



INTERLACED DIAMOND CARDIGAN

Soft and buttonless, this mélange cardigan worked by alternating solid and open diamonds is perfect for elevating any look!

PALETTE AND YARN

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50% ORGANIC VIRGIN WOOL
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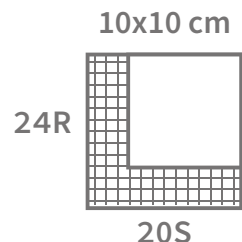
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DIFFICULTY: INTERMEDIATE

SIZE: 6/8

GAUGE AND FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Worked in an interlaced diamond
stitch pattern using 5 mm needles



MEASUREMENTS:

Back panel width: 45 cm

Front panel width: 22.5 cm

Sleeve width: 20 cm at the lower section and 40 cm at the upper section

Total length (front and back): 77 cm

Length from armhole to ribbed edge: 52 cm

Total sleeve length: 51 cm

MATERIALS

ECOLOGICAL YARN by SESIA 50 g., 13 yarn balls col. 606 grey

ECOLOGICAL YARN by SESIA 50 g., 2 yarn balls col. 52 cream

NEEDLES: n. 5

OTHER: cable needle, yarn needle, scissors, stitch markers

STITCHES

1x1 rib: Row 1 (RS): (k1, p1) repeat across the row. In the following rows, work the stitches as they appear.

Garter stitch: knit all stitches on every row.

Diamond stitch: worked over a number of stitches that is a multiple of 10 + 2, following the chart and repeating Rows 3–22 until the required length is reached.

Selvedge stitches: slip the first stitch of each row knitwise without working it; knit the last stitch of each row. On the two front panels, work the selvedges as explained.

Bind-off: bind off stitches using the standard bind-off (simple bind-off).

2 stitches crossed to the right A: place 1 stitch on hold to the back, knit 1 stitch, then knit the held stitch.

2 stitches crossed to the right B: place 1 stitch on hold to the back, knit 1 stitch, then purl the held stitch.

2 stitches crossed to the left A: place 1 stitch on hold to the front, knit 1 stitch, then knit the held stitch.

2 stitches crossed to the left B: place 1 stitch on hold to the front, purl 1 stitch, then knit the held stitch.



INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE: the garment is made up of 3 panels (two front panels and the back) and 2 sleeves. All parts are worked separately and joined together at the end. The front opening and neckline edgings are worked during the construction of the two front panels.

BACK:

Using the cream-colored yarn, cast on 94 stitches and, for the edging, work in 1×1 rib for 9 rows, equal to 4 cm. Change to the grey color and continue in the diamond stitch pattern, following the chart and setting up the work as follows: 1 selvedge stitch, work the 2 stitches of section A, repeat the horizontal module B of 10 stitches 8 times, then work the final module C of 10 stitches, 1 selvedge stitch.

(9 diamond pattern modules in total)

Continue as set for 110 rows, equal to 52 cm, then begin shaping the armholes by binding off on both sides: first 3 stitches, then decrease 1 stitch every 2 rows, twice; 84 stitches remain. Continue in the diamond stitch pattern as set, always keeping the first and last stitch as selvedge stitches. At 21 cm from the armholes, or at a total height of 77 cm, bind off all stitches.

LEFT FRONT:

Using the cream-colored yarn, cast on 50 stitches and, for the lower edging, set up the work as follows: 44 stitches in 1×1 rib, place 1 stitch marker (SM), and for the front opening edging work 4 stitches in garter stitch; then, with the yarn held in front, slip the last 2 stitches without working them (at the beginning of each return row, these 2 stitches are always knitted). During the work, move the SM up at the end of each subsequent row.

Work as set for 9 rows, then change to the grey yarn and continue in the diamond stitch pattern, resetting the work as follows: 1 selvedge stitch, work the first 2 stitches of section A of the chart, repeat module B of the diamond pattern 3 times, then work module C and 1 stitch in stockinette stitch (the stitch before the SM). Change to the cream yarn and work 4 stitches in garter stitch, then work the last 2 edge stitches as explained in the lower edging setup.

Continue as set for 110 rows, equal to 52 cm, then shape the armhole on the right side as for the back. At the same time, on the opposite side of the armhole, begin shaping the V-neck, decreasing 1 stitch every 4 rows, always working the decrease before the last knit stitch in grey.

Continue in this way until the piece reaches the same height as the back, then bind off the diamond-pattern stitches up to the SM and continue working only on the remaining 6 edging stitches (4 garter stitches + the 2 edge stitches). When the final section of the edging reaches the same length (in cm) as the first half of the back neckline, bind off the 6 stitches.

RIGHT FRONT: Work as for the left front, but mirror the shaping, making the front opening edging and the neckline decreases at the beginning of RS rows, and the armhole decreases on the side opposite the neckline.



SLEEVES (X2):

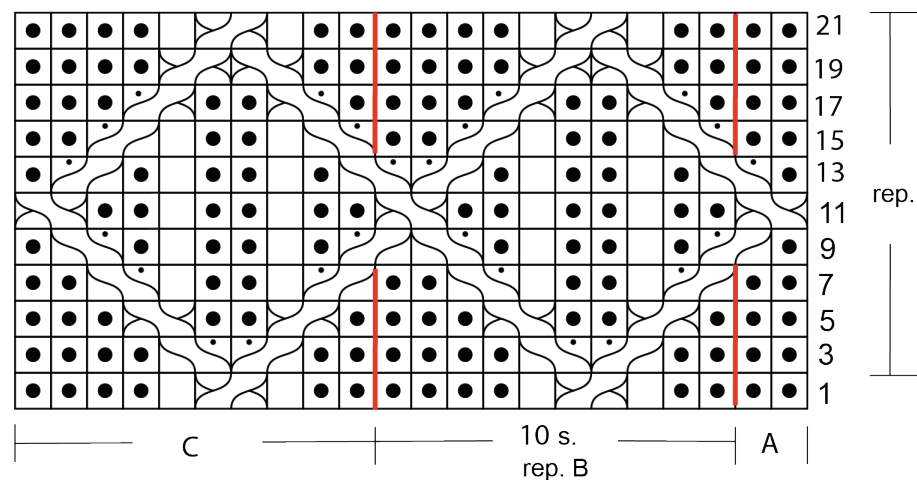
Using the cream-colored yarn, cast on 44 stitches and, for the edging, work 1x1 rib for 9 rows. Change to the grey color and continue in the diamond stitch pattern, setting up the work as follows: 1 selvedge stitch, work the 2 stitches of section A of the chart, then repeat module B of the diamond pattern 3 times, work module C, and finish with 1 selvedge stitch.

Continue as set, increasing 1 stitch at each side every 6 rows, 15 times, extending the diamond pattern over the added stitches; there are now 74 stitches on the needle. After completing 96 rows in diamond stitch, equal to 44 cm from the ribbed edge, shape the armholes by binding off 3 stitches on both sides, then decreasing 1 stitch at each side every 2 rows, twice. At 51 cm total height, bind off the remaining 64 stitches.

ASSEMBLY AND FINISHING:

Work all seams on the wrong side. Sew the shoulders and side seams, then sew the inner edge of the final border sections of the two front panels along the edge of each half of the back, and stitch the ends of the two borders to the center back of the neckline. Sew the side seams. Sew the underarm seams, then attach the sleeves, sewing the armholes around the edges of the armhole openings. Fasten off all yarn ends.

Interlaced diamond stitch



Legend

□ 1 knit stitch

● 1 purl stitch



2 stitches crossed to the right A

(place 1 stitch on a cable needle and hold it at the back, knit 1 stitch, return)



2 stitches crossed to the right B

(place 1 stitch on a cable needle and hold it at the back, knit 1 stitch, return)



2 stitches crossed to the left A

(place 1 stitch on a cable needle and hold it at the front, knit 1 stitch, return)



2 stitches crossed to the left B

(place 1 stitch on a cable needle and hold it at the front, purl 1 stitch, return)

Odd rows (RS) are read from left to right.

On even rows (WS), not shown in the chart, work the stitches as they