



*Free Knitting Pattern*

**LION BRAND® BASIC STITCH PREMIUM™  
EFFORTLESS CARDIGAN**

Pattern Number: L90082

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## SKILL LEVEL – EASY+

## SIZES

**Finished Bust** About 34 (38 1/2, 42, 45 1/2, 49 1/2) in. (86.5 (98, 106.5, 115.5, 125.5) cm), not including front bands

**Finished Length** About 24 1/4 (26 1/4, 26 1/4, 26 1/4, 26 1/4) in. (61.5 (66.5, 66.5, 66.5, 66.5) cm).

**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® BASIC STITCH PREMIUM™ (Art. #201)  
#150 Slate 6 (7, 7, 8, 9) balls
- LION BRAND® stitch markers
- LION BRAND® stitch holders
- LION BRAND® large-eyed blunt needle



## ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Circular knitting needle size 7 (4.5 mm), 29 in. (73.5 cm) long

## GAUGE

18 sts + 24 rows = about 4 in. (10 cm) in St st (k on RS, p on WS).

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

## STITCH EXPLANATIONS

**kfb (knit in front and back)** Knit next st without removing it from left needle, then k through back of same st – 1 st increased.

**pfb (purl into front and back)** Purl next st without removing it from left needle, then p through back of same st – 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..

## PATTERN STITCHES

**K2, p2 Rib (worked over a multiple of 4 sts)**

**Row 1 (RS):** K3, \*k2, p2; rep from \* to last 5 sts, p2, k3.

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

Rep Row 2 for K2, p2 Rib.

## NOTES

1. The Cardigan is worked in one piece from the neck downwards.
2. Piece is divided at the underarms then body and sleeves are worked separately.
3. A circular needle is used to accommodate the number of sts. Work back and forth in rows on circular needle as if working with straight needles.
4. 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.

### Note:

The following corrections have been incorporated into the pattern below. We are highlighting the corrections separately here so that if you have printed out an earlier version of the pattern you'll know what was changed.

CORRECTIONS (applied November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019)

Note: Rep Rows 4 and 5 for 1 (1, 1, 1, 2) more time(s) – 244 (282, 306, 328, 358) sts, **then purl one row.**

CORRECTIONS (applied March 23<sup>th</sup>, 2023)

### MATERIALS

- LION BRAND® BASIC STITCH ANTI PILLING™ (Art. #202)  
#150 Slate 4 (5, 5, 6, 6) **6 (7, 7, 8, 9)** balls

## CARDIGAN Yoke

Cast on 48 (50, 56, 60, 64) sts.

**Row 1 (Set-Up Row – RS):** K2 for left front, place marker (pm), k8 for left sleeve, pm, k28 (30, 36, 40, 44) for back, pm, k8 for right sleeve, pm, k2 for right front.

**Row 2:** Purl, slipping markers as you come to them.

**Row 3 (Raglan Increase – RS):** K1, \*k to 1 st before next marker, kfb, sm, kfb; rep from \* 3 more times, k to end of row – you will have 56 (58, 64, 68, 72) sts in this row.

**Rows 4 and 5:** Rep Rows 2 and 3 – 64 (66, 72, 76, 80) sts.

**Row 6:** Purl, slipping markers as you come to them.

**Row 7 (Front Neck and Raglan Increase – RS):** K1, kfb, \*k to 1 st before next marker, kfb, sm, kfb; rep from \* 3 more times, k to last 3 sts, kfb, k2 – 74 (76, 82, 86, 90) sts. Rep Rows 4-7 for 9 (11, 12, 13, 14) more times – 236 (274, 298, 320, 342) sts.

Rep Rows 4 and 5 for 1 (1, 1, 1, 2) more time(s) – 244 (282, 306, 328, 358) sts, then purl one row.

## Divide for Lower Body and Sleeves

K to first marker, place next 52 (60, 64, 68, 74) sts on holder for left sleeve and remove first 2 markers, cast on 6 sts for underarm, k to next marker, remove marker, cast on 6 sts for underarm, place next 52 (60, 64, 68, 74) sts on holder for right sleeve and remove next marker, k to end of row – 152 (174, 190, 204, 222) sts rem on needle for lower body.

## Lower Body

Work even in St st until piece measures about 21 1/2 (23 1/2, 23 1/2, 23 1/2, 23 1/2) in. (54.5 (59.5, 59.5, 59.5, 59.5) cm) from beg or about 2 3/4 in. (7 cm) less than desired final length, end with a RS row as the last row you work.

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**Increase Row (WS):** Purl, working 0 (2, 2, 0, 2) increases (pfb) evenly spaced across – 152 (176, 192, 204, 224) sts.

### ***Lower Ribbing***

Work in K2, p2 Rib for 2 3/4 in. (7 cm), end with a WS row as the last row you work.

Bind off in rib on RS.

### ***Sleeves***

**Row 1 (RS):** Cast on 1 st; from RS, beg at center of one underarm, pick up and k3 sts evenly spaced along cast on sts of underarm, k52 (60, 64, 68, 74) sts from st holder, pick up and k3 sts evenly spaced along rem cast on sts of underarm, cast on 1 st – 60 (68, 72, 76, 82) sts.

Work even in St st (k on RS, p on WS) for 6 (4, 4, 4, 6) rows.

**Decrease Row:** K2, ssk, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 – 58 (66, 70, 74, 80) sts. Work even in St st for 11 (11, 9, 9, 7) rows.

Rep Decrease Row – 56 (64, 68, 72, 78) sts. Rep last 12 (12, 10, 10, 8) rows 5 (5, 7, 7, 8) more times – 46 (54, 54, 58, 62) sts. Work even in St st for 12 (12, 6, 4, 10) rows or until sleeve measures about 2 3/4 in. (7 cm) less than desired sleeve length, end with a RS row as the last row you work.

**Next Row (WS):** Purl, working 10 decreases (p2tog) evenly spaced across row – 36 (44, 44, 48, 52) sts.

### ***Wrist Ribbing***

Work in K2, p2 Rib for 2 3/4 in. (7 cm), end with a WS row as the last row you work.

Bind off in rib on RS.

Rep for second sleeve.

### **POCKETS (make 2)**

Cast on 28 sts.

Work in St st until piece measures about 5 in. (12.5 cm) from beg, end with a WS row as the last row you work.

### ***Pocket Rib***

**Next Row:** K3, \*k2, p2; rep from \* to last 5 sts, k5.

**Rows 2-6:** K the knit sts and p the purl sts.

Bind off loosely in rib on RS.

### **FINISHING Front and Neck Bands**

From RS, beg at lower right front edge, pick up and k2 sts for every 3 rows all the way up right front edge, across back neck, and down left front edge. Adjust number of sts picked up, if necessary, so that you have a multiple of 4 sts.

**Next Row (WS):** P3, \*k2, p2; rep from \* to last 5 sts, k2, p3.

**Next Row:** K the knit sts and p the purl sts.

Rep last row for 2 in. (5 cm), end with a WS row as the last row you work.

Bind off loosely in rib.

Sew sleeve and underarm seams.

Sew a pocket to each front, just above ribbing and 2 sts from front band.

Weave in ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**beg** = begin(ning)(s)

**k** = knit

**k2tog** = knit 2 stitches

**together p** = purl

**p2tog** = purl 2 stitches

**together rem** = remain(ing)(s)

**rep** = repeat

**RS** = right side

**st(s)** = stitch(es)

**St st** = Stockinette stitch

**WS** = wrong side

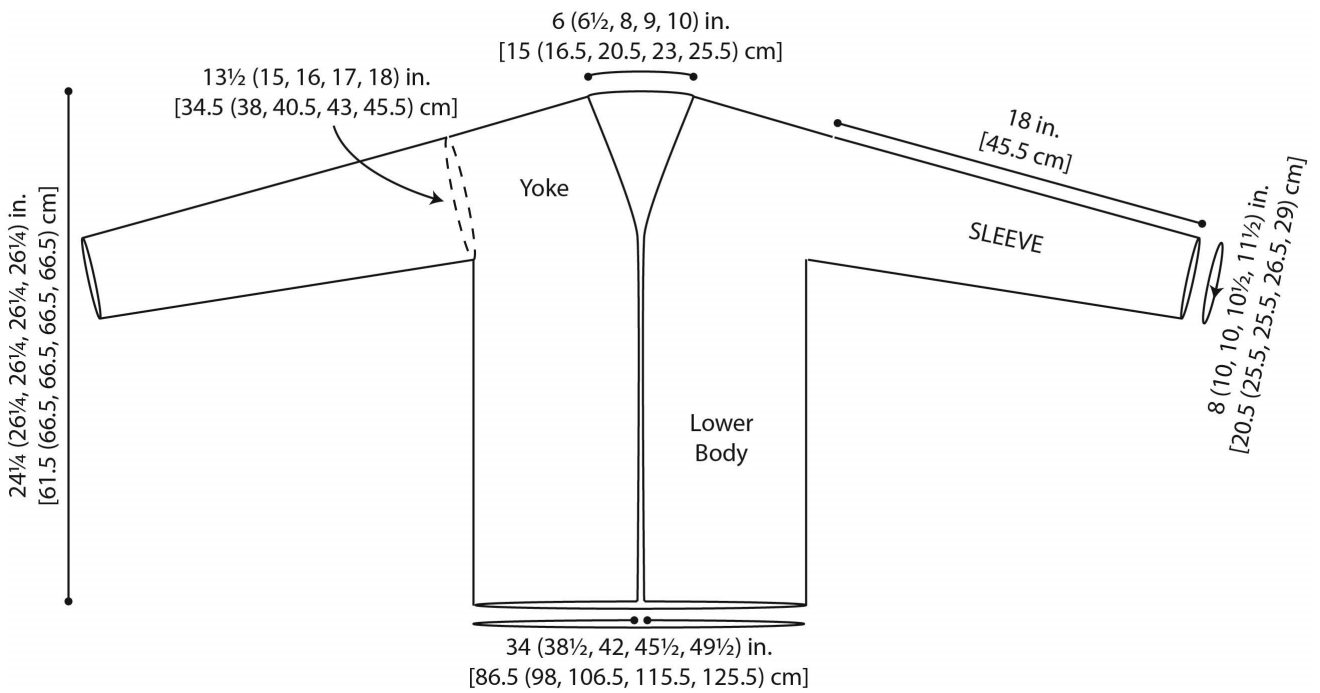
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