



***Free Knitting Pattern***  
**Lion Brand® Wool-Ease® Thick & Quick®**  
**Reading Room Cardigan**  
Pattern Number: L40574  
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## **SKILL LEVEL – Easy**

### **SIZES**

S/M (L/1X, 2X/3X)

**Finished Bust** About 40 (48, 56) in. (101.5 (122, 142) cm)

**Finished Length** About 29 (30, 31) in. (73.5 (76, 78.5) cm)

**Note:** Pattern is written for smallest size with changes for larger sizes in parentheses. When only one number is given, it applies to all sizes. To follow pattern more easily, circle all numbers pertaining to your size before beginning.

### **MATERIALS**

- Lion Brand® Wool-Ease® Thick & Quick® (Art. #640)
  - 105 Glacier 8 (10, 12) balls
- Lion Brand® circular knitting needle size 13 (9 mm), 29 in. (73.5 cm) long
- Lion Brand® stitch markers
- Lion Brand® stitch holders
- Lion Brand® large-eyed blunt needle



### **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

5 buttons, about 1 1/4 in. (32 mm) diameter

Sewing needle and thread

### **GAUGE**

8 sts + 18 rows = about 4 in. (10 cm) in Garter st (k every row).

8 sts + 14 rows = about 4 in. (10 cm) in St st (k on RS, p on WS).

**BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.**

### **STITCH EXPLANATION**

**kfb (knit in front and back)** Knit next st without removing it from left needle, then k through back of same st – 1 st increased.

### **TECHNIQUE EXPLANATION**

**Knit Cast On** \*Insert right needle in next st on left needle; wrap yarn and pull through (as if knitting a st); transfer new st to left needle; rep from \* for desired number of sts.

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## **NOTES**

1. Cardigan is worked sideways in one piece, beg at one sleeve edge. The sleeve is worked, then sts are cast on for the back and the left front. Work continues in one piece until the left front and back are divided to shape the neck.
2. Sts are cast on for the right front and this piece is worked separately, then joined to the back. The joined is made by simply working across the sts of the right front, then continuing across the sts of the back (no sewing is involved in this join!). Work then continues in one piece across the back/right front and the second sleeve.
3. A circular needle is used to accommodate the width of the fabric. Work back and forth in rows on circular needle as if working with straight needles.
4. Cardigan is worked in Garter st (k every row) and St st (k on RS, p on WS).
5. The gauge difference between St st and Garter st gives a slight A-line shape to the Cardigan.

## **CARDIGAN**

Cast on 22 (24, 26) sts.

Purl 1 row.

### **Left Sleeve**

Beg with a RS (knit) row, work in St st (k on RS, p on WS) for 16 rows.

**Increase Row (RS):** K1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 – you will have 24 (26, 28) sts.

Work in St st for 9 (7, 5) rows.

Rep Increase Row – 26 (28, 30) sts.

Rep last 10 (8, 6) rows until you have 28 (32, 36) sts.

Work in St st for 6 rows.

**Ridge Row (WS):** Knit.

Work in St st for 2 rows.

Rep Increase Row – 30 (34, 38) sts.

**Ridge Row (WS):** Knit.

Work in St st for 3 rows.

**Ridge Row (WS):** Knit.

Rep last 4 rows once more.

Work in St st for 2 rows.

Rep Increase Row – 32 (36, 40) sts.

**Next Row (WS):** Knit.

### **Cast-on for Back and Front**

Using Knit Cast-on, cast on 42 sts for back – 74 (78, 82) sts.

**Row 1 (RS):** Knit.

Using Knit Cast-on, cast on 42 sts for left front – 116 (120, 124) sts.

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**Row 2:** P34 (36, 38) for St st lower front of Cardigan, k24 for Garter st upper front of Cardigan, place marker for center of shoulder, k24 for Garter st upper back, p34 (36, 38) for St st lower back.

As you continue to work, slip the marker on each row as you come to it.

**Row 3:** Knit.

**Row 4:** P34 (36, 38), k48, p34 (36, 38).

Rep Rows 3 and 4 until the Garter st upper front section measures about 7 (8 1/2, 10) in. (18 (21.5, 25.5) cm) from cast-on sts; end with a WS row as the last row you work.

### **Divide at Neck for Left Front and Back**

**Row 1 (RS):** Work sts as established (in St st and Garter st) to marker, then slip these 58 (60, 62) sts to a holder for back, bind off 2 sts, work sts as established to end of row – you will have 56 (58, 60) sts rem on needle, these sts are the left front.

### **Left Front**

You will now be working over left front sts only.

**Next Row (WS):** Work sts as established (in St st and Garter st) across.

**Decrease Row:** K2tog, work sts as established to end of row – 55 (57, 59) sts.

Rep last 2 rows 2 more times – 53 (55, 57) sts.

Work in established sts until upper left front Garter st section measures about 9 1/4 (11 1/4, 13 1/4) in. (23.5 (28.5, 33.5) cm) from cast-on edge.

### **Button Band**

Work in Garter st (k every row) for 7 rows.

Bind off.

### **Back**

Slip sts for back from holder onto needle and join yarn so that you are ready to work a WS row.

**Decrease Row (WS):** K2tog, work sts as established to end of row – 57 (59, 61) sts.

Work sts as established for 26 (30, 34) rows.

**Increase Row (RS):** Work in established patterns to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 – 58 (60, 62) sts.

Slip sts to a holder.

### **Right Front**

Cast on 53 (55, 57) sts.

### **Buttonhole Band**

Knit 3 rows.

**Buttonhole Row (WS):** K8, \*k2tog, using Knit Cast-on, cast on 1 st, k6; rep from \* 3 times, k2tog, using Knit Cast-on, cast on 1 st, k to end of row.

Knit 3 rows.

**Next Row (WS):** P34 (36, 38) for St st lower front, k to end of row for Garter st upper front.

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Work sts as established for 4 (6, 8) rows.

**Increase Row (RS):** K1, kfb, work in established patterns to end of row – 54 (56, 58) sts.

**Next Row:** Work sts as established.

Rep last 2 rows 2 more times – 56 (58, 60) sts when all increases are complete.

**Next Row (RS):** Using Knit Cast-On, cast on 2 sts, work in established patterns to end of row – 58 (60, 62) sts.

### **Join Right Front and Back**

**Next Row (WS):** Work sts as established across right front, k24 back sts from holder, p rem 34 (36, 38) back sts from holder – 116 (120, 124) sts.

Work sts as established until right front measures same as left front; end with a WS row as the last row you work.

### **Right Sleeve**

**Next 2 Rows:** Bind off 42 sts, k to end of row – 32 (36, 40) sts rem.

**Decrease Row (RS):** K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 30 (34, 38) sts.

Work in St st for 2 rows.

**Ridge Row (WS):** Knit.

Work in St st for 3 rows.

Rep Ridge Row.

Rep last 4 rows once more.

Rep Decrease Row – 28 (32, 36) sts.

Work in St st for 2 rows.

Rep Ridge Row.

Work in St st for 6 rows.

Rep Decrease Row – 26 (30, 34) sts.

Work in St st for 9 (7, 5) rows.

Rep Decrease Row – 24 (28, 32) sts.

Rep last 10 (8, 6) rows 1 (2, 3) more times – 22 (24, 26) sts rem.

Work in St st until right sleeve measures same as left sleeve.

Bind off.

### **FINISHING**

Sew side seams. With sewing needle and thread, sew buttons to left front button band opposite buttonholes.

### **Neck Edging**

From RS, pick up and k36 (40, 44) sts spaced as evenly as possible around neck edge. Without working any rows, bind off all sts as if to knit.

Weave in ends.

**ABBREVIATIONS**

beg = begin(ning)(s)

k = knit

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

p = purl

rem = remain(ing)(s)

rep = repeat

RS = right side

st(s) = stitch(es)

St st = Stockinette stitch

WS = wrong side

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