you knitted a 'wooly sheep' using boucle, this cardigan will not likely fit unless sizing up a few needle sizes.

\*\*I've used Cascade 220 aran on sz 6 needles (doll was knitted on sz 5, same yarn type). I chose this yarn purely for the ease of use and the variety of colors available.

**\*\*For whichever yarn and needle size you choose to use, it is recommended to keep record of it. You will need to refer back to it if**

**you choose to make alternate outfits or accessories. Note it here:**

**Yarn:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Needle Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Terms

k: knit

kfb: knit into front and back of the next st

p: purl

k2tog: knit the next two sts together as one

ssk: slip the next 2 sts separately knit wise, place back on the LH needle and knit through the back, together as one

BO: bind off the specified number of sts

CO: cast on the specified number of sts

DPNs: Double Pointed Needles

BOR sm: Beginning of Round stitch marker (the stitch marker that is a different color)

sm: stitch marker

LH needle: left hand needle

RH needle: right hand needle

st(s): stitch(es)

Rnd(s): round(s)

ws: wrong side of clothing

rs: right side of clothing

## Cardigan

### **Sleeves (make 2)**

Loosely CO 20 sts (or use your favorite stretchy method). Place BOR sm and join to knit in rnd

Rnd 1: knit around

Rnd 2: purl around

Rep rnds 1 & 2 until you have completed 31 rnds (ending after a knit round)

Underarm Rnd 32: Purl to last 2 sts, BO 2, remove sm, BO 2 more, knit to end (16sts)

Break yarn leaving 12" tail. Slip live sts onto a waste yarn and off of needles. Set aside. Repeat.



### **Body**

Loosely CO 54sts. Knit back and forth in rows as follows:

Rows 1-20: knit across

Row 21: Underarm: k11, BO 4, k23 *more*, BO 4, k to end. (46sts)



Turn work and continue working back and forth in rows to create an opening on the back.

Make sure that the ws (inside) of the cardigan is facing you, and that all ws rows fall on odd rows. Attaching sleeves, placing stitch markers:

Row 1(ws): k11, place sm, k16 of one sleeve (removing it from waste yarn), place sm, k24 along back, place sm, k16 of second sleeve (removing waste yarn), place sm, k11. The BO sts of the sleeve will line up with the BO sts of the body. Turn. (78 sts)



Row 2(rs): k to end. Turn.

Row 3: k to end. Turn.

### Shoulder Shaping

Row 4(rs) (**decrease row**): \*k to 3 before sm, ssk, k1, sm, k1, k2tog; rep from \* 3 more times, k to end. Turn (8 sts decreased)

Row 5: k to end. Turn. (70 sts)

Row 6: repeat decrease row (62 sts)

Row 7: k to end. Turn.

Row 8: repeat decrease row (54 sts)

Row 9: k to end. Turn.

Row 10: repeat decrease row(46 sts)

Row 11: k to end. Turn.

Row 12: repeat decrease row (38 sts)

Making sure to not BO too tightly, BO all sts knit wise, removing all sm, leaving the last stitch on needle. Pick up a stitch next to it to create the button loop or ties (jump to directions for which technique you prefer).



**Button loop:** Icord those 2sts for 5rnds. Break yarn and sew at base of cord to create a button loop. Weave in end



Securely sew button at the opposite end of the neckline.



**Front ties:** icord those 2 sts for 40 rnds. Break yarn and securely weave in end. On opposite side of opening, pick up 2sts to create a second icord in the same manner. Break yarn and securely weave in end.



Darn underarms using the sleeve tails. Weave in all ends. Wet block for best results, prior to any embellishing.

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