

Margaret Cardigan



Pattern

written by kolibri by johanna

Cardigan with decorative i-Cord-Bows, Ruffle Borders and a Deep V Neck in Sizes XS | S | M (L | XL | 2XL) 3XL | 4XL | 5XL

Materials:

- 200 | 200 | 250 (250 | 250 | 300) 300 | 300 | 350 g "Merino" by Knitting for Olive (250 m/50 g)
- 125 | 125 | 150 (150 | 150 | 175) 175 | 175 | 200 g "Soft Silk Mohair" by Knitting for Olive (225 m/25 g)
- Please note: If you use different yarn, check the yardage to be sure you have the right amount of yarn!**
- 4 mm and 3.5 mm circular knitting needles, 4 mm and 3.5 mm DPNs/ short knitting needles for the sleeves/i-cord
- 1 darning needle
- Stitch markers or leftovers

Knitting Tension:

10x10 cm = 23 sts x 36 rs in stockinette stitch with 2 strands of yarn held together on 4 mm knitting needles (wet blocked)

Measurements:

Bust Circumference Finished Cardigan:

86 | 92 | 97 (103 | 111 | 118) 126 | 136 | 145 cm with neutral to positive ease of up to 5 cm.

Length Finished Cardigan:

40 | 41 | 43 (43 | 46 | 48) 51 | 53 | 55 cm PLUS 3-4 cm i-Cord-edging with ruffle border (can be adapted individually).

Sleeve Length (from the armpits): 45 cm plus 1-2 cm i-Cord-edging (can be adapted individually)

Sleeve Circumference (upper arm):

37 | 39 | 41 (44 | 48 | 50) 53 | 57 | 60 cm

Abbreviations:

st(s) = stitch(es)

r(s) = row(s)/round(s)

rsr = right side row

wsr = wrong side row

k = knit

p = purl

m1r = make 1 right

m1l = make 1 left

RS = raglan stitch

SM = stitch marker

yo = yarn over

skpo = slip 1, knit the next stitch, pull the slipped stitch over the stitch worked

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

Structure:

The cardigan is worked in stockinette stitch top down with raglan increases in one piece. The yoke is worked back and forth in rows and with additional increases along the front parts to shape the deep V Neck. When the sleeves are separated from the body and the final length of the cardigan is reached, the body stitches of the cardigan are bound off with an i-cord-edging. Then, stitches are picked up again along the i-cord-edging but with only 1 strand of Soft Silk Mohair and with a lot of increases for the ruffled look. Then, the ruffled border in Soft Silk Mohair is worked for several rows in stockinette stitch. The sleeve stitches are picked up again and the sleeves are worked in stockinette stitch in the round with a bunch of decreases, until they measure around 45 cm (from the armpits down). Then, the sleeve stitches are bound off with an i-cord-edging as well. Afterwards, stitches are picked up along the front parts and the neckline to work the ruffled border with 1 strand of Silk Mohair. Finally, the front parts are finished off with an applied i-cord-edging and i-cord-ties, which close the cardigan with a cute bow.

The fit of the cardigan is close to the actual bust circumference (or neutral to the actual bust circumference). Due to the straight cut and the closure with the bow, the fit of the cardigan is loose around the waist and hips. Romantic details like the ruffle border and the i-cord-bow create a feminine, light and

fairy-like look for a classic shape and fit. The short length makes the cardigan perfect for festive occasions and it looks cute with dresses, skirts or high waisted pants.

Notes:

Edge Stitches of the body are always knit stitches (in rsr and in wsr). The edge stitches are included into the total number of sts.

The cardigan is worked **with 2 strands of yarn held together**: 1 strand of Merino and 1 strand of Soft Silk Mohair for body, sleeves, i-cord-edging and i-cord-bows. The ruffle borders are worked with 1 strand of Soft Silk Mohair only.

Stockinette Stitch: k all sts in rsr, p all sts in wsr. In the round, k all sts in all rs.

Raglan Increases: In every rsr, raglan increases take place as m1r before the RS and m1l after the RS. In wsr, p all sts (except the edge sts).

Make 1 right: Insert your needle under the strand of yarn between the stitch you have just knitted and the RS from back to front and place it on your left needle. Knit it through the front loop.

Make 1 left: Insert your needle under the strand of yarn between the RS and the next stitch you are going to knit from front to back and place it on your left needle. Knit it through the back loop so that it is twisted.

For the additional increases to shape the V Neck along the front parts, m1l after the first 2 sts of a rsr and m1r before the last 2 sts of a rsr.

Body

Yoke

Cast on 62 | 62 | 68 (68 | 74 | 74) 80 | 80 | 86 sts with your preferred cast-on-method on your 4 mm knitting needles with 2 strands of yarn held together (1 strand of Merino and 1 strand of Soft Silk Mohair). P all sts in the next wsr – and place SM before and after each RS like shown in the table below:

Size	Left Front	RS	Left Sleeve	RS	Back	RS	Right Sleeve	RS	Right Front	TOTAL
XS	1	1	12	1	32	1	12	1	1	62
S	1	1	12	1	32	1	12	1	1	62
M	1	1	14	1	34	1	14	1	1	68
L	1	1	14	1	34	1	14	1	1	68
XL	1	1	16	1	36	1	16	1	1	74
2XL	1	1	16	1	36	1	16	1	1	74
3XL	1	1	18	1	38	1	18	1	1	80
4XL	1	1	18	1	38	1	18	1	1	80
5XL	1	1	20	1	40	1	20	1	1	86

From the next rsr, work as follows:

R1 (rsr): k all sts, m1r before the RS and m1l after the RS (**= in total 8 increases**).

R 2 (wsr) and ALL other even rs: p all sts (except the edge sts).

R 3: repeat R 1.

R 5: k2, m1l to shape the front part, k all sts and work in the raglan increases as m1r before the RS and m1l after the RS, k all sts until there are 2 sts left, m1r to shape the front part, k2 (**= in total 10 increases**).

Work these 6 rs in total 6 times (= 218 | 218 | 224 (224 | 230 | 230) 236 | 236 | 242 sts or the following numbers per part):

Size	Left Front	RS	Left Sleeve	RS	Back	RS	Right Sleeve	RS	Right Front	TOTAL
XS	25	1	48	1	68	1	48	1	25	218
S	25	1	48	1	68	1	48	1	25	218
M	25	1	50	1	70	1	50	1	25	224
L	25	1	50	1	70	1	50	1	25	224
XL	25	1	52	1	72	1	52	1	25	230
2XL	25	1	52	1	72	1	52	1	25	230
3XL	25	1	54	1	74	1	54	1	25	236
4XL	25	1	54	1	74	1	54	1	25	236
5XL	25	1	56	1	76	1	56	1	25	242

Continue as follows:

R1 (rsr): k all sts, m1r before the RS and m1l after the RS (**= in total 8 increases**).

R 2 (wsr) and all other even rs: p all sts (except the edge sts).

R 3: k2, m1l to shape the front part, k all sts and work in the raglan increases as m1r before the RS and m1l after the RS, k all sts until there are 2 sts left, m1r to shape the front part, k2 (**= in total 10 increases**).

Repeat R 1-4 in total 6 | 7 | 8 (9 | 9 | 9) 9 | 9 | 9 times.

Depending on the size you are knitting, continue with "Separation of the Sleeves" or finish the yoke as follows:

For Sizes XS to L, continue with the section „Separation of the Sleeves“.

For sizes XL to 5XL, continue as follows:

R 1 (rsr): k2, m1l to shape the front part, k all sts and work in the raglan increases as m1r before the RS and m1l after the RS, k all sts until there are 2 sts left, m1r to shape the front part, k2 (= in total 10 increases).

R 2 (wsr): p all sts (except the edge sts).

Repeat these 2 rs in total - | - | - (- | 2 | 4) 6 | 8 | 10 times.

Before the sleeves are separated, you should have the following numbers of stitches for each part on your knitting needles (TABLE SHOWS ALL SIZES):

Size	Left Front	RS	Left Sleeve	RS	Back	RS	Right Sleeve	RS	Right Front	TOTAL
XS	43	1	72	1	92	1	72	1	43	326
S	46	1	76	1	96	1	76	1	46	344
M	49	1	82	1	102	1	82	1	49	368
L	52	1	86	1	106	1	86	1	52	386
XL	56	1	92	1	112	1	92	1	56	412
2XL	60	1	96	1	116	1	96	1	60	432
3XL	64	1	102	1	122	1	102	1	64	458
4XL	68	1	106	1	126	1	106	1	68	478
5XL	72	1	112	1	132	1	112	1	72	504

Separation of the Sleeves

In the next rsr, the sleeves are separated from the body as follows:

K all sts of the left front including the 1st RS, put to rest the sts of the left sleeve and cast on in total 10 | 10 | 10 (12 | 14 | 14) 16 | 20 | 22 new sts under the left armpit, k the 2nd RS, the sts of the back part and the 3rd RS, cast on again 10 | 10 | 10 (12 | 14 | 14) 16 | 20 | 22 new sts under the right armpit, k the 4th RS and the sts of the right front part. Now you should have in total 202 | 212 | 224 (238 | 256 | 268) 286 | 306 | 324 sts on your knitting needles incl. the 4 RS.

P all sts in the next wsr.

Completion of the Body

Now work all sts in stockinette stitch in rows without any increases for the next 27 | 27 | 28 (29 | 30 | 31) 31 | 32 | 33 cm (measured from the armpits down) or until you feel comfortable with the length. You then might need more yarn than indicated in the pattern. Please note, that the i-cord-edging and the ruffle border will add around 3 cm of length to the final garment.

i-Cord-Edging:

Now cast off the body stitches with an i-cord-edging:

1. To start with the i-cord-edging, cast on 3 sts with your preferred cast-on-method on your 3.5 mm circular knitting needles. Slip the sts back to the needle in your left hand.
2. Knit around the body as follows: *Knit 2, knit 2 together through the back loop (1 i-cord-stitch and 1 stitch of the body), slip all stitches back to the needle in your left hand with the yarn on the wrong side of your work*. Repeat from * to * until all sts are bound off. Cast off the i-cord sts too. Cut the yarn and weave in all ends.

Ruffle Border:

Pick up stitches along the i-cord with 1 strand of Soft Silk Mohair with your 3.5 mm knitting needles. I recommend to pick up 2 sts out of each i-cord-stitch by picking up one stitch of each i-cord-stitch and making a yarn over in between (=404 | 424 | 448 (476 | 512 | 536) 572 | 612 | 648 sts). The next r is a wsr, where you p all sts – the holes of the yarn overs will then be closed automatically – if not, you are welcome to purl the stitches through the back loop in this wsr.

Then, work all sts in stockinette stitch for 2 rs more rs (rsr and wsr). Afterwards, cast off all sts with a classic knit bind off in the next rsr.

Sleeves

The sleeves are worked in stockinette stitch in the round. You are welcome to choose between your 4 mm circular knitting needles and the Magic Loop Technique, your 4 mm DPNs or short 4 mm knitting needles and a short rope.

Pick up the resting sleeve stitches for the first sleeve with your 4 mm knitting needles and pick up 8 | 10 | 10 (12 | 14 | 16) 18 | 24 | 26 new stitches directly out of the body under the armpits with 2 strands of yarn held together (1 strand of Merino and 1 strand of Soft Silk Mohair). Place SM before and after the 2 middle stitches under the armpits. Along these 2 sts, you are going to work the decreases for a tapered sleeve shape. The second stitch marker is also your beginning of the round. You should have in total 80 | 86 | 92 (98 | 106 | 112) 120 | 130 | 138 sts on your knitting needles.

Now work all sts in stockinette stitch in the round. *Work the first decreases after 2 cm: k2 (the 2 sts between the 2 stitch markers), k2tog after the first SM, k all sts in stockinette stitch until there are 2 sts left before the 2nd SM, skpo. Repeat the decreases every 2 to 2.5 cm.*

Work the sleeves in stockinette stitch in the round, until they measure 45 cm. You should have in total 50 | 56 | 62 (68 | 62 | 68) 76 | 86 | 94 remaining sleeve stitches. If you reach the final sleeve stitch count earlier than you reach your total sleeve length, continue knitting in stockinette stitch without decreases until you feel comfortable with the sleeve length.

Now work the following decreases before casting off the sleeve stitches with an i-cord-edging: *k1, k2tog*, repeat from * to * steadily until there are 2 | 2 | 2 (2 | 2 | 2) 1 | 2 | 1 sts left, k these sts (= 34 | 38 | 42 (46 | 42 | 46) 51 | 58 | 63 sts).

Then, bind off the remaining sleeve stitches with an i-cord-edging. Therefore, follow the instructions of the i-cord-edging of the body stitches.

There is no ruffle border for the sleeves, but if you prefer, you are welcome to add it. Therefore, follow the instructions of the ruffle border for the body with the only difference, that the ruffle border of the sleeves is worked in stockinette stitch in the round.

Cut the yarn and repeat the instructions for the 2nd sleeve.

Ruffle Border along the Front Parts and Neckline

The ruffled border is now attached to the neckline and the front parts. Therefore, pick up sts along the two front parts and the neckline with your 3.5 mm knitting needles and with 1 strand of Soft Silk Mohair.

The front side (the nice side) is facing you. Start at the bottom of the left front and end at the bottom of the right front (like shown on the picture on the right).

I recommend to pick up 1 st per 1 r and to make a yo between EVERY new picked up stitch to achieve the ruffled look of the border. Afterwards, p all sts (first ws). The holes of the yo should be closed by purling the sts. If this should not be the case for your cardigan, I recommend to purl the sts through the back loop to close the holes.

Then, work 2 more rs in stockinette stitch (rsr and ws). In the next rsr, cast off all sts with a classic knit bind off. Cut the yarn.



i-Cord-Edging

The front parts are now finished with an i-cord-edging. Therefore, pick up sts along the front parts and the neckline. Therefore, use your 3.5 mm circular knitting needles and 2 strands of yarn held together (1 strand of Merino and 1 strand of Soft Silk Mohair).

Start to pick up the sts at the bottom of the right front and end at the bottom of the left front (the opposite direction like shown on the picture above).

I recommend to pick up 2 sts per 3 rs and 1 st per 1 st. If you have a looser knitting tension, I recommend to pick up 1 st per 2 rs. If you have a tighter knitting tension, I recommend to pick up 1 st per 1 r. Your total number of sts depends on your individual knitting tension and the total length of your cardigan.

Cut the yarn and work the i-cord-edging along the front parts and the neckline. Therefore, repeat the instructions of the i-cord-edging of the body.

The i-cord-edging and the ruffle border should look like shown in the picture on the right (after blocking):



i-Cord-Bows

Small i-cord-ties are now worked along the front parts to close the cardigan with a cute bow. Therefore, work as follows:

There are in total 2 i-cord-ties – one tie on each front part. If you prefer, you are welcome to work more ties to close the cardigan with 2 (or more) bows.

The i-cord-ties are worked shortly after the increases along the front parts are finished and the sleeves are separated from the body (view picture on the right). Therefore, pick up 3 sts along the i-cord-edging of the neckline of the front parts with your 3.5 mm DPN and work the i-cord-ties as follows:

1. Slide the sts to the other end of your DPN and return the needle to the left hand.
2. Knit the cord as follows: *Knit 3, slip all stitches to the other side of your needle with the yarn on the wrong side of your work*. Repeat from * to * until the cord measures around 10 to 12 cm (or until it is long enough to make a cute little bow).



If you prefer to work more than 1 bow, I recommend to place the next bow 12 | 12 | 12 (12 | 8 | 8) 8 | 8 | 8 cm under the first bow.

Completion

Wet block your cardigan and let it dry flat. Weave in all ends. You can find a video of how to make decorative bows to close the front parts of cardigan here: <https://www.kolibri-by-johanna.de/georges-sweater-bow-schleife>

Your new handmade Margaret Cardigan is finished!

I would be thrilled to see your results! If you like, share them on Instagram with the Hashtag **#margaretcardigan** and my tag **@kolibri.by_johanna**

