

Warm Woolies 2007 Cardigan Coat/Sweater - LARGE SIZE©

This pattern is offered in tribute to Elizabeth Zimmermann (August 9, 1910 - November 30, 1999) whose modular sweater inspired its design.



Materials:

Sample is knit on #11 , 24" circular needles. The sweater is NOT knit in the round, but you need at least a 24" long needle to accommodate the number of stitches. Cuffs are knit on size #10 needles.

Sample was knit with 24 ounces of 100% Pure Virgin Wool by Harrisville Designs, "Highland Style," (200 yards/100 gram skein), in an assortment of colors from our stash. Use any yarn you have that gives you the proper gauge, in any color you like.

Five buttons, about 1 to 1¼".

Gauge: 3½ stitches per inch

Notes to read before you begin:

- This sweater is knit entirely in garter stitch and directions are given using both the term "ridges" and "rows." One ridge = two rows.
- We prefer the "Cable Cast On" because it is very durable and attractive.
- Slip the first stitch of every row as if to purl. The edge of your piece will be easier to seam, it will be easier to pick up stitches for the sleeves and button panel, and your finished piece will look much, much neater.

- Where pattern calls for binding off, consider using an I-cord bind off.
- There are several places where you can change colors in this pattern: the fronts, the back, the collar, all or part of the sleeves, and the button panel. The sample was knit using one color for the body; a second color for the fronts, back, and button panel; and a third color for the collar and sleeves. Of course, you can also knit a lovely sweater all in one color.

Directions:

1. Body

1. Cast on 80 stitches.
2. Work in garter stitch, knitting back and forth for 26 ridges (52 rows).

2. Fronts and Back:

1. Next row: With wrong side facing you, knit 10, bind off 20, knit 20, bind off 20, knit 10. The sections of 10 stitches are your two fronts and the section of 20 stitches is the back. They will all later be joined in the collar. **Count** to be sure that you have three groups of live stitches: 10-20-10. [A common error is to include the last knit stitch in the bind off. Don't! Here, for example, you need to start the row by knitting 10; then start the bind off section by knitting 2 stitches, the first of which counts as the first bound off stitch.]
2. Knit both front sections and the back section separately until each section has 20 ridges and the last row of each section was knit with the right side facing you.

o Collar

1. Next row: Assemble the three sections (totaling 40 stitches) onto one needle for the collar and knit one row. This row should start with the wrong side facing you.
2. Next row: Knit 12, (knit 2 together, knit 1) two times, (knit 2 together) two times, (knit 1, knit 2 together) two times, knit 12.
3. Work these 34 stitches for 10 ridges (20 rows) for a generous collar.
4. Bind off loosely.

o Sleeves

1. Pick up and knit 42 stitches along the vertical portion of the armholes - one stitch in each ridge. (If you slipped the first stitch of each row, this will be a breeze!)
2. Work these 42 stitches in garter stitch for 5 ridges (10 rows).
3. Next row: Knit 19, (knit 2 together) 2x, knit 19.
4. Work these 40 stitches for 3 more ridges.
5. Next row: Knit 18, (knit 2 together) 2x, knit 18; ending with 38 stitches.
6. Work these 38 stitches for 3 more ridges.
7. Next row: Knit 17, (knit 2 together) 2x, knit 17.
8. Work these 36 stitches until sleeve has a total of 40 ridges, working last 6 ridges on smaller size needle.
9. Sew sleeve, ridge-to-ridge, beginning at cuff; and then to underarm portion of body.

3. Button Panels

1. Pick up and knit 48 stitches along one of the front edges and work for 3 ridges.
2. Next row: Starting at neck edge, knit 3 (yarn over, knit 2 together, knit 8) 4 times, yarn over, knit 2 together, knit 3.
3. Next row: Knit all stitches.
4. Work 2 more ridges and then bind off loosely.
5. Pick up and knit 48 stitches along the other front edge and work for 6 ridges. Bind off loosely.
6. Attach buttons.

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