

My Gift to You Free Pattern



Pattern Description:

This is a classic top-down knit cardigan designed for boys and girls, featuring an offset button front.

The pattern includes options for handmade sailor buttons and provides instructions for various sizes from 0-3 months to 12-18 months.

It incorporates raglan increases and a textured pattern for the main body and sleeves.

Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Yarn:** OOAKKnits Worsted Merino in Turquoise
- **Yarn Weight:** Worsted
- **Needle:** US 7 (4.50 mm) and US 6 (4.00 mm)
- **Notions:** 4 (for 0-3 months, 3-6 months, 6-12 months) or 5 (for 12-18 months) buttons, $\frac{3}{4}$ " or 1" size
- **Measurements:**
 - **Chest measurements:** 16" (0-3 months), 18" (3-6 months), 19" (6-12 months), 21" (12-18 months)
 - **Body of the sweater from underarm:** 5" (0-3 months), 7" (3-6 months), 9" (6-12 months), 10" (12-18 months)

- **Sleeve from underarm:** 4 ¼” (0-3 months), 6” (3-6 months), 7 ½” (6-12 months), 8 ½” (12-18 months)

Stitches & Abbreviations Used:

- **WS:** Wrong side
- **RS:** Right side
- **YO:** Yarn over
- **Sm:** Slip marker
- **Pm:** Place marker
- **K2tog:** Knit two stitches together
- **Rm:** Remove marker
- **Kfb:** Knit into the front and back of the stitch

Instructions for Making the My Gift to You Pattern:

Cardigan Body Construction (Top-Down)

- **Casting On and Initial Rows:** Using a long-tail cast-on method and the smaller US 6 (4.00 mm) needles, cast on 49 (53, 57, 59) stitches.
 - **Row 1 (WS):** Knit to the end.
 - **Row 2 (RS):** Knit to the end.
 - **Row 3 (WS):** Knit to the end.
 - **Row 4 (RS) (Buttonhole Row):** Knit 2, YO, K2tog, Knit to the end.
- **Changing Needles and Raglan Setup:** Change to the larger US 7 (4.50 mm) needles.
 - **Row 5 (WS):** Knit 4, purl 1 (front), Pm, purl 6 (sleeve), Pm, purl 16 (18, 20, 21) (back), Pm, purl 6 (sleeve), Pm, purl 12 (14, 16, 17) (front), knit 4.
- **Raglan Increases and Buttonholes:**
 - **Row 6 (RS):** Knit to 1 stitch before the next marker, (Kfb, Sm, Kfb, knit until you have 1 stitch before the next marker) work 4 times, knit to the end (8 stitches increased).
 - **Row 7 (WS):** Knit 4, purl to the last 4 stitches, knit 4.
 - Work rows 6 and 7 a total of 3 times.
 - **Row 8 (RS) (Buttonhole Row):** Knit 2, YO, K2tog, knit to 1 stitch before the next marker, (Kfb, Sm, Kfb, knit until you have 1 stitch before the next marker) work 4 times, knit to the end (8 stitches increased).
 - **Row 9 (WS):** Knit 4, purl to the last 4 stitches, knit 4.
 - Work rows 6 and 7 a total of 3 times.
 - Work rows 8 and 9 (Buttonhole Row) a total of 1 time.
 - Work rows 6 and 7 a total of 3 times.
 - Work rows 8 and 9 (Buttonhole Row) a total of 1 time.
 - **Size Specific Adjustments:**
 - For 0-3 months: Work rows 6 and 7 one more time.
 - For 3-6 months: Work rows 6 and 7 two more times.
 - For 6-12 months: Work rows 6 and 7 three more times.

- For 12-18 months: Work rows 6 and 7 three more times, and then rows 8 and 9 (Buttonhole Row) one last time.
 - You will now have 153 (165, 177, 187) stitches in total and 13 (14, 15, 16) raglan increases.
- **Dividing for Sleeves:**
 - **Row 10 (RS):** Knit to the sleeves, Rm, slip the 32 (34, 36, 38) sleeve stitches onto a piece of scrap yarn, Rm, knit across the back, Rm, slip the sleeve 32 (34, 36, 38) stitches onto a piece of scrap yarn, Rm, knit to the end. You will now have 89 (97, 105, 111) stitches.
 - **Row 11 (WS):** Knit 4, purl to the last 4 stitches, knit 4.
 - **Row 12 (RS):** Knit to the end.
 - **Row 13 (WS):** Knit 4, purl to the last 4 stitches, knit 4.
- **Main Body Texture Pattern:** Repeat rows 1-8 of the texture pattern below until the body measures 5" (7", 9", 10") from the underarm.
 - **Row 1 (RS):** Knit 4, (Purl 1, knit 1) repeat to the last 5 stitches, purl 1, knit 4.
 - **Row 2 (WS):** Knit 4, (Knit 1, purl 1) repeat to the last 5 stitches, knit 5.
 - **Row 3 (RS):** Knit to the end.
 - **Row 4 (WS):** Knit 4, purl to the last 4 stitches, knit 4.
 - **Row 5 (RS):** Knit 4, (Knit 1, purl 1) repeat to the last 5 stitches, knit 5.
 - **Row 6 (WS):** Knit 4, (Purl 1, knit 1) repeat to the last 5 stitches, purl 1, knit 4.
 - **Row 7 (RS):** Knit to the end.
 - **Row 8 (WS):** Knit 4, purl to the last 4 stitches, knit 4.
 - **Ending the Body:** End after working Row 1 or Row 5 of the texture pattern.
 - If ending after Row 1: Bind off as Knit 4, (Knit 1, purl 1) repeat to the last 5 stitches, knit 5.
 - If ending after Row 5: Bind off as Knit 4, (Purl 1, knit 1) repeat to the last 5 stitches, purl 1, knit 4.

Sleeves Construction

Work each sleeve separately, in the round, using the larger US 7 (4.50 mm) needle. Place a start of round marker for the 32 (34, 36, 38) stitches and leave a 6" tail for sewing close the hole under each arm.

- **Set-up Rounds:** Work the set-up round (Knit to the end) a total of 3 times.
- **Sleeve Pattern:** Repeat rounds 1-8 below until the sleeve measures 4 ¼" (6", 7 ½", 8 ½") from the underarm, or to your desired length.
 - **Rounds 1 and 2:** (Purl 1, knit 1) repeat to the end.
 - **Rounds 3 and 4:** Knit to the end.
 - **Rounds 5 and 6:** (Knit 1, purl 1) repeat to the end.
 - **Rounds 7 and 8:** Knit to the end.
 - **Ending the Sleeve:** End after Round 1 or Round 5 of the sleeve pattern.
 - If ending after Round 1: Bind off as (Purl 1, knit 1) repeat to the end.
 - If ending after Round 5: Bind off as (Knit 1, purl 1) repeat to the end.
 - Repeat all sleeve steps for the second sleeve.

Finishing

Weave in all loose ends, sew on your chosen buttons, block the cardigan, and enjoy your finished garment.