



Springhill
Hospice
Making every moment count

The Birch Cardigan

specific Yarn



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 ½" 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

Gauge:

6m: 22st = 4"

12m: 20st = 4"

Sizing: 12m:

- 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 stitches. 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.

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