Free Knitting Pattern
Lion Brand® Vanna's Choice®
Knit Oh-So-Simple Cardigan
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This simple sweater makes a great first cardigan project.

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SKILL LEVEL: Advanced Beginner

SIZE: Small, Medium, Large, 1X, 2X, 3X
Chest Width (before sleeve increases) 40 (44, 48, 52, 56, 60) in. [101.5 (112, 122, 132, 142, 152.5) cm]

Length 24 (24, 25, 25, 26, 26) in. [61 (61, 63.5, 63.5, 66, 66) cm]

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CORRECTIONS: None

MATERIALS
• 860-148 Lion Brand Vanna's Choice® Yarn: Burgundy
    8 (9, 10, 11, 12, 13) Balls
• Boye Aluminum Circular Knitting Needles 29 inches Size 8
• Lion Brand Stitch Holders
• Large-Eyed Blunt Needles
• Additional Materials
  Six 1 1/8 in. [28 mm] buttons

GAUGE:

    16 sts + 32 rows (16 ridges) = 4 in. [10 cm] in garter st. BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE. When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. If it takes you less stitches and rows to make a 4 in. [10 cm] square, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

CARDIGAN
POCKET LINING (make 2)
Cast on 20 (20, 20, 20, 25, 25) sts. Work back and forth on circular needle in garter st for 5 in. [12.5 cm], end with a WS row.
Place sts on a holder.

BACK
Cast on 80 (88, 96, 104, 112, 120) sts. Work back and forth on circular needle in garter st until piece measures 9 (9, 10, 10, 10, 10) in. [23 (23, 25.5, 25.5, 25.5, 25.5) cm] from beg, end with a WS row.
Shape Sleeves
Inc 1 st at each end of every RS row 20 times –120 (128, 136, 144, 152, 160) sts. Piece should measure about 14 (14, 15, 15, 15, 15) in. [35.5 (35.5, 38, 38, 38, 38) cm] from beg. Inc 1 st at each end of every row 44 (44, 40, 40, 40, 40) times - 208 (216, 216, 224, 232, 240) sts.
Piece should measure about 19 1/2 (19 1/2, 20, 20, 20, 20) in. [49.5 (49.5, 51, 51, 51, 51) cm] from beg.
Cast on 20 (20, 20, 20, 16, 12) sts at beg of next 2 rows for cuffs – 248 (256, 256, 264, 264, 264) sts. Work even until piece measures 4 1/2 (4 1/2, 5, 5, 6, 6) in. [11.5 (11.5, 12.5, 12.5, 15, 15) cm] from cuff cast-on. Bind off all sts.

LEFT FRONT

Cast on 44 (48, 52, 56, 60, 64) sts. Work back and forth on circular needle in garter st until piece measures 6 in. [15 cm] from beg, end with a WS row.

Pocket opening

Next row (RS): K 13 (15, 17, 19, 18, 20) sts, place next 20 (20, 20, 20, 25, 25) sts on a holder, work across 20 (20, 20, 20, 25, 25) pocket lining sts from holder, k rem 11 (13, 15, 17, 17, 19) sts. Cont working back and forth in garter st until piece measures 9 (9, 10, 10, 10, 10) in. [23 (23, 25.5, 25.5, 25.5, 25.5) cm] from beg.

Shape Sleeve

Inc 1 st at beg of each RS row 20 times – 64 (68, 72, 76, 80, 84) sts. Piece should measure about 14 (14, 15, 15, 15, 15) in. [35.5 (35.5, 38, 38, 38, 38) cm] from beg. Inc 1 st at beg of every RS row and end of every WS row 44 (44, 40, 40, 40, 40) times –108 (112, 112, 116, 120, 124) sts. Piece should measure about 19 1/2 (19 1/2, 20, 20, 20, 20) in. [49.5 (49.5, 51, 51, 51, 51) cm] from beg. Cast on 20 (20, 20, 20, 16, 12) sts at beg of next RS row for cuff –128 (132, 132, 136, 136, 136) sts. Work even in garter st until piece measures 2 (2, 2 1/2, 2 1/2, 3 1/2, 3 1/2) in. [5 (5, 6.5, 6.5, 9, 9) cm] from cuff cast-on, ending with a RS row.

Shape neck

Bind off 11 (11, 11, 13, 13, 13) sts at beg of next WS row.

Next row (RS): Work even. Bind off at neck edge at beg of every WS row 3 sts twice, then 2 sts 1 (1, 1, 2, 2, 2) times. Work 2 rows even or until piece measures same as Back. Bind off rem sts. Mark position of 6 buttons evenly spaced on Left Front edge with first one 1/2 in. [1.5 cm] above lower edge and last one 1 in. [2.5 cm] below neck edge.

RIGHT FRONT

Work to correspond to Left Front, reversing shaping and working buttonholes by working (yo, k2tog) 3 sts from front edge, opposite marked button positions.

FINISHING

Pocket trim Place sts from holder onto straight needle and work in garter st for 4 rows (2 ridges), binding off all sts on last row. Rep for other pocket. Sew pocket trim sides to Jacket. Sew pocket lining in place on WS of Jacket. Sew shoulder and Sleeve top seam, rev seam for turn-back cuff. Sew side seams leaving 3 in. [7.5 cm] open at lower edge for slits, if desired.

Jacket trim

With RS facing and circular needle, pick up and k 1 st for each ridge along Right Front Jacket edge, around neck edge and down Left Front Jacket edge picking up 1 or 2 extra sts at each neck edge corner. K 1 row. Bind off. Sew buttons opposite buttonholes. Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES	
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beg = begin(s)(ning)	cont = continu(e)(s)(ing)
inc = increas(e)(s)(ing)	k = knit
k2tog = knit 2 together	p = purl
rem = remain(s)(ing)	rep = repeat(s)(ing)
rev = revers(e)(ing)	RS = right side
st(s) = stitch(es)	WS = wrong side
yo = yarn over	

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