Free Crochet Pattern
Lion Brand® Heartland
Next Generation Crewneck Cardigan

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SKILL LEVEL: Easy (Level 2)

SIZE: Child (Multiple Sizes)

Child's XS (S, M, L, XL)
Finished Chest About 23 (26, 28, 32, 34) in. (58.5 (66, 71, 81.5, 86.5) cm)
Finished Length About 13 1/2 (14 1/2, 16, 19 1/2, 22) in. (34.5 (37, 40.5, 49.5, 56) cm)

CORRECTIONS: None as of Nov 19, 2014. To check for later updates, click here.

MATERIALS

- 136-126 Lion Brand Heartland Yarn: Sequoia
  2 3, 3, 4, 4 Balls (A)
- 136-109 Lion Brand Heartland Yarn: Olympic
  1 1, 2, 2, 3 Ball (B)
- Lion Brand Crochet Hook - Size J-10 (6 mm)
- Lion Brand Split Ring Stitch Markers
- Lion Brand Large-Eye Blunt Needles (Set of 6)
- Additional Materials
  6 (6, 7, 7, 8) buttons, about 1/2 in. (13 mm) diameter
  Sewing needle and thread

Heartland (Article #136).* ***Solids:* *100% Acrylic*
Tweeds: *94% Acrylic, 6% Rayon; package size:* ***Solids:*** *5oz/142g (251yd/230m)*
Tweeds: *4oz/113g (200yd/183m)*

GAUGE:

12 hdc + 10 rows = about 4 in. (10 cm).

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. The needle or hook size called for in the pattern is based on what the designer used, but it is not unusual for gauge to vary from person to person. If it takes you fewer stitches and rows to make your swatch, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

Making a Gauge Swatch

STITCH EXPLANATION:

hdc2tog (hdc 2 sts together) (Yarn over, insert hook in next st and draw up a loop) twice, yarn over and draw through all 5 loops on hook – 1 st decreased.

NOTES:

1. Cardigan is made in 5 pieces: Back, 2 Fronts, and 2 Sleeves.
2. Lower edge of each piece is worked in single crochet (sc), the rest of each piece is worked in half double crochet (hdc).
3. The Back and lower edges of Fronts are worked in one color; then the remainder of each front is worked in a 2nd color.
4. Each Sleeve is worked in a different stripe pattern.
5. Front and neck bands are worked onto the completed Cardigan.
6. To change color, work last st of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops to complete st. Fasten off old color.
7. When you see '0' repeats in an instruction, this means that you should not perform that particular instruction, just skip to the next part of the instruction.

BACK

With A, ch 36 (40, 43, 49, 52).

Row 1 (RS): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across – you will have 35 (39, 42, 48, 51) sc at the end of this row.

Rows 2-4 (6, 8, 8, 10): Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Row 5 (7, 9, 9, 11): Ch 2 (counts as first hdc in this row and in all following rows), turn, hdc in next st and each st across – 35 (39, 42, 48, 51) hdc.

Rep last row until piece measures about 8 1/2 (9, 10, 13, 15) in. (21.5 (23, 25.5, 33, 38) cm) from beg; end with a WS row as the last row you work.

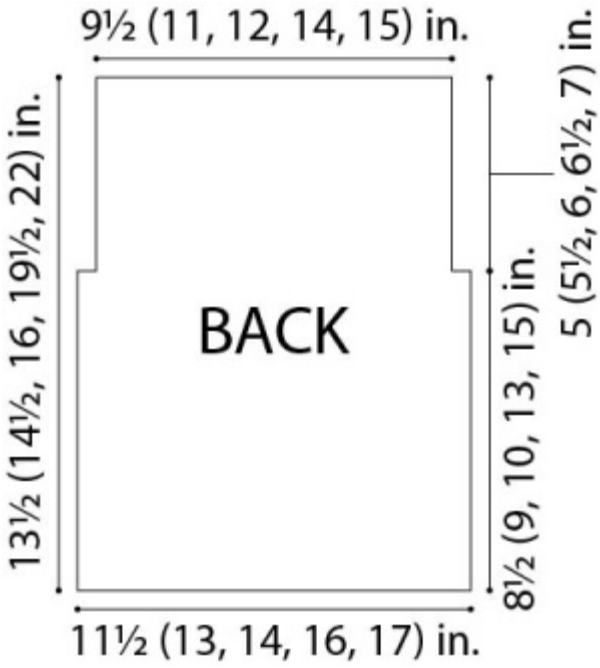
Shape Armholes

Row 1 (RS): Ch 1, turn, sk first st, sl st in next 3 sts, ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc in next st and in each st to last 3 sts; leave last 3 sts unworked – 29 (33, 36, 42, 45) hdc at the end of this row.

Row 2: Ch 2, turn, hdc in next hdc and in each hdc across.

Rep last row until piece measures about 13 1/2 (14 1/2, 16, 19 1/2, 22) in. (34.5 (37, 40.5, 49.5, 56) cm) from beg.

Fasten off.



LEFT FRONT

With A, ch 18 (19, 21, 23, 25).

Row 1 (RS): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across – 17 (18, 20, 22, 24) sts.

Rows 2-4 (4, 6, 6, 6): Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across, changing to B in the last st of the last row.

Next 0 (2, 2, 2, 4) Rows: With B, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Next Row (RS): With B, ch 2 (counts as first hdc in this row and in all following rows), turn, hdc in next st and in each st across – 17 (18, 20, 22, 24) hdc.

Continuing with B only for the remainder of the Left Front, rep last row until piece measures about 8 1/2 (9, 10, 13, 15) in. (21.5 (23, 25.5, 33, 38) cm) from beg; end with a WS row as the last row you work.

Shape Armhole

Row 1 (RS): Ch 1, turn, sk first st, sl st in next 3 sts, ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc in next st and in each st across – 14 (15, 17, 19, 21) hdc.

Row 2: Ch 2, turn, hdc in next hdc and in each hdc across.

Rep last row until piece measures about 11 1/2 (12 1/2, 13 1/2, 17, 19 1/2) in. (29 (32, 34.5, 43, 49.5) cm) from beg; end with a WS row as the last row you work.

Shape Neck

Row 1 (RS): Ch 2, turn, hdc in next st and in each st to last 4 (4, 4, 4, 5) sts; leave last 4 (4, 4, 4, 5) sts unworked – 10 (11, 13, 15, 16) hdc.

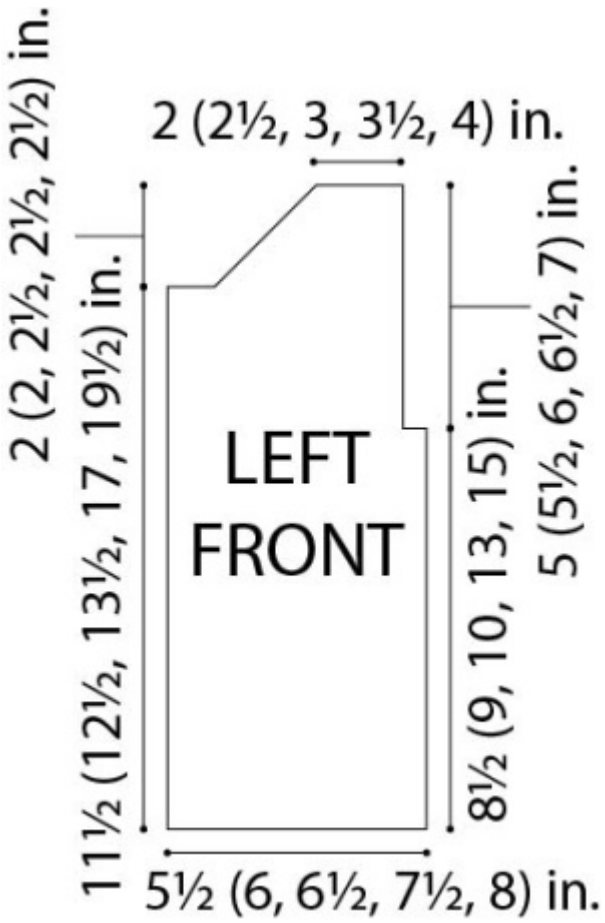
Row 2: Ch 2, turn, hdc2tog, hdc in each st to end of row – 9 (10, 12, 14, 15) hdc.

Row 3: Ch 2, turn, hdc in next st and in each st to last 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in last st – 8 (9, 11, 13, 14) hdc.

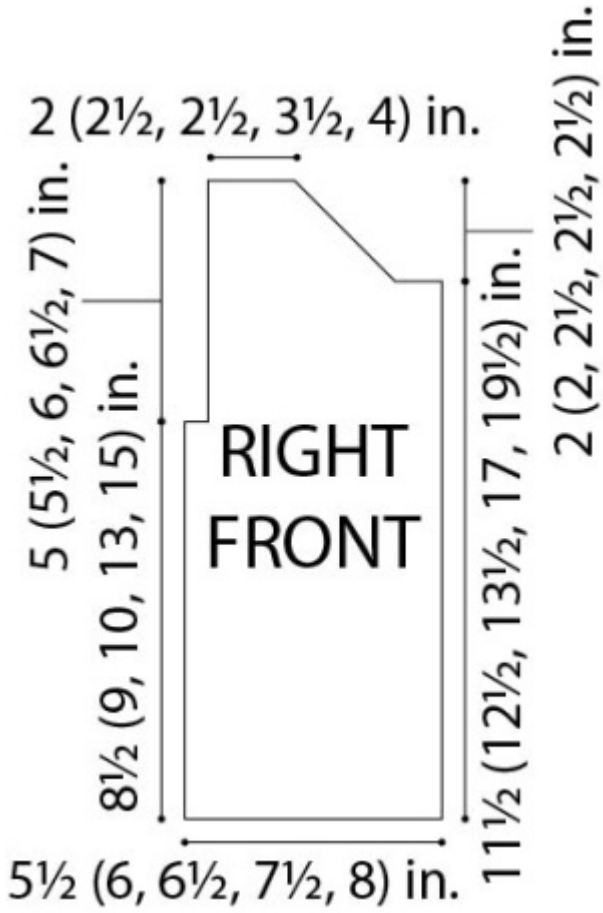
Rep last 2 rows once more – 6 (7, 9, 11, 12) sts rem.

Next 0 (0, 1, 1, 1) Row(s): Ch 2, turn, hdc in next st and in each st across.

Fasten off.

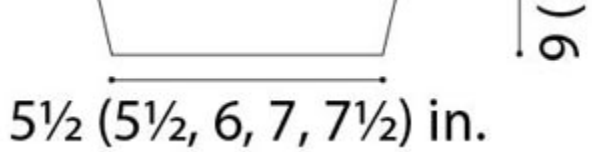


RIGHT FRONT
With A, ch 18 (19, 21, 23, 25).
Work same as Left Front until piece measures same as Left Front to armhole, end with a WS row as the last row you work.
Shape Armhole
Row 1 (RS): Ch 2, turn, hdc in next st and in each st to last 3 sts; leave last 3 sts unworked – 14 (15, 17, 19, 21) hdc.
Row 2: Ch 2, turn, hdc in next st and in each hdc across.
Rep last row until piece measures about 11 1/2 (12 1/2, 13 1/2, 17, 19 1/2) in. (29 (32, 34.5, 43, 49.5) cm) from beg; end with a WS row as the last row you work.
Shape Neck
Row 1 (RS): Ch 1, turn, sk first st, sl st in next 4 (4, 4, 4, 5) sts, ch 2, hdc in next st and in each st across – 10 (11, 13, 15, 16) hdc.
Row 2: Ch 2, turn, hdc in next st and in each st to last 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in last st – 9 (10, 12, 14, 15) hdc.
Row 3: Ch 2, turn, hdc2tog, hdc in next st and in each st across – 8 (9, 11, 13, 14) hdc.
Rep last 2 rows once more – 6 (7, 9, 11, 12) sts rem.
Next 0 (0, 1, 1, 1) Row(s): Ch 2, turn, hdc in next st and in each st across.
Fasten off.



LEFT SLEEVE
Stripe Sequence for Left Sleeve
Work 2 rows with B, then 2 rows with A alternately.

With A, ch 17 (18, 19, 22, 23).
Row 1 (RS): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across – 16 (17, 18, 21, 22) sts.
Rows 2-4 (4, 6, 6, 6): Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across, changing to B in the last st of the last row.
Begin Stripe Sequence
Next 0 (2, 2, 2, 4) Rows: Working in Stripe Sequence for Left Sleeve, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.
Increase Row (RS): Ch 2 (counts as first hdc in this row and in all following rows), turn, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st and in each st to last 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in last st – 18 (19, 20, 23, 24) hdc.
Next 1 (1, 1, 3, 3) Row(s): Ch 2, turn, hdc in next st and in each st across.
Rep Increase Row – 20 (21, 22, 25, 26) hdc.
Continuing in Stripe Sequence for Left Sleeve, rep last 2 (2, 2, 4, 4) rows 3 (0, 2, 3, 3) more times – 26 (21, 26, 31, 32) hdc.



Next 3 Rows:
Ch 2, turn, hdc in next st and in each st across.
Rep Increase Row – 28 (23, 28, 33, 34) hdc.
Rep last 4 rows 1 (5, 4, 3, 4) more time(s) – 30 (33, 36, 39, 42) hdc.
Next Row: Ch 2, turn, hdc in next st and in each st across.
Rep last row until piece measures about 9 (13 1/2, 14 1/2, 17, 18 1/2) in. (23 (34.5, 37, 43, 47) cm) from beg.
Fasten off.

RIGHT SLEEVE
Stripe Sequence for Right Sleeve
Work 6 rows with A, then 6 rows with B alternately.

With A, ch 17 (18, 19, 22, 23).
Begin Stripe Sequence
Row 1 (RS): Working in Stripe Sequence for Right Sleeve, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across – 16 (17, 18, 21, 22) sts.
Rows 2-4 (4, 6, 6, 6): Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across (changing color in the last st of the last row as needed for your size).
Work the rest of the Sleeve same as the Left Sleeve but following the Stripe Sequence for the Right Sleeve, changing color in the last st of every 6th row.

FINISHING
Sew shoulder seams.
Buttonband
From RS, join A with a sl st at beg of neck shaping of Left Front for girl's cardigan or at lower corner of Right Front for boy's cardigan. Ch 1, work 34 (38, 40, 51, 58) sc evenly spaced across front edge.
Note: After working a few rows, you may decide that your buttonband would look better if you had worked more or fewer sts than the amount indicated for your size. Since a well-balanced band adds a beautiful finishing touch to your Cardigan, we strongly recommend that if you've any doubts, simply pull out the sts and adjust the number that you work. The pattern instruction reflects the number that the designer worked – but everyone's crochet is a bit different.
Next 2 (3, 3, 4, 4) Rows: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.
Fasten off.
Place 6 (6, 7, 7, 8) markers evenly spaced across buttonband for buttons.
Buttonhole Band
Row 1 (RS): From RS, join A with a sl st at beg of neck shaping of Left Front for boy's cardigan or at lower corner of Right Front for girl's cardigan. Ch 1, work 34 (38, 40, 51, 58) sc evenly spaced across front edge.
Note: If you worked a different number of sts in Row 1 of the Buttonband, work that same number of sts to beg the buttonhole band.
Next 0 (0, 0, 1, 1) Row(s): Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.
Buttonhole Row: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across, working (ch 1, sk next st) opposite each button marker.
Next Row: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc and ch-1 sp across.
Next 0 (1, 1, 1, 1) Row(s): Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.
Fasten off.
Neckband
Row 1 (RS): From RS, join A with a sl st in top corner of front band to work across right neck edge, ch 1, work 12 (13, 14, 14, 15) sc evenly spaced across right neck edge (including top of band) to shoulder seam, 17 (19, 18, 20, 21) sc across back neck edge, 12 (13, 14, 14, 15) sc across left neck edge (including top of front band) – 41 (45, 46, 48, 51) sc.
Next 1 (2, 2, 3, 3) Row(s): Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.
Fasten off.
Sew in Sleeves. Sew side and Sleeve seams.
Sew buttons to buttonband opposite buttonholes.
Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES Click for explanation and illustration	
beg = begin(s)(ning)	ch(s) = chain(s)
ch-space = space previously made	hdc = half double crochet
rem = remain(s)(ing)	rep = repeat(s)(ing)
RS = right side	sc = single crochet
sk = skip	sl st = slip stitch
sp(s) = space(s)	st(s) = stitch(es)
WS = wrong side	

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