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# Audrey's First Day

A toddler/child top-down, seamless cardigan

# Pattern Info:

*Audrey's First Day* cardigan is a raglan, knit in one piece from the top-down. Sleeves are separated at the underarm and sleeve sts are held on scrap yarn while the body is completed. Sleeves are then worked on DPNs from the underarm to the cuff. Front band ribbing is created by picking up and knitting stitchess along garment edge. A little punch of contrasting color is added by putting a thin stripe at the bottom of the body and sleeves (you can omit the stripes, add more stripes, or be as creative as you'd like!

## Finished Chest Measurement:

24.5 (25.5, 27.5, 28.5, 29.5, 30, 31)"

## Underarm to Hem Length:

5.75 (6, 6.25, 6.5, 6.75, 7, 7.25)"

**Gauge:** 16 sts & 25 rws = 4" in St st

**Yarn:** Approx. 430 (448, 484, 500, 518, 528, 544) yds of heavy-worsted or aran-weight yarn for MC and 18 (18, 20, 20, 20, 21, 22) yds for CC, shown in Mission Falls 1824 Superwash (100% Merino Wool; 85 yds/50g), 6 (6, 6, 6, 7, 7, 7) skeins for MC and 1 skein for CC.

## Needles and other supplies:

- US 8 24" circular needle or size needed to obtain gauge
- US 8 DPNs (or size needed to obtain gauge)
- US 7 24" circular needles or 1 needle size smaller than that used to obtain gauge
- US 7 DPNs (or 1 needle size smaller than that used to obtain gauge)
- 8 stitch markers
- 3-4 removable stitch markers (to be used during button placement)
- 3-4 buttons, 3/4-7/8" in diameter
- 2 pieces of scrap yarn, approx 20" / 51 cm in length
- Tapestry needle to weave in ends

## Abbreviations:

CO = cast on	st(s) = stitch(es)
rw(s) = row(s)	rnd(s) = round(s)
BO = bind off	k = knit
p = purl	St st = stockinette stitch
pm = place marker	sm = slip marker
YO = yarn over	RS = right side
WS = wrong side	RN = right needle
LN = left needle	inc'd = increase(d)
MC = main color	CC = contrasting color
dec'd = decrease(d)	

## Techniques:

- k2tog: Knit the next 2 sts together (1 st dec'd)
- p2tog: Purl the next 2 sts together (1 st dec'd)
- ssk: Slip the next 2 sts as if to knit, then insert LN into front of these sts and knit them together (1 st dec'd)
- kfb: Knit into the front and back of the next stitch (1 st inc'd)
- BO in pattern: bind off each stitch as it presents itself (i.e., If st is a purl st, BO purlwise. If it's a knit st, BO knitwise)

## Pattern Stitches:

- St st: knit on RS rows, purl on WS rows
- St st (in the round): knit all rounds

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# Pattern Instructions:

## Beginning:

- Using US 8 24" needles and MC, CO 36 (36, 36, 36, 36, 40, 40)
- Raglan Set-up Rw (WS): p1 for left front, pm, p2 for raglan seam, pm, p 4 (4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5) for left sleeve, pm, p2 for raglan seam, pm, p 18 (18, 18, 18, 18, 20, 20) for back neck, pm, p2 for raglan seam, pm, p 4 (4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5) for right sleeve, pm, p2 for raglan seam, pm, p1 for right front.

## Raglan & Neck Shaping:

You will be working raglan increase rows every other row as well as v-neck shaping rows every 4th, 6th, or 8th row depending on the size. Because the rate of increasing for the v-neck changes for each size, I have broken out instructions for the yoke from row 5 on, based on size.

In the instructions, refer to the definitions listed below:

**Raglan Increase Row:** \*k to marker, yo, sm, k2, sm, yo; repeat from \* 3 times, k to end

**V-Neck Shaping Row:** Kfb, \*k to marker, yo, sm, k2, sm, yo; repeat from \* 3 times, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1

### All sizes:

- Rw 1 (RS): kfb, yo, sm, k2, sm, yo, \*k to marker, yo, sm, k2, sm, yo; repeat from \* 2 more times, kfb of last st

Total sts: 46 (46, 46, 46, 46, 50, 50) sts

- Rw 2 & all WS rws moving forward: p to end, slipping markers as you reach them
- Rw 3: Work Raglan Increase Row: 54 (54, 54, 54, 54, 58, 58) sts

### Size 2T only:

- Rw 5: Work V-neck Shaping Row: 64 sts.
- Rw 7: Work Raglan Increase Row: 72 sts.
- Rw 9: Work V-neck Shaping Row: 82 sts.
- Rw 11: Work Raglan Increase Row: 90 sts.
- Rw 13: Work V-neck Shaping Row: 100 sts.
- Rws 15 & 17: Work Raglan Increase Row: 116 sts.
- Rw 19: Work V-neck Shaping Row: 126 sts.
- Rws 21 & 23: Work Raglan Increase Row: 142 sts.
- Rw 25: Work V-neck Shaping Row: 152 sts.

### Size 3T only:

- Rw 5: Work V-neck Shaping Row: 64 sts.
- Rw 7: Work Raglan Increase Row: 72 sts.
- Rw 9: Work V-neck Shaping Row : 82 sts.
- Rws 11 & 13: Work Raglan Increase Row: 98 sts.
- Rw 15: Work V-neck Shaping Row: 108 sts.
- Rws 17 & 19: Work Raglan Increase Row: 124 sts.
- Rw 21: Work V-neck Shaping Row: 134 sts.
- Rws 23 & 25: Work Raglan Increase Row: 150 sts.
- Rw 27: Work V-neck Shaping Row: 160 sts.

### Size 4T only:

- Rw 5: Work Raglan Increase Row: 62 sts.
- Rw 7: Work V-neck Shaping Row: 72 sts.
- Rws 9 & 11: Work Raglan Increase Row: 88 sts.
- Rw 13: Work V-neck Shaping Row: 98 sts.
- Rws 15 & 17: Work Raglan Increase Row: 114 sts.
- Rw 19: Work V-neck Shaping Row: 124 sts.
- Rws 21 & 23: Work Raglan Increase Row: 140 sts.
- Rw 25: Work V-neck Shaping Row: 150 sts.
- Rws 27 & 29: Work Raglan Increase Row: 166 sts.
- Rw 31: Work V-neck Shaping Row: 176 sts.

### Size 5-6 only:

- Rw 5: Raglan Increase Row: 62 sts.
- Rw 7: V-neck Shaping Row: 72 sts.
- Rws 9 and 11: Raglan Increase Row: 88 sts.
- Rw 13: V-neck Shaping Row: 98 sts.
- Rws 15 & 17: Raglan Increase Row: 114 sts.
- Rw 19: V-neck Shaping Row: 124 sts.
- Rws 21 and 23: Raglan Increase Row: 140 sts.
- Rw 25: V-neck Shaping Row: 150 sts.
- Rws 27, 29, & 31: Raglan Increase Row: 174 sts.
- Rw 33: V-neck Shaping Row: 184 sts.

### Size 6-7 & 7-8 only:

- Rw 5: Work Raglan Increase Row: [62, 66] sts.
- Rw 7: Work V-neck Shaping Row: [72, 76] sts.
- Rws 9 & 11: Work Raglan Increase Row: [88, 92] sts.
- Rw 13: Work V-neck Shaping Row: [98, 102] sts.
- Rws 15 & 17: Work Raglan Increase Row: [114, 118] sts.
- Rw 19: Work V-neck Shaping Row: [124, 128] sts.
- Rws 21, 23, & 25: Work Raglan Increase Row: [148, 152] sts.
- Rw 27: Work V-neck Shaping Row: [158, 162] sts.
- Rws 29, 31, & 33: Work Raglan Increase Row: [182, 186] sts.
- Rw 35: Work V-neck Shaping Row: [192, 196] sts.

## Size 8-10 only:

- Rw 5: Work Raglan Increase Row: 66 sts.
- Rw 7: Work V-neck Shaping Row: 76 sts.
- Rws 9 & 11: Work Raglan Increase Row: 92 sts.
- Rw 13: Work V-neck Shaping Row: 102 sts.
- Rws 15, 17, & 19: Work Raglan Increase Row: 126 sts.
- Rw 21: Work V-neck Shaping Row: 136 sts.
- Rws 23, 25, & 27: Work Raglan Increase Row: 160 sts.
- Rw 29: Work V-neck Shaping Row: 170 sts.
- Rws 31, 33, & 35: Work Raglan Increase Row: 194 sts.
- Rw 37: Work V-neck Shaping Row: 204 sts.

Total sts (not including seam sts): each front = 20 (21, 23, 24, 25, 25, 26); each sleeve = 30 (32, 36, 38, 40, 41, 43); back = 44 (46, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58)

All sizes: Last rnd (WS): p to end

## Underarm Divide:

(RS): \*knit to marker, remove marker, k2, remove next marker, transfer sleeve sts onto scrap yarn using tapestry needle, remove marker, k2, remove next marker; repeat from \* 1 time, knit to end.

Total sts on needles: 92 (96, 104, 108, 112, 114, 118)

## Body:

Work back and forth in St st until body measures approx. 3.75 (4, 4.25, 4.5, 4.75, 5, 5.25)" from underarm divide (or approximately 2" less than desired length) ending on a WS row, cut yarn.

- Next row (RS): Join CC, k to end, cut yarn.

### Sizes 2T, 3T, 4T, 5-6 yrs, 6-7 yrs only:

- Last row (WS): Join MC, p to end

### Sizes 7-8 yrs, 8-10 yrs ONLY:

- Last row (WS): Join MC, p1, p2tog, p to last 3 sts, p2tog, p1

## Bottom Ribbing:

- Rw 1: \*K2, p2; repeat from \* to end.
  - Repeat rw 1 until ribbing measures 2"
  - BO in pattern

## Sleeves: (repeat for both sleeves)

- Transfer sleeve sts from scrap yarn onto 3 US 8 DPNs (equally distributing the sts onto the 3 needles as much as possible)
- Using 3rd DPN (which already has sts on it) and joining MC, pm, pick up 2 sts at underarm. The marker represents beginning of rnd (note: it is natural for a little hole to appear at underarm when work is joined. Don't worry-you can close it up when you weave in ends).
- Join to work in the rnd and k 10 rnds
- Decrease Rnd: k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1: 30 (32, 36, 38, 40, 41, 43) sts.
- Work in St st (knitting every rnd), working the above decrease rnd every 11 (13, 15, 15, 18, 19, 21) rnds 1[1, 1, 3, 2, 1, 1] time(s), then every 10 (12, 14, 0, 17, 18, 20) rnds 2 (2, 2, 0, 1, 2, 2) time(s): 24 (26, 30, 32, 34, 35, 37) sts
- Next rnd: Join CC, k to end
- Last rnd: Switch back to MC and work as follows:
  - Sizes 2T & 5-6 only: k to end
  - Sizes 3T, 4T, & 6-7 only: k1, k2tog, k to 3 sts before end, k2tog, k1
  - Size 7-8 only: kfb, k to end
  - Size 8-10 only: k1, k2tog, k to end

### Wrist Ribbing:

- Rnd 1: \*k2, p2; repeat from \* to end.
  - Repeat rnd 1 until ribbing measures 1.5"
  - BO in pattern

## Front Bands:

- Using MC and US 7 24" circular needle, join yarn at bottom right front edge of garment.
- Pick up and knit: 3 sts for every 4 rows along the right front, all the way up to the neck, 2 sts at the top right front raglan seam, 4 (4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5) right shoulder sts, 2 sts at the top right back raglan seam, 18 (18, 18, 18, 18, 20, 20) back neck sts, 2 sts at the top left back raglan seam, 4 (4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5) left shoulder sts, 2 sts at the top left front raglan seam, 3 sts for every 4 rows down the left front, making sure final st count is a multiple of 4+2 (an example of this would be to pick up 154 sts—152 is divisible by 4, plus 2 more sts = 154).
- Rw 1 (WS): p2, \*k2, p2; repeat from \* to end
- Rw 2 (RS): \*k2, p2; repeat from \* to last 2 sts, k2
  - Repeat rws 1 and 2: 2 more times

- Buttonhole set-up: place removable markers on the right front piece (in the section between the underarm and the bottom) to mark where buttonholes will be made. Place each marker on 2 purl sts (sts that are purls on RS but will be knit sts on WS). Place the top hole under the start of the v-neck and the bottom hole 2 sts in from the edge. The other hole(s) should be placed within 2-3" of each other.
- Row 7-Buttonhole Row (WS): p2, \*k2, p2; repeat from \* to first marker, remove marker, YO, k2tog, \*work in k2, p2 ribbing to next marker, remove marker, YO, k2tog; repeat from \* through last marker, p2.
- Row 8 (RS): Repeat rw 2 (note: knit the YO's as you reach them - this creates the buttonhole).
- Row 9 (WS): Repeat rw 1
  - Repeat rws 8 and 9: 1 more time
- BO in pattern

## Finishing:

- Weave in all ends—for ends at the underarm, weave in so that the little hole at the underarm is seamed up
- Block to straighten out edges and shape (this especially helps in the v-neck area)
- Attach buttons



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