



Free Knitting Pattern
Lion Brand® Basic Stitch™ Anti-Pilling
Color Block Cardigan

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SKILL LEVEL - EASY

SIZES

S/M (L/1X, 2X/3X, 4X/5X)

Finished Bust 54 (62, 66, 74) in. (137 (157.5, 167.5, 188) cm)

Finished Length 27 (30, 30, 33) in. (68.5 (76, 76, 84) 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 ANTI-PILLING™ (Art. #202)

#109 Steel Blue 3 (3, 3, 4) balls (A)

#602 Blue/White 3 (3, 3, 4) balls (B)

#100 White 2 (2, 3, 3) balls (C)

- LION BRAND® double pointed needles size 9 (5.5 mm)
- LION BRAND® stitch markers
- LION BRAND® stitch holders
- LION BRAND® large-eyed blunt needle

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Circular knitting needle size 9 (5.5 mm), 16 in. (40.5 cm) long

Circular knitting needle size 9 (5.5 mm), 40 in. (101.5 cm) long

GAUGE

14 sts + 20 rows = about 4 in. (10 cm) in St st (k on RS, p on WS).

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

STITCH EXPLANATION

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 tog – 1 st decreased.

PATTERN STITCHES

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

Row 1 (RS): *K2, p2; rep from * to end of row.

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

Rep Row 2 for K2, p2 Rib.

NOTES

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1. Cardigan begins with 3 separate pieces of ribbing. Ribbing pieces are joined to begin the lower body of Cardigan. Side edges of ribbing create side slits.
2. Cardigan is worked from lower edge upwards in rows of St st (k on RS, p on WS) with ribbing at each edge for front bands.
3. Piece is divided at underarms, then fronts and back are worked separately up to shoulders.
4. Ribbed collar extensions are in one with the Cardigan.
5. Stitches are picked up around armholes for the sleeves, then sleeves are worked in the round.
6. The yarn colors are changed to create color blocks.
7. A circular needle is used to accommodate the number of body sts. Work back and forth on the circular needle just as if working on straight needles.

BACK RIBBING

With shorter circular needle and A, cast on 94 (110, 114, 130) sts. Work back and forth in rows.

Row 1 (WS): P2, *k2, p2; rep from * to end of row.

Rows 2-13: K the knit sts and p the purl sts.

Cut yarn and place sts on a holder.

LEFT FRONT RIBBING

With shorter circular needle and A, cast on 48 (56, 60, 64) sts. Work back and forth in rows.

Row 1 (WS): *P2, k2; rep from * to end of row.

Rows 2-13: K the knit sts and p the purl sts.

Cut yarn and set piece aside.

RIGHT FRONT RIBBING

With longer circular needle and A, cast on 48 (56, 60, 64) sts. Work back and forth in rows.

Row 1 (WS): *K2, p2; rep from * to end of row.

Rows 2-13: K the knit sts and p the purl sts.

Do not cut yarn.

From RS, place Back Ribbing sts onto needle following Right Front Ribbing sts, then place Left Front Ribbing sts on needle following Back Ribbing.

BODY

Rows 1-5: With A, work in K2, p2 Rib as established over 190 (222, 234, 258) sts for 5 rows.

Row 6 (WS): With A, work in K2, p2 Rib as established over first 12 sts for front band, place marker (pm), purl to last 12 sts, pm, work in K2, p2 Rib as established over last 12 sts for front band.

Row 7: With A, work in K2, p2 Rib to marker, slip marker (sm), work in St st (k on RS, p on WS) to next marker, sm, work in K2, p2 Rib to end of row.

With A and keeping first and last 12 sts in K2, p2 Rib, remaining sts in St st work for 24 (30, 30, 34) more rows.

Change to B.

With B, continue as established for 46 (50, 50, 56) rows.

Change to C.

With C, continue as established for 10 (10, 10, 4) rows.

Divide for Armholes

Work remainder of body with C only.

Dividing Row (WS): Work in K2, p2 Rib to marker, sm, p35 (43, 47, 51) and place these sts on a holder for left front, bind off 2 sts for underarm, p until there are 92 (108, 112, 128) sts on right needle for back and place these sts on a holder, bind off 2 sts for underarm, p to marker, sm, work in K2, p2 Rib to end of row – 47 (55, 59, 63) sts rem on needle for right front.

Right Front

Row 1 (RS): Work in K2, p2 Rib to marker, sm, k to end of row.

Row 2: P to marker, sm, work in K2, p2 Rib to end of row.

Row 3: Work in K2, p2 Rib to marker, sm, k to end of row.

Rep Rows 2 and 3 for 15 (18, 18, 23) more times.

Collar Extension

Cut yarn.

Next Row (WS): Place first 35 (43, 47, 51) sts on a holder for right shoulder, remove marker, rejoin yarn and work in K2, p2 Rib to end of row – 12 sts.

Work in K2, p2 Rib over rem 12 sts for 15 (15, 13, 17) more rows.

Place rem sts on a holder.

Back

Return the 92 (108, 112, 128) back sts to needle so that you are ready to work a RS row.

Beg with a RS row, work in St st for 32 (38, 38, 48) rows.

Shape Back Neck

Row 1 (RS): K35 (43, 47, 51) for right shoulder and place these sts on a holder, bind off 22 (22, 18, 26) sts for back neck, k to end of row for left shoulder and place these sts on a holder.

Left Front

Row 1 (RS): K to marker, sm, work in K2, p2 Rib to end of row – 47 (55, 59, 63) sts.

Row 2: Work in K2, p2 Rib to marker, sm, p to end of row.

Row 3: K to marker, sm, work in K2, p2 Rib to end of row.

Rep Rows 2 and 3 for 15 (18, 18, 23) more times.

Collar Extension

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Next Row (WS): Work in K2, p2 Rib over first 12 sts, remove marker, place last 35 (43, 47, 51) sts on a holder for left shoulder – 12 sts.

Work in K2, p2 Rib over rem 12 sts for 15 (15, 13, 17) more rows.

Place rem sts on a holder.

Join Shoulders with 3-Needle Bind-off

Return back right shoulder sts to one end of longer needle and front right shoulder sts to other end of needle. With RS of shoulders together, hold both ends of needle in one hand. With 3rd needle, knit tog 1 st from each needle, *knit tog 1 st from each needle, pass first st worked over 2nd to bind off; rep from * across. Cut yarn and pull through last st to secure.

Rep to join left shoulders.

Return collar extension sts to needle and join with 3-Needle Bind-off.

Sew edge of collar extension to back neck edge.

Sleeves

With shorter circular needle and C, beg at underarm, pick up and k58 (62, 62, 72) sts evenly spaced around armhole.

Place marker for beg of rnd. Join by working the first st on left hand needle with the working yarn from the right hand needle.

With C, knit 10 (10, 10, 4) rnds.

With B, knit 30 (19, 19, 0) rnds.

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.

Size L/1X (2X/3X) ONLY

Decrease Rnd: With B, k1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 – 60 sts.

With B, knit 5 rnds.

Proceed to *All Sizes*.

Size 4X/5X ONLY

Decrease Rnd: With B, k1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 – 70 sts.

Proceed to *All Sizes*.

All Sizes

Note: Change to double pointed needles when sts have been sufficiently decreased.

Rnds 1-4: With B, knit 4 rnds.

Rnd 5 (Decrease Rnd): With B, k1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 – 56 (58, 58, 68) sts.

Rnds 2-10 (15, 15, 40): Rep Rnds 1-5 for 1 (2, 2, 7) more times – 54 sts.

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Next 4 Rnds: With A, knit 4 rnds.

Next Rnd: With A, rep Rnd 5 – 52 sts.

With A, rep last 5 rnds twice – 48 sts in Rnd 21.

Next Rnd: With A, knit.

Next Rnd: With A, rep Rnd 5 – 46 sts.

With A, rep last 2 rnds 3 more times – 40 sts when all decreases have been completed.

Next Rnd: With A, knit.

Next Rnd: With A, *k3, k2tog; rep from * around – 32 sts.

Next Rnd: With A, knit.

Cuff Ribbing

Rnds 1-16: With A, *k2, p2; rep from * around.

Bind off loosely.

FINISHING

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

beg = begin(ning)(s)

k = knit

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

p = purl

rem = remain(ing)

rep = repeat

rnd(s) = round(s)

RS = right side

st(s) = stitch(es)

St st = Stockinette stitch

WS = wrong side

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