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# Zip Cardigan

Worsted Hand Dyes



a fine knitting pattern by blue sky alpacas

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## EXPERIENCE LEVEL

Intermediate

## MATERIALS

- Blue Sky Worsted Hand Dyes (100 g/100 yds): 8 (9, 10, 11, 12) hanks
  - Size 9 (5.5mm) needles, or size needed to obtain gauge
  - Size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook
  - 4 stitch holders
  - 12 (12, 12, 14, 14)" zipper
  - Tapestry needle
- Photo Shown: Ecru #2003

## SIZE

Woman's Small (Medium, Large, Extra-Large, XX-Large). Instructions are given for smallest size, with large sizes in parentheses. When only one number is given it applies to all sizes.

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

**Chest and hips:** 36½ (40, 43, 47, 51½)"

**Waist:** 32½ (36, 39, 43, 47½)"

**Body length:** 24¾ (26½, 27, 27½)"

## GAUGE

In St st with Blue Sky Worsted Hand Dyes 16 sts and 22 rows = 4"

## BACK

Cast on 73 (80, 86, 94, 103) sts. Work in St st (knit RS, purl WS) until piece measures 1¾ (2¼, 2¼, 2½, 3)".

**Waist Shaping:** Cont in St st, dec 1 at each end of next row, then every foll 4th row 3 more times to 65 (72, 78, 86, 95) sts. Work even until piece measures 8¾ (10, 10, 10, 10)". Inc 1 at each end of next row, then every foll 4th row 3 more times to 73 (80, 86, 94, 103) sts. Work even until piece measures 16¼ (17½, 17½, 17¾, 17¾)".

**Armhole Shaping:** Cont in St st, bind off 6 (5, 6, 7, 7) sts at beg of next 2 rows. Dec 1 at each end of every RS row 5 (7, 7, 8, 11) times to 51 (56, 60, 64, 67) sts. Work even until armhole measures 7½ (8, 8½, 8¾, 9)", ending WS row complete.

**Shoulder Shaping: Next Row (RS):**

Knit to last 5 (6, 5, 6, 6) sts, turn.

**Next Row:** Ignoring sts already on right needle, purl to last 5 (6, 5, 6, 6) sts, turn.

**Next 2 Rows:** Work in St st to last 10 (11, 11, 12, 12) sts, turn.

**Next 2 Rows:** Work in St st to last 14 (16, 17, 18, 18) sts, turn. Bind off center 23 (24, 26, 28, 31) sts. Slip 14 (16, 17, 18, 18) sts for each shoulder on to holders.

## RIGHT FRONT

Cast on 36 (40, 43, 47, 51) sts. Work in St st until piece measures 1¾ (2¼, 2¼, 2½, 3)", ending WS row complete.

**Waist Shaping:** With RS facing and cont in St st, dec 1 at end of row (side edge), then every foll 4th row 3 more times to 32 (36, 39, 43, 47) sts. Work even until piece from beg measures 8¾ (10, 10, 10, 10)", ending WS row complete. Inc 1 at end of row, then every foll 4th row 3 more times to 36 (40, 43, 47, 51) sts. Work even until piece from beg measures 16¼ (17½, 17½, 17¾, 17¾)", ending RS row complete.

**Armhole and Neck Shaping:**

**Next Row (WS):** Bind off 6 (5, 6, 7, 7) sts, purl to end. Cont in St st, dec 1 at side edge every WS row 5 (5, 7, 8, 11) times AT SAME TIME dec 1 at neck edge every 3rd row 11 (14, 13, 14, 15) times to 14 (16, 17, 18, 18) sts. Work even until armhole measures 7½ (8, 8½, 8¾, 9)", ending WS row complete.

**Shoulder Shaping:** Work 2 rows even in St st. Cont working short rows as foll:  
**Next Row (RS):** K9 (10, 12, 13, 13), turn.

**Next Row:** Purl to end.

**Next Row:** K4 (5, 7, 8, 8), turn.

**Next Row:** Purl to end. Slip all 14 (16, 17, 18, 18) sts on to holder.

## LEFT FRONT

Work as for Right Front, reversing all shaping.

## JOIN SHOULDERS

With front and back RS tog, join shoulders with three-needle bind off as foll: Insert right needle knitwise through first st on front and back st holders, knit sts tog as single st. Knit tog next st on front and back holders in same manner. Using left needle, lift st at far right on right needle over rem st on right needle and off needle. 1 st now bound off. Rep across. Lightly steam.

## SLEEVE (MAKE 2)

Cast on 30 (32, 34, 34, 36) sts. Working in St st, inc 1 at each end of every 9th (8th, 8th, 7th, 6th) row for 11 (12, 13, 15, 16) times to 52 (56, 60, 64, 68) sts. Work even until sleeve measures 19", ending WS row complete.

**Shape Sleeve Cap:** Bind off 5 (5, 6, 7, 7) sts at beg of next 2 rows. Dec 1 at each end of every RS row 14 (15, 16, 17, 18) times to 14 (16, 16, 16, 18) sts. Bind off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. Bind off rem 8 (10, 10, 10, 12) sts.

## FINISHING

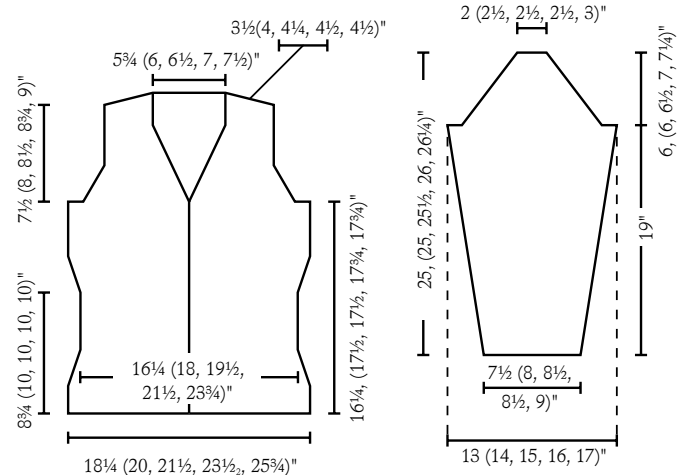
With RS tog, sew front to back as sides. Sew sleeve underarm seam and sew into armhole, easing to fit. Rep for rem sleeve.

## EDGING

Single crochet around body, join with slip st to first single crochet. Work 2nd row with crab stitch (backward single crochet) around body.

## ZIPPER

Block sweater. Baste front edges tog at zipper position. Center zipper on inside of center front. Align top of zipper with beginning of neckline shaping. Bottom of zipper will stop short of hem. Sew in place. 🐾



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