



Free Knitting Pattern
Lion Brand® Fast-Track®
Quick Flattering Cardi
Pattern Number: L70003
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SKILL LEVEL – Easy+

SIZES

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

Finished Bust About 46 (53, 60) in. (117 (134.5, 152.5) cm)

Finished Length About 32 (32 1/2, 33 1/2) in. (81.5 (82.5, 85) 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® Fast-Track® (Art. #521)
 - 108 Dune Buggy Denim 6 (7, 8) balls
- Lion Brand® knitting needles size 17 (13 mm)
- Lion Brand® stitch markers
- Lion Brand® large-eyed blunt needle



ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

2 circular knitting needles size 17 (13 mm), 47 in. (119.5 cm)

GAUGE

8 1/2 sts + 11 1/2 rows = about 4 in. (10 cm) in St st (k on RS, p on WS).

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

STITCH EXPLANATIONS

M1 (make 1) An increase worked by lifting the horizontal strand lying between needles and placing it onto the left-hand needle. Knit this new stitch through the back loop – 1 st increased.

ssk (slip, slip, knit) Slip next 2 sts as if to knit, one at a time, to right needle; insert left needle into fronts of these 2 sts and knit them tog – 1 st decreased.

NOTES

1. Cardi is worked in one piece beginning at lower edge, then divided at armholes.
2. Sleeves are worked from stitches picked up along armhole.
3. Construction of Cardi is a bit unusual – the sleeves are joined not along the underarms as usual, but instead along the top of the arms. Shoulder and sleeve edges are joined by picking up stitches along the edges and then working a 3-needle bind off. The bind off is worked on the RS for a decorative effect.
4. A circular needle is used to accommodate the large number of sts. Work back and forth in rows on the circular needle as if working with straight needles.
5. Both circular needles and the straight needles are used for the 3-needle

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bind off.

- When you see 'work even' in the instructions, this means to continue on in the pattern st you have established without changing the st count by increasing, decreasing, or binding off.

CARDI

With circular needle, cast on 99 (114, 129) sts.

Lower Ribbing

Row 1 (WS): P1, *k2, p3; rep from * to last 3 sts, k2, p1.

Row 2: K1, p2, *k3, p2; rep from * to last st, k1.

Row 3: Rep Row 1.

Row 4 (RS): Knit.

Continue in St st (k on RS, p on WS) until piece measures about 23 in. (58.5 cm) from beg, end with a WS row as the last row you work.

Divide for Back and Fronts

Right Front

Row 1 (RS): K25 (29, 33) sts for right front; place next 49 (56, 63) sts on a spare needle or length of yarn for back, place last 25 (29, 33) sts on another spare needle or length of yarn for left front.

Row 2: Working on 25 (29, 33) sts for right front only, purl.

Increase Row (RS): K to last st, M1, k1 – you will have 26 (30, 34) sts in this row.

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

Rep Increase Row – 27 (31, 35) sts.

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

Rep Increase Row – 28 (32, 36) sts.

Next Row (WS): Purl.

Shape Right Neck

Row 1 (RS): Bind off 5 (6, 7) sts, k to end of row – 23 (26, 29) sts.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: Bind off 2 sts, k to end of row – 21 (24, 27) sts.

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: Bind off 1 st, k to end of row – 20 (23, 26) sts.

Rows 6 and 7: Rep Rows 4 and 5 – 19 (22, 25) sts.

Shape Right Shoulder

Row 1 (WS): Bind off 6 (7, 8) sts, p to end of row – 13 (15, 17) sts.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: Bind off 6 (7, 8) sts, p to end of row.

Bind off rem 7 (8, 9) sts.

Back

Return the 49 (56, 63) back sts to the circular needle so that you are ready to work a RS row.

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Row 1 (RS): Knit.

Row 2: Purl.

Increase Row (RS): K1, M1, k to last st, M1, k1 – 51 (58, 65) sts.

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

Rep Increase Row – 53 (60, 67) sts.

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

Rep Increase Row – 55 (62, 69) sts.

Work even in St st for 7 rows.

Shape Back Shoulders

Row 1 (RS): Bind off 6 (7, 8) sts, k to end of row – 49 (55, 61) sts.

Row 2: Bind off 6 (7, 8) sts, p to end of row – 43 (48, 53) sts.

Rows 3 and 4: Rep Rows 1 and 2 – 31 (34, 37) sts in Row 4.

Row 5: Bind off 7 (8, 9) sts, k to end of row – 24 (26, 28) sts.

Row 6: Bind off 7 (8, 9) sts, p to end of row.

Bind off rem 17 (18, 19) sts.

Left Front

Return the 25 (29, 33) left front sts to the circular needle so that you are ready to work a RS row.

Row 1 (RS): Knit.

Row 2: Purl.

Increase Row (RS): K1, M1, k to end of row – 26 (30, 34) sts.

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

Rep Increase Row – 27 (31, 35) sts.

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

Rep Increase Row – 28 (32, 36) sts.

Shape Left Neck

Row 1 (WS): Bind off 5 (6, 7) sts, p to end of row – 23 (26, 29) sts.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: Bind off 2 sts, p to end of row – 21 (24, 27) sts.

Row 4: Knit.

Row 5: Bind off 1 st, p to end of row – 20 (23, 26) sts.

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Shape Left Shoulder

Row 1 (RS): Bind off 6 (7, 8) sts, k to end of row – 13 (15, 17) sts.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: Bind off 6 (7, 8) sts, k to end of row.

Bind off rem 7 (8, 9) sts.

SLEEVES

From RS, beginning at one shoulder edge and working along edge of armhole, pick up and k38 (40, 44) sts evenly spaced to other shoulder edge.

Beg with a WS (purl) row, work in St st for 7 (5, 5) rows.

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Next Row (Decrease Row – RS): K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 36 (38, 42) sts.

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

Next Row (Decrease Row – RS): Ssk, k to last 2 sts, k2tog – 34 (36, 40) sts.

Rep last 8 (8, 6) rows for 2 (3, 5) more times – 30 sts when all decreases have been completed.

Work even in St st for 4 rows.

Ribbing

Row 1 (WS): P4, *k2, p3; rep from * to last 6 sts, k2, p4.

Row 2: K4, *p2, k3; rep from * to last 6 sts, p2, k4.

Row 3: Rep Row 1.

Bind off.

Rep along other armhole edge for second sleeve.

FINISHING

Join Shoulder and Sleeve Seams

From RS with one circular needle and referring to diagram, pick up and k18 (21, 24) sts evenly spaced across shoulder and 27 (32, 35) sts evenly spaced across sleeve – 45 (53, 59) sts.

Next Row (WS): Knit.

Set this front aside, leaving sts on needle.

From RS with 2nd circular needle and referring to diagram, pick up and k27 (32, 35) sts evenly spaced across sleeve and 18 (21, 24) sts evenly spaced across shoulder – 45 (53, 59) sts.

Next Row (WS): Knit.

3-needle bind off: Hold both circular needles so that WS of back and WS of front of Cardi are together. From RS with a straight needle, knit tog 1 st from each needle, *knit tog 1 st from each needle, pass first st made over 2nd to bind off; rep from * across. Cut yarn and pull through last st to secure.

Rep to join second front to back.

Front and Neck Edging

Place a marker at center of back neck.

From RS with circular needle, pick up and k88 (90, 93) sts evenly spaced along edges between one lower front corner and center back neck marker, picking up 76 (78, 80) sts along front edge, 3 sts along edge of shoulder joining, and 9 (9, 10) sts along neck edge between shoulder and center back neck marker.

Next Row (WS): Knit.

Bind off. Rep along second front and neck edges.

Sew ends of edging together at center back neck.

Weave in ends.

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ABBREVIATIONS

beg = begin(ning)

k = knit

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

p = purl

rem = remain(ning)(s)

rep = repeat

RS = right side

st(s) = stitch(es)

St st = Stockinette stitch

tog = together

WS = wrong side

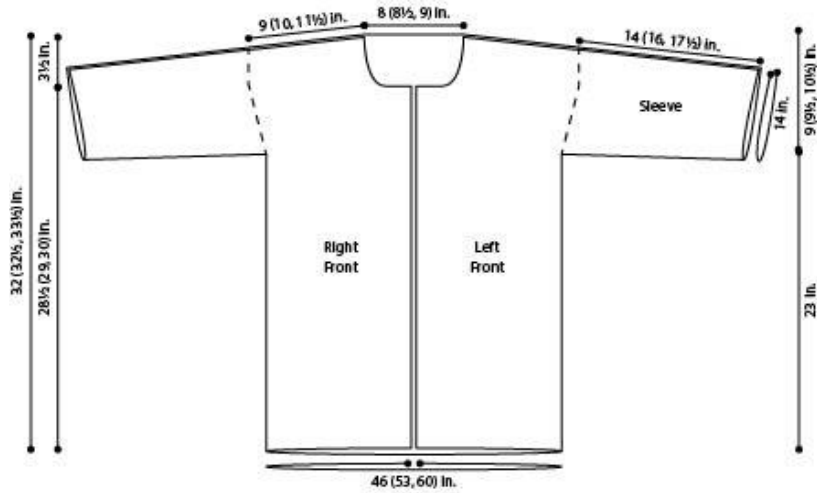
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