

## CARDIGAN WITH POCKETS

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Unless yarn specified is used, African Expressions cannot accept the responsibility for the finished work.

Owing to printing restrictions the colour reproduction is matched as closely to the yarn as possible.

Original garments worked in size 87cm and shown on size 87cm models.

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**MATERIALS:** HARMONY (50g balls)  
 LONG SLEEVE CARDIGAN: 13(14;15;16;17) balls  
 2125; 6 buttons.  
 ¾ SLEEVE CARDIGAN: 11(12;13;14;15) balls  
 2125; 6 buttons.  
 One pair each 4,5mm and 5,5mm knitting needles.  
 Two stitch holders.

**MEASUREMENTS:**  
 To fit Bust: 87(92;97;102;107)cm  
 Actual all round measurement of garment:  
 Bust: 94(100;104;108;112)cm  
 Length to shoulder: 55(58;61;64;66)cm  
 Sleeve seam: Long: 44(45;46;47;48)cm  
 Sleeve seam: ¾: 26(27;27;28;28)cm  
 THE INSTRUCTIONS ARE GIVEN FOR THE  
 SMALLEST SIZE, WITH THE LARGER SIZES  
 IN BRACKETS; WHERE ONLY ONE FIGURE IS  
 GIVEN, IT APPLIES TO ALL SIZES.

**TENSION: SAVE TIME, TAKE TIME, CHECK TENSION.**  
 18sts and 23 rows = 10cm over Stocking Stitch  
 using 5,5mm needles.  
 FOR BEST RESULTS IT IS ESSENTIAL TO  
 OBTAIN THE CORRECT TENSION.  
 IF THERE ARE TOO FEW STS ON TEST SWATCH,  
 USE THINNER NEEDLES;  
 IF THERE ARE TOO MANY STS, USE THICKER  
 NEEDLES.

**ABBREVIATIONS:**  
**alt** = alternate; **beg** = begin(ning); **cont** = continue;  
**dec** = decrease; **fol** = follow(ing); **inc(s)** =  
 increase; **k** = knit; **patt(s)** = pattern(s); **p** = purl;  
**rem** = remain(ing); **rep** = repeat; **rev** = reverse;  
**R(W)S** = right(wrong) side; **R(W)SF** = right(wrong)  
 side facing; **R(W)SR** = right(wrong) side row; **RW**  
 = ribwise; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **st st** = stocking stitch;

**tog** = together.

**STITCHES USED:**  
**FANCY RIB PATTERN:**  
**1st row:** K4, \*p2, k4, rep from \* to end.  
**2nd row:** P4, \*k2, p4, rep from \* to end.  
 Rep these 2 rows.  
**STOCKING STITCH:**  
**1st row:** RSF, one row K.  
**2nd row:** WSF, one row P.  
 Rep these 2 rows.

**BACK:**  
 Using 4,5mm needles cast on  
 82(88;94;94;100)sts and work in Fancy Rib  
 patt (SEE STS USED) for 4(4;5;5;5)cm ending  
 with a RSR. **Next row, inc row:** Work one  
 row on WS, inc 4(2;0;4;2)sts evenly across  
 row = 86(90;94;98;102)sts. Change to 5,5mm  
 needles and cont straight in st st and when work  
 measures 28(30;32;34;35)cm from beg ending  
 with a WSR, **SHAPE ARMHOLES:** Cast off  
 3(4;4;5;5)sts at beg of next 2 rows, 2sts at beg of  
 foll 4 rows, then dec 1 st (= work 2tog) at each end  
 of next and every foll alt row 4(4;5;5;6) times in all  
 = 64(66;68;70;72)sts. Cont straight and when  
 work measures 55(58;61;64;66)cm from beg  
 ending with a WSR, **SHAPE SHOULDERS:** Cast  
 off 10(10;10;11;11)sts at beg of next 2 rows,  
 then 10(11;11;11;11)sts at beg of foll 2 rows =  
 24(24;26;26;28)sts. Cast off rem sts for neck  
 opening.

**RIGHT FRONT:**  
 Using 4,5mm needles cast on  
 40(40;46;46;46)sts and work in Fancy Rib patt  
 for 4(4;5;5;5)cm ending with a RSR. **Next row,**

**inc row:** Work one row on WS, inc 3(5;1;3;5)sts  
 evenly across row = 43(45;47;49;51)sts. Change  
 to 5,5mm needles and cont straight in st st and  
 when work measures 8(9;9;10;10)cm from beg  
 ending with a WSR, work **POCKET OPENING**  
 as folls: K28(30;32;32;34)sts, leaving rem  
 15(15;15;17;17)sts on holder, turn. Cont straight  
 on centre front section until work measures  
 24(25;25;26;26)cm from beg ending with a  
 RSR (= at pocket opening). Cut yarn leave  
 sts on 2nd holder. RSF, rejoin yarn to rem  
 15(15;15;17;17)sts, pick up sts from 1st holder,  
 k to end. Work in st st until work measures  
 24(25;25;26;26)cm from beg ending with a  
 RSR. **Next row:** P15(15;15;17;17)sts, p across  
 28(30;32;32;34)sts on 2nd holder = 43(45;47;49;51)  
 sts. Now cont straight and when work measures  
 28(30;32;34;35)cm from beg ending with a RSR,  
**SHAPE ARMHOLE** as for one side of back =  
 32(33;34;35;36)sts. Cont straight and when work  
 measures 48(51;54;57;59)cm from beg ending  
 with a WSR, **SHAPE NECK:** Cast off 4sts at beg  
 (neck edge) of next row, 3sts at same edge of foll  
 alt row, 2sts at beg of foll alt row twice, then dec  
 1 st (= work 2tog) at beg of foll alt row 1(1;2;2;3)  
 times = 20(21;21;22;22)sts. Cont straight and  
 when work measures 55(58;61;64;66)cm from  
 beg ending with a RSR, **SHAPE SHOULDER:**  
 Cast off 10(10;10;11;11)sts at beg of next row =  
 10(11;11;11;11)sts. Work one row, then cast off  
 rem sts to complete shoulder slope. **POCKET**  
**BAND:** RSF, using 4,5mm needles, pick up and  
 k28sts along front edge of pocket opening. Work  
 in Fancy Rib patt, beg with p4 for 3cm ending with  
 a WSR, cast off all sts RW. **POCKET LINING:**  
 Using 5,5mm needles cast on 28(28;30;30;32)sts  
 and cont straight in st st until work measures 16cm  
 from beg ending with a WSR, cast off all sts. Slip  
 st lining to WS of front and neatly sew across upper  
 and lower edges of pocket bands.

**LEFT FRONT:**  
 Work as for right front, rev shapings and placing  
 of pocket opening. Work pocket band and pocket  
 lining as for right front.

**SLEEVES (Both Alike):**  
 Using 5,5mm needles cast on 34(34;34;40;40)  
 sts and work in Fancy Rib patt for 4(4;5;5;5)cm  
 ending with a WSR. Now cont in Fancy rib patt  
 as before, inc 1 st at each end of every foll 4th  
 row 14(16;19;13;14) times, then every foll 6th row  
 5(4;2;6;6) times = 72(74;76;78;80)sts. Cont straight  
 and when work measures 44(45;46;47;48)cm from  
 beg ending with a WSR, **SHAPE TOP OF SLEEVE:**  
 Cast off 3(4;4;5;5)sts at beg of next 2 rows, 2sts at

beg of foll 10(10;8;8;8) rows, then dec 1 st at each  
 end of next and every foll alt row 12(12;15;15;16)  
 times in all. Cast off 3sts at beg of next 4 rows =  
 10sts. Cast off rem sts RW.

**TO MAKE UP:**  
 Sew shoulder seams. **RIGHT FRONT BAND:**  
 RSF, using 4,5mm needles, pick up and  
 k88(94;94;94;100)sts (= 19sts per 10cm) evenly  
 along right front. **Next row:** WSF, work in Fancy  
 Rib patt, beg with p4, k2, until band measures  
 2(2;2,5;2,5;2,5)cm ending with a WSR. **Next row,**  
**buttonhole row:** Rib 4(5;5;3;4)sts, cast off 2sts,  
 \*rib 14(15;15;15;16)sts, cast off 2sts, rep from  
 \* 4 times more, rib 2sts (= 6 buttonholes). **Next**  
**row:** Rib, casting on 2sts over each buttonhole.  
 Cont in Fancy Rib patt until band measures  
 4(4;5;5;5)cm from beg ending with a WSR,  
 cast off all sts RW. **LEFT FRONT BAND:** Work  
 as for right front band, omitting buttonholes.  
**COLLAR:** RSF, using 4,5mm needles, pick up and  
 k22(22;24;24;26)sts around neck opening of right  
 front, 26(26;28;28;30)sts across back neck and  
 22(22;24;24;26)sts down neck opening of left front  
 = 70(70;76;76;82)sts. WSF, work in Fancy Rib  
 patt, beg and end with k4, for 18cm ending with a  
 WSR, cast off all sts RW. Set in sleeves. Sew up  
 side and sleeve seams. Sew on buttons. Block  
 garment to measurement, cover with a damp cloth  
 and allow to dry.

## ¾ SLEEVE CARDIGAN

**BACK AND FRONTS:**  
 Work as for long sleeve cardigan.

**SLEEVES (Both Alike):**  
 Using 5,5mm needles cast on 52(52;52;58;58)sts  
 and work in Fancy Rib patt for 3(3;3;4;4)cm ending  
 with a WSR. Cont in Fancy Rib patt as before, inc  
 1 st at each end of every foll 4th row 7(9;11;6;9)  
 times, then every foll 6th row 3(2;1;4;2) times =  
 72(74;76;78;80)sts. Cont straight and when work  
 measures 26(27;27;28;28)cm from beg ending  
 with a WSR, **SHAPE TOP OF SLEEVE** as for long  
 sleeve cardigan.

**TO MAKE UP:**  
 Work as for long sleeve cardigan.



## Tension

The most important factor in determining the finished size of a knitted item is the tension. Patterns will produce different finished sizes by using a different needle size. It is important to be able to determine how much difference a needle change will make, especially in clothing items.

Each one of us knits differently and there is no standard for knowing exactly how much a needle size will change the tension or finished size of a garment. The tension you hold in the yarn will create loose or tight stitches. For smooth, even stitches, it is important to maintain the same tension. Tension is the responsibility of the knitter and must be consistent throughout the entire item to assure an accurate finished size. It is always best to make a small tension swatch, using the yarn, stitch pattern and needles recommended. Check your tension frequently - if you are not getting the proper tension, you will need to rework that portion adjusting your tension accordingly.

## Garment Care

This is important for ensuring that your labour of love remains in pristine condition. Always hand wash garments in a mild soapy solution. Allow to dry flat (on a bath towel on the floor). Never hang your garment on the washing line to dry and always fold and store in a drawer or flat on a shelf.

## KNITTING NEEDLE SIZES AND CONVERSIONS

Metric sizes(mm)	US	UK / Canada
2.0	0	14
2.25	1	13
2.75	2	12
3.0	-	11
3.25	3	10
3.5	4	-
3.75	5	9
4.0	6	8
4.5	7	7
5.0	8	6
5.5	9	5
6.0	10	4
6.5	10 1/2	3
7.0	-	2
7.5	-	1
8	11	0
9	13	00
10	15	000
12	17	-
16	19	-
19	35	-
25	50	-

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