Paprika - a simple cardigan

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Paprika was originally designed to be the first sweater project for new knitters, but of course more experienced knitters can also enjoy this delightfully simple project. Paprika is knitted in Peruvian Highland Wool, which is one of the easiest yarns to work with. The yarn comes in an abundance of colours, so you can create exactly the cardigan you've always dreamed of.

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Materials

350 (400) 450 (500) g Peruvian Highland Wool by Filcolana in colour 147 (Hunter Green) 5 mm circular needle – work back and forth on a circular needle 6 buttons

Sizes

S (M) L (XL)

Measurements

Body, chest: 84 (92) 100 (108) cm Sweater, chest: 84 (92) 100 (108) cm Sleeve length: 42 (44) 46 (48) cm Total length: 52 (54) 56 (58) cm

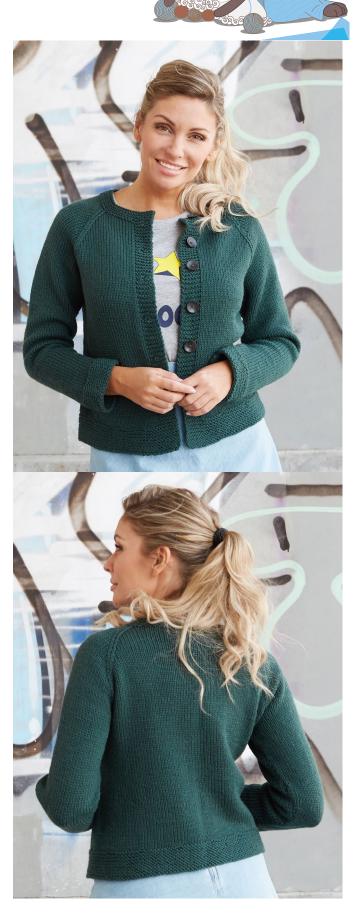
Gauge

17 sts and 22 rows in stockinette stitch on a 5 mm needle = $10 \times 10 \text{ cm}$

Special abbreviations

<u>Skp</u>: slip1, knit1, pass the slipped stitch over.





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The body is worked back and forth to the armholes, then the sleeves are worked in the round and the all three part are joined for the yoke, which is worked back and forth with raglan decreases.

Body

Cast on 131 (147) 163 (179) sts on a 5 mm circular needle and knit back and forth, beginning with a RS row.

Knit 16 rows, then continue by continuing to knit the first and last 7 sts on all rows, while working all other sts in stockinette stitch (knit on RS, purl on WS). At the same time increase the number of sts to 144 (160) 176 (192) sts evenly across the first row. Work the first buttonhole on the 24th (30th) 36th (34th) row (WS) as follows:

Work to the last 6 sts, k2tog, yarn over twice, skp, k2. Work the yarn overs as k1, p1 on the next row. Work a buttonhole as established every 18th (18th) 18th (20th) row.

Work 10 rows after the 3th buttonhole (ending on a WS row), then bind off sts for the armholes as follows:

Knit 35 (39) 43 (47) sts, bind off 6 sts, knit until there are 62 (70) 78 (86) sts on the needle after the bound off sts, bind off 6 sts, knit to end of row.



Sleeves

Cast on 34 (36) 38 (40) sts on a 5 mm needle and knit 16 rows. Continue in stockinette stitch, while increase 4 sts evenly across the first row. There are now 38 (40) 42 (44) sts on the needle.

Work increases every 8th row a total of 9 (10) 11 (12) times as follows (RS): K1, M1, knit to the last stitch, M1, k1.

There are now a total of 56 (60) 64 (68) sts on the needle.

Work straight in stockinette stitch until the sleeve measures 42 (44) 46 (48) cm or desired length. End on a WS row. Bind off 4 sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows.

Move the sts to a stitch holder and work a second sleeve the same as the first.

Yoke

Now place the sleeves over where sts were bound off for the armholes on the body. Work back and forth across all 228 (252) 276 (300) sts.

Work raglan decrease every RS row as follows: Knit to the last 2 sts of the front, *k2tog, skp *, knit to the last 2 sts of the sleeve, repeat from * to *, knit to the last 2 sts of the back, repeat from * to *, knit to the last 2 sts of the second sleeve repeat from * to *, knit to end of row.

Remembering to knit the first and last 7 sts of every row and remembering to work buttonholes, repeat these decreases every RS row a total of 20 (21) 23 (25) times. There are 68 (84) 92 (100) sts left on the needle. End on a RS row-

Now continue in garter stitch (knit all rows), while decreasing 1 (7) 7 (7) sts evenly across the first row. There are now 67 (77) 85 (93) sts left. Knit 7 more rows (remembering to work the last buttonhole). Bind off knitwise from the WS.

Finishing

Sew the sleeve seams. Sew the little seam under each sleeve. Sew in buttons across from the buttonholes.

Gently rinse the work and leave it on a flat surface to dry



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