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Sarasota

Textured Top Down Cardigan

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Skill Level:



EASY

Size:

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

Finished Measurements:

Bust: 32 (36, 40, 44, 48, 52, 56)
inches

Length: 26 (26, 27, 27, 28, 28,
29) inches

Materials:

- Cascade Yarns® Sarasota;
60% Cotton/ 40% Acrylic;
100 g (3.5 oz)/ 314 yds
(287.5 m);
- 4 (4, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6) skeins
of color #242 (Chinchilla)
- US 6 (4 mm) 36" circular
knitting needles or size
needed to obtain gauge.
- US 7 (4.5 mm) 16" circular
knitting needles or size
needed to obtain gauge.
- US 7 (4.5 mm) double
pointed knitting needles
or size needed to obtain
gauge.
- 2 yards waste yarn in a
contrasting color
- Yarn Needle
- 8 Stitch Markers



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20.5 sts x 26 rows = 4" (10 cm) in Stockinette Stitch (st st).

Abbreviations:

CO	= Cast On
BO	= Bind Off
K	= Knit
M	= Marker
P	= Purl
Pm	= Place Marker
Sm	= Slip Marker
St(s)	= Stitch(es)
St st	= Stockinette stitch
K2tog	= Knit 2 sts together
Ssk	= Slip 1 st as if to knit, slip a second st as if to knit. Insert left needle into the front of the 2 slipped sts and knit the 2 sts together.
M1l	= Make 1 left by lifting the bar between the st on the left needle and the st on the right needle from the front to the back. Knit into the back of the st.
M1 r	= Make 1 right by lifting the bar between the st on the left needle and the st on the right needle from the back to the front. Knit into the front of the st.
RS	= Right side
WS	= Wrong side

Special Stitches:**Moss stitch pattern over an even number of sts:**

Row 1 (RS): [K1, p1].

Row 2: [P1, k1] (purl the knits, knit the purls).

Row 3: [P1, k1] (purl the purls, knit the knits).

Row 4: [k1, p1] (knit the purls, purl the knits).

Note that on all RS rows you work the sts as they are presented, and on all WS rows, you work the sts as opposite as they are presented. As you increase on the Fronts and Back, use the established sts to determine how the newly increased sts are to be worked. You will be building off the established pattern. This pattern will at times be worked over an odd number of sts rather than an even number because of the Raglan and Neck increases.



Textured Top Down Cardigan | by Cheryl Beckerich**Designer Notes:**

The Textured Top Down Cardigan is worked in one piece from the top down. The Fronts and Back are worked in Moss st to below the bust line. The Sleeves and the lower Fronts and Back are all worked in st st. The hems and center band are all worked in garter st.

To maintain the same gauge on the Sleeves as on the rest of the body, I had to use a larger needle on the Sleeves at the point in the pattern when the Sleeves are worked separately in the round. Knitting in the round oftentimes results in a tighter knit than knitting flat. Going up a needle size resulted in the desired gauge on the Sleeves.

In the pattern, I call the 2 sts between the markers the Raglan Sections. There are four of these sections, one on either side of each Sleeve. Raglan increases are worked on RS rows as a m1l before each 2 st Raglan Section and as a m1r after each 2 st Raglan Section. The markers (m) will always flank the 2 st Raglan Sections. The increases will happen before the first m and after the second m as follows: m1l, sm, k2, sm, m1r.



Neck increases are worked on RS rows as a m1r after the first st in the row and as a m1l before the last st in the row. Work the first and last st of every row in st st.

Sleeve decreases are worked as a ssk on the second and third st before the m and as a k2tog on the second and third st after the m.

Begin Pattern:

With longer circular needles, CO 2 (2, 4, 4, 6, 6, 8) for the Right Front, pm, CO 2 for the Right Front Raglan Section, pm, CO 6 (6, 6, 8, 8, 10, 12) for the Right Sleeve, pm, CO 2 for the Right Back Raglan Section, pm, CO 24 (26, 30, 36, 40, 44, 48) for the Back, pm, CO 2 for the Left Back Raglan Section, pm, CO 6 (6, 6, 8, 8, 10, 12) for the Left Sleeve, pm, CO 2 for the Left Front Raglan Section, pm, CO 2 (2, 4, 4, 6, 6, 8) for the left front. 48 (50, 58, 68, 76, 84, 96) sts.

Set-up Row (WS): Work row 4 of the Moss st pattern to the first m on the Left Front which is [k1, p1] 1 (1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4) times, sm, p2 for the first Raglan Section, sm, p6 (6, 6, 8, 8, 10, 12) for the Left Sleeve, sm, p2 for the second Raglan Section, sm, work row 4 of the Moss st pattern across the Back which is [k1, p1] 12 (13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 24) times, sm, p2, for the third Raglan Section, sm, p6 (6, 6, 8, 8, 10, 12) for the Right Sleeve, sm, p2 for the forth Raglan Section, sm, work row 4 of the Moss st pattern across the Right Front which is [k1, p1] 1 (1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4) times.

Textured Top Down Cardigan | by Cheryl Beckerich**Begin Raglan and V-neck Shaping:**

Row 1 (RS and First Raglan Increase Row): Work Row 1 of the Moss st pattern to the first m on the Right Front which is [k1, p1] 1 (1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4) times, m1l, sm, k2 for the first Raglan Section, sm, m1r, k6 (6, 6, 8, 8, 10, 12) for the Right Sleeve, m1l, sm, k2 for the second Raglan Section, sm, m1r, work row 1 of the Moss st pattern across the Back which is [k1, p1] 12 (13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 24) times, m1l, sm, k2, for the third Raglan Section, sm, m1r, k6 (6, 6, 8, 8, 10, 12) for the Left Sleeve, m1l, sm, k2 for the forth Raglan Section, sm, m1r, work row 4 of the Moss st pattern across the Left Front which is [k1, p1] 1 (1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4) times. 56 (58, 66, 76, 84, 92, 104) sts.

From this point on, sm as you come to them, and make sure that to keep the m right before and right after the 2 st Raglan Sections. The increases will happen before the first m, then sm, k2 for the Raglan Section, sm, then increase after the m.

Row 2: [P1, k1] 1 (1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4) times, p1 (this is the st increased in Row 1) for the Left Front, p2 for Raglan Section, p8 (8, 8, 10, 10, 12, 14) for Left Sleeve, p2 for Raglan Section, [k1, p1] 13 (14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 25) times for Back, p2 for Raglan Section, p8 (8, 8, 10, 10, 12, 14) for Right Sleeve, p2 for Raglan Section, k1 (this is the st increased in Row 1) [p1, k1] 1 (1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4) times for Right Front.

Row 3 (Second Raglan Increase and First Neck Increase):

K1, m1r, work in Moss st to the m by working the sts as they are presented, knit the knits and purl the purls, m1l, sm, k2, sm, m1r, knit to m, m1l, sm, k2, sm, m1r, work in Moss st to the m by working the sts as they are presented, m1l, sm, k2, sm, m1r, knit to m, m1l, sm, k2, sm, m1r, work in Moss st by working the sts as until 1 st remains, m1l, k1.

As you make increases in the Fronts and Back, build off the established Moss sts to determine what the newly increased sts will become. Work the first st and the last st of every row in st st.

Row 4: P1, work in Moss st to the m by working the sts as opposite of how they are presented, purl the knits, knit the purls, sm, p2, sm, purl to m, sm, p2, sm, work in Moss st to the m, knit the purls, purl the knits, sm, p2, sm, purl to m, sm, p2, sm, work in Moss st until 1 st remains, p1.

Continue working the Fronts and the Back in Moss st and the sleeves in st st. Neck increases will be worked every 4 rows, *or every other RS row* 14 (16, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23) total times (the first increase has already been worked). Raglan increases will be worked every 2 rows, *or every RS row* 20, (16, 19, 19, 21, 19, 18) total times (The first two increases have already been worked).

Once the Raglan increases in the above paragraph are complete, continue the Raglan increases every 2 rows (every RS row) on the Fronts and the Back 8 (16, 16, 18, 19, 24, 28) times while working the Raglan increases on the Sleeves every 4 rows (every other RS row) 3 (8, 8, 9, 9, 12, 14) times. Each front is 44 (50, 57, 60, 66, 71, 77) sts, each sleeve is 52 (54, 60, 64, 68, 72, 76) sts and the back is 80 (90, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140) sts.

Separate Sleeves:

On the next RS row work in Moss st to the 1st raglan section, work the 1st raglan st in Moss st, then transfer the sleeve sts and 1 adjacent raglan st on each side of the sleeve onto waste yarn. If the Moss st patterns don't match up correctly, work 2 sts together to keep Moss st in pattern. Continue in Moss st across the back, transfer the 2nd sleeve and 1 adjacent raglan st on each side onto waste yarn, again working 2 sts together at underarm to keep the Moss st in pattern. Work to the end of the row in Moss st.

Continue working in Moss st for 3-6 inches. Use your judgement on this and/or try the Cardigan on the wearer as you don't want to stop the Moss until you are past the breasts.

Continue working the first and last 5 sts of each row in Moss st, while working the remainder of the sts in st st. Continue until the Cardigan measures 17 (15.75, 15.75, 15, 15.25, 14.25, 14.25) inches from the underarm. On the next WS row continue in Moss st on the first and last 5 sts in the row, while working the remainder of the sts in garter st, which is knit every row when working flat, for 4 rows. BO in pattern.

Sleeves:

Transfer the Sleeve sts to 16-inch circular needle to be worked in the round. I suggest using a needle that is one size larger to maintain the same gauge while working in the round. Pick up 5 sts along half of the underarm, pm, pick up 5 sts along the second half of the underarm. Begin sleeve decreases while working the Sleeve in st st. Sleeve decreases are worked every 7 (7, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6) rounds 14 (14, 16, 16, 17, 18, 19) times. Sleeve decreases are worked as a ssk on the second and third st before the m and as a k2tog on the second and third st after the m. Switch to dpns when needed. 36 (38, 40, 44, 46, 48, 50) sts. Work even until Sleeve measures 16.25 (16.5, 16.5, 17, 17, 17.5, 18.5) inches or .5 inches less than your desired Sleeve length from underarm. Work 4 rounds in garter st, which is purl 1 round, knit one round when working in the round, then BO purlwise. Repeat for remaining sleeve.

Finishing:

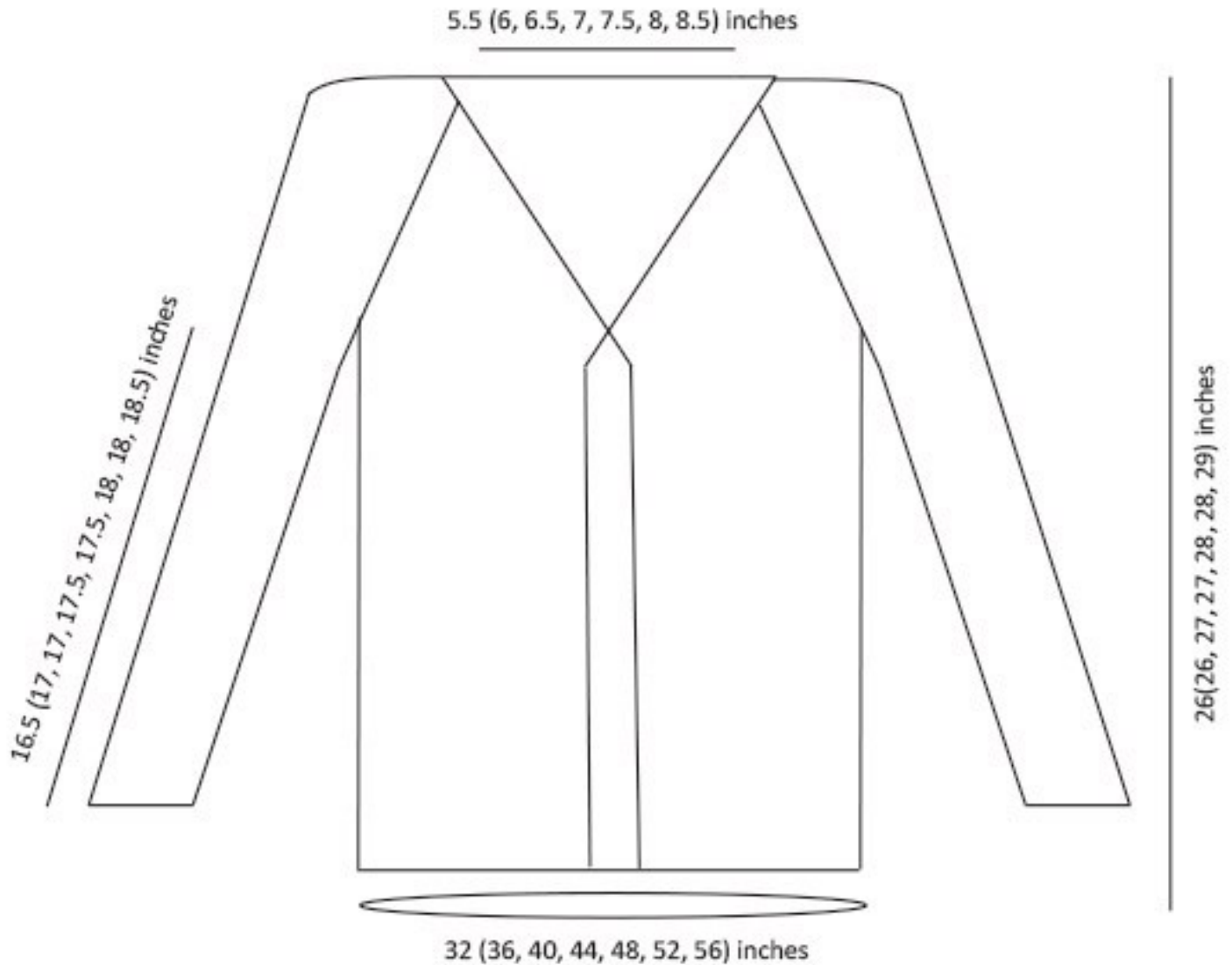
Beginning on the Right Front, pu sts along center edge at a rate of 3 sts for every 4 rows up to V-neck, then at a rate of 4 sts every 5 rows along V-neck, continue picking up 1 st for every CO st along the Sleeve, Back, and sleeve, then 4 sts for every 5 rows along the Left V-neck and 3 sts for every 4 rows along the Left Front. Purl 4 rows, BO purlwise.

Dampen the Cardigan and tumble dry on low to normal heat. Work in all loose ends.



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