



Flared Bottom V-Neck Cardigan
One Button Version



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Peplum Waist Cardigan Knitting Pattern

“Pretty, feminine, romantic” are just a few of the words which describe this lovely peplum cardigan. Smooth, subtly flared sleeves complete the softly shaped look.

This cardigan is knit in Cascade Yarns Venezia Worsted, a lustrous, luxurious, silk-wool blend yarn. The model shown here was created in color Dark Bronze.

Sizes: TO FIT SIZES: S (M, L, XL) OR Bust Sizes 32-34 (36-38, 40-42, 44-46)”

Skill Level: Intermediate/Experienced

Yarn Used: Cascade Yarns Venezia Worsted (70% Merino Wool, 30% Silk) 3.5 oz./100 g [218 yds/199 m] per hank; 7 (7, 8, 9) hanks in Dark Bronze #123.

Gauge(s): 20 stitches = 4” and approx. 28 rows = 4” [10 cm] in St st on Size 7 [4.5 mm] needles or size to obtain gauge. It is recommended to use a circular needle of 24” or 32” to be able to comfortably knit and review your work as you progress.

Abbreviations: **CO** (cast on), **BO** (bind off), **ssk** (slip 2 stitches knitwise separately to right needle, insert left needle into these stitches, and knit these 2 together through the back loop), **k2tog** (knit 2 together), **p2tog**, (purl 2 stitches together), **ssp** (slip 2 stitches knitwise separately to right needle, insert left needle into these stitches’ “back” loops -2nd stitch then 1st stitch-, purl these 2 together), **st st** (stockinette stitch), **patt** (continue working in present pattern stitch), **RS** (Right Side), **WS** (Wrong Side), **rib** (continue working in rib pattern stitch), **pm** (place marker), beg (begin; beginning)

Pattern Notes: Throughout this pattern, where possible, stitch counts at the completion of various sections are provided. In some cases, more generalized directions are provided to create a simple dart or work a short row, an increase, or decrease, etc. These generalized instructions are provided to you to improve the fit of your sweater. In these instances, your estimates and common sense will prevail.

INSTRUCTIONS

BACK

Sizes S/M(L/XL): CO 141(161) sts.

All Sizes: Rib Band: Knit 1/Purl 1 rib for 8 rows. End ready to begin RS row.

Begin Peplum - Lower Bodice

Note: Place markers between stitches and move them up as piece is worked. Decreases are worked in the two stitches before and two stitches after marked stitch to form peplum. This peplum (including trim band) is 53” circumference for the S and M sizes, 61” for L and XL. The peplum length for S/M is 7”, including ribbing, for the L/XL sizes, it is 8.5” including ribbing and a short row dart.

SIZES S/M

Working in Stockinette stitch, work 10 rows even. Divide into sections with markers: K20, (pm, k1, pm, k19) 5 times, pm, k1, pm, K20) (141 sts)
Decrease Row: K 18 (ssk, K1, K2tog, K17) 5 times, ssk, K1, K2tog, K19. (129 sts.)
Work even 10 rows.
Decrease Row: K17, (ssk, K1, K2tog, K15) 5 times, ssk, K1, K2tog, K18. (117 sts.)
Work even 10 rows.
Decrease Row: K16, (ssk, K1, K2tog, K13) 5 times, ssk, K1, K2tog, K17. (105 sts.)
Work even 10 rows.

SIZES L/XL

Working in Stockinette stitch, work 12 rows even. Divide into sections with markers: K20, (pm, k1, pm, k19) 6 times, pm, k1, pm, K20) (161 sts)
Decrease Row: K 18 (ssk, K1, K2tog, K17) 6 times, ssk, K1, K2tog, K19. (147 sts.)
Work even 12 rows.
Decrease Row: K17, (ssk, K1, K2tog, K15) 6 times, ssk, K1, K2tog, K18. (133 sts.)
Work even 12 rows.
Decrease Row: K16, (ssk, K1, K2tog, K13) 6 times, ssk, K1, K2tog, K17. (119 sts.)
Work even 12 rows, ending ready to knit a RS row.
Short-Row Peplum Dart: Knit 80 sts, W&T, purl 40, W&T, Knit to the end of the row, picking up 1st wrap along the way, turn, purl across row, picking up 2nd wrap along the way. *If needed, repeat this Short Row Dart one time more for fullness across mid-section of front.*

Upper Bodice

Sizes S/M(L/XL): Upper Bodice: Change to Purl 5, K1 pattern.
P4 (K1, P5) 16(19) times, end P4(P3).
Rib until Upper Bodice is 10(11") (or desired length) from beg of Upper Bodice.

Sizes M, L, and XL: Upper Bodice: AT THE SAME TIME, form Bust Dart: when Upper Bodice measures 4 inches, at each of the side-seam edges, on next RS row and on every 6th row, inc one stitch, 2-4 times. Maintain purl stitches on the right side in this dart, or maintain patt as you prefer. Dart will be approx 1" wide when ready to shape armholes.

Shape Armholes S/M

Keeping in Rib pattern, BO 4(5) sts at beg of next two rows. 97(approx. 101) sts.
BO 3 sts at beg of next two rows. 91(approx. 95) sts.
BO 2 sts at beg of next two rows. 87(approx. 91) sts.
BO 1 st at beg of next two rows. 85(approx. 87) sts.
Patt until armhole measures 8(8.5)", or desired length, from beg of Armhole binds off. End ready to begin a RS row.

Divide for shoulders and neck

Knit 20(21) sts, (place on stitch holder for shoulder,) BO center 43(approx. 45) sts for neck, knit 20(21) sts (place on stitch holder for shoulder.) Fasten off.

Shape Armholes L/XL

Keeping in Rib pattern, BO 4(5) sts at beg of next two rows. 113(approx. 117) sts.
BO 4 sts at beg of next two rows. 105(approx. 109) sts.
BO 2 sts at beg of next two rows. 101(approx. 105) sts.
BO 1 st at beg of next two rows. 99(approx. 103) sts.
Patt until armhole measures 8.5(9)", or desired length, from beg of Armhole binds off. End ready to begin a RS row.

Divide for shoulders and neck

Knit 26(27) sts, (place on stitch holder for shoulder,) BO center 47(approx. 47) sts for neck, knit 26(27) sts (place on stitch holder for shoulder.) Fasten off.

FRONTS

Right Front

CO 69(79) sts.

Rib Band: Knit 1/Purl 1 rib for 8 rows. End ready to begin RS row.

Begin Peplum – Lower Bodice of Right Front

Note: As for the back, place markers between stitches and move them up as piece is worked. Decreases are worked in the two stitches before and two stitches after marked stitch to form peplum.

SIZES S/M

In Stockinette stitch, work 10 rows. (Mark sections K10, (pm, k1, pm, k19) 3 times (69 sts.)

Decrease Row: K 8 (ssk, K1, K2tog, K15) 2 times, ssk, K1, K2tog, K17. (63 sts.)

Work even 10 rows.

Decrease Row: K7, (ssk, K1, K2tog, K13) 2 times, ssk, K1, K2tog, K16. (57 sts.)

Work even 10 rows.

Decrease Row: K6, (ssk, K1, K2tog, K11) 2 times, ssk, K1, K2tog, K15. (51 sts.)

Work even 10 rows.

SIZES L/XL

In Stockinette stitch, work 12 rows. (Mark sections K10, (pm, k1, pm, k19) 3 times (79 sts.)

Decrease Row: K 18 (ssk, K1, K2tog, K15) 2 times, ssk, K1, K2tog, K17. (73 sts.)

Work even 12 rows.

Decrease Row: K17, (ssk, K1, K2tog, K13) 2 times, ssk, K1, K2tog, K16. (67 sts.)

Work even 12 rows.

Decrease Row: K16, (ssk, K1, K2tog, K11) 2 times, ssk, K1, K2tog, K15. (61 sts.)

Work even 12 rows, ending ready to knit a RS row.

Short-Row Peplum Dart. At Trim Band side edge, Knit 20 sts, W&T, purl to the end of the row. Next Row: Knit across row, picking up wrap along the way. *If needed, repeat this Short Row Dart one time more for fullness across mid-section of front.*

Sizes S/M(L/XL): Upper Bodice

Change to Purl 5, K1 pattern.

P4 (K1, P5) 7(9) times, end, K1, P4(P2).

Rib until Upper Bodice is 10(11") (or desired length) from beg of Upper Bodice.

Rib until upper bodice is 9(10)" (or desired length--1" below bust measurement point) from beginning of Upper Bodice. End ready to work a Right Side row.

Sizes M, L, and XL: Upper Bodice: AT THE SAME TIME, form Bust Dart: when Upper Bodice measures 4 inches, at each of the side-seam edges, on next RS row and on every 6th row, inc one stitch, 4-6 times. Maintain purl stitches in this dart, or maintain patt, as you prefer. Dart will be approx 1-2" wide when ready to shape armholes.

ALL SIZES

V-Neck and Armhole Shaping

Begin V-Neck Shaping

Row 1: (Right Side): At neck edge, every 2nd row, k1, ssp, pattern to end of row.

Row 2: Patt even across.
Repeat these two rows 3 more times.

AT THE SAME TIME, when piece measures 10" (or desired length) at side seam from start of Upper Bodice, beg armhole shaping, incorporating Front Armhole shaping with Back's Armhole shaping instructions)

Front Armhole Shaping

Sizes M(L,XL): On armhole edge, BO additional 2(2,2) sts in first two rows of shaping,
Sizes L(XL): BO additional 1(2) sts in next two rows of shaping, and
Size XL: BO additional 1 st in next two rows of shaping. Continue as per instructions for Back Armhole shaping.

ALL SIZES

Continuing V-Neck Shaping:

Row 9: (Right Side): At neck edge, every 4th row, k1, ssp, pattern to end of row.

Rows 10-12: Patt even across.

Repeat these 4 rows 9 more times.

Row 49: (Right Side): At neck edge, every 6th row, k1, ssp, pattern to end of row.

Rows 50-54: Patt even across.

Repeat these 6 rows 5 more times.

With Armhole and V-neck shaping complete, 21(22, 27, 28) sts remain.

Work until piece measures 8" (or desired length) from beginning of armhole shaping.

Bind off remaining 21 sts.

Left Front

Work as for Right Front, reversing shaping.

SLEEVES

CO 81 sts.

Cuff K1/P1 Rib for 7 rows.

Flared Sleeve

P8, (k1, p5) across ending K1, P8.

Work even for 4 rows

Decrease Section: Row 1: P2, ssp, pattern to last 4 sts, p2tog, p2. (2 sts decreased, 79 sts.)

Row 2-4: Work even for 3 rows.

Repeat these 4 rows 3 more times. (73 sts.)

Sizes M, L, XL

Sleeve Shaping

For slightly deeper sleeve shape, after sleeve measures 10 inches from beg, on the next RS row and each of the next 8th(6th,4th) rows, increase 1 st at beg and end of row 4(5, 6) times.

Work even in pattern until sleeve measures 17 inches or desired length to underarm. If you prefer to wear your sleeves lower on the wrist, then adjust length now.

Sleeve Cap

Begin sleeve cap shaping (continue working in pattern throughout):

At beg of next 2 rows, bind off 3 sts. (67 sts.) (SIZES M, L, XL BO additional 1 st each row)

Row 1-4: Work 4 rows even.

Row 5-6: At beg of next 2 rows, BO 1 st. (SIZES M, L, XL, BO additional 1 st each row)

Repeat these 6 rows 3 more times (59 sts.)

Row 1-2: Work 2 rows even.

Row 3-4: At beg of next 2 rows, BO 1 st. (49 sts)

At the beg of next 20 rows, BO 1 st. (29 sts rem)

Sew Shoulder Seams together.

TRIM EDGE/BUTTON BAND/FINISHING

Cast on 10 sts.

Row 1: (Right Side) K2, (p1, k1) 2 times, p1, k2.

Row 2: P2, (k1, p1) 2 times, k1, p2.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until band measures 16 inches.

Divide work for Button hole: Place last 5 sts on holder.

Work first 5 sts in pattern for 1 inch. Place rem 5 sts onto needle and work in pattern for 1 inch.

Return all stitches to work, and pattern across all stitches, continuing in pattern until band is approximately 44 inches. Leave stitches on holder.

Attach Band to Bodice and Collar

Starting at right front, join band to bodice placing button hole opening' just below beginning of V-neck shaping. Join around collar and down left front.

Adjust length of trim band to correspond to finished edge of left front and bind off. Join remaining trim band to left front.

Button

Stitch button to center of left front trim band to correspond to buttonhole's position.

Attach sleeves

First create center pleat in top of sleeve cap. With right side facing, locate the K1 stitch columns to the left and to the right of the center K1 stitch column. Fold under cap so that these three stitch columns line up, and stitch in place.

Join sleeves so that the center of the sleeve pleat is stitched at the shoulder seam. Sew side and arm seams, weave in all ends.