

Big Ol' Cardigan

Got some Qs about an old cardigan in an instagram post so here you go. I DID NOT MAKE IT and have not tried to knit it. I plan on doing so in the vaguely near future and may update this, but for now here's what I can tell from looking at the thing.

Gauge? Weight? Idk. Who cares. Mar! some shit if you want. Find whatever wool you want and figure out how many st per in it works out to and have fun.

Step 1: Back Panel

Knit a big ol' rectangle. Make it how wide you want the FO to be. Would recommend lotsa positive ease.

Ok but actually, **CO** an even number of stitches to desired garment width.

K1p1 for however long you want the bottom hem to be (remember how many rows you did).

Then **knit stockinette** until it's how long you want it (i'd recommend the measurement from your shoulder to mid-thigh for maximum coziness). **BO**.

Step 2: Front Right

CO half as many stitches as you did for your back panel (or more if you want it more wrappy)

K1p1 for the same amount as the back panel hem.

if you want to attempt pockets that look like the original go to the alternate version of step 5 now

RS: **K** to wherever you want the ribbed border to start (any even #. 10-14 would probably be good? Depends on weight/gauge etc). **P1k1 for border**.

WS: knit border in pattern, purl to end.

When you get to roughly 8 in shorter than the back panel, we're gonna do some decreases. On RS, **ssk** just before the border every third row until either you have as many stitches as roughly $\frac{1}{3}$ of the back, or until it reaches the same length as the back

BO, but LEAVE the border sts on a holder!

Step 3: Front Left

Same as the Right. Just flip it.

Put the border on the other side, and **k2tog** to decrease. Done. Cool.

Step 4: Sleeves

Make sleeves however wide and long you want em. Round tubes or flat panels, doesn't matter. **K1p1** cuff.

Step 5: Pockets

Make some squares and sew them on to the front panels if you want idk I've never made pockets before.

This is NOT how the pockets on the actual cardigan are constructed but they're confusing. I thiiink, when you get to the height where you want the pocket opening to be, you take the stitches where you want to form the opening of the pocket and keep knitting those alone for 2x the depth of the pocket. Then K back in their original row placement with remaining stitches and seam the sides. If that makes sense. Honestly I don't love them and they're a bit gappy.

Step 6: Seaming

Sew everything together EXCEPT for the border stitches we saved, remember?

Step 7: Collar

Ok so the collar is gonna be continuous, attaching to the back as we knit it, and we're gonna kitchener stitch it in the middle.

Take the border stitches you left on holders from the Front Right.

RS: **K** to 1 before end, **sl2 wyif** last st together with next st from Back Panel.

WS: **K2tog**, **k** to 1 before end, **sl1 wyif**.

Do that to the middle of the back panel.

For the Left.

RS: **sl1 wyif**, move yarn to back of work, **k** to 1 before end, **sl1 wyif**.

WS: **K** to 1 before end, **ssk** last st together with next Back Panel st.

Meet in the middle, kitchener stitch, you get the idea.

Congratulations. LMK if this worked.