

Ombre Cardigan

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Level: Intermediate



SIZES

12 (18, 24) months

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Chest: 20 (22, 24)"

MATERIALS

Premier® Yarns D.I.Y. Gradient Yarn (100% Anti-pilling Acrylic; 200g/360 yds)

- #1046-01 Pink – 1 set

Needles: US Size 8 (5 mm) 24" circular needle and set of 4 double pointed needles or size needed to obtain gauge.

Notions: Tapestry needle, stitch markers, 5 (6, 7) buttons ½" diameter

GAUGE

18 sts x 25 rows = 4" in Stockinette St

Save time, check your gauge.

STITCH GUIDE

Garter Stitch in rows

Knit every row.

Garter Stitch in the round

Rnd 1: Knit.

Rnd 2: Purl.

Rep Rnds 1-2 for pattern.

Stockinette Stitch in rows

Row 1 (RS): Knit.

Row 2 (WS): Purl.

Rep Rows 1-2 for pattern.

PATTERN NOTE

This cardigan is knit in one piece from the top down.

CARDIGAN

With lightest color and circular needle, cast on 59 sts.

Row 1 (WS): P10, pm, p1, pm, p6, pm, p1, pm, p23, pm, p1, pm, p6, pm, p1, pm, p10.

Row 2 – Increase Row (RS): *Knit to marker, M1R, sl marker, k1, sl marker, M1L; rep from * 3 more times, knit to end – 8 sts increased.

Row 3: Purl.

Rep last 2 rows 4 (5, 6) more times – 99 (107, 115) sts.

Change to next darker color.

Next row (RS): *[K1, p1] to marker, M1R, sl marker, k1, sl marker, M1L; rep from * 3 more times, [k1, p1] to end – 107 (115, 123) sts.

Next row: Rep Row 3.

Rep Rows 2 and 3, 3 (4, 5) more times – 131 (147, 163) sts.

Next row (RS): Knit.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Rep Row 2 – 139 (155, 171) sts.

Next row: Purl.

Divide Body and Sleeves

Change to next darker color (middle color).

Next row (RS): [K1, p1] to marker, sl next 28 (32, 36) sts to holder for sleeve removing markers, cast on 1 st to bridge gap, [p1, k1] across back to marker, sl next 28 (32, 36) sts to holder for sleeve removing markers, cast on 1 st to bridge gap, [p1, k1] to end – 85 (93, 101) sts.

Body

Work 11 (13, 15) more rows in Stockinette stitch.

Change to next darker color.

Next row (RS): *K1, p1; rep from * to last st, k1.

Work 11 (13, 15) more rows in Stockinette stitch.

Change to darkest color.

Next row (RS): *K1, p1; rep from * to last st, k1.

Work 9 (11, 13) more rows in Stockinette stitch.

Work 6 rows in Garter stitch.

Bind off.

Sleeves

Place 28 (32, 36) sts on 3 double pointed needles.

Join middle color yarn at underarm.

Rnd 1: *K1, p1; rep from * to end, pick up and knit 2 sts at underarm edge, placing marker between picked up sts for end of rnd – 30 (34, 38) sts.

Rnd 2 – Decrease Rnd: K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog – 2 sts decreased.

Continue in Stockinette stitch, repeating Decrease Rnd every 4th rnd 5 (6, 7) more times – 18 (20, 22) sts.

AT THE SAME TIME, change to next darker color when 12 (14, 16) rnds of middle color have been worked, working first rnd of new color as *k1, p1; rep from * to end.

Change to darkest color and work 6 rnds in Garter stitch.

Bind off loosely. Rep for other sleeve.

Front and neck edging

Mark position for 5 (6, 7) buttonholes along left front edge, placing top buttonhole at neck edge, and spacing remaining buttonholes about 1¼" apart.

With circular needle and darkest color, starting at lower right front corner, pick up and knit sts along front and neck edges at the rate of 2 sts for every 3 rows and 1 st for every cast on st.

Row 1 (WS): Knit.

Row 2 – Buttonhole Row (RS): Knit to 1 st before right neck corner, M1R, k1, M1L at corner, knit to left front neck corner, M1R, k1, M1L, knit to end working [yo, k2tog] at each marked buttonhole position.

Row 3: Knit.

Row 4: Knit, working [M1R, k1, M1L] at front neck corners.

Row 5: Knit.

Bind off.

FINISHING

Sew buttons to right front edging opposite buttonholes.

Weave in ends, closing up any gaps at underarms.

Block gently.