

A cardigan for Merry

An adaptation by Anny Purl for Jujube & Lolo



Description

This toddler cardigan is an adaptation of Kate Gilbert's "A Cardigan for Arwen" originally published in the Winter 2006 Interweave Knits magazine (also available as an instant download from her site at http://www.kategilbert.com/p_arwen.html).

I resized the pattern for a 12-18 month old, altered the construction to make it a raglan cardi and added toggle buttons and loops. Note that you will need to refer to Kate's charts for the reversible cable.

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SIZE:
18 months

**Finished measurements
(with moderate fit):**

Chest: 25"
Body length: 11"
Sleeve length: 8"

Yarn requirements:

7 x 50g sport weight yarn
{1 knit mine from Knit Picks
Andean Treasure in *Lagoon*}

Gauge:

26 sts = 4" in stocking stitch
using 3.00mm needles

Paired decreases:

On right side rows:

K3, SSK, K to last 5 sts, K2TOG, K3

On wrong side rows:

P3, P2TOG, P to last 5 sts,

P2TOG TBL, P3

Cable charts:

Cardigan for Arwen pattern by
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Pattern notes:

1. It will be easier to sew the shoulder seams if you remember to knit all raglan decreases on the sleeves, back and fronts 3 stitches in from the edge rather than on the first stitch. See sidebar for paired decreases,



To knit front:

1. Beginning with cardigan right side first, cast on 33 stitches and work 4 rows in stocking stitch.
2. Work a breaking row by knitting one row on the wrong side.
3. At the beginning of next row (right side), cast on 24 stitches for the right cable and knit across these 24 stitches, place a marker, and knit across the remaining 33 stitches. These 33 stitches will continue to be worked in stocking stitch while the 24 edge stitches should be worked using the right cable chart from Kate Gilbert's original pattern, A Cardigan for Arwen, published in the Winter 2006 issue of Interweave Knits magazine. Note that you can substitute another cable if you prefer -- it will need to measure 2 inches in width though to work with the rest of the pattern.
4. Remember to fold and knit the hem on the 33 original stitches once you have worked 4 rows (unless you decide to sew the hem closed later in which case just carry on ;0).
5. Continue in pattern until piece measures 8 inches from the breaking row.
6. Armhole shaping: Cast-off 4 stitches at beginning of next wrong side row (29 stocking stitch stitches + 24 cable stitches).
7. Raglan shaping: decrease one stitch at armhole side at every 3rd row 12 times (17 stocking stitches + 24 cable stitches remaining). Then decrease 1 stitch at armhole every second row three times (14 sts + 24 cable sts remaining).
8. Place remaining stitches on a holder or piece of yarn to be worked later for the hood.
9. Left cardigan front: work as for right side, using the left cable chart and reversing armhole and raglan shapings.

To knit back:

1. Cast-on 79 stitches and work 4 rows in stocking stitch (knit on right side rows, purl on wrong side rows).
2. Work a breaking row by knitting one row on the wrong side and continue in stocking stitch for 4 more rows. On the next row (which should be a right side row) fold the hem by knitting together the first stitch on your left hand needle together with the first stitch of your cast on row. Continue like this to the end of the row. Of course, if you prefer, you can always just sew the hem closed when you are done.
3. Continue in stocking stitch until the back measures 8 inches from the breaking row.
4. Armhole shaping: cast-off 4 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows (71 stitches).
5. Raglan shaping: decrease 1 stitch at beginning and end of every 3rd row 12 times, then dec 1 st at armhole end(s) of every 2nd row 3 times. (41 stitches).
6. Place remaining 41 stitches on a holder or piece of yarn to be worked later for the hood.



To knit sleeves:

1. Cast on 45 stitches and work hem as for back.
2. Continue in stocking stitch increasing 1 stitch at beginning and end of every 5th row, 5 times (55 stitches)
3. Work even until sleeve measures 8 inches from breaking row.
4. Shape cap: Cast off 4 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows (47 stitches remain).
5. Raglan shaping: Decrease 1 stitch at beginning and end of every 2nd row, 20 times, then decrease 1 stitch at each end of every row twice.
6. Cast-off remaining 3 stitches.
7. Knit the 2nd sleeve.

Hood:

1. Knit 24 right cable stitches + 14 stitches from right side, pick-up and knit as many stitches from the sleeve cap as you need to to make sure there are no holes (remember how many stitches you added, these will be decreased in the next few rows), knit 41 stitches from back, pick-up and knit stitches from the other sleeve, and knit 14 stitches + 24 cable stitches from left side.
2. Work a few rows continuing the cable patterns on each side and decreasing stitches over the sleeves by knitting 2 together for every stitch you picked up and knit in the previous step. You should have 117 stitches remaining including the cable stitches.
3. On next row, work 2 centre stitches together so that you have an even number of stitches on your needle.
4. Place marker between two centre stitches.
5. Increase 1 stitch on either side of your central marker on every right side row, 10 times (136 stitches).
6. Continue even until hood measures 8 inches, ending at centre marker.
7. Fold in half and graft top of hood closed following instructions in magazine to graft cable in pattern.



Shoulder seams:

1. Sew sleeves to fronts and back.

Button Loops:

1. Using the smallest double point needles you own (I used size 0) knit a 3 stitch I-cord for 26 rows and cast-off for each button loop. I made 3.
2. Fold I-cord loops and sew to sweater.
3. Add buttons on other side.
4. Ta-da! A Cardigan for Merry!



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