

Kukka Cardigan

English Pattern



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This button less cardigan has a pretty and simple moss stitch pattern (resembling a rice grain) and is from the top down with raglan increases. The front band is knit with a double selvedge stitch and slip stitches. The sleeves are worked in the round on double pointed needles or with the magic loop method.

Difficulty ●●●○○

Gr. XS (S) M (L) XL

Bust measurements finished cardigan

86 (93) 104 (112) 122 cm

Yarn

250 (250) 300 (300) 350 g Lana Grossa

Ecopuno (72% cotton, 17% wool, 11% Alpaca (baby)), meterage 215 m/ 50 g) in colour 018

Recommended needles

Circular needle 4 mm and 4,5 mm, 100 cm long,

Circular needle 4 mm and 4,5 mm, 80 cm long (for the magic loop method),

or double pointed needles 4 mm and 4,5 mm or the needle size you need for obtaining the correct gauge

Supplies

12 stitch markers, 2 stitch holder or waste yarn, wool needle, measuring tape, scissors

Gauge after blocking

22 sts x 30 rows in Stockinette stitch with needle 4,5 mm = 10 x 10 cm

Pattern

Stockinette stitch

In rows back and forth:

rs: k all sts

ws: p all sts

In rounds:

K all sts

Rib pattern

In rows back and forth:

rs: k1, p1

ws: k1, p1

In rounds:

k1, p1

Double selvedge stitch (= 2 sts)

Rs, at row's beginning: k 1st st, slip the following st purlwise, place yarn behind your work (= 2 sts)

Rs, at row's end: slip the next to last st purlwise, place yarn behind your work, k1 (= 2 sts)

Ws, at row's beginning: slip 1st st purlwise, place yarn in front of your work, p1

Ws, at row's end: p the next to last st, slip the last st purlwise, place the yarn in front of your work

Slip stitch (= 6 sts)

Rs, at row's beginning: *p1, slip 1 st purlwise, place yarn behind your work*; repeat from * to * further 2 times (= 6 sts)

Rs, at row's end: *slip 1 st purlwise, place yarn behind your work, p1*; repeat from * to * further 2 times (= 6 sts)

Ws, at row's beginning: *k1, p1*; repeat from * to * further 2 times

Ws, at row's end: *p1, k1*; repeat from * to * further 2 times

Ribbed hem

Cast on 91 (95) 99 (103) 107 sts with needle 4 mm

Construction row (ws)

k1, p1; continue from * to *, until 1 st left, k1

1st row (rs): 1 double edge-st, place stm, *p1, k1*; repeat from * to * further 2 times, place stm, *p1, k1*; repeat from * to * until 9 sts left, p1, place stm, *k1, p1*; repeat from * to * further 2 times, place stm, 1 double edge-st

2nd row (ws): 1 double edge-st, slip stm, knit the following 6 sts as they appear, slip stm, knit all sts as they appear, slip stm, knit 6 sts as they appear, slip stm, 1 double edge-st

3rd row (rs): 1 double edge-st, slip stm, 6 slip sts, slip stm, k all sts as they appear until stm, slip stm, 6 slip sts, slip stm, 1 double edge-st

4th row (ws): as 2nd row

Repeat 3rd and 4th row further 2 times

Change to needle 4,5 mm

Division (rs)

1 double edge-st, slip stm, 6 slip sts, slip stm (= 8 sts),

k 13 (14) 15 (16) 17

M1R, place stm_r, k1 (= marked st), place stm_r, M1L,

k 9,

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k 27 (29) 31 (33) 35,

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M1R, place stm_r, k1 (= marked st), place stm_r, M1L,

k 13 (14) 15 (16) 17, slip stm,

6 slip sts, slip stm, 1 double edge-st (= 8 sts)

Ws:

1 double edge-st, slip stm, 6 slip sts, slip stm, p all sts until penultimate stm, slip all stm, 6 slip sts, slip stm, double edge-st

Continue knitting in stockinette stitch, knit the double edge-sts and slip sts at the row's beginning and end, at the same time, start with the raglan increases.

Raglan increases

Knit the increases on both sides of the stm_r every rs- row as follows:

Before every stm_r: M1R (right slanting increase),

k 1 marked-st, slip stm_r

Past the stm_r: M1L (left slanting increase)

= 8 sts/ rs increased.

Repeat the increases further 26 (29) 32 (35) 38 times.

In total 307 (335) 363 (391) 419 sts.

Division body and sleeves (rs)

1 double edge-st, slip stm, 6 slip sts, slip stm, k 40 (44) 48 (52) 56,

remove stm_r, k1, remove stm_r,

place the following 63 (69) 75 (81) 87 sts on a stitch holder or waste yarn,

remove stm_r, cast on 4 (4) 8 (8) 12 sts,

k1, remove stm_r,

k 81 (89) 97 (105) 113,

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remove stm_r, cast on 4 (4) 8 (8) 12 sts,

k1, remove stm_r,

k 40 (44) 48 (52) 56, slip stm,

6 slip sts, slip stm, 1 double edge-st

In total 189 (205) 229 (245) 269 sts.

Ws: 1 double edge-st, slip stm, 6 slip sts, slip stm, p all sts until stm, slip stm, 6 slip sts, slip stm, 1 double edge-st

The following rs, start knitting the pattern.

Pattern repeat

(read from right to left in direction of knitting)

■	■	■	■	7 th row
■	■	-	■	5 th row
■	■	■	■	3 rd row
-	■	■	■	1 st row

Key:

■ k1

- p1

repeat =

4 sts/ 8 rows



Direction of knitting

The ws- rows (2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th) are not pictured and are always purled.

Size XS: 1 double edge-st, slip stm, 6 slip sts, slip stm, pattern repeat until 1 st before stm, k1, slip stm, 6 slip sts, slip stm, 1 double edge-st

Size S: 1 double edge-st, slip stm, 6 slip sts, slip stm, k2, pattern repeat until 3 sts before stm, k3, slip stm, 6 slip sts, slip stm, 1 double edge-st

Sizes M/L/XL: 1 double edge-st, slip stm, 6 slip sts, slip stm, pattern repeat until 1 st before stm, k1, slip stm, 6 slip sts, slip stm, 1 double edge-st

Continue knitting in pattern, until the body measures 27 (27) 28,5 (28,5) 29,5 cm or 2 cm less than the desired length (measures from the cast on under the armhole opening).

Change to needle 4 mm.

Ribbed hem

Rs: 1 double edge-st, slip stm, 6 slip sts, slip stm, *k1, p1*; repeat from * to *, until 1 st before the stm, k1, slip stm, 6 slip sts, slip stm, 1 double edge-st

Ws: 1 double edge-st, slip stm, 6 slip sts, slip stm, *p1, k1*; repeat from * to *, until 1 st before the stm, p1, slip stm, 6 slip sts, slip stm, 1 double edge-st

Repeat rs and ws, until the ribbed hem measures approx. 2 cm, cast off all sts in pattern.

Sleeves

Place the resting 63 (69) 75 (81) 87 sts on a circular needle (4,5 mm 80 cm) for magic loop) or divide them on double pointed needles.

Start centre at the cast on sts under the armhole opening and pick up

2 (2) 4 (4) 6 sts,

k all sleeve-sts and pick up another

2 (2) 4 (4) 6 sts at the cast on sts under the armhole opening.

Place a stm for marking the sleeve's centre. Close to round.

In total 67 (73) 83 (89) 99 sts.

Knit in stockinette stitch in the round for 2,5 cm, start with the decreases.

Decrease rounds

K1, k2tog, k until 3 sts before the stm, ssk, k1

Repeat the decreases every 8th (8th) 6th (6th) 6th round, further 12 (12) 14 (16) 18 times.

In total 41 (47) 53 (55) 61 sts.

Continue knitting in stockinette stitch in the round, until the inner sleeve measures approx. 38 (41) 44 (47) 49 cm from under the armhole opening or is 2 cm shorter than the desired length.

For all sizes: decrease 1 st the last round, before continuing with the ribbed hem.

In total: 40 (46) 52 (54) 60 sts.

Change to needle 4 mm and knit the ribbed hem (k1, p1) for 2 cm. Cast off all sts in pattern.

Knit the 2nd sleeve the same way.

Finishing

Weave in all ends.

Wash and block the cardigan.

Abbreviations and techniques

st(s)	stitch(es)
rs	right side
ws	wrong side
k	knit
p	purl
tbl	through the back loop
yo	yarn over
stm	stitch marker
stm ^r	stitch marker raglan
ssk	slip slip knit: slip 1 st as if to knit, slip another st as if to knit, place them back onto the left needle and knit them together through the back loop (left slanting decrease)
k2tog	knit 2 sts together
M1L	Increase 1 st slanting to the left: pick up the bar between 2 sts, bringing the needle from front to back. Place the new st on the left needle and knit it through the back loop.
M1R	Increase 1 st slanting to the right: pick up the bar between 2 sts, bringing the needle from back to front. Place the new st on the left needle and knit it.
double edge-st	Double selvedge stitch (= 2 sts), see page 2

Measurements finished garment



	XS	S	M	L	XL
Total length (a)	50	52	55,5	57,5	60,5
Bust measurement (b)	86	93	104	112	122
Sleeve length (c)	40	43	46	49	51
Sleeve circumference (d)	30,5	33	37,5	40,5	45

On the photo, I wear the Kukka cardigan in size S. I am 1,60 m tall.

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