

Girls' three colour cardi

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k3tog, k17(19:21:23:25), k3tog, k11(11:12:12:12). 79(85:91:97:103) sts. Work 3(5:5:5:7) rows straight. **3rd dec row** K10(10:11:11:11), s1, k2tog, pssso, k15(17:19:21:23), s1, k2tog, pssso, k17(19:19:21:23), k3tog, k15(17:19:21:23), k3tog, k10(10:11:11:11). 71(77:83:89:95) sts. Work 3(5:5:5:7) rows straight. **4th dec row** K9(9:10:10:10), s1, k2tog, pssso, k13(15:17:19:21), s1, k2tog, pssso, k15(17:17:19:21), k3tog, k13(15:17:19:21), k3tog, k9(9:10:10:10). 63(69:75:81:87) sts **. Beg with a p row, cont until lower tier measures 12(14:16:18:20)cm, ending with a p row. Leave rem 63(69:75:81:87) sts on a spare needle.

Upper Tier

With 3.25mm needles and B, cast on 87(93:99:105:111) sts. K 4 rows. Change to 4mm needles and beg with a k row, work 2(4:4:4:4) rows in st-st. Work as Lower Tier from ** to **. Beg with a p row, cont until upper tier measures 6(7:8:9:10)cm, ending with a p row.

Join Lower and Upper Tiers

With RS of upper and lower tiers facing, place upper tier in front of lower tier and join together to complete remainder of back as follows: **Next row** With 4mm needles and C, [k 1st st of upper tier tog with 1st st of lower tier] 63(69:75:81:87) times. 63(69:75:81:87) sts. K 5 rows. Beg with a k row, work in st-st until back measures 15(17:19:21:23)cm from cast on edge of lower tier ending with a p row.

Shape armholes

Work 6(6:6:8:8) rows and dec 1 st at each end of every row. 51(57:63:65:71) sts. Cont straight until the armholes measure 13(14:15:16:17)cm, ending with a p row.

Shape shoulders

Cast off 6(6:8:8:9) sts at beg of next 2 rows and 6(7:8:8:10) sts at beg of foll 2 rows. Cast off rem 27(31:31:33:33) sts.

LEFT FRONT

Lower Tier

With 3.25mm needles and A, cast on 46(49:52:55:58) sts. K 4 rows. Change to 4mm needles and beg with a k row, work 8(8:10:10:10) rows in st-st. **1st dec row** K12(12:13:13:13), s1, k2tog, pssso, k19(21:23:25:27), s1, k2tog, pssso, k9(10:10:11:12). 42(45:48:51:54) sts. Work 3(5:5:5:7) rows straight. *** **2nd dec row** K11(11:12:12:12), s1, k2tog, pssso, k17(19:21:23:25), s1, k2tog, pssso, k8(9:9:10:11). 38(41:44:47:50) sts. Work 3(5:5:5:7) rows straight. **3rd dec row** K10(10:11:11:11), s1, k2tog, pssso, k15(17:19:21:23), s1, k2tog, pssso, k7(8:8:9:10). 34(37:40:43:46) sts. Work 3(5:5:5:7) rows straight. **4th dec row** K9(9:10:10:10), s1, k2tog, pssso, k13(15:17:19:21), s1, k2tog, pssso, k6(7:7:8:9). 30(33:36:39:42) sts ***. Beg with a p row, cont until lower tier measures 12(14:16:18:20)cm, ending with a p row. Leave rem 30(33:36:39:42) sts on a spare needle.

Upper Tier

With 3.25mm needles and B, cast on 42(45:48:51:54) sts. K 4 rows. Change to 4mm needles and beg with a k row, work 2(4:4:4:4) rows in st-st. Work as given for Lower Tier from *** to ***. Beg with a p row, cont until upper tier measures 6(7:8:9:10)cm, ending with a p row.

Join Lower and Upper Tiers

With RS of upper and lower tiers facing, place upper tier in front of lower tier and join together to complete remainder of left front as follows: **Next row** With 4mm needles and C, [k 1st st of upper tier tog with 1st st of lower tier] 30(33:36:39:42) times. 30(33:36:39:42) sts. K 5 rows. Beg with a k row, work in st-st until left front measures the same as Back to armhole ending with a p row.

Shape armhole

Next row (RS) K2tog, k to end. **Next row** P to last 2 sts, p2tog. Work 4(4:4:6:6) rows and dec 1 st at armhole edge of every row. 24(27:30:31:34) sts. Cont straight until armhole measures 5(6:7:7:8) cm, ending with a k row.

Shape neck

Next row Cast off 5(7:7:7:7) sts, p to end. 19(20:23:24:27) sts. Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 2 rows. Work 4(4:4:6:6) rows and dec 1 st at neck edge in 1st and every foll RS row. 15(16:19:19:22) sts. Work 9 rows and dec 1 st at neck edge in 1st and every following 4th row. 12(13:16:16:19) sts. Cont straight until front measures same as Back to shoulder ending with a p row.

Shape shoulder

Next row Cast off 6(6:8:8:9) sts, k to end. P 1 row. Cast off rem 6(7:8:8:10) sts.

RIGHT FRONT

Lower Tier

With 3.25mm needles and A, cast on 46(49:52:55:58) sts. K 4 rows. Change to 4mm needles and beg with a k row, work 8(8:10:10:10) rows in st-st. **1st dec row** K9(10:10:11:12), k3tog, k19(21:23:25:27), k3tog, k12(12:13:13:13). 42(45:48:51:54) sts. Work 3(5:5:5:7) rows straight. **** **2nd dec row** K8(9:9:10:11), k3tog, k17(19:21:23:25), k3tog, k11(11:12:12:12). 38(41:44:47:50) sts. Work 3(5:5:5:7) rows straight. **3rd dec row** K7(8:8:9:10), k3tog, k15(17:19:21:23), k3tog, k10(10:11:11:11). 34(37:40:43:46) sts. Work 3(5:5:5:7) rows straight. **4th dec row** K6(7:7:8:9), k3tog, k13(15:17:19:21), k3tog, k9(9:10:10:10). 30(33:36:39:42) sts ****. Beg with a p row, cont until lower tier measures 12(14:16:18:20)cm, ending with a p row. Leave these 30(33:36:39:42) sts on a spare needle.

Upper Tier

With 3.25mm needles and B, cast on 42(45:48:51:54) sts. K 4 rows. Change to 4mm needles and beg with a k row, work 2(4:4:4:4) rows in st-st. Work as Lower Tier from **** to ****. Beg with a p row, cont until upper tier measures 6(7:8:9:10)cm, ending with a p row.

Join Lower and Upper Tiers

With RS of upper and lower tiers facing, place upper tier in front of lower tier and join together to complete remainder of right front as follows: **Next row** With 4mm needles and C, [k 1st stitch of upper tier tog with 1st st of lower tier] 30(33:36:39:42) times. 30(33:36:39:42) sts. K 5 rows. Beg with a k row, work in st-st until right front measures the same as Back to armhole, ending with a p row.

Shape armhole

Next row K to last 2 sts, k2tog. **Next row** P2tog, p to end. Work 4(4:4:6:6) rows and dec 1 st at armhole edge of every row. 24(27:30:31:34) sts. Cont straight until armhole measures 5(6:7:7:8) cm, ending with a p row.

Shape neck

Next row Cast off 5(7:7:7:7) sts, k to end. 19(20:23:24:27) sts. P 1 row. Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 2 rows. Work 4(4:4:6:6) rows and dec 1 st at neck edge in 1st and every foll RS row. 15(16:19:19:22) sts. Work 9 rows and dec 1 st at neck edge in 1st and every foll 4th row. 12(13:16:16:19) sts. Cont straight until front measures same as back to shoulder, ending with a k row.

Shape shoulder

Next row Cast off 6(6:8:8:9) sts, p to end. K 1 row. Cast off rem 6(7:8:8:10) sts.

SLEEVES

With 3.25mm needles and C, cast on 37(41:45:47:49) sts, k 4 rows. Change to 4mm needles and beg with a k row, work 57(55:63:91:27) rows in st-st and inc 1 st at each end of 7th and every foll 10th(12th:14th:14th:10th) row. 49(51:55:61:55) sts.

For 2nd, 3rd and 5th sizes only

Work -[14:16:-:72] rows and inc 1 st at each end of -(14th:16th:-:12th) and every foll -(0:0:-:12th) row. -(53:57:-:67) sts.

For all 5 sizes

Cont without further shaping until sleeve measures 24(29:33:37:41) cm, ending with a p row.

Shape sleeve top

Work 6(6:6:8:8) rows and dec 1 st at each end of every row. 37(41:45:45:51) sts. Place markers at each end of last row. These 6(6:6:8:8) rows will match to 6(6:6:8:8) dec rows on body when sewing the sleeves into the armholes. Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 4(2:6:2:4) rows and 4 sts at beg of next 4(6:4:6:6) rows. Cast off rem 9(11:11:15:15) sts.

NECKBAND

Join shoulder seams. With RS facing, 3.25mm needles and C, pick up and k21(23:23:26:27) sts evenly up right front neck, 27(31:31:33:33) sts from cast off sts at back neck and 21(23:23:26:27) sts evenly down left front neck. 69(77:77:85:87) sts. K 4 rows. Cast off.

RIGHT FRONT BORDER

Sew upper tier in position to lower tier at front edge. With RS facing, 3.25mm needles and A, pick up and k3 sts evenly along garter stitch, 9(12:12:15:17) sts evenly along front edge of lower tier to beg of upper tier, with same needle and B, pick up and k16(19:19:22:24) sts evenly up front edge of upper tier working through double thickness of upper tier and lower tier, then with same needle and C, pick up and k19(21:23:23:25) sts evenly along straight edge of yoke and 3 sts evenly along neckband. 50(58:60:66:72) sts. K 1 row. **Buttonhole row** K to last 21(23:25:25:27) sts, yfwd, k2tog, [k7(8:9:9:10), yfwd, k2tog] twice, k1. K 2 rows. Cast off.

LEFT FRONT BORDER

Sew upper tier in position to lower tier at front edge. With RS facing, 3.25mm needles and C, pick up and k3 sts evenly along neckband, 19(21:23:23:25) sts evenly along straight edge of yoke, with same needle and B, pick up and k16(19:19:22:24) sts evenly up front edge of upper tier working through double thickness of upper tier and lower tier, then with same needle and A, pick up and k9(12:12:15:17) sts evenly along front edge of lower tier and 3 sts evenly along garter stitch. 50(58:60:66:72) sts. K 4 rows. Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Join side and sleeve seams. Sew sleeves into armholes matching the 6(6:6:8:8) dec rows on body to the 6(6:6:8:8) dec rows at the beg of the sleeve top. Sew on buttons.

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MEASUREMENTS

To fit 56(61:66:71:76)cm chest. Finished measurements 57(63:68:73:79)cm; Length 28(31:34:37:40)cm; Sleeve length 24(29:33:37:41)cm

MATERIALS

2(2:2:3:3) 50g balls of K002 Sublime cashmere merino silk dk in damson 57 (A), 1(1:1:2:2) balls in clove 11 (B), 3(3:4:4:5) balls in fleur 130 (C).

Pair each of 3.25mm and 4mm knitting needles.

3 buttons.

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TENSION

22 sts and 28 rows to 10cm square over st-st using 4mm needles.

ABBREVIATIONS

beg beginning; **cm** centimetres; **cont** continue; **dec** decrease; **fo** following; **inc** increase; **k** knit; **pssso** pass slipped st over; **p** purl; **rep** repeat; **rem** remaining; **RS** right side; **sl** slip; **st-st** stocking stitch; **st(s)** stitch(es); **tog** together; **WS** wrong side; **yfwd** yarn forward.

BACK

Lower Tier

With 3.25mm needles and A, cast on 95(101:107:113:119) sts. K 4 rows. Change to 4mm needles and beg with a k row, work 8(8:10:10:10) rows in st-st. **1st dec row** K12(12:13:13:13), s1, k2tog, pssso, k19(21:23:25:27), s1, k2tog, pssso, k21(23:23:25:27), k3tog, k19(21:23:25:27), k3tog, k12(12:13:13:13). 87(93:99:105:111) sts. Work 3(5:5:5:7) rows straight. ** **2nd dec row** K11(11:12:12:12), s1, k2tog, pssso, k17(19:21:23:25), s1, k2tog, pssso, k19(21:21:23:25),