



# Cardigan

As Shown on Front Cover

Fourteen ounces of Bear Brand or Fleisher's Petite Knitting Worsted and one pair each of sizes 1 and 3 plastic knitting needles are required to make this cardigan. The directions are given for size 36, changes for sizes 38 and 40 are in parentheses; you will need sixteen ounces of yarn for each of these larger sizes.

**Abbreviations:** Sts (stitches); k (knit); p (purl); inc (increase); dec (decrease).

**Gauge:** 15 sts equal 2 inches.

**Measurements for Blocking:** At bustline, buttoned, 40 (42-44) inches. Width of back at underarm 19 (20-21) inches. Sleeves — width at underarm 13½ (14-14½) inches.

**BACK**—With size 1 needles, cast on 128 (134-143) sts.

Row 1: (Wrong side) K 2, \* p 1, k 2, repeat from \* to end.

Row 2: P 2, \* k 1 inserting needle in back of st, p 2, repeat from \* to end. Repeat these 2 rows until there are 44 rows. Continuing ribbing, inc 0 (2-1) sts in next row; 128 (136-144) sts. With size 3 needles begin pattern.

Rows 1, 2: \* K 1, p 1, repeat from \* to end.

Rows 3, 4: \* P 1, k 1, repeat from \* to end. Repeat last 4 rows, inc 1 st each side every 1 inch 7 times, carrying out pattern on added sts; 142 (150-158) sts. Work even until 9 inches above ribbing.

**Armholes:** Bind off 5 (5-6) sts at beginning of each of next 2 rows; 5 (6-6) sts at beginning of each of next 2 rows. Decrease 1 st each side every second row 9 (10-11) times; 104 (108-112) sts. Work even until armholes measure 8 (8-8½) inches from first bind-off.

**Shoulders:** Bind off 9 (10-11) sts at beginning of each of next 2 rows; 9 sts at beginning of each of next 6 rows. Bind off 32 (34-36) sts.

**LEFT FRONT** — With size 1 needles, cast on 76 (79-82) sts.

Row 1: (Wrong side) P 1, k 1 for 8 sts, place a marker before next st, k 2, \* p 1, k 2, repeat from \* to end.

Row 2: P 2, \* k 1 from back of st as before, p 2, repeat from \* to marker, k 1, p 1 on last 8 sts.

Row 3: K 1, p 1 for 8 sts, finish row in ribbing.

Row 4: Work ribbing to marker, p 1, k 1 on last 8 sts.

Row 5: Same as row 1. Continue ribbing with front band in pattern until there are 44 rows. On next row, work band, continue ribbing (for size 38, inc 1 st at end of row; for size 40, inc 1 st at beginning and end of row); 76 (80-84) sts.

Next row: (Right side) With size 3 needle, work pattern as on back across all sts. Continue pattern, shaping underarm edge as on back at beginning of rows worked from right side; 83 (87-91) sts. Work even until same length as back to armhole, end at underarm edge.

**Armhole:** Bind off 5 (5-6) sts at beginning of next row; 5 (6-6) sts at beginning of next row worked from armhole edge. Dec 1 st at armhole edge every second row 11 (12-13) times; 62 (64-66) sts. Work even until armhole is same length as on back.

**Shoulder:** Shape same as right shoulder of back. Bind off 26 (27-28) sts. Mark position of 6 buttons; see illustration.

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**RIGHT FRONT**—With size 1 needles, cast on 76 (79-82) sts. Row 1: (Wrong side) K 2, \* p 1, k 2, repeat from \* to within 8 sts of end, place a marker before next st, p 1, k 1 to end.

Row 2: K 1, p 1 for 8 sts, work ribbing to end.

Row 3: Work ribbing to marker, k 1, p 1 to end.

Row 4: P 1, k 1 for 8 sts, finish row. Continue in this way until  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch from beginning, end at front edge.

**Buttonhole**—Work 3 sts, bind off next 3 sts, finish row. On next row, cast on 3 sts over buttonhole. Continue to correspond to left front, repeating buttonhole opposite each marker, inc 0 (1-2) sts over ribbing in 45th row. Finish to correspond to left front reversing shaping, working buttonhole opposite each marker.

**SLEEVES**—With size 1 needles, cast on 56 (56-59) sts. Work ribbing as on back for 3 inches, end on right side. Continuing ribbing, inc 8 (8-9) sts evenly spaced across next row; 64 (64-68) sts. With size 3 needles, work pattern as for back, inc 1 st each side every  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch 17 (12-12) times; every  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch 2 (9-9) times; 102 (106-110) sts. Work even until 15 inches above ribbing. Bind off 5 (5-6) sts at beginning of each of next 2 rows; 5 (6-6) sts at beginning of each of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st each side every second row 11 (13-12) times; every 4th row 6 (5-7) times; every second row 3 times. Bind off 3 sts at beginning of each of next 6 rows. Bind off 24 sts.

**FINISHING**—Sew side, shoulder and sleeve seams, matching pattern where necessary. Sew in sleeves with sleeve seam at center underarm casing in extra fullness at top. Overcast buttonholes, or finish in blanket stitch and sew on buttons. Block.