

# The Birch Cardigan



## Materials

- **Stylecraft Bambino DK** (1x skein of each of 3 colours from the options below, select as A, B, C for pattern)
- 3.5mm needles
- 4 mm needles
- 1x marker
- 6  $\frac{1}{2}$ " buttons
- Row counter (optional)



## Colour choices



7116  
Vintage Blue



7113  
Soft Pink



7352  
Key Lime



7350  
Yummy Yellow



7112  
Clotted Cream



# Information

## Measurements

**To fit:** 6m / 12m

### Guage:

**6m:** 22st = 4"

**12m:** 20st = 4"

### Sizing:

- Chest: 21"
- Body length: 12.25"
- Sleeve length: 8.5"
- Upper sleeve circumference: 10"

## Abbreviations

**K:** Knit

**P:** Purl

**RS:** Right Side

**WS:** Wrong Side

**M:** Marker

**PM:** Place Marker

**st. st.:** Stockinette stitch, (knit on right side, purl on wrong side)

**K2tog:** Knit two stitches together

**K2togTBL:** Knit two stitches together through the back loop

**KFB:** Knit into front and back of stitch, one stitch increased

**M1L:** Make one stitch left, one stitch increased

**M1R:** Make one stitch right, one stitch increased

**YO:** Yarn over

# Pattern

## Back

**With color A and 3.5mm needles,** cast on 50 sts.

### Rows 1-6: K

**Row 7:** (RS) **Change to 4mm needles**, K to end and using the KFB increase, increase 5 sts. evenly across row (55 sts.)

### Row 8: P

**Row 9:** K and continue to work in st. st. for a total of 76 rows.

**Cast off** on next RS row.



## Left Front: (striped side)

**With color A and 3.5mm needles**, cast on 28 sts.

**Rows 1-6:** K

**Row 7:** (RS) **Change to 4mm needles**, K to end and using the KFB increase, increase 3 sts. evenly across row (31 sts.)

**Row 8:** K5, PM, P to end

**Row 9:** K

**Row 10:** K5, slip M, P to end

**Repeat** last two rows and at the same time, make stripe sequence:

**Rows 1-14** Color A

**Rows 15-26** Color C

**Rows 27-38** Color A

**Rows 39-50** Color C

**Rows 51-62** Color A

**Rows 63-76** Color C

At the same time, **shape neck**:

**Row 70:** (WS) Bind off 14 sts., P to end

**Row 71:** K to last 4 sts., K2tog, K2

**Row 72** and all remaining WS rows: P

**Row 73, 75:** as row 71

On next RS row **cast off** remaining 14 sts.

**Weave in** stripe ends only, leaving cast-on and cast-off tails for seaming.

## Right Front: (solid side)

**With color B and 3.5mm needles**, cast on 28 sts.

**Rows 1-4:** K

**Row 5:** Buttonhole row: K2, YO, K2tog, K to end.

**Row 6:** K

**Row 7:** (RS) **Change to 4mm needles**, K5, PM, K to end and using the KFB increase, increase 3sts. evenly across row (31 sts.)

**Row 8:** P to M, slip M, K5

**Row 9:** K

**Row 10-68:** Repeat rows 8 and 9 making 4 more buttonholes as above on rows 19, 33, 47, 61.

**Row 69:** (RS) Shape neck: Bind off 14 sts., K to end

**Row 70** and all remaining WS rows: P

**Row 71:** K2, K2togTBL, K to end

**Row 73, 75:** as row 71

**On next RS row** cast off remaining 14 sts.

## Sleeves

### Solid color sleeve:

**With color B and 3.5mm needles**, cast on 32 sts.

**Rows 1-6:** K

**Row 7:** (RS) **Change to 4mm needles**, K to end and using the KFB increase, increase 4 sts. evenly across row (36 sts.)

**Row 8:** P

**Row 9:** K

**Repeat** last two rows increasing at each side (K3, M1R, K to last 3 sts., M1L, K3)

**starting on row 11** and every following 6th row to 50 sts. Work a total of 52 rows. Cast off on next RS row.

### Striped sleeve:

**With color A and 3.5mm needles**, cast on 32 sts.

**Rows 1-6:** K

**Row 7:** (RS) **Change to 4mm needles**, K to end and using the KFB increase, increase 4 sts. evenly across row (36 sts.)

**Row 8:** P

**Row 9:** K

**Repeat** last two rows increasing at each side (K3, M1R, K to last 3 sts., M1L, K3)

**Starting on row 11** and every following 6th row to 50 sts. At the same time, make stripe sequence:

**Rows 1-14:** Color A

**Rows 15-26:** Color C

**Rows 27-38:** Color A

**Rows 39-52:** Color C

**Cast off** on next RS row. Weave in stripe ends only, leaving cast-on and cast-off tails for seaming later.

## Finishing:

**Block** all pieces lightly.

**Sew** shoulder seams and sew in sleeves. Sew up sleeve seams and side seams.

**For neckband**, with color A and 3.5mm needles (circulars if you have them) and RS facing, pick up 20 sts. across front right side, 30 across back and 20 across front left (70 sts.)

**Beginning with WS facing**, knit 3 rows.

**Row 4:** Buttonhole row: K2, YO, K2tog, K to end.

**Rows 5, 6:** K.

**Bind off** on Row 7.

**Weave in** ends and sew on buttons.