

Simple cardi

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MEASUREMENTS

To fit bust 81-86(92-97:102-107:112-117)cm. Finished measurements:
Bust 92(102:112:122)cm; Length to shoulder 49(51:53:55)cm; Sleeve length 45(46:47:48)cm.

MATERIALS

11(12:13:14) 50g balls of Debbie Bliss baby cashmerino in Mauve 13.
Pair 3¼mm knitting needles.
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TENSION

25 sts and 34 rows to 10cm square over st st using 3¼mm needles.

ABBREVIATIONS

beg beginning; **cm** centimetres; **cont** continue; **foll** following; **inc** increase; **k** knit; **m1** make one st by picking up and working into back of loop lying between st just worked and next st; **p** purl; **patt** pattern; **rem** remaining; **rep** repeat; **RS** right side; **skpo** slip 1, k1, pass slipped st over; **st(s)** stitch(es); **st st** stocking stitch; **tog** together; **WS** wrong side.

BACK

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 117(129:143:155) sts. **Moss st row** K1, [p1, k1] to end. Rep this row 5 times more. Beg with a k row, work in st st. Cont straight until back measures 32(33:34:35)cm from cast on edge, ending with a p row.

Shape armholes

Cast off 5(6:7:8) sts at beg of next 2 rows. 107(117:129:139) sts. **Next row** K2, skpo, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2. Work 3 rows. Rep the last 4 rows 3(4:5:6) times more. 99(107:117:125) sts. Cont straight until back measures 49(51:53:55)cm from cast on edge, ending with a p row.

Shape shoulders

Cast off 6(7:9:10) sts at beg of next 4

rows and 5(7:7:9) sts at beg of foll 2 rows. 65(65:67:67) sts. Cast off rem sts for back neck. Place a marker on the centre stitch of the cast off edge of back neck.

LEFT FRONT

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 89(97:103:111) sts. **Moss st row** P1, [k1, p1] to end. Rep this row 5 times more. **Next row** (RS) K to last 5 sts, [p1, k1] twice, p1. **Next row** [P1, k1] twice, p to end. These 2 rows **form** st st with moss st front edge. Rep the last 2 rows until front measures same as Back to armhole, ending with a WS row.

Shape armhole

Cast off 5(6:7:8) sts at beg of next row. 84(91:96:103) sts. Work 1 row. **Next row** K2, skpo, k to last 5 sts, [p1, k1] twice, p1. Work 3 rows. Rep the last 4 rows 3(4:5:6) times more. 80(86:90:96) sts. Cont straight in patt until front measures same as Back to shoulder, ending with a WS row.

Shape shoulder

Cast off 6(7:9:10) sts at beg of next row and foll RS row. Work 1 row. **Next row** Cast off 5(7:7:9) sts, patt to end. 63(65:65:67) sts. Cont straight for collar extension on rem sts and work a further 13(13:14:14)cm in st st with moss st edge, ending with a RS row. Leave sts on a holder and a length of yarn, approximately 2m long.

RIGHT FRONT

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 89(97:103:111) sts. **Moss st row** P1, [k1, p1] to end. Rep this row 5 times more. **Next row** (RS) P1, [k1, p1] twice, k to end. **Next row** P to last 4 sts, [k1, p1] twice. These 2 rows **form** st st with moss st front edge. Rep the last 2 rows until front measures same as Back to armhole, ending with a RS row.

Shape armhole

Cast off 5(6:7:8) sts at beg of next row. 84(91:96:103) sts. **Next row** (RS) P1, [k1, p1] twice, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2. Work 3

rows. Rep the last 4 rows 3(4:5:6) times more. 80(86:90:96) sts. Cont straight in patt until front measures same as Back to shoulder, ending with a RS row.

Shape shoulder

Cast off 6(7:9:10) sts at beg of next row and foll WS row. Work 1 row. **Next row** Cast off 5(7:7:9) sts, patt to end. 63(65:65:67) sts. Cont straight for collar extension on rem sts and work a further 13(13:14:14)cm in st st with moss st edge, ending with a RS row. Leave sts on a holder.

SLEEVES

With 3¼mm needles, cast on 51(53:55:57) sts. **Moss st row** K1, [p1, k1] to end. Rep this row 5 times more. Beg with a k row work in st st. Work 10(10:8:8) rows. **Inc row** (RS) K2, m1, k to last 2 sts, m1, k2. Work 7 rows. Rep the last 8 rows 14(15:16:17) times more and the inc row once again. 83(87:91:95) sts. Work a further 15(11:9:5) rows, so ending with a p row.

Shape sleeve top

Cast off 5(6:7:8) sts at beg of next 2 rows. 73(75:77:79) sts. **Next row** K2, skpo, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2. P 1 row. Rep the last 2 rows 14(15:16:17) times more. Cast off 6 sts at beg of next 4 rows. Cast off rem 19 sts.

TO MAKE UP

Join shoulder seams. Slip sts from left and right front holders onto separate 3¼mm needles, with the points facing the front (moss st) edges. With wrong sides facing each other, holding the two needles side by side and using the 2m length of yarn, cast off the sts from both needles together, so forming the back collar seam. Sew row ends of collar to back neck edge with seam centred at marker. Join side and sleeve seams. Sew sleeves into armholes, easing to fit.

Taken from The Cashmerino Collection by Debbie Bliss (£7.50)

