



Free Knitting Pattern
Lion Brand® Touch of Merino
Top Down Cropped Cardigan
Pattern Number: L80109
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SKILL LEVEL – Intermediate

SIZES

S (M, L, 1X, 2X, 3X)

Finished Bust About 36 (40, 44, 47, 51, 55) in. (91.5 (101.5, 112, 119.5, 129.5, 139.5) cm)

Finished Length About 18 (19, 20, 21, 21 1/2, 22 1/2) in. (45.5 (48.5, 51, 53.5, 54.5, 57) cm), not including neck band

Note: Pattern is written for smallest size with changes for larger sizes in parentheses. When only one number is given, it applies to all sizes. To follow pattern more easily, circle all numbers pertaining to your size before beginning.

MATERIALS

- Lion Brand® Touch of Merino (Art. #676)
 - 105 Swedish Blue 4 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6) balls
- Lion Brand® stitch markers
- Lion Brand® stitch holders
- Lion Brand® large-eyed blunt needle

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Circular knitting needle size 5 (3.75 mm), 29 in. (73.5 cm) long

Circular knitting needle size 6 (4 mm), 29 in. (73.5 cm) long

GAUGE

21 sts + 28 rows = about 3 3/4 in. (9.5 cm) in St st (k on RS, p on WS) with larger needle.

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

STITCH EXPLANATIONS

M1L (make 1 – left slanting) An increase worked by lifting the horizontal strand lying between needles from front to back and placing it onto the left needle. Knit this new stitch through the back loop – 1 st increased.

M1R (make 1 – right slanting) An increase worked by lifting the horizontal strand lying between needles from back to front and placing it onto the left needle. Knit this new stitch through the front loop – 1 st increased.

ssk (slip, slip, knit) Slip next 2 sts as if to knit, one at a time, to right needle; insert left needle into fronts of these 2 sts and knit them together – 1 st decreased.

Yo (yarn over)

An increase that also creates a small decorative hole (eyelet) in the fabric, worked as follows:

1. Bring yarn to front, between the needles.
2. Take yarn to back, over the right hand needle. This creates the new st. You are now ready to proceed with the next st as instructed.

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PATTERN STITCHES

K1, p1 Rib (worked over an even number of sts)

Row 1: *K1, p1; rep from * to end of row.

Row 2: K the knit sts and p the purl sts.

Rep Row 2 for K1, p1 Rib.

K1, p1 Rib (worked over an odd number of sts)

Row 1: K1, *p1, k1; rep from * to end of row.

Row 2: K the knit sts and p the purl sts.

Rep Row 2 for K1, p1 Rib.

Lace Stripe (worked over an odd number of sts)

Row 1-4: Beg with a RS (knit) row, work in St st (k on RS, p on WS) for 4 rows.

Row 5 (RS): K1, *yo, k2tog; rep from * to end of row.

Rows 6-8: Beg with a WS row, work in St st for 3 rows.

Rep Rows 1-8 for Lace Stripe pattern.

NOTES

1. Cardigan is worked in one piece from the neck downwards.
2. The piece is divided at underarms then fronts, back and sleeves are worked separately.
3. Fronts and back are worked in St st (k on RS, p on WS). Sleeves are worked in Lace Stripe pattern.
4. Circular needles are used to accommodate the numbers of sts. Work back and forth on the circular needle as if working on straight needles.
5. When you see 'work even' in the instructions, this means to continue on in the pattern st you have established without changing the st count by increasing, decreasing, or binding off.
6. When you see 'work in pattern as established' in the instructions, this means to work the next row of the pattern sts, lining up sts as in previous rows.

CARDIGAN

With larger needle, cast on 101 (105, 111, 117, 119, 123) sts.

Set-Up Row (WS): P3 for right front, place marker (pm), p23 for right sleeve, pm, p49 (53, 59, 65, 67, 71) for back, pm, p23 for left sleeve, pm, p3 for left front.

Row 1 (Raglan Increase – RS): *K to 1 st before next marker, M1L, k1, slip marker (sm), k1, M1R for raglan increase, work Row 1 of Lace Stripe pattern to 1 st before next marker, M1L, k1, sm, k1, M1R; rep from * once more, k to end of row – you will have 109 (113, 119, 125, 127, 131) sts in this row.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3 (Raglan and Neck Increase – RS): K2, M1R for neck increase, *k to 1 st before next marker, M1L, k1, sm, k1, M1R, work Row 3 of Lace Stripe pattern to 1 st before next marker, M1L, k1, sm, k1, M1R; rep from * once more, k to last 2 sts, M1L for neck increase, k2 – 119 (123, 129, 135, 137, 141) sts.

Row 4: Purl.

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Note: Neck increases and raglan increases are worked AT THE SAME TIME. This means that when you reach an indicated **raglan** increase row, work **raglan** increases before and after each marker in that row. When you reach an indicated **neck** increase row, work **neck** increases at beg and end of that row. Be sure to follow the specific increase instructions for the size you are making.

Continue in St st (k on RS, p on WS) on fronts and back and Lace Stripe pattern as established on sleeves, and AT THE SAME TIME work the following raglan and neck increases:

- Work **raglan** increases:
 - Every other row for 12 (15, 20, 18, 27, 31) more times
 - Then every 4th row 5 (5, 3, 5, 1, 0) time(s).
- Work **neck** increases
 - Every 4th row for 11 (12, 11, 6, 6, 4) times
 - Then every other row 0 (0, 4, 16, 17, 23) times.

Note: 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.

You will have 277 (307, 343, 363, 407, 443) sts when all increases are complete.

Divide for Fronts, Sleeves, and Back

Note: All **raglan** increases are now complete.

Row 1 (RS): K1, (M1R) 0 (1, 1, 1, 1, 1) time(s), k to marker for left front, remove marker, cast on 7 (7, 7, 8, 8, 8) sts for underarm, place next 61 (67, 73, 73, 83, 89) sts on a holder for left sleeve, remove marker, place next 87 (97, 109, 115, 127, 137) sts on a holder for back, remove marker, place next 61 (67, 73, 73, 83, 89) sts on a holder for right sleeve, remove marker, place rem 34 (38, 44, 51, 57, 64) sts on a holder for right front – 41 (46, 52, 60, 66, 73) sts rem on needle for left front.

Left Front

Continue in St st and work the following neck increases:

- Continue to work a neck increase at beg of RS rows:
 - Every 4th row 3 (0, 0, 0, 0, 0) more times.
 - Then every other row 2 (4, 3, 1, 0, 0) more times.

When all **neck** increases have been completed you will have 46 (50, 55, 61, 66, 73) sts.

Work even in St st until piece measures about 8 1/2 (8 3/4, 9 1/2, 10, 10 1/4, 10 1/2) in. (21.5 (22, 24, 25.5, 26, 26.5) cm) from underarm, end with a WS row as the last row you work.

Change to smaller needle.

Work in K1, p1 Rib for 1 in. (2.5 cm).

Bind off.

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Back

Return the 87 (97, 109, 115, 127, 137) back sts to larger needle so that you are ready to work a RS row.

Row 1 (RS): Cast on 7 (7, 7, 8, 8, 8) sts for underarm, k to end – 94 (104, 116, 123, 135, 145) sts.

Row 2: Cast on 7 (7, 7, 8, 8, 8) sts for underarm, p to end – 101 (111, 123, 131, 143, 153) sts.

Work even in St st until piece measures about 8 1/2 (8 3/4, 9 1/2, 10, 10 1/4, 10 1/2) in. (21.5 (22, 24, 25.5, 26, 26.5) cm) from underarm, end with a WS row as the last row you work.

Change to smaller needle.

Work in K1, p1 Rib for 1 in. (2.5 cm).

Bind off.

Right Front

Return the 34 (38, 44, 51, 57, 64) right front sts to larger needle so that you are ready to work a RS row.

Row 1 (RS): Cast on 7 (7, 7, 8, 8, 8) sts, k to last st, (M1L) 0 (1, 1, 1, 1, 1) time(s), k1 – 41 (46, 52, 60, 66, 73) sts.

Continue in St st and work the following neck increases:

- Continue to work a **neck** increase at end of RS rows:
 - Every 4th row 3 (0, 0, 0, 0, 0) more times.
 - Then every other row 2 (4, 3, 1, 0, 0) more times.

When all neck increases have been completed you will have 46 (50, 55, 61, 66, 73) sts.

Work even in St st until piece measures about 8 1/2 (8 3/4, 9 1/2, 10, 10 1/4, 10 1/2) in. (21.5 (22, 24, 25.5, 26, 26.5) cm) from underarm, end with a WS row as the last row you work.

Change to smaller needle.

Work in K1, p1 Rib for 1 in. (2.5 cm).

Bind off.

Left Sleeve

Return the 61 (67, 73, 73, 83, 89) left sleeve sts to larger needle so that you are ready to work a RS row.

Row 1 (RS): Pick up and k7 (7, 7, 8, 8, 8) sts along cast on sts of left front underarm, work in Lace Stripe pattern as established over 61 (67, 73, 73, 83, 89) left sleeve sts, pick up and k7 (7, 7, 8, 8, 8) sts along cast on sts of left back underarm – 75 (81, 87, 89, 99, 105) sts.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: K1, work even in Lace Stripe pattern as established to last st, k1.

Rep Rows 2 and 3 for about 1 1/2 (1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 2 1/2, 2 1/2) in. (4 (4, 5, 6.5, 6.5, 6.5) cm), end with a WS row as the last row you work.

Decrease Row (RS): K1, k2tog, work in Lace Stripe pattern as established to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 – 73 (79, 85, 87, 97, 103) sts.

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Continue in Lace Stripe pattern as established and AT THE SAME TIME rep Decrease Row every 8th (8th, 12th, 16th, 10th, 14th) rows 5 (4, 4, 3, 5, 4) more times – 63 (71, 77, 81, 87, 95) sts rem after all decreases have been completed.

Work even in St st until piece measures about 8 (8, 8 1/2, 8 1/2, 9, 9) in. (20.5 (20.5, 21.5, 21.5, 23, 23) cm) from underarm, end with a RS row as the last row you work.

Last Row (WS): K1, k2tog, work in Lace Stripe pattern as established to end of row – 62 (70, 76, 80, 86, 94) sts.

Change to smaller needle.

Work in K1, p1 Rib for 1 in. (2.5 cm).

Bind off.

Right Sleeve

Return the 61 (67, 73, 73, 83, 89) right sleeve sts to larger needle so that you are ready to work a RS row.

Row 1 (RS): Pick up and k7 (7, 7, 8, 8, 8) sts along cast on sts of right back underarm, work in Lace Stripe pattern as established over 61 (67, 73, 73, 83, 89) right sleeve sts, pick up and k7 (7, 7, 8, 8, 8) sts along cast on sts of right front underarm – 75 (81, 87, 89, 99, 105) sts.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: K1, work even in Lace Stripe pattern as established to last st, k1.

Rep Rows 2 and 3 for about 1 1/2 (1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 2 1/2, 2 1/2) in. (4 (4, 5, 6.5, 6.5, 6.5) cm), end with a WS row as the last row you work.

Decrease Row (RS): K1, k2tog, work in Lace Stripe pattern as established to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 – 73 (79, 85, 87, 97, 103) sts.

Continue in Lace Stripe pattern as established and AT THE SAME TIME rep Decrease Row every 8th (8th, 12th, 16th, 10th, 14th) row 5 (4, 4, 3, 5, 4) more times – 63 (71, 77, 81, 87, 95) sts rem after all decreases have been completed.

Work even in St st until piece measures about 8 (8, 8 1/2, 8 1/2, 9, 9) in. (20.5 (20.5, 21.5, 21.5, 23, 23) cm) from underarm, end with a RS row as the last row you work.

Last Row (WS): K1, work in Lace Stripe pattern as established to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 – 62 (70, 76, 80, 86, 94) sts.

Change to smaller needle.

Work in K1, p1 Rib for 1 in. (2.5 cm).

Bind off.

FINISHING

Front and Neck Bands

From RS with smaller needle, beg at lower right front edge, pick up and k113 (119, 127, 133, 139, 145) sts evenly spaced along right front edge, pick up and k95 (98, 106, 112, 112, 118) sts along tops of sleeves and back neck, pick up and k113 (119, 127, 133, 139, 145) sts along left front edge – 321 (336, 360, 378, 390, 408) sts.

Work in K1, p1 Rib for 3 in. (7.5 cm), end with a WS row as the last row you work.

Next Row (Decrease Row): *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end of row – 214 (224, 240, 252, 260, 272) sts.

Beg with a WS row, work in St st for 3 rows.

Bind off.

Sew side and sleeve seams.

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

beg = begin(ning)(s)

k = knit

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

p = purl

rem = remain(ing)(s)

rep = repeat

RS = right side

st(s) = stitch(es)

St st = Stockinette stitch

WS = wrong side

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