Diascia - a lovely and light summer cardigan

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A light and warm cardigan is a must during spring and summer. Here is a feminine version with a simple eyelet pattern, delicate rolled edges at wrists and neck and with a lot of little buttonholes, so you can play with the placement of the buttons. You can have a button for every other buttonhole or maybe just skip some of them.

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Materials

160 (190) 220 (270) g of New Zealand lammeuld by Filcolana in color $118\,$

3,5 and 4 mm circular needle, 80 cm long (optionally 3,5 and 4 mm straight needles for the sleeves) Markers or loops of yarn

10 (12) 14 (16) small buttons (or more: see the end of pattern for more info)

The shown model has buttons of different colors as shown on image on page 3.

Sizes

S (M) L (XL)

Measurements

Body, chest: 82-88 (89-95) 97-102 (105- 110) cm Sweater, chest: 92 (98) 106 (114) cm Sleeve length to armhole: 47 (50) 52 (54) cm Body length to armhole: 31 (33) 35 (37) cm





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Gauge

22 sts and 34 rows in eyelet pattern on 4 mm needles = 10×10 cm.

Special abbreviations

<u>M1</u>: Make 1. Increase one stitch by lifting the chain between sts onto the left needle and knitting it through the back loop.

<u>skp</u>: slip 1 stitch, knit the next stitch, pass the slipped stitch over the knit one.

<u>sk2p</u>: slip 1 stitch, knit2tog, pass the slipped stitch over the knit together ones.

<u>Chained edge stitches</u>: for the front edges, knit a 2 stitch chained edge by knitting the first and last 2 sts on all RS rows. And slipping the first and last 2 sts on all WS rows (the working yarn is attached to the 3rd st when you turn to knit the next row!)

Knitting technique

Front edges: The front edges are worked over the first and last 9 sts, distributed between 2 sts for the chained edge and 7 garter stitches (knit on all rows). Buttonholes at the right front edge: 2 stitch chained edge, k1, k2tog, yarn over twice, skp, k2. Knit both of the yarn overs through the back loop on the next row.

Eyelet pattern (divisible by 6 sts + 4 sts)

Row 1 and 2: Work in stockinette stitch (Row 1 = RS)

Row 3: K1, *k2tog, yo, k4*. Repeat from * to *. End with k2tog, yo, k1.

Row 4 - 6: Work in stockinette stitch

Row 7: K1, *k4, yo, skp*. Repeat from * to *. End with k3.

Row 8: Purl

Repeat these 8 rows.

Directions for knitting

The cardigan is worked back and forth in one piece to the armholes. The front edges are worked at the same time. Stitches are bound off for the armholes at both sides. The sleeves are worked and then the yoke with raglan decreases is worked in one piece.

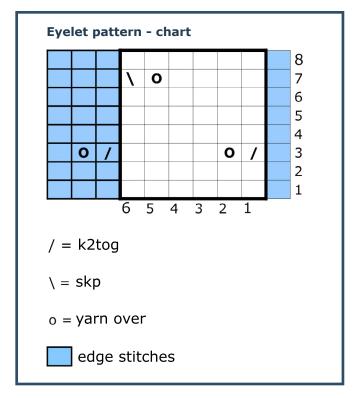
Body

Cast on 203 (221) 239 (257) sts using a 3,5 mm circular needle. Work back and forth (row 1 = WS): Work 9 sts for front edge, work p1, k1 ribbing ending with p1 to the last 9 sts, work 9 sts for front edge. Work a total of 5 rows in ribbing. Work the first buttonhole of the 4th row (RS) at the beginning of the row (on the right front edge).

Change to a 4 mm circular needle and work in the eyelet pattern (see written description or chart), while increasing 5 sts on the next row - 1 stitch on each front and 3 sts on the back = 208 (226) 244 (262) sts on the needle.

Place markers to mark the side seams on the next row (WS row and 2nd pattern row):

Work 9 sts for the front edge, work 46 (50) 54 (58) sts (right front), place a marker, work 98 (108) 118



(128) sts (back), place a marker, work 46 (50) 54 (58) sts (left front), work 9 sts for the front edge. Continue in the eyelet pattern and work a buttonhole every 8th row (on the 7th row of the eyelet pattern). Work until the body measures 31 (33) 35 (37) cm. Bind off 10 sts for the armholes at bot side seams - 5 sts before and 5 sts after each marker.

Let the body rest while the sleeves are worked.

Sleeves

Cast on 56 (60) 64 (68) sts on 3,5 mm needles and work 3 rows in stockinette stitch.

Work k1, p1 ribbing while working increases every 12 row: K1, M1, work in ribbing to the last stitch, M1, k1

Work a total of 2 (3) 3 (3) increase rows = 60 (66) 70



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(74) sts.

Work ribbing for a total of 34 (36) 38 (40) rows. Change to 4 mm needle and work in the eyelet pattern.

Size S and M: Work 1 extra stitch in stockinette stitch at the beginning and end of every row. These sts are not part of the pattern.

Size XL: Work 2 extra sts in stockinette stitch at the beginning and end of every row. These sts are not part of the pattern.

Increase row: K1, M1, work in pattern to the last stitch on the needle, M1, k1.

Work an increase row every 8th row a total of 12 (13) 15 (17) times (= 84 (92) 100 (108) sts on the needle).

Work straight in pattern until the sleeve measures 47 (50) 52 (54) cm.

Bind off 6 sts for the armhole at the beginning of the next 2 rows (the first stitch is for the seam allowance). ake sure to end on the same row of the pattern as on the body!

Join the sleeve to the body on the cicular needle and work a second sleeve the same way as the first.

Yoke

There are now a total of 332 (366) 400 (434) sts on the needle for the yoke. Place a marker each of the 4 places where the fronts and back meet the sleeves (= 4 markers).

Work back and forth in pattern. Work decreases at the raglan markers on every row 3 and 7 of the pattern: *Work in pattern to 4 sts before the marker, sk2p, k2, k3tog*. Repeat from * to * 3 more times, work in pattern to end of row.

Repeat these decreases every 4th row a total of 10 (11) 12 (13) times.

Next place the first 14 sts on each front on a stitch holder (= the 9 sts of the front edge + 5 sts). Continue working decreases at the raglan marker every 4th row while bind off sts to shape the neckline: Bind off 3 (3) 4 (5) sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows.

Bind off 2 sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows. Bind off 1 stitch at a time at the beginning of every row until all front sts have either been bound off or decreased away

Bind off 8 (10) 12 (14) sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows - across each sleeve. Then bind off all remaining sts all at once.

Neck edge

Place the sts for the right front on a 3,5 mm needle. Pick up and knit 1 stitch for each bound off stitch along the neck edge (+ 1-2 extra sts along where 1 stitch was bound off at a time). End by placing the left front edges back on the needle. (A total of approx. 125 (131) 135 (141) sts – make sure to end up with an odd number of sts).

Work in k1, p1 ribbing - except on the 9 front edge sts at the each side. Work 4 rows, then one last but-

tonhole at the right front edge.

Continue in ribbing for a total of 6 (7) 7 (8) rows. work 2 rows in stockinette stitch for the little rolling edge, then bind off all sts.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Sew the sleeve seams from the top toward the cuff.

Sew buttons in some of the buttonholes. You could have a button for every other buttonhole or 2 buttons, then 2 skipped buttonholes - or some other fun pattern. Make sure, though, to place a button at the first and last buttonhole.

Lightly steam the work or gently wash it in tepid, soapy water. Rinse and let dry on a flat surface.

