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Mongkok Cardigan

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An easy-to-wear cardigan in a classic shape. The textured bib gives interest and provides a feminine detail that isn't too fussy. For a cold weather top, knit this in wool. For a warmer weather top, or a layering piece, silk or a silk blend would be beautiful. The pictures show the 34" / 86cm size worn with no ease. If you want this as a layering piece, you may want to knit a size with an inch or two of ease.

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

Finished chest/bust size: 76 (86, 96.5, 107, 117, 127, 137) cm / 30 (34, 38, 42, 46, 50, 54) inches

Requirements

Yarn: 6 (7, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11) skeins Rowan Kid Classic (70% lambswool, 26% kid mohair, 4% nylon, 153yds/50g) (shown in colour: lavender ice)

Alternative yarn choices: any aran or worsted weight yarn will work, such as Lamb's Pride Worsted, Debbie Bliss Cashmerino Aran, Noro Cash Iroha

Needles: US3/3.0mm straight needles and US6/4.0mm in straight needles and double-pointed/circulars for sleeves

Notions: stitch holders, stitch markers, smooth waste yarn, 9 (9, 11, 11, 11, 13, 13) buttons

Tension

18 sts and 30 rows = 10 cm / 4 inches in stocking stitch



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Pattern Notes

This cardigan is knit in one piece up to the armcyes. The lace bib is in waffle brioche stitch, which gives it great texture. Edges are hemmed. Sleeves are worked in the round.

I have replaced all stair-step cast-offs (such as at the armcyes) with short rows. At the back and front necklines, the short row method gives a perfectly finished edge, so there is no need for further finishing. You may use the normal cast-offs if you prefer, but then be sure to crochet a row at the front and back neckline edges to neaten up the stair-step cast-offs.

Where multiple numbers are given, follow the directions for the size you are knitting. Where no number is listed (a "-" instead of a number), this direction does not apply to the size you are knitting.

Work all bind-offs loosely.

Abbreviations

beg: beginning

BO: bind off

CO: cast on

dec: decrease

inc: increase

k: knit

k2tog: knit two stitches together

m1: make 1 by picking up the bar bet sts from front to back, and knitting through the back loop

p: purl

pm: place marker

rnd: round

rs: right side

ssk: slip two stitches knitwise, put them back onto the left needle, knit both stitches together through the back loop

st(s): stitch(es)

st st: stockinette stitch

ws: wrong side

w+t: wrap and turn

Instructions

Body

Using smaller needles, provisionally CO 120(140, 156, 176, 192, 212, 228)sts. Work in st st until piece measures 2.5cm/1inch from cast on, finishing with a ws row. P all sts on the next (rs) row for the turning row.

Change to larger needles and work in st st until work measures 2.5cm/1inch from the turning row. On next row, work 30(35, 39, 44, 48, 53, 57)sts, pm, work 60(70, 78, 88, 96, 106, 114)sts, pm, work remaining 30(35, 39, 44, 48, 53, 57)sts.

On next rs row, work dec row: *k to last 3sts before marker, ssk, k1, slip marker, k1, k2tog, repeat from * to end of row.

Repeat dec row every 4(4, 4, 4, 6, 6, 6) rows 5 more times, 24 sts decreased and 96(116, 132, 152, 168, 188, 204)sts remaining.

Continue in st st until work measures 16(16, 17.75, 17.75, 19.7, 19.7, 21.5)cm/6.3(6.3, 7, 7, 7.75, 7.75, 8.5)inches from turning row.

On next rs row, work inc row: *k to 1st before marker, m1, k1, slip marker, k1, m1, repeat from * to end of row. Repeat increase row every 6 rows 8 more times, 36sts increased and 132(152, 168, 188, 204, 224, 240)sts now on needle. Continue in st st until work measures 35.5(35.5, 38, 38, 40.5, 40.5, 43.2)cm/14(14, 15, 15, 16, 16, 17)inches.

Back:

For this next section, you will be working the back armcye shaping, between the two stitch markers.

On next rs row, k to 4(4, 5, 5, 5, 6, 7)sts before 2nd marker, w+t..

ws: p back across to 4(4, 5, 5, 5, 6, 7)sts before marker, w+t.

rs: k across to 7(7, 8, 8, 9, 10, 12)sts before marker, w+t.

ws: p across to 7(7, 8, 8, 9, 10, 12)sts before marker, w+t.

rs: k across to 8(8, 10, 11, 12, 12, 15)sts before



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marker, w+t.

ws: p across to 8(8, 10, 11, 12, 12, 15)sts before marker, w+t.

rs: k across to -(9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16)sts before marker, w+t.

ws: p across to -(9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16)sts before marker, w+t.

rs: k across to -(-, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17)sts before marker, w+t.

ws: p across to -(-, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17)sts before marker, w+t.

rs: k across to -(-, -, -, -, 16, 18)sts before marker, w+t.

ws: p across to to -(-, -, -, -, 16, 18)sts before marker, w+t.

rs: k across all sts to marker, picking up wraps and knitting them together with their sts, turn.

ws: BO first 8(9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18)sts, p all sts to marker, picking up wraps and purling them together with their sts, turn.

rs: BO first 8(9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18)sts, k to end of row for the back.

Continue in st st until work measures 12.7(14, 15.25, 15.25, 15.25, 17.8, 17.8)cm/5(5.5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7)inches from beg of armscye shaping.

On next rs row, start back neck shaping:

rs: k21(25, 25, 29, 32, 34, 35), w+t

ws: p to end

rs: k18(21, 21, 24, 27, 29, 30), w+t

ws: p to end

rs: k16(18, 18, 21, 23, 25, 26), w+t

ws: p to end

rs: k14(16, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23), w+t

ws: p to end

rs: k(-, -, -, 18, 20, 20), w+t

ws: p to end

Now you will shape the left neckline.

With rs facing, count 21(25, 25, 29, 32, 34, 35)sts in from the left edge, attach a new ball of yarn, and knit these sts back to the left edge. Turn.

ws: p18(21, 21, 24, 27, 29, 30), w+t

rs: k to end

ws: p16(18, 18, 21, 23, 25, 26), w+t

rs: k to end

ws: p14(16, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23), w+t

rs: k to end

ws: p(-, -, -, 18, 20, 20), w+t

rs: k to end

Leave yarn at this edge for now.

Go back to the right shoulder edge, and with the original length of yarn, knit across all 50(58, 60, 68, 74, 80, 84)sts, picking up the wraps and knitting them together with their sts as you go.

When you get to the left edge, twist your working yarn with the second length of yarn (you're essentially carrying this second length of yarn up the edge here) and, with the original yarn, p14(16, 16, 18, 18, 20, 20)sts, BO next 22(26, 28, 32, 38, 40, 44)sts, p rem 14(16, 16, 18, 18, 20, 20)sts. The sts left on either side of the centre BO are the shoulder sts. You now also have one ball of yarn joined to each side. Work the shoulders in st st with the appropriately-placed yarns, until they measure 16.5(17.8, 19, 19.8, 21, 22.8, 24)cm/6.5(7, 7.5, 7.8, 8.25, 9, 9.5)inches from the armscye shaping. Break yarns and put live sts on st holders.

Right front:

Read this section through first before you start. You will work Chart 1, in your size, for the waffle brioche stitch bib. Work all sts not in the bib in st st. You will also be working the armscye short rows at the same time for the first few rows. Work the waffle brioche sts loosely - use a slightly larger needle (a millimetre or so bigger), if necessary.

With rs facing, attach yarn and work row 1 of Chart 1. Work first 8(8, 8, 11, 11, 11, 11)sts in the bib pattern, work in st st to last 4(4, 5, 5, 5, 6, 7)sts, w+t

ws: p back, working last 8(8, 8, 11, 11, 11, 11)sts as in row 2 of Chart 1

Continue as set in Chart 1, shaping armscye as



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you go on every RS row.

On next rs row, work to last 7(7, 8, 8, 9, 10, 12)sts before marker, w+t.

Next rs row: work to last 8(8, 10, 11, 12, 12, 15)sts before marker, w+t.

Next rs row: work to last -(9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16)sts before marker, w+t.

Next rs row: work to last -(-, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17)sts before marker, w+t.

Next rs row: work to last -(-, -, -, -, 16, 18)sts before marker, w+t.

Next rs row: work across all sts to marker, picking up wraps and knitting them together with their sts, turn.

Next ws row: BO first 8(9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18)sts, work sts as set in Chart to end.

comprises 20(20, 20, 26, 26, 29, 29)sts.

Work as set until right front measures 10.2(11.5, 12.7, 12.7, 12.7, 15.25, 15.25)cm/4(4.5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6)inches from beg of armscye shaping. Now you will shape the front neckline.

On next ws row, work to last 6(7, 8, 8, 9, 9, 10)sts, w+t.

rs: work bib sts in pattern, k to end.

ws: work to last 9(11, 12, 12, 14, 15, 16)sts, w+t.

rs: work bib sts in pattern, k to end.

ws: work to last 11(13, 14, 14, 17, 18, 20)sts, w+t.

rs: work bib sts in pattern, k to end.

ws: work to last -(-, -, 16, 19, 20, 22)sts, w+t.

rs: work bib sts in pattern, k to end.

ws: work in pattern to last 11(13, 14, 16, 19, 20, 22) sts, p rest of sts, picking up and purling the wraps together with the st.

rs: loosely BO 11(13, 14, 16, 19, 20, 22)sts, work in pattern to end.

Work remaining 14(16, 16, 18, 18, 20, 20)sts in pattern until right front measures 16.5(17.8, 19, 19.8, 21, 22.8, 24)cm/6.5(7, 7.5, 7.8, 8.25, 9, 9.5)inches from armscye BO. Break yarn and put live shoulder sts on holder.

Left front:

ws: attach yarn and work Row 1 of Chart 2, then work in st st to last 4(4, 5, 5, 5, 6, 7)sts, w+t.

rs: work across in pattern, using Row 2 of Chart 2.

Continue as set in Chart 2, shaping armscye as you go on every ws row as follows:

On next ws row, work to last 7(7, 8, 8, 9, 10, 12)sts before marker, w+t.

Next ws row: work to last 8(8, 10, 11, 12, 12, 15)sts before marker, w+t.

Next ws row: work to last -(9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16)sts before marker, w+t.

Next ws row: work to last -(-, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17)sts before marker, w+t.

Next ws row: work to last -(-, -, -, -, 16, 18)sts before marker, w+t.



Continue working the bib and right front, keeping in the waffle bib pattern by repeating the four rows marked by the red brackets. The bib



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Next ws row: work across all sts to marker, picking up wraps and purling them together with their sts, turn.

Next ws row: BO first 8(9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18)sts, work sts as set in chart to end.

Continue working the bib and left front, keeping in the waffle bib pattern by repeating the four rows marked by the red brackets. The bib comprises 20(20, 20, 26, 26, 29, 29)sts.

Work as set until left front measures 10.2(11.5, 12.7, 12.7, 12.7, 15.25, 15.25)cm/4(4.5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6)inches from beg of armscye shaping. Now you will shape the front neckline:

On next rs row, work to last 6(7, 8, 8, 9, 9, 10)sts, w+t.

ws: work bib sts in pattern, p to end.

rs: work to last 9(11, 12, 12, 14, 15, 16)sts, w+t.

ws: work bib sts in pattern, p to end.

rs: work to last 11(13, 14, 14, 17, 18, 20)sts, w+t

ws: work bib sts in pattern, p to end.

rs: work to last -(, -, 16, 19, 20, 22)sts, w+t.

ws: work bib sts in pattern, p to end.

rs: work in pattern to last 11(13, 14, 16, 19, 20, 22)sts, knit rest of sts, picking up and purling the wraps together with the st.

ws: loosely BO 11(13, 14, 16, 19, 20, 22)sts, work in pattern to end.

Work remaining 14(16, 16, 18, 18, 20, 20)sts in pattern until left front measures 16.5(17.8, 19, 19.8, 21, 22.8, 24) cm/6.5(7, 7.5, 7.8, 8.25, 9, 9.5)inches from armscye BO. Break yarn and put live shoulder sts on holder or waste yarn.

Carefully undo provisional cast on and put live sts on waste yarn. Turn hem along turning row and sew the live sts to the wrong side of the cardigan to form the hem.

Sleeves:

Using smaller dpns or circular needle,

provisionally CO 43(46, 53, 57, 60, 66, 70)sts. Place marker and join to work in the round. Work in st st until piece measures 2.5cm/1inch from cast on, p all sts on the next rnd for the turning row. Change to larger needles and work in st st until work measures 5 cm/2inches from the turning row.

On next rnd, work increase rnd:

work to marker, inc 1, slip marker, k1, inc 1

Work inc rnd 3 more times every 14(14, 16, 16, 18, 18, 20) rnd, 51(55, 61, 65, 68, 74, 78)sts.

Work even until sleeve measures 30(30, 30.5, 30.5, 31.8, 33, 33)cm/11(11, 12, 12, 12.5, 13, 13)inches or to desired length.

Shape cap:

On next rnd, work to 3(3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 6)sts before marker, w+t.

ws: work to 3(3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 6)sts before marker, w+t.

rs: work to 6(6, 7, 7, 7, 8, 10)sts before marker, w+t.

ws: work to 6(6, 7, 7, 7, 8, 10)sts before marker, w+t.

rs: work to -(8, 9, 10, 10, 11, 13)sts before marker, w+t.

ws: work to -(8, 9, 10, 10, 11, 13)sts before marker, w+t.

rs: work to -(, -, -, 12, 13, 16)sts before marker, w+t.

ws: work to -(, -, -, 12, 13, 16)sts before marker, w+t.

Work entire rnd, picking up and knitting wraps with the sts. On next rnd, work to 6(8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16)sts before marker, BO next 12(16, 18, 20, 24, 26, 32)sts, 39(39, 43, 45, 44, 48, 46)sts rem. Remove marker. You will now work the rest of the sleeve cap back and forth in rows.

Dec row: k2, ssk, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2.

Work dec row every 2(2, 2, 4, 4, 4, 4) rows 13(13, 14, 12, 12, 12, 12) times, 13(13, 15, 21, 20, 24, 22)sts rem. Work even until sleeve cap measures 11.7(12, 14, 14, 14.7, 16, 16.8)cm/4.6(4.7, 5.5,



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5.5, 5.8, 6.3, 6.6) inches from initial sleeve cap BO.

On next row, work to last 3(3, 4, 5, 5, 6, 5)sts, w+t.

Next row: work to last 3(3, 4, 5, 5, 6, 5)sts, w+t.

Next row: work to end of row, working wraps with their sts.

Next row: work to end of row, working rest of wraps with their sts.

Next row: BO all sts.

Carefully undo provisional cast on and put live sts on waste yarn. Turn hem along turning row and sew the live sts to the wrong side of the sleeve to form the hem.



Finishing:

Wash and block all pieces to measurements. Use a three needle BO to sew shoulders together. Attach sleeves to body.

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The button bands are knit like hems, double-sided and with a turning row.

Knit button band: pick up sts along left cardigan front, picking up approximately 3sts for every 4 rows. Work 4 rows in st st. Work turning row. Work 4 more rows in st st. Turn button band along turning row and attach live sts to wrong side of the cardigan.

Knit buttonhole band: pick up sts along right cardigan front, picking up approximately 3 sts for every 4 rows. Work 2 rows in st st. On next row, work 9(9, 11, 11, 11, 13, 13) buttonholes by evenly spacing [yo, p2tog] across the row. Work 2 more rows in st st. Work next row as turning row. Work 2 rows in st st, then another yarnover buttonhole row, matching up the yos with those along the first buttonhole row. Work another 2 rows in st st.

Turn buttonhole band along turning row and attach live sts to wrong side of cardigan. If desired, you may sew the two layers of the buttonhole band around each buttonhole. Alternatively, you may work your own desired button bands, such as a simple ribbed one. Sew buttons along the button band.

Questions? Comments?

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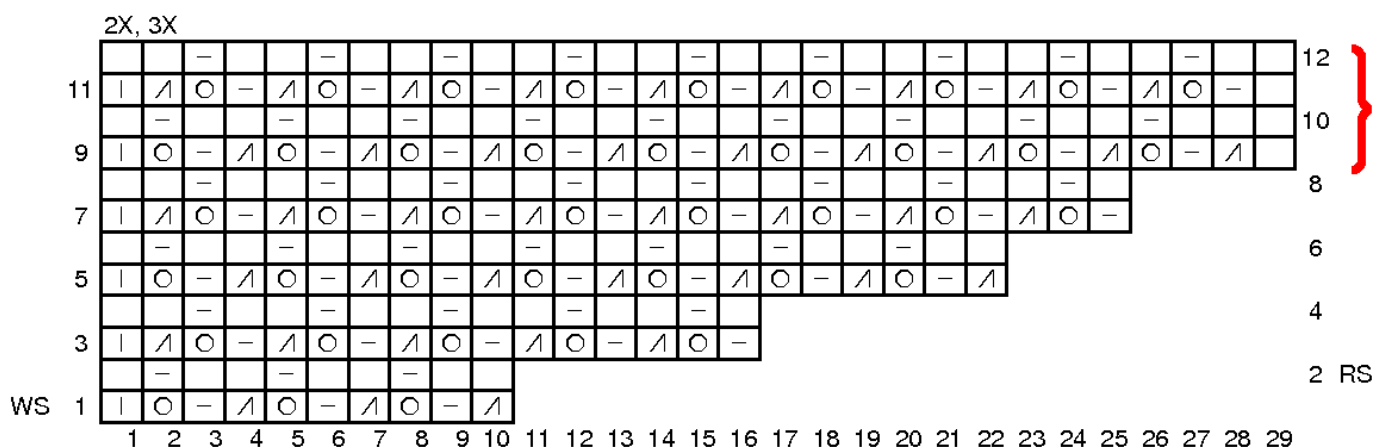
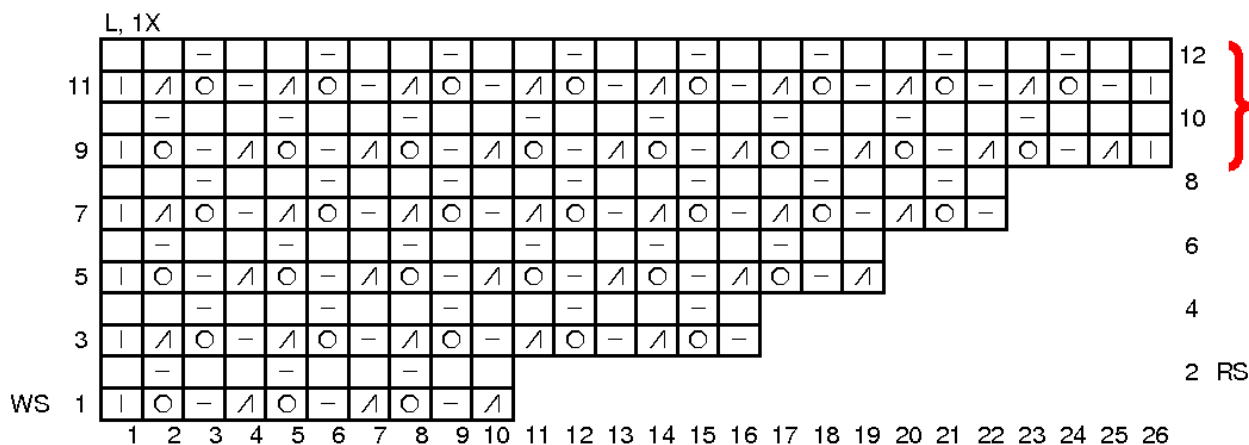
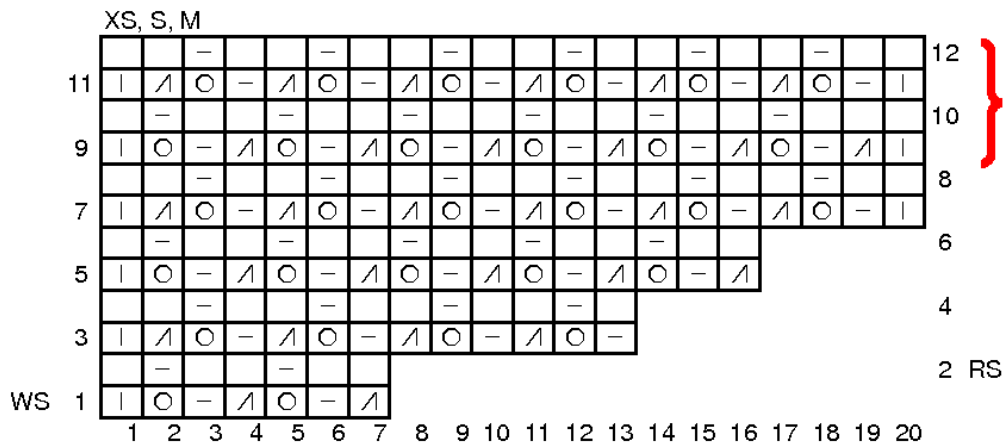
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Chart 1: left bib



- knit
- / knit 2 together through back loop
- | purl
- o yarn over
- slip stitch knit-wise with yarn in back



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Schematics

