Lavinia - an seamlessly knitted chunky cardigan

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Lavinia is a top-down cardigan knit up fast and easy in bulky weight yarn. Constructed seamlessly, it starts from the back to the underarm, then both fronts are worked, followed by the remainder of the body. Stitches for the knit-on button-less front bands and collar are picked up at the end.

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Materials

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7 mm (60 and 100 cm) circular needles and double pointed needles

7,5 mm (60 and 100 cm) circular needles and double pointed needles

2 stitch markers

Stitch holder or scrap yarn

Sizes

XXS (XS) S (M) L (XL) 2XL (3XL)

Measurements

Body, chest: 71 (81) 92 (102) 112 (122) 132 (142)

cm

Cardigan, chest: 95 (105) 115 (125) 135 (145) 155

(165) cm





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Total length: 68 (69) 69 (70) 70 (71) 71 (72) cm

Sleeve length: 40 cm (all sizes)

The cardigan is designed to be worn with up to 24 cm of positive ease.

Gauge

12 sts and 17,5 rows in Stockinette stitch on 7,5 mm needles after blocking = 10×10 cm.

Special abbreviations

<u>M1L</u>: from the front, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle and knit through the back loop.

<u>M1R</u>: from the back, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle and knit through the front loop.

<u>pm</u>: place marker. <u>sm</u>: slip marker.

w&t: Wrap and turn: On a knit row, slip next stitch purlwise with yarn in back onto right-hand needle, bring yarn to front of work, return slipped stitch to left-hand needle, bring yarn to back of work, and then turn work. On a purl row, slip next stitch purlwise with yarn in front onto right-hand needle, bring yarn to back of work, return slipped stitch to left-hand needle, bring yarn to front of work, and then turn work.

Directions for knitting

This cardigan is knitted top down, completely seamlessly with set in sleeves worked using short rows. First, you knit the back and then each front until you reach the underarms. All 3 pieces are then joined and the body finished as one. Once the body is completed, you pick up stitches around the armholes to work the sleeves top down.

Back

Using 7,5 mm needles and a provisional cast-on method (see page 3), cast on 49 (55) 61 (65) 71 (75) 81 (87) sts.

Set up row (WS): Purl 17 (19) 21 (23) 25 (27) 29 (31) sts (left shoulder), pm, purl 17 (17) 19 (19) 21 (21) 23 (25) sts (back neckline), pm, purl 17 (19) 21 (23) 25 (27) 29 (31) sts (right shoulder).

Row 1 (RS) – neckline shaping: Knit to first m, sm, w&t.

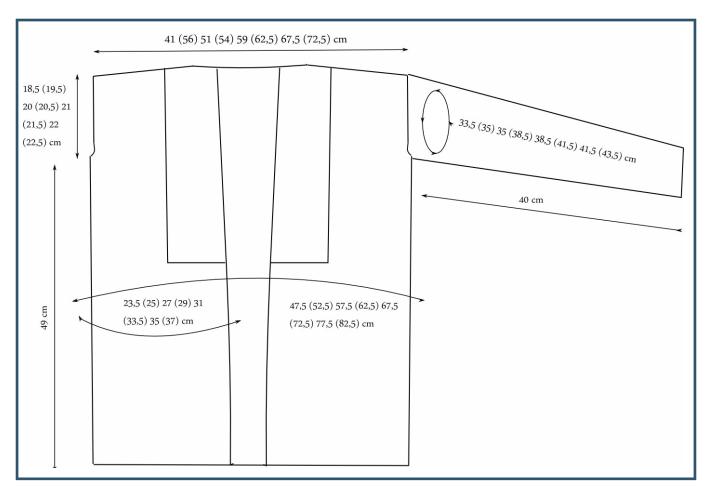
Row 2 (WS): Sm, purl to end.

Row 3: Knit to 1 stitch past previously wrapped stitch (pick up wrap and work it together with wrapped st), w&t.

Row 4: Purl to end.

Row 5: Knit to end (pick up wrap and work it together with wrapped st).

Row 6: Purl to first m, sm, w&t.



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Row 7: Sm, knit to end.

Row 8: Purl to 1 stitch past previously wrapped stitch (pick up wrap and work it together with wrapped st), w&t

Row 9: Knit to end.

Row 10: Purl to end (pick up wrap and work it together with wrapped st). Remove markers.

Next Row: Knit to end. Next Row: Purl to end.

Continue in stockinette stitch until Back measures approx. 15 (16) 17 (17) 18 (18) 19 (19) cm from provisional cast on edge (measured along the side of your work), ending with a WS row.

Next row (RS) – armhole shaping: K1, M1R, k to 1 stitch before end, M1L, k1.

Repeat armhole shaping row every other row 2 more times. [55 (61) 67 (71) 77 (81) 87 (93) sts on the needles]

End with a WS row. Break yarn and place sts on a holder or spare needle.

Right Front

Carefully open the provisional cast-on of the Back and place the sts on 7,5 mm needles. With RS facing, attach yarn at right (sleeve) edge.

Note: Add locking stitch markers to indicate both sides of the right front shoulder where the provisional cast-on was before. These markers are useful when picking up stitches for the sleeve and neckline.

Row 1 (RS): Knit 17 (19) 21 (23) 25 (27) 29 (31) sts, place the remaining sts on a stitch holder.

Row 2 (WS): [P1, k1] 3 (3) 3 (4) 4 (4) 5 (5) times, p1, w&t.

Row 3: Knit to end.

Row 4: [P1, k1] 6 (6) 6 (7) 7 (7) 8 (8) times, p1, (pick up wrap and work it together with wrapped st), w&t.

Row 5: Knit to end.

Row 6: [P1, k1] to last stitch (pick up wrap and work it together with wrapped st), p1.

Next Row (RS): Knit to end.

Next Row (WS): [P1, k1] to last st, p1.

Repeat last 2 rows until Right Front measures approx. 15 (16) 17 (17) 18 (18) 19 (19) cm from provisional cast on edge (measured along the side of your work), ending with a WS row.

Next Row (RS) – armhole shaping: K1, M1R, knit to end.

Next Row (WS): [P1, k1] to end.

Next Row - armhole shaping: K1, M1R, knit to end.

Next Row: [P1, k1] to last st, p1.

Next Row – armhole shaping: K1, M1R, knit to end. [20 (22) 24 (26) 28 (30) 32 (34) sts on the needles]

Next Row: [P1, k1] to end.

Technique: Provisional cast-on

Crochet a row of chain stitches in a contrasting yarn (later to be removed). The row needs to be 5-10 chain sts longer than the required number of cast on stitches

Pick up and knit the required number of cast on stitches using the project yarn. The stitches are picked up from under the third leg of the chain stitch - ie. the little "bump" behind the chain.



Break yarn and place sts on a holder or spare needle.

Left Front

With RS facing, leave the center 15 (17) 19 (19) 21 (21) 23 (25) sts of the Back on a stitch holder (back neckline sts) and place remaining 17 (19) 21 (23) 25 (27) 29 (31) sts on 7,5 mm needles. Attach yarn at right (neck) edge.

Note: Add locking stitch markers on this side the same way as for the right front, to help when picking up stitches for the sleeve and neckline.

Row 1 (RS): K7 (7) 7 (9) 9 (9) 11 (11), w&t.

Row 2 (WS): [P1, k1] to last st, p1.

Row 3: K13 (13) 13 (15) 15 (15) 17 (17) (pick up wrap and work it together with wrapped st), w&t.

Row 4: As Row 2.

Row 5: Knit to end (pick up wrap and work it together with wrapped st).

Row 6: As Row 2.

Next Row (RS): Knit to end.

Next Row (WS): [P1, k1] to last st, p1.

Repeat last 2 rows until Left Front measures approx. 15 (16) 17 (17) 18 (18) 19 (19) cm from provisional cast on edge (measured along the side of your work), ending with a WS row.

Next Row (RS) - armhole shaping: Knit to last st,

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M1L, k1.

Next Row (WS): [K1, p1] to end.

Next Row – armhole shaping: Knit to last st, M1L, k1.

Next Row: [P1, k1] to last st, p1.

Next Row – armhole shaping: Knit to last st, M1L, k1. [20 (22) 24 (26) 28 (30) 32 (34) sts on the needles]

Next Row: [K1, p1] to end.

Do not cut yarn.

Body

Slip the Back and Right Front from the stitch holders to a spare needle.

Work Left Front according to pattern, cast on 1 (1) 1 (2) 2 (3) 3 (3) new sts (underarm), place marker, cast on 1 (1) 1 (2) 2 (3) 3 (3) more new sts (underarm), knit Back sts, cast on 1 (1) 1 (2) 2 (3) 3 (3) new sts (underarm), place marker, cast on 1 (1) 1 (2) 2 (3) 3 (3) more new sts (underarm), work Right Front according to pattern. [99 (109) 119 (131) 141 (153) 163 (173) sts on the needles]

Only sizes XXS (XS) S (-) - (XL) 2XL (3XL)

Set up Row (WS): [P1, k1] to 1 stitch before marker, k1, sm, purl to next marker, sm, k1, [k1, p1] to end. Row 1 (RS): Knit to 1 stitch before marker, p1, sm, knit to next marker, sm, p1, knit to end.

Row 2 (WS): [P1, k1] to 1 stitch before marker, k1, sm, purl to next marker, sm, k1, [k1, p1] to end. Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until body measures approx. 41 cm from underarm or approx. 8 cm before desired length.

Ribbing

Change to 7 mm needles.

Row 1 (RS): Knit to 1 stitch before marker, p1, sm, knit to next marker, sm, p1, knit to end.

Row 2 (WS): [P1, k1] to 1 stitch before marker, k1, sm, [k1, p1] to 1 stitch before next marker, k1, sm,

k1, [k1, p1] to end. Repeat last two rows until ribbing measures approx. 8 cm. Bind off all sts knit-wise.

Only sizes - (-) - (M) L (-) - (-)

Set up Row (WS): [P1, k1] to marker, sm, purl to next marker, sm, [k1, p1] to end.

Row 1 (RS): Knit to 1 stitch before marker, p1, sm, knit to next marker, sm, p1, knit to end.

Row 2 (WS): [P1, k1] to marker, sm, purl to next marker, sm, [k1, p1] to end.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until body measures approx. 41 cm from underarm or approx. 8 cm before desired length.

Ribbing

Change to 7 mm needles.

Row 1 (RS): Knit to 1 stitch before marker, p1, sm, knit to next marker, sm, p1, knit to end.

Row 2 (WS): [P1, k1] to marker, sm, [k1, p1] to 1 stitch before next marker, k1, sm, [k1, p1] to end. Repeat last two rows until ribbing measures approx. 8 cm. Bind off all sts knit-wise.

Sleeves (all sizes)

Sleeves are worked by picking up stitches along the armhole and working short rows to shape the sleeve cap.

Pick up wraps and work them together with wrapped sts when you encounter them.

With RS of armhole facing begin picking up and knitting at the top of the shoulder using 7,5 mm needles. Pick up and knit approximately 1 stitch for every 2 rows except for the 2 (2) 2 (4) 4 (6) 6 (6) underarm sts where you pick up one stitch per cast on stitch. Place marker and pick up and knit 19 (20) 20 (21) 21 (22) 22 (23) sts along the front of the armhole to the underarm sts, then pick up and knit 2 (2) 2 (4) 4 (6) 6 (6) sts form the underarm sts, then pick up and knit 19 (20) 20 (21) 21 (22) 22 (23) sts along the back of the armhole. [40 (42) 42 (46) 46 (50) 50 (52) sts on the needles]

Shape sleeve cap as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit 10 (11) 11 (12) 12 (13) 13 (14) sts past marker, w&t.

Row 2 (WS): Purl to 10 (11) 11 (12) 12 (13) 13 (14) sts past marker, w&t.

Row 3: Knit to 12 (13) 13 (14) 14 (15) 15 (16) past marker, w&t.

Row 4: Purl to 12 (13) 13 (14) 14 (15) 15 (16) sts past marker, w&t.

Continue in this way, each time working the w&t two sts past the previous w&t. Continue in this manner until all sts have been worked except the last 6 (6) 6 (8) 8 (10) 10 (10) sts (the underarm sts plus 2 sts on



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each side of the underarm sts). End with a WS row. Turn work and knit all sts. Remove the marker at the top of the shoulder and place it at the center of the underarm sts. This is now the beginning of the round. Now continue working sleeve in the round in stockinette stitch.

Work 13 rounds straight.

Next round - decrease round: K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, ssk, k1.

Work a decrease round every 10th (10th) 10th (8th) 8th (8th) 8th (8th) round another 4 (4) 4 (5) 5 (5) 5 (5) times. [30 (30) 32 (34) 34 (38) 38 (40) sts on the needles]

Continue in Stockinette stitch until sleeve measures approx. 32 cm from underarm, or to approx. 8 cm before desired length. Change to 7 mm needles.

Ribbing

Next Round: [K1, p1] to end. Next Round: Knit to end.

Repeat last two rounds until ribbing measures ap-

prox. 8 cm. Bind off all sts knit-wise.

Front band

Place the sts from the centre of the Back on a spare needle.

From the RS, beginning at the bottom of the Right Front and using 7 mm needles, pick up and knit 96 (98) 98 (100) 100 (102) 102 (104) sts across right front, knit 15 (17) 19 (19) 21 (21) 23 (25) sts from spare needle, and pick up and knit 96 (98) 98 (100) 100 (102) 102 (104) sts across left front. There are now 207 (213) 215 (219) 221 (225) 227 (233) sts on the needles.

Set up Row (WS): [K1, p1] to last st, k1.

Row 1 (RS): [P1, k1] to last st, p1. Row 2 (WS): [K1, p1] to last st, k1. Repeat Row 1 and 2 another 5 times.

Next Row (RS): Cast off 54 sts in pattern, [p1, k1] to last st, p1.

Next Row (WS): Cast off 54 sts in pattern, [k1, p1] to last st, k1.

There are now 97 (103) 105 (109) 111 (115) 117 (123) sts on the needles.

Repeat Row 1 and 2 across remaining sts 8 more times.

Bind off all sts in pattern.

Finishing

Weave in all ends and block cardigan.