



KNITTING PATTERN

Feather

Cardigan


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MATERIALS

12 (12) 12 (15) 15 (18) 18 (21) skeins of Friends Kid Silk Mohair in colour 28

Circular needles; 6mm [US10] & 5mm [US8]
6 – 8 18mm buttons
Spare needle/scrap yarn for placing stitches on hold
6 – 8 stitch markers

YARN QUALITY

 Friends Kid Silk, Hobbii
72% Mohair, 25% Silk, 3% Wool
25 g / 0.9 oz = 200 m / 218 yds

GAUGE

16 sts x 21 rows = 10 cm x 10 cm / 4" x 4"
(Washed and blocked)

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SIZE

XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL) 3XL (4XL)

MEASUREMENTS

Bust circumference: 37 (39) 41 (44) 46 (51) 54 (57)" / [94 (99) 104 (111) 116 (129) 137 (145) cm]
Length: 20 (20) 20 (20) 22 (22) 22 (22)" / [50.5 (50.5) 50.5 (50.5) 55.5 (55.5) 55.5 (55.5) cm]

PATTERN INFORMATION

This cardigan is a simple yet beautiful top-down circular yoke cardigan, featuring a heart ridge knit stitch alongside the button band. The cardigan is worked with 3 strands of Friends Kid Silk to create a light, fluffy drape. The cardigan is worked back and forth in rows, making increases along the way, before separating the sleeves from the body. The body continues to be knit back and forth. Stitches for the sleeves are picked up along the armhole and then worked in the round.

Recommended positive ease 4-6" [10-15cm]

Techniques used:

- Tubular cast on
- Tubular bind off (including prep work)
- Increases
- Decreases
- Heart ridge knit stitch

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QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding this pattern, please feel free to email us at support@hobbii.com. Please make sure to include the pattern's name and number.

Happy Crafting!

Pattern



ABBREVIATIONS

K = Knit

P = Purl

FT = Fishtail: Ignore the next stitch, and count down from the centre knit stitch to 4 rows underneath. Insert needle into this stitch and pull up a loop, knit 3, insert needle into the same stitch as before and pull up a loop, continue with the remaining stitches as normal.

SKP = slip the first stitch purl-wise, knit the next stitch, pass the slipped stitch over the stitch you just knit (decreased by 1).

Sl1 wyif = Slip 1 stitch purl-wise, with the yarn held in front. The slipped stitch will be the loop when working the motif, when prepping for the tubular bind off, this will be a previously worked stitch.

Sl1 wyib = Slip 1 stitch purl-wise, with the yarn held in back.

K2tog = Knit 2 together knit the next 2 stitches together as if they were one stitch (decreased by 1).

M1R = Use the left needle to pick up the loop between the stitch on the left needle and the stitch on the right needle from back to front so that you can knit the new stitch as if it were a normal stitch (increased by 1).

Special stitches

Heart ridge knit stitch

[Knit Heart Stitch | | Ribbed Stitch 3x2 for Hats, Scarfs & Cowls.](#)

INFO AND TIPS

Sizes

The Feather Cardigan is intended to have 4-6" [10-15cm] positive ease around the bust, although you can choose more or less ease if desired. The sizes shown are the **finished measurements** so for example, the sample made is Size M (41" [104cm] finished bust) to fit a size 36" [91cm] bust at the widest part, giving the wearer 5" [12.5cm] positive ease.

YOKE

Using 5mm [US8] circular needles and 3 strands held together, cast on 74 (78) 82 (86) 90 (94) 98 (102) stitches using the tubular cast on method or normal cast on if preferred.

Work 10 rows of rib *K1, P1*

You may find it helpful to place a clip-on stitch marker to identify the right side.

Switch to 6mm [US10] circular needles.

You will now make increases as follows:

All sizes

RS - *K2, M1R*

= 110 (116) 122 (128) 134 (140) 146 (152) stitches.

WS - purl across all stitches.

Now we will begin adding the Heart ridge knit stitch motif to the cardigan.

Row 1 - (RS) K1, P2, K3, P2, knit until 8 stitches remain, P2, K3, P2, K1

Row 2 - (WS) P1, K2, P3, K2, purl until 8 stitches remain, K2, P3, K2, P1

Row 3 - (RS) K1, P2, K3, P2, knit until 8 stitches remain, P2, K3, P2, K1

Row 4 - (WS) P1, K2, P3, K2, purl until 8 stitches remain, K2, P3, K2, P1

Row 5 - (RS) K1, P2, FT, P2, knit until 8 stitches remain, P2, FT, P2, K1

Row 6 - (WS) P1, K2, sl1 wyif, P3, sl1 wyif, K2, purl until 8 stitches remain, K2, sl1 wyif, P3, sl1 wyif, K2, P1

Row 7 - (RS) K1, P2, SKP, K1, K2tog, P2, knit until 8 stitches remain, P2, SKP, K1, K2tog, P2, K1

Row 8 - (WS) P1, K2, P3, K2, purl until 8 stitches remain, K2, P3, K2, P1

Repeat Rows 5 - 8, until your work measures 2" [5cm] from the bottom of the neck ribbing, ending on a WS.

Going forward, increases will not be placed in the first or last 8 stitches, as these are the Heart ridge knit stitch stitches. Increases will only be placed in the stockinette section.

Continue with the pattern repeat for the first 8 stitches, then *K3, M1R* until 8 stitches remain, continue the pattern repeat for the last 8 stitches.

You should now have a total of 141 (149) 157 (165) 173 (181) 189 (197) stitches.

Maintain the pattern repeat from Rows 5 - 8 until your work measures 4" [10cm] from the bottom of the neck ribbing, ending on a WS.

Continue with the pattern repeat for the first 8 stitches, then *K3, M1R* until 8 stitches remain, continue the pattern repeat for the last 8 stitches.

You should now have a total of 182 (193) 204 (214) 225 (236) 246 (257) stitches.

Maintain the pattern repeat from Rows 5 - 8 until it measures 6" [15cm] from the bottom of the neck ribbing, ending on a WS.

Continue with the pattern repeat for the first 8 stitches, then *K4, M1R* until 8 stitches remain, continue the pattern repeat for the last 8 stitches.

You should now have a total of 223 (237) 251 (263) 277 (291) 303 (317) stitches.

Maintain the pattern repeat from Rows 5 - 8 until it measures 8 (8) 8 (8) 9 (9) 9 (9)" / [20 (20) 20 (20) 22.5 (22.5) 25 (25) cm] from the bottom of the neck ribbing, ending on a WS.

SLEEVE SEPARATION

You will now place your sleeve stitches on hold.

Maintain the pattern repeat for the first 8 stitches, then knit 27 (27) 31 (33) 35 (37) 39 (40) stitches.

Slip the next 42 (46) 48 (50) 52 (56) 58 (62) stitches onto a spare needle or scrap yarn.

Using the backwards loop method, cast on 2 (2) 2 (4) 4 (10) 14 (15) underarm stitches.

Continue to knit the next 69 (75) 78 (81) 87 (90) 93 (97) stitches.

Slip the next 42 (46) 48 (50) 52 (56) 58 (62) stitches onto a spare needle or scrap yarn.

Using the backwards loop method, cast on 2 (2) 2 (4) 4 (10) 14 (15) underarm stitches.

Knit the next 27 (27) 31 (33) 35 (37) 39 (40) stitches and continue the pattern repeat for the remaining 8 stitches.

BODY

You should now have 143 (149) 159 (171) 181 (199) 215 (223) stitches on your needles.

Continue to repeat Rows 5 - 8 until your piece measures 18.5 (18.5) 18.5 (18.5) 20.5 (20.5) 20.5 (20.5)" / [46.25 (46.25) 46.25 (46.25) 51.25 (51.25) 51.25 (51.25) cm] *or desired length* from the bottom of the neck ribbing. Make sure you end on Row 7 of the pattern repeat.

Your next row should be a WS row. Switch to 5mm [US8] circular needles and complete Row 8 of the pattern repeat.

Work 10 rows of rib stitch *K1, P1*

You will now prepare for a tubular bind off, if you wish to use a normal cast-off method, work two more rows of rib stitch, then cast-off with your chosen method.

Row 1 - (RS) *K1, sl1 wyif*

Row 2 - (WS) *K1, sl1 wyif* as required (you will be working the stitches that were slipped on the previous row).

Now cast-off using the tubular bind off method.

SLEEVES (repeat for both sleeves)

Using 6mm [US10] circular needles, pick up the stitches you placed on hold, along with the 2 (2) 2 (4) 4 (10) 14 (15) stitches from the underarm. Place a beginning of round marker.

You should have a total of 44 (48) 50 (54) 56 (66) 72 (77) stitches.

Knit all rounds until the sleeve measures 16.5" [41 cm] *or desired length* from the underarm.

On the next round, decrease evenly by 4 (5) 6 (6) 7 (8) 10 (11) stitches using k2tog to decrease by 1 stitch at a time. If you want a more dramatic balloon sleeve, complete all decreases on the last round instead.

Knit the next 4 rounds.

Decrease evenly by 4 (5) 6 (6) 7 (8) 11 (12) stitches using k2tog to decrease by 1 stitch at a time.

You should now have a total of 36 (38) 38 (42) 42 (50) 52 (54) stitches.

Switch to 5mm [US8] circular needles and knit 1 more round.

Work 10 rows of rib *K1, P1*

You will now prepare for a tubular bind off, if you wish to use a normal cast-off method, work two more rows of rib stitch, then cast-off with your chosen method.

Round 1 - *K1, sl1 wyif*

Round 2 - *Sl1 wyib, P1*

Now cast off using the tubular bind off method.

BUTTON BAND

Place stitch markers on both sides of the cardigan to indicate where you are placing the buttonholes and where you are placing the buttons. Start by placing the first one 1" [2.5cm] from the top, and the last one 1" [2.5cm] from the bottom. Then, place an additional 4-6 stitch markers evenly between these two markers.

Using 5mm [US8] circular needles, pick up every single stitch (right side facing) from the bottom rib up to the neckline rib on the right-hand side when worn, on the cardigan opening.

Row 1 - (WS) *K1, P1*

Row 2 - (RS) *Work the stitches as they present themselves*

Row 3 - (WS) *K1, P1*

Row 4 - (RS) *Work the stitches as they present themselves, up to the first marker, yarn over, continue to work the stitches as they present themselves*

Row 5 - (WS) *K1, P1 up to the yarn over stitch, knit the yarn over stitch together with the adjacent knit stitch (k2tog)*

Row 6 - (RS) *Work stitches as they present themselves*

Row 7 - (WS) Bind off purl-wise.

Using 5mm [US8] circular needles, pick up every single stitch (right side facing) from the neckline rib down to the bottom rib on the left-hand side when worn, on the cardigan opening.

Row 1 - (WS) *K1, P1*



Row 2 - (RS) Work stitches as they present themselves.

Repeat Row 1 & 2, 2 more times (6 rows in total)

Row 7 - (WS) Bind off purl-wise

Now weave in all ends, wash, block and dry your cardigan according to the wash care instructions of your yarn and meet the finished measurements listed at the beginning.

Now you can sew on your buttons where you placed the stitch markers on the left-hand side.

Enjoy!

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